

# St. Catherine of Siena Church

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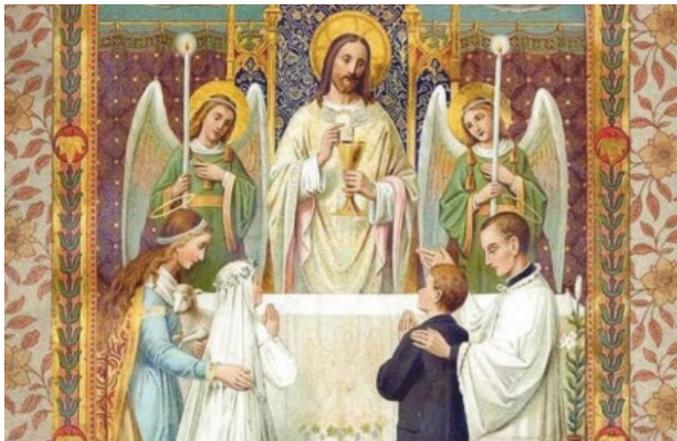
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## MASS SCHEDULE

**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 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

### MONDAY, MAY 19TH

JERSEY MIKE'S FUNDRAISER  
8:00 AM MASS  
3:00 PM — 8:00 PM JERSEY MIKE'S FUNDRAISER,  
CLINTON  
6:00 PM CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

### TUESDAY, MAY 20TH

8:00 AM MASS  
12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
3:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING  
4:30 PM CONFIRMATION — BISHOP  
CHECCHIO

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST

7:00 PM MASS  
7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

### THURSDAY, MAY 22ND

8:00 AM MASS  
10:00 AM — 11:30 AM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

### FRIDAY, MAY 23RD

8:00 AM MASS

### SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

FR. SELVA, MISSIONARY FROM INDIA  
3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION  
4:30 PM MASS  
5:30 PM GREGOR/CARROLL REHEARSAL  
WEDDING CEREMONY

### SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

FR. SELVA, MISSIONARY FROM INDIA  
8:00 AM MASS  
9:30 AM MASS  
11:00 AM MASS  
2:30 PM GREGOR/CARROLL WEDDING  
CEREMONY

**Readings for the week of May 18, 2025**

- 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
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

**Observances for the week of May 18, 2025**

- Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

(CJLPI)

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

St. Catherine of Siena Church

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**Picnic Meeting Thursday, June 5th at 6-7 PM in Fellowship Hall**

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

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

**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**

**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](mailto:15217.kofc@gmail.com)

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**For the Missionary Cooperative Plan  
We Will Welcome  
Fr. M.S. Selva Raj  
on May 24th & 25th**

### The Diocese of Kumbakonam, India

This Diocese, started in 1899 in the state of Tamil Nadu, India has an area of 7824 sq.km and a Catholic population of 2,13,000 (6% of the population), living in 94 parishes and 610 missions, served by 224 diocesan and 79 religious priests, 620 nuns, 12 trained catechists, and 330 untrained lay catechists and two social service centres.

**These are the most pressing missionary needs:**

- Establishing 8 more new parishes, each with a new church and rectory. The large missions need to be made independent parishes with the resident priest for better pastoral ministry.
- Providing the 136 Catholic schools and 22 orphanages in the missions with better facilities, building, infrastructure, educational and technical tools, children's Bibles, a projector, catechetical materials in the form of videos, pictures, text-books and workbooks to improve the quality of religious and faith formation of Catholic and non-Catholic students in mission-schools. Schools are our main means of ushering in progress at all levels. Education is a main means of evangelization and boosting the future prospects of the youth.
- Enabling 480 nuns and 4955 Catholic Teachers in charge of catechetical, educational, medical and social ministries throughout this rural diocese, to educate the children and adults in the Catholic faith and to help the people, particularly the poor and the marginalized for their integral development, through annual seminars on Scripture and Catechetics.
- Projecting the healing touch and loving care of the Divine Healer through our diocesan hospitals for lepers, home and school for hearing impaired children, children of HIV patients and the many rural medical clinics, staffed by nuns.
- Education of more young men in the seminary since the diocese abounds in vocation to priesthood and religious life so that some could be sent as missionaries to missions abroad where there is a shortage of priests.
- Educating 4800 very poor or orphan children, from families of single mothers and widows, and of addictive and abusive fathers by providing them with free board & lodge, in order to eradicate child labor. Such children are forced to tend cattle, work in hazardous conditions in factories, hotels or farms in order to eke out a living for the family.

**Your Christ-like intervention and sacrifice of:**

- \$20 will feed a poor child or an orphan for a month. (\$200 annu.).
- \$500 will educate a physically challenged child (annually).
- \$600 will pay the bill for healthcare & family maintenance of a leprosy patient for a year.
- \$50 will enable a single mother or widow to feed her family of 3 for a month.
- \$900 will provide a grocery store, and employment to feed a family of 10 with elderly parents and grandparents

The Diocese of Kumbakonam, India, truly appreciates the prayers and contributions received and strives to be good stewards of what is received so that it may have the greatest possible positive impact. The Diocese of Kumbakonam's, priests, deacons, religious, catechist, and students serving the diocese will remember you in their prayers.

**Yours sincerely in O.L**

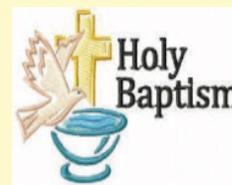
**Fr. M. S. Selva Raj**



**We would like to congratulate  
the following children  
who received  
First Holy Communion on  
May 17, 2025  
(Group 2)**

**Viviana Bakos  
Grayson Byelick  
Luke Cerqueira  
Andrew Hammer  
Samantha Hammer  
Landon Hubbard**

**Mariana Luna  
Maevae McGourty  
Lilliana Pikna  
Alessandra Pinto  
Quinn Poole**



**We are happy to welcome  
our recently Baptized at  
St. Catherine of Siena:**

**Avery Elise Day  
Camden Sean Day**

**Baptized on April 26, 2025**



**May 18<sup>th</sup> — 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 5<sup>th</sup> — Thursday Evening Grow A Row Volunteering;  
Sign Up Coming in May**

**June 26<sup>th</sup> — 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 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

## Monday, May 19, 2025

8:00 AM Antonio & Rosa Rofrano  
r/o The Clancey Family

## Tuesday, May 20, 2025

8:00 AM The Colalillo Family  
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

## Wednesday, May 21, 2025

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

## Thursday, May 22, 2025

8:00 AM Don & Linda Nuzzio Anniversary Blessings  
r/o The Family

## Friday, May 23, 2025

8:00 AM Anne Becker  
r/o Elaine Frederick

## Saturday, May 24, 2025

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

## Sunday, May 25, 2025

8:00 AM Dorothy & Merrill Hennion  
r/o Mike & Stephanie Pierce

9:30 AM Rick Webster  
r/o The Family

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

## *From the Pastor's Desk* *First Eucharist*

On Saturday, May 10th & 17th twenty-two 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 saw 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 children 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 teachers who trained these children so that they can receive Holy Communion: Mrs. Stacey Gallagher, catechist, and Mrs. Anabela Cerqueira, assistant catechist.

Thank you to the Rosarians and Prayer Shawl Ministry for their gifts and prayers. May God reward you for your talent and time.

But the special congratulations go 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 11th & 18th will be posted in the May 25th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for May 11th & 18th will be posted in the May 25th bulletin.

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