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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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(908) 229-9355

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Family Mass

Sandra Kopka religioused@scoschurch.org

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Food Pantry

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Ed Schilke (973) 886-3884

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Denise Botto (908) 996-6760 **Parish Picnic**

Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100

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Parish Office (908) 735-4024

Website

Ed Schilke (908) 886-3884

Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy (908) 240-0583

Welcome

Carol Rocha (908) 996-7612

Youth Choir

Lisa Sforza — Nancy Coletti youthmusic@scoschurch.org

Weekly Schedule

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**

MONDAY, MAY 27TH

MEMORIAL DAY — OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM **MASS**

TUESDAY, MAY 28TH

MASS 8:00 AM

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

PRACTICE

7:00 PM KNIGHTS SOCIAL & DEVOTION

MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH

RECONCILIATION 6:30 PM — 7:00 PM

7:00 PM **MASS**

THURSDAY, MAY 30TH

8:00 AM **MASS**

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

FRIDAY, MAY 31ST

8:00 AM **MASS**

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

8:00 AM **MASS** 9:30 AM **MASS**

11:00 AM MASS/CORPUS CHRISTI

PROCESSION



MAY 26, 2024 — THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Readings for the week of May 26, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk

10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk

10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/

Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:

46-52

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ls 12:2-3,

4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:

27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/

Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Observances for the week of May 26, 2024

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

Monday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop;

Memorial Day

Wednesday: St. Paul VI, Pope Thursday: St. Joan of Arc

Friday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Justin, Martyr

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in June?

Join us on June 9th at the 11:00 AM Mass to receive a Wedding Anniversary Blessing.

All married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation by sharing your names and wedding date in our "Anniversary Book" located in the Narthex of the Church.



We are saddened to announce the death of:

Ann Preston, wife of Rob Preston, who passed away on May 18, 2024

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.



Next Sunday, June 2nd is the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, commonly known as Corpus Christi.

The Feast has special meaning this year as it takes place during the final year of the National Eucharistic Revival launched by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

(USCCB).

Following the Church's ancient tradition, we will hold a **Eucharistic Procession at the conclusion of the 11:00 AM Mass**, processing around the Church grounds and stopping at 4 altars along the route to pray, listen to God's Word, and adore Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. The procession will conclude in the Church with Benediction.

Follow this link for more information about this ancient Feast and its history: https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/all-about-the-feast-of-corpus-christi.

We strongly encourage all parishioners to join us, and ask that you be mindful of everyone's safety and possible parking restrictions as you enter and leave the parking lot.

POOR BOX COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributes money in the Poor Box located in the Narthex. Your generous donations are helping 3 families from our parish. We are grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

Maintenance & Care of the Church Property

We would like to thank, Joe Cunha, Justin Dagnall, Dan Dawson, Bob Keeling, Mark Kubian, Mike Mitariten, and Pete Walters, who have volunteered their time mowing the lawn, edging, weed whacking and clean-up around the Church property. Thank you to Dave Perna for the maintenance of the mowers.

Thank you to Bruce Bussell, Bob Keeling, Bob Moran, and George Mehaffey for all his time taking care of the

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 <u>registration</u> forms and fee at the <u>Closing Mass</u>, on May 15th at 7:00 PM.

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

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 Saccal 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.

Richard & Ginna Anderson John & Diane Burgess Sandro & Mari Cabete Carmen & Kathy Cook James & Kathleen Coyle Sebastian & Caren Donaruma Patrick & Patricia Dziubek Glen & Deborah Farbanish Michael & Donna Ignacz Richard & Carolyn Kopf Michael & Teresa Lachowski Keith & Colleen LeBoeuf Frederick & Elizabeth Mariani Luis & Colleen Matta

Donald & Linda Nuzzio Jonathan & Gabrielle Oest James III & Susan Pellecchia Joseph & Suzanne Quick Michael & Debby Raho Scott & Teresa Saccal Mark & Dawn Salerno Robert & Doris Schofield Kevin & Karen Shea Peter & Caroline Shelly Michael & Sandra Stack Rudy & Jaime Wadle Robert & Debra Weinschenk Anthony & Stephanie Wozniak David & Lori Wunder

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

SUNDAY - JUNE 9TH following all Masses

HELD IN THE PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL St. Catherine's Pancake Breakfast Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bread, juice, coffee, and tea

*50/50 Raffle Drawing at 11:25 am profits will fund projects sponsored by the Knights

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Look for more information to come in the bulletin and on our website.

Proceeds will go towards our new Parish Center.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday: May 27, 2024

8:00 AM Francis Xavier Tormey

r/o Marisa White

Tuesday: May 28, 2024

8:00 AM John Robert Pezik, Jr.

r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

Wednesday: May 29, 2024

7:00 PM Rosalie Bennett

r/o Margaret Rocca

Thursday: May 30, 2024

8:00 AM C.P. Cupit

r/o The Ricketts Family

Friday: May 31, 2024

8:00 AM Gregory Tomsky

r/o Christina Duncan

Saturday: June 1, 2024

4:30 PM Karen Rose Paul

r/o AnnMarie & Tom Ryan

Sunday: June 2, 2024

8:00 AM Arnold Greenberg

r/o Jennifer & David Perna

9:30 AM Mary Del Sordi

r/o The DeVone Family

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's



The collections for May 19th were \$3,131.00 (110 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$894.00 (46 envelopes) for Catholic Communications Campaign.



On-Line Giving for May 19th was \$3,822.00 (109 donors).

From the Pastor's Desk The Holy Trinity

We might have thought that before God created the angels and before he created the people on this planet, He must have been alone out there somewhere. But when God sent His Son to save us, we learned that God was never alone. He was always a family, a sharing community of three – Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The three Persons in God are so united in love and submission to one another that the three act as one, always in perfect harmony. That boundless love of God spills over into all His creation, so that God's love for us, too, is unlimited. God loves each one of us totally. We divide our love and put limits on it, but God loves fully, completely, and endlessly.

So the mystery of the Holy Trinity tells us a lot about that tremendous thing we call "love." Real love, true love, lasting love – not any of its cheap substitutes. God created us in the image of His own most excellent Trinity. What does that mean? He created us not to be alone, selfish, lonely individuals, but to be persons in community, just as He is in the family of His Trinity. He made us to give of our best to one another, as He gives.

Just as each person in the Holy Trinity is different yet living in perfect harmony, so are we different from one another, but created to live in loving harmony. Just as there is a fully open communication of thought and love in the Trinity, so should it be with us, who are created in His image.

Have a blessed Holy Trinity Sunday.

Fr. Chester



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