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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
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 Wednesday 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 3RD

10:00 AM	FIRST RECONCILIATION (ALL 2ND GRADERS)
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM	RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM	MASS/MAY CROWNING
5:30 PM	COMEDY SHOW

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

KNIGHTS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST	
8:00 AM	MASS
8:30 AM — 10:15 AM	3RD & 5TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION
9:30 AM	MASS
11:00 AM	MASS
12:00 PM	ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING
5:00 PM	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

MONDAY, MAY 5TH

8:00 AM	MASS
7:00 PM — 8:30 PM	MEN'S SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MEETING (PC)

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH

8:00 AM	MASS
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM	PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
3:30 PM	STEWARDSHIP MEETING
5:00 PM — 6:00 PM	GROUP 1 FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM	6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION
7:00 PM	MASS

THURSDAY, MAY 8TH

8:00 AM	MASS
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM	SUNDAY SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM	PICNIC MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

8:00 AM	MASS
6:00 PM — 7:30 PM	KIDS CLUB (PC)

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

KOC MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS	
10:00 AM	GROUP 1 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM	RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM	MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

KOC MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS	
8:00 AM	MASS
9:30 AM	MASS
11:00 AM	MASS/MARRIAGE BLESSING
5:00 PM	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

Readings for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Observances for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Monday: Cinco de Mayo
 Saturday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

(CLPI)



We would like to congratulate the following children who received First Reconciliation on May 3, 2025

Viviana Bakos	Samantha Hammer
Hailey Beauregard	Landen Hubbard
Gage Braid	Evelyn Leskanic
Grayson Byelick	Mariana Luna
Luke Cerqueira	Chalotte Manfredonia
Ethan Chrzanowski	Maeve McGourty
Claire Connolly	Annie O'Connor
Jason Dagnall	Lilliana Pinka
Madison DiSalvo	Alessandra Pinto
Shane Gallager	Quinn Poole
Andrew Hammer	Aubree Veneziano

Reminder: Kids' Club gathering, May 9th from 6 — 7:30 PM.



Snacks, Bible Readings, Games, and Prizes

ALL parish children in grades 3rd thru 7th are invited to attend any gatherings held on the 2nd Friday of each month. Meetings are now in the new parish center gathering hall.

Call, text, email me with any questions, Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100 kidsclub@scoschurch.org



Picnic Meeting Thursday, May 8th at 6-7 PM in Fellowship Hall

- All adults, teens, and IDEAS are welcome
- Come with theme suggestions

Future Thursday night monthly meetings in Fellowship Hall from 6 — 7 PM are as follows: 6/5, 7/10, 8/7, 9/11 and 9/18

Questions? Call, text, or email me, Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100 or at kidsclub@scoschurch.org

JERSEY MIKE'S FUNDRAISER
 Monday, May 19 • 3pm - 8pm

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Good goes beyond the sub! Visit our store or order on our app using promo code SCSC20 on May 19th from 3pm to 8pm—and we'll happily donate 20% of your sale in support of St. Catherine of Siena Church—Our Lady of Fatima. Enjoy some great subs and help Jersey Mike's support this worthy cause.

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St Catherine's Council 15217 Knights of Columbus



Chuck Specht Memorial Scholarship Program



2025 "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 2025
- 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 24 to accept the award for pictures with family
- Submit a minimum of 500-typed word essay by Sunday, June 8, 2025, to Ken Mandoli, (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 2025 will each be awarded \$500
- **Two 8th Grade Students** (1 boy and 1 girl) in the class of 2025 will each be awarded \$100

Submit all essays to:
 Ken Mandoli, Worthy Grand Knight
 310 Sidney Rd, Pittstown, NJ 08867
 Or email a pdf copy to: 15217.kofc@gmail.com

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saturday, September 13, 2025 – Mass with Bishop Checchio at the [Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Asbury, NJ](#). An opportunity for a local Jubilee pilgrimage for those who perhaps cannot attend the Washington pilgrimage the following week.

Saturday, September 20, 2025 – Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC](#).

