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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 10TH

**KOC MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

10:00 AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP 1

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

MONDAY, MAY 12TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM — 8:30 PM SPIRITUALITY MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

5:00 PM — 6:00 PM GROUP 2 FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

6:30 PM MURRAY/O'MALLEY CONVALIDATION

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM — 11:30 AM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

10:00 AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP 2

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH — YOUTH GROUP SIX FLAGS

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS/YOUTH CHOIR CLOSING MASS



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 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.

Readings for the week of May 11, 2025

- Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Observances for the week of May 11, 2025

- Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
- Monday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
- Tuesday: Our Lady of Fatima
- Wednesday: St. Matthias, Apostle
- Thursday: St. Isidore
- Saturday: Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

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POOR BOX COLLECTION

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

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 2025.
- 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 1, 2025
(a late fee of \$50.00 will be incurred)**

Any questions, please contact: **Sandra Kopka PCL at (908) 735-4024 or stcscre@gmail.com**



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

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



We would like to congratulate
the following children
who received
First Holy Communion on
May 10, 2025
(Group 1)

Hailey Beauregard
Gage Braido
Ethan Chrzanowski
Claire Connolly
Jason Dagnall
Madison DiSalvo

Shane Gallagher
Evelyn Leskanc
Charlotte Manfredonia
Annie O'Connor
Aubree Veneziano

This Sunday, May 11th is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world, in a special way, encourages prayer for vocations. It also asks us to do the following:



- Make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living & dead.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

The Church reminds us that "God transforms whomever He chooses. You do not have to be perfect or sinless to be a priest, brother, or sister. If God calls, His grace is sufficient." "While we are all called to imitate Christ, some in the Church are called to more closely imitate Jesus the Good Shepherd. Priests and religious people give their whole lives to the Church. Those who are called to be shepherds must themselves learn to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd."

Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Quakertown Fire Company — Lock Box Project

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



Use the QR CODE to download the application! Mail or drop off the form at 67 Quakertown Rd., Pittstown, NJ 08867. Our team will coordinate with you to install the lock box. For questions, call us at (908) 735-5220

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
James & Kathleen Coyle	Michael & Debby Raho
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Keith & Colleen LeBoeuf	Rudy & Jaime Wadle
Frederick & Elizabeth Mariani	Robert & Debra Weinschenk
Luis & Colleen Matta	Anthony & Stephanie Wozniak
Leon & Patricia McGourty	David & Lori Wunder



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 Events!!!

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 12, 2025

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

7:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 15, 2025

8:00 AM Raymond & Mary Wygovsky
r/o The Family

Friday, May 16, 2025

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

Saturday, May 17, 2025

4:30 PM Joseph & Mary Sax
r/o Dan Dawson

Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:00 AM Thank you to all the Sacristan Committee
Members

9:30 AM Felix Rampino
r/o Mike & Mary Mitariten

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Mother's Day

This Sunday, May 11th, we celebrate Mother's Day and we honor our moms for all they do for us and for the sacrifices they make for us. They do many ordinary things and do them extraordinarily well. Primarily through their teaching and their example, they assist in an important way, in passing down our precious faith to their children.

When we think of mothers, we only have to think of Mary, the mother of Jesus. May is the month of Mary, and this month we honor her in a special way.

As we reflect on all that Mary did, I think it is fair to say that sometimes we forget that Mary was also a wife and mother. We know that it is never easy to lose a loved one, especially a spouse or a child. Sometime during Jesus' life, Mary lost her husband Joseph. We may have forgotten that after Mary experienced the death of her husband Joseph, she unselfishly persevered as a grieving widow in very difficult and uncertain times. After his death, she would also experience the death of her son Jesus. She had to cope with the challenges of day-to-day living. She missed her spouse and her Son but she continued to love; she continued to persevere and she continued to cling to her faith. In clinging to her faith, and in her willingness to love, she is a model for all moms, including widows striving to do the same.

The Church presents Mary as a model of love in its fullness. The love she had for Jesus and Joseph is not reserved for them alone. It is the same precious love that she has for us, the same precious love she shares with us, an unselfish love that we should not take for granted.

Prior to becoming Pope, our Holy Father Francis invited us to look to Mary for inspiration. He stated, "We ask her, the first disciple, to teach us to persevere, to accompany us in patience, to strengthen us in hope. We ask her to lead us to an encounter with her Risen Son." As we celebrate Mother's Day and as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are invited to take these profound words to heart.

Mary our Queen, intercede for us. Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

Fr. Chester

	The collections for May 11th, and 18th will be posted in the May 25th bulletin.
	On-Line Giving for May 11th, and 18th will be posted in the May 25th bulletin.

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