

# St. Catherine of Siena

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



MAY 10, 2026 VOL. 24 | 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Happy Mother's Day



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#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM  
and 11:00 AM

#### Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM

#### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
or by appointment

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
(Later by appointment)

"A Roman Catholic Parish of Prayer and Friendship"

# Welcome!

St. Catherine of Siena Church | Pittstown, NJ

## PARISH REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

It is necessary for every family or individual to be a registered and active member of our parish for **3 months** in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Registration is required to qualify for Religious Education and the reception of the Sacraments. Please contact the office or our website for a registration form. Completed registration forms **MUST** be handed to the Pastor during a weekend Mass. Emailed or mailed registrations forms will not be accepted.

## SACRAMENTS

### Sacrament of Baptism

For registered and active parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with the office. Preparation classes are held at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. Please call to register.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM-4:00 PM or by appointment.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to make arrangements **one year** prior to the date of marriage. **One party must be a registered and active member of this parish.**

### Sacrament 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.

## Stewardship

### In-Pew Collection

The collections for May 3rd were \$5,021.00 and \$1,124.00 for Religious Education.

### Online Donations

Online giving for May 3rd was \$4,595.00.



## Pastor's Letter

### Happy Mother's Day

This Sunday, May 10th, 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.**

God Bless,  
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 9

4:30 PM † Mother's Day Novena

### Sunday, May 10

8:00 AM † Mother's Day Novena

9:30 AM † Mother's Day Novena

11:00 AM † For All Couples Married in the  
Month of May

### Monday, May 11

8:00 AM † Mother's Day Novena

### Tuesday, May 12

8:00 AM † Mother's Day Novena

### Wednesday, May 13

8:00 AM † Mother's Day Novena

### Thursday, May 14

8:00 AM † Mother's Day Novena

### Friday, May 15

8:00 AM † Parishioners of St. Catherine's

### Saturday, May 16

4:30 PM † Joseph & Mary Sax  
r/o The Dawson Family

### Sunday, May 17

8:00 AM † Jose Matos  
r/o The Koretzky/Matos Families

9:30 AM † Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM † Peter & Sylvia Signorello  
r/o The Bussell Family

## Weekly Readings & Observances

### Sunday, May 10

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

### Monday, May 11

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

### Tuesday, May 12

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

### Wednesday, May 13

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
Our Lady of Fatima

### Thursday, May 14

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17  
St. Matthias, Apostle

### Friday, May 15

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23  
St. Isidore

### Saturday, May 16

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28  
Armed Forces Day

### Sunday, May 17

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**The Ascension of the Lord;** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter;  
World Communications Day



## Pray For Our Parishioners

- Our 2nd grade students who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time
- Our mothers living and deceased
- Ernie Difazio
- Jeff Coletti
- Mercia Spinks



# Ministries & Organizations

St. Catherine of Siena Church | Pittstown, NJ



## Altar Servers

Mark Kubian (732) 297-9425

## Audio/Visual

Ken Mandoli (908) 735-2879

## Auditors

Maggie Marion (908) 735-4024

## Bible Study

Teri Saccal (908) 229-9355

Lucia Sciancalepore (201) 970-5072

## Building Maintenance

David Perna (908) 296-5120

## Catholic Media

Denise Botto (908) 996-6760

## Coffee Fellowship

Teri Saccal (908) 229-9355

## Decorating Committee

Donna Cahill (908) 730-9384

## Events Hospitality

Margaret Rocca (908) 996-3226

## Extraordinary Ministers of

## Holy Communion

John-Joseph Bober (908) 713-9707

## Family Mass

Sandra Kopka

religioused@scoschurch.org

## Family Promise

Mary Jo Haggerty (908) 892-3513

## Finance Council

Jim Young (971) 501-3361

## Food Pantry

Robin Potempa (908) 310-4273

## Graphic Materials

Helen Nardone (908) 391-0857

## Kids Club

Debbie Fass

kidsclub@scoschurch.org

## Knights of Columbus

Gregory Mayer (201) 788-1412

## Lectors

Robert Preston (908) 510-2712

## Little Sprouts

Cara Bruzzi (631) 707-2201

## Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

Mary Kauza (908) 735-4582

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## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

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deaconmike@scoschurch.org

## Parish Groundskeeping

George Mehaffey (908) 581-2521

Pete Walter (908) 328-4528

## Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Office (908) 735-4024

## Parish Picnic

Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100

## Prayer Shawl

Donna Mustillo (908) 237-0211

## Right to Life Representative

Robert Keeling (908) 812-1071

## Rosary Society

Peggy York (609) 865-4996

## Sacristan

Margaret Rocca (908) 996-3668

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## Spirituality Committee

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## Veterans Military Apostolate

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## Website

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## Wedding Coordinator

Ellen McCarthy (908) 240-0583

## Welcome

Carol Rocha (908) 996-7612

## Youth Choir

Lisa Sforza — Nancy Coletti  
youthmusic@scoschurch.org

## St Catherine's Council 15217 Knights of Columbus



Chuck Specht  
Memorial  
Scholarship Program



### 2026 "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 2026
- 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 23 to accept the award for pictures with family
- Submit a minimum of 500-typed word essay by Sunday, June 7, 2026, to Greg Mayer, 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 2026 will each be awarded \$500
- **Two 8th Grade Students** (1 boy and 1 girl) in the class of 2026 will each be awarded \$100

Submit a pdf copy of all essays to:  
Greg Mayer, Worthy Grand Knight  
15217.kofc@gmail.com

### From Norwescap regarding the Lynda's Helping Handbags donations made by St. Catherine's Rosary Society on behalf of our parish.

Dear Gail and the Rosary Society,

On behalf of Norwescap, thank you for your continued generosity and support and for thinking of Norwescap CLTC each year and for donating beautiful handbags to our clients.

These donations make a meaningful impact by helping the women we serve present themselves professionally while job searching and feel more confident as they pursue employment opportunities and attend interviews.

We truly appreciate your kindness and ongoing commitment to our community and our mission.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Genao  
Program Director  
Norwescap  
170 Watchung Avenue, Iglesia Presbiteriana  
Nuevas Fronteras | North Plainfield, NJ 07060

# Events Calendar

May 10, 2026 | Mother's Day

## Saturday, May 9

10:00 AM  
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
4:30 PM

First Holy Communion  
Reconciliation  
Mass

## Sunday, May 10

8:00 AM  
9:30 AM  
11:00 AM

Mass  
Mass  
Mass/Marriage Blessing

## Monday, May 11

8:00 AM  
6:30 