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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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Youth Choir

Lisa Sforza — Nancy Coletti
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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH

KNIGHTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING

12:00 PM DESMOND YOUCHOM-TAGHEU BAPTISM

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM KNIGHT'S BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH

10:00 AM JOSEPH ROBERT & HENRY LANCE SHOEMAKER'S BAPTISMS

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH

FATHER'S DAY

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

If you have not received an email from us in the last month, it means we do not have your current email address or you have unsubscribed to our email portal. If you want to be included in our mailing list, please provide us with your current email address. Thank you.

Readings for the week of June 9, 2024

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35
 Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37
 Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Observances for the week of June 9, 2024

Sunday: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle
 Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Friday: Flag Day
 Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day
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📢 Last Call for Paver Memorials! 📢

We are finalizing our memorial patio, which will be at the front of our new Parish Center and will be ordering engraved paving bricks soon. If you are interested in purchasing a paver brick memorializing your family or in memory of a loved one - please contact Wayne Isbitski via email wisbit@yahoo.com or phone (908)642-5031 to place your order ASAP! We have small, medium & large ones available still. Thank you to all who have ordered already, We will be in contact to finalize your inscription.



*We would like to welcome
 The Backer Family
 to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*

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**

*Are you celebrating your
 Wedding Anniversary in July?*

**JOIN US ON JULY 14TH
 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 our Church; or send your names, and wedding date to the parish office in an envelope marked "Anniversary Blessings".



PLEASE NOTE:

WE WILL BE OFFERING A MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS, 11 AM, ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGHOUT 2024. SIGN UP IN THE "ANNIVERSARY BOOK" LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

**Youth Group Corner
 Upcoming Events**



June 16th No Meeting — Happy Father's Day

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



**Chuck Specht
Memorial
Scholarship Program**



2024 "Good Samaritan" Scholarship Contest

**Last Day to
Enter**

An applicant must meet the following criteria:

- High school senior entering the final 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

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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.

Campaign Report To Date:

Active Parishioners:	503
Pledges Received:	221
Campaign Goal:	\$900,000
Amount Pledged:	\$847,539
Amount Collected:	\$798,000

Please contact Wayne
Isbitski for questions at
wisbit@yahoo.com or
(908) 642-5031
Please send all donations to
the office or drop in the
collection basket.

Our June 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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| Wayne & Susan Bachenberg | John & Jennie Metenosky |
| Kevin & Donna Cahill | Joseph & Jean Marie O'Grodnick |
| Andrew & Shayna Campagnola | Antonio & Carol Rocha |
| Phil & Emma Carey | Blaise & Dana Romano |
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**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: June 8, 2024

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: June 9, 2024

8:00 AM George Morrell
r/o Glenn & Jane Ricketts

9:30 AM Ed & Ellen Schilke
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

11:00 AM PJ & Yvonne Magala, Jr.
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday: June 10, 2024

8:00 AM John Dashuta
r/o The Quick Family

Tuesday: June 11, 2024

8:00 AM Margot Hernandez
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Wednesday: June 12, 2024

7:00 PM Concetta Wisniewski
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: June 13, 2024

8:00 AM Lillian Szuch
r/o Elaine Frederick

Friday: June 14, 2024

8:00 AM August Dorflinger
r/o Maryjane Staats

Saturday: June 15, 2024

4:30 PM Father's Day Novena

Sunday: June 16, 2024

8:00 AM Father's Day Novena

9:30 AM Father's Day Novena

11:00 AM Father's Day Novena

From the Pastor's Desk *Gestures at the Altar*

When I'm standing up there at the altar, I sometimes wish I could take a time-out and explain what I am doing or why I am doing it, because so much of what we do has long forgotten origins.

One example would be kissing or "reverencing" the altar. I'm kissing the "altar," which has crosses cut into its corners and a silver dollar sized circle that covers a few bone splinters taken from the catacombs of Rome, a reminder of our ancient roots and the blood of the martyrs.

The washing of the hands is now just a symbolic gesture, but back in the Middle Ages after people had brought up the gifts -- which in addition to the bread and wine may have included eggs, potatoes, fruit and vegetables, and perhaps a chicken or two for the priest -- the priest's hands were pretty dirty and needed to be cleaned before continuing.

Then there are the three elevations of the bread and the chalice, each one higher than the one before. The first elevation takes place during the offertory when we thank God for the gifts of bread and wine. The next elevation takes place when we say "the words of institution," -- "This is my body, This is my blood." The third, and highest elevation concludes the Eucharistic prayer or "Canon" and is immediately followed by the Lord's Prayer, which is the beginning of the Communion rite.

And let's not forget the way I'm dressed up there on the altar. The white alb is essentially a simplified Roman toga. The chasuble, which became popular in the Middle Ages, is an overcoat that was probably nice to have in a drafty church. The stole is the most important vestment. Jewish rabbis wore -- and still wear -- stoles to show that they are presiding at the service. The early church adapted this item of clothing for its presiders very early on. Today it is often hidden under the chasuble, but many priests prefer wearing it as an "overlay," that is, outside the chasuble, because of its symbolic importance.

And now you know.

Fr. Chester



The collection for May 26th was \$3,820.00 (109 envelopes) for the regular collection. The collections for June 2nd were \$3,722.00 (112 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$965.00 (51 envelopes) for Religious Education.



On-Line Giving for May 26th was \$3,234.00 (104 donors) and June 2nd was \$3,254.00 (112 donors).

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