

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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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 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

### MONDAY, MAY 20TH

8:00 AM MASS

### TUESDAY, MAY 21ST

8:00 AM MASS  
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM MASS

### THURSDAY, MAY 23RD

8:00 AM MASS  
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP HALL

### FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

8:00 AM MASS

### SATURDAY, MAY 25TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS

### SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

#### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00 AM MASS  
9:30 AM MASS  
11:00 AM MASS



## MAY 19, 2024 — PENTECOST SUNDAY

### Readings for the week of May 19, 2024

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

### Observances for the week of May 19, 2024

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Saturday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

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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 [scatmusic@gmail.com](mailto:scatmusic@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 9<sup>TH</sup>** 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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to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

### Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events



**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!**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**



**We would like to congratulate the following children who received First Holy Communion May 11, 2024**

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Allura Bilyj     | Marcus Oest       |
| Ashton Bilyj     | Morgan Oest       |
| Alexis Cody      | Anthony Puma      |
| Madison Davis    | Mason Rasavage    |
| Charlotte Dix    | Nicolena Romano   |
| Brookelyn Lauyer | Mikaila Sanderson |
| Madeline McNulty |                   |

**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**



Coordinates parish participation which ministers to the needs of low-income and homeless families in the county and advocates for affordable housing, transportation and living wage employment. To volunteer, call Mary Jo Haggerty (908) 892-3513



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Questions, call Robin Potempa (908) 310 - 4273

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Why not share your green thumb and help care for our gardens?

Consider being a volunteer to help maintain the ornamental plantings around the church, Mary's garden and St. Francis garden.

Contact George Mehaffey for more information (908) 581 - 2521



**Garden Ministry**

***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      | Donald & Linda Nuzzio        |
| John & Diane Burgess          | Jonathan & Gabrielle Oest    |
| Sandro & Mari Cabete          | James III & Susan Pellecchia |
| Carmen & Kathy Cook           | Joseph & Suzanne Quick       |
| James & Kathleen Coyle        | Michael & Debby Raho         |
| Sebastian & Caren Donaruma    | Scott & Teresa Saccal        |
| Patrick & Patricia Dziubek    | Mark & Dawn Salerno          |
| Glen and Deborah Farbanish    | Robert & Doris Schofield     |
| Michael & Donna Ignacz        | Kevin & Karen Shea           |
| Richard & Carolyn Kopf        | Peter & Caroline Shelly      |
| Michael & Teresa Lachowski    | Michael & Sandra Stack       |
| Keith and Colleen LeBoeuf     | Rudy & Jaime Wadle           |
| Frederick & Elizabeth Mariani | Robert & Debra Weinschenk    |
| Luis and Colleen Matta        | Anthony & Stephanie Wozniak  |
|                               | David & Lori Wunder          |

**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 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

## Monday: May 20, 2024

8:00 AM AnnaMarie DeRites Birthday Blessings

## Tuesday: May 21, 2024

8:00 AM Margaret Shuba  
r/o Debi Erling

## Wednesday: May 22, 2024

7:00 PM Eva Lakowitz  
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

## Thursday: May 23, 2024

8:00 AM Beatrice Giacobbe  
r/o Debi Erling

## Friday: May 24, 2024

8:00 AM Erin Baker Birthday Blessing  
r/o The Baker Family

## Saturday: May 25, 2024

4:30 PM Jane Dorflinger  
r/o Maryjane Staats

## Sunday: May 26, 2024

8:00 AM Jose Matos  
r/o The Matos & Koretzky Families

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM John & Catherine Raymonds  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## From the Pastor's Desk

### First Eucharist

On Saturday, May 11th, thirteen of our children received their first Holy Communion. They received Jesus Christ our Savior for the first time. There is no doubt that meeting with Jesus in First Holy Communion is an unforgettable moment, a day to be remembered as one of life's most beautiful. It is a day of great family celebration.

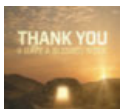
This was a special day and a happy day for their parents too. They witnessed their children taking a new step in faith. It is through their parents, more than anyone else that these children have come to know about God. And it is on their parents that they will continue to depend for many years yet, to help them grow in their response to God's love in their lives. No matter how excellent the teacher, or what the parish does, unless the children sense their parents' faith they will not absorb faith. The faith of their parents will be their strength through life. Teachers and priests cannot alone plant faith in the heart of somebody's child if parents do not.

This was also a time of great rejoicing for relations, friends, and people of the parish. They have in various ways helped to lead these children to this special day. And they too have a responsibility for the future growth of their faith.

Today I particularly wish to thank Mrs. Sandra Kopka the director of our Religious Education Program and the teacher who trained these children so that they can receive Holy Communion: Mrs. Stacey Gallagher, catechist, and Miss Reilly Botto, her assistant. Thank you to the Rosarians for their gifts and prayers. May God reward you for your talent and time.

But the special congratulation goes to all who made their First Communion. I hope you will always treasure this beautiful gift that Jesus gave you, and that through time you will realize that you are to become more and more like Jesus every day.

*Fr. Chester*



The collections for May 12th were \$3298.00 (109 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$760.00 (33 envelopes) for The Development of People.



On-Line Giving for May 12th was \$2,566.00 (99 donors).

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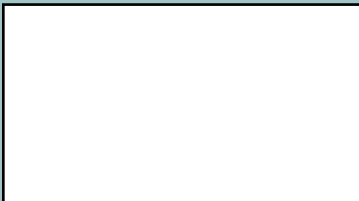
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