St. Catherine's
pancake
breakfast



SUNDAY - MAY 4TH

following all Masses
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juice, coffee, and tea*



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*Are you celebrating your
Wedding Anniversary in May?*

*Join us on May 11th, at the 11:00 AM Mass
to receive a Wedding Anniversary Blessing.*

All Sacramentally married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation. Send your names and wedding date to Tee at tandersen@scoschurch.org

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	Donald & Linda Nuzzio
John & Diane Burgess	Jonathan & Gabrielle Oest
Sandro & Mari Cabete	James III & Susan Pellecchia
Carmen & Kathy Cook	Joseph & Suzanne Quick
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PRE-RELEASE SCREENING

TRIUMPH *of the* HEART

The untold story of St. Maximilian
Kolbe's passion

MAY 17, 2025 7:00 P.M.

Immaculata High School Theater
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Scan the QR Code for more details
and to Purchase Tickets

Questions? Contact the host, Pete Knob
PETEKNOBTOTH@GMAIL.COM

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The Lock Box Projects provides residents 65+ with a secure way for emergency responders to access their homes quickly without causing damage in urgent situations.

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For questions, call us at (908) 735-5220.



May 18th — Youth Rally at 6 Flags Great Adventure

Registration for Ticket Package includes:

- Admission to Six Flags Great Adventure
- Opening Ceremony & Sunday Liturgy
- FREE Parking Vouchers for your group
- Mega-Meal Voucher
- Total Cost - **\$70**

*Note: If an individual youth plans on attending this event, they must be accompanied by a chaperone.

*If you have a Six Flags Season Pass you do not need to purchase a package.

June 5th — Thursday Evening Grow A Row Volunteering;
Sign Up Coming in May

June 26th — **8 AM Departure from SCOSC** — NOAH Sight & Sound Show Lancaster PA; 11 AM Show

July — Aug Tubing down the Delaware/Roller Skating/Gravity Vault/Sisters of Jesus our Hope Volunteering/Grow A Row Day Trip/Trenton Area Soup Kitchen volunteering/Country Arch Visits/Lock In @ Parish Center-Summer Event
Sign ups will be available as they get closer.

Be sure to get the REMIND App if you do not already have it, this is the best way to stay informed on Youth Groups Events!!!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:30 PM The St. Catherine's Rosarians Living & Deceased
r/o The Rosary Society

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00 AM Jose Matos
r/o The Koretzky & Matos Families
9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's
11:00 AM Thank you to All the Adult and Youth Choir Members and Leaders
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Monday, May 5, 2025

8:00 AM Veronica April
r/o Joseph April

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

8:00 AM Benson Nuzzio
r/o Don & Linda Nuzzio

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

7:00 PM Thomas Florence & Contance Hagan
r/o Mike & Stephanie Pierce

Thursday, May 8, 2025

8:00 AM Anna Smith
r/o The Smith Family

Friday, May 9, 2025

8:00 AM Anna Dorin
r/o The Smith Family

Saturday, May 10, 2025

4:30 PM Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 11, 2025

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
9:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
11:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

From the Pastor's Desk *First Reconciliation*

On Saturday, May 3rd, twenty-two children made their First Sacrament of Reconciliation. What a joy and privilege it was to see them at this Sacrament!

We also encouraged the whole family to come to church with the child and to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation too. I'm pleased to say that I was able to hear the confession of some families that morning. This was a great example not only to the children in the family but indeed to other children and adults present in church - including myself.

I think this is really helpful because the children get the idea that going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a regular part of parish life as they see their parents and other parishioners waiting beside them.

On this occasion I would like to thank Mrs. Sandra Kopka, Director of our Religious Education Program, Stacy Gallagher, the 2nd grade catechist and Mrs. Anabella Cerquiera, assistant catechist, who prepared the children for this Sacrament. Their skill, wisdom, and commitment showed itself not only in the content of the classes but in the ways they acted and related to our children.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents, families, and friends... who nurtured, challenged, and encouraged their children and who continue to support and love them.

Congratulations and well done to all!

Fr. Chester



The collections for April 27th were \$3,606.00 (122 envelopes) for the regular collection and \$1,088.00 (40 envelopes) for Catholic Relief.



On-Line Giving for April 27th was \$3,832.00 (119 donors).

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