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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. Please call to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

10:00 AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

MOTHER'S DAY — THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

MONDAY, MAY 13TH

8:00 AM MASS
6:30 PM — 8:00 PM SPIRITUALITY MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH

8:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION
7:00 PM MASS/FAITH FORMATION CLOSING
MASS (ALL STUDENTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND!)

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP HALL
7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM MASS
6:00 PM MATINHO/SWEENEY WEDDING REHEARSAL

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 AM MASS
9:30 AM MASS
11:00 AM MASS
2:00 PM MATINHO/SWEENEY WEDDING



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, and for their commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.
Amen.

MAY 12, 2024 — THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Observances for the week of May 12, 2024

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day

Monday: Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Wednesday: St. Isidore

Saturday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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Music Ministry News - Music in Divine Worship

Come and lend your voice to Adult Choir for *Corpus Christi on June 2nd!*

Current and NEW members please join us in singing and celebrating The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ **at the 11 AM Mass and Procession.**

Contact Pat Prakopcyk at stcatmusic@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

The Saint Catherine of Siena Book Club will meet on **Friday, June 7th at 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall, immediately following First Friday Adoration.

We will be discussing *This Is My Body*, by Bishop Robert Barron, as we continue our focus on the Eucharist in support of the Eucharistic Revival proclaimed by the US Bishops.

Faith Formation 2024 – 2025

Religious education will resume this September. The parent handbook and registration forms are on our parish website, <http://scoschurch.org> or pick up in the office during office hours (Monday — Friday 9:30 AM — 2:30 PM).

Please submit registration forms and fee at the Closing Mass, on May 15th at 7:00 PM.

Any questions, please contact: **Sandra Kopka PCL at (908) 735-5086 or stcscre@gmail.com**

St. Catherine's

pancake breakfast



SUNDAY - JUNE 9TH following all Masses

HELD IN THE PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL

Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bread, juice, coffee, and tea

*50/50 Raffle Drawing at 11:25 am

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ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



The Rosary Society members filled over 150 handbags with 12 useful items for women at the Women's Transition Center in Flemington and Livingston Philanthropies.



Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

May 19th Youth Rally, Six Flags, Jackson, NJ

June 7th 5:30 — 7:00 PM Leadership Meeting

June 16th No Meeting — Happy Father's Day

Thank you to Terri & Scott Sacca as well as Sharon & Bud Gardner for donating food to Youth Group Meetings!

**St Catherine's Council 15217
Knights of Columbus**



**Chuck Specht
Memorial
Scholarship Program**



2024 "Good Samaritan" Scholarship Application

An applicant must meet the following criteria:

- High school senior entering their freshman year of a college, university, or trade school in the United States.
- 8th grade student graduating in the spring of 2024
- Must be an active member of St. Catherine's Parish in Pittstown, NJ
- Attend the St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus awards ceremony on June 25 to accept the award for pictures with family
- Submit a minimum of 500-typed word essay by Sunday, June 9, 2024, to Ed Schilke (Worthy Grand Knight) on one of the following topics:
 1. What "Right to Life" means to me?
 2. Why is "Religious Freedom" important?
 3. Write about any of the 4 Pillars of the Knights of Columbus: "Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism."

Our Council #15217 will be awarding 4 scholarships:

- **Two High School Seniors** (1 boy and 1 girl) graduating from the class of 2024 will each be awarded \$500
- **Two 8th Grade Students** (1 boy and 1 girl) in the class of 2024 will each be awarded \$100

Submit all essays to:
Ed Schilke , Worthy Grand Knight
16 Alexandria Drive, Pittstown, NJ 08867
Or email a pdf copy to: 15217.kofc@gmail.com

Our May Couples Anniversary Blessing

As these couples received a special blessing, please continue to pray for those united in the Sacrament of Marriage.

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| Richard & Ginna Anderson | James III & Susan Pellecchia |
| John & Diane Burgess | Joseph & Suzanne Quick |
| Sandro & Mari Cabete | Michael & Debby Raho |
| Carmen & Kathy Cook | Scott & Teresa Saccal |
| James & Kathleen Coyle | Mark & Dawn Salerno |
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| Patrick & Patricia Dziubek | Kevin & Karen Shea |
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| Richard & Carolyn Kopf | Rudy & Jaime Wadle |
| Michael & Teresa Lachowski | Robert & Debra Weinschenk |
| Keith and Colleen LeBoeuf | Anthony & Stephanie Wozniak |
| Frederick & Elizabeth Mariani | David & Lori Wunder |
| Luis and Colleen Matta | |

Religious Education News

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- A two-year program starting in 1st Grade.
- Registration is open for students entering 1st grade September 2024.
- Must be a registered parishioner of St. Catherine's.
- A copy of your child's baptismal certificate must accompany the registration form.
- Registration forms are located on our parish website or in the office.

Please bring your child's completed registration form, a check for \$150.00, and a copy of the baptismal certificate to the parish office.

**Deadline is June 15, 2024
(a late fee of \$50.00 will be incurred)**

Any questions, please contact: **Sandra Kopka PCL at (908) 735-5086 or stcscre@gmail.com**



**We are saddened to announce the death of:
Roger L. Cramer, father of Michele Fusco, who passed away on April 26, 2024**

ST CATHERINE'S PARISH ROLLER SKATING FAMILY DAY



**SUNDAY - JUNE 23, 2024 ♦ 4:30 - 6:30 PM
at the Frenchtown Roller Rink
Route 29, Frenchtown**

**Admission: \$1 per person at the rink
Rental Fee: Skates \$2 ♦ Inline Skates \$3
(limited to 100 skaters) so sign up fast!**

**Mark the date and bring the whole family
for a few hours of roller skating fun!
The snack bar will be open.**

To reserve your space email: dsalerno@scoschurch.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday: May 11, 2024

4:30 PM Mother's Day Novena

Sunday: May 12, 2024

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

9:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

11:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Monday: May 13, 2024

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday: May 14, 2024

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday: May 15, 2024

7:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

Thursday: May 16, 2024

8:00 AM Jane Dorflinger
r/o Maryjane Staats

Friday: May 17, 2024

8:00 AM Fr. Kris Kaczynski
r/o The Rocca & Perna Families

Saturday: May 18, 2024

4:30 PM The Remaly Family
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Sunday: May 19, 2024

8:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

9:30 AM Carmen DeVone, Sr.
r/o The DeVone Family

11:00 AM Denise DeCristofano
r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla

From the Pastor's Desk

The Ascension of the Lord

Today, May 12th, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, commemorating that day when Jesus was taken up to heaven, to the glory of his Father - 40 days after he rose from the dead and 10 days before the Feast of the Pentecost. What is so significant or important about this feast?

Once, I was asked, "If Jesus loves us and lives forever, why did he leave?" It's an excellent question. If we consider the Ascension simply in terms of Jesus leaving us, then we might wonder why He did it. In other words, the Resurrection would seem to be more effective if Jesus still walked the earth and taught, healed, and preached like He did 2000 years ago. But in our celebration of the Ascension we come to understand that it is better for us if Jesus ascends to the Father. We can see this in two ways.

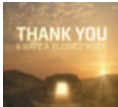
First, Jesus' ascension marks the culminating marriage of humanity with divinity as Jesus enters body and soul into heaven. Now once and for all, humanity sits at "the right hand of the Father" and intercedes for us all. Jesus' ascension is the supreme moment of hope, pointing to our ultimate vocation. Where He once was, we now are; where He is now, we are destined to be.

Second, the Ascension ushers in the Age of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel of John, Jesus explains the ascension when He says, "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go, for if I do not go, my Spirit, the Counselor, will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." Jesus ascends so that He can send His Spirit into our heart. This is why he instructs His followers to return to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Christ promises: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." In order to fulfill His command to be witnesses to the Gospel, the disciples need the empowerment of the Spirit.


So, the Ascension is a feast of transition. Situated between the joy of Easter and the fire of Pentecost, it is a celebration which is tinged with the sadness of Jesus' departure but infused with the promise of the coming of the Spirit and the pledge of our eternal destiny.

Fr. Chester





The collections for May 5th were \$3,413.00 (118 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$964.00 (52 envelopes) for Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for May 5th was \$4,133.00 (120 donors).

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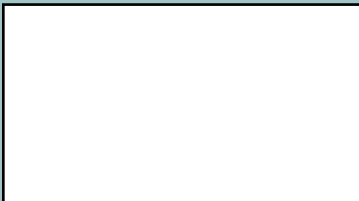
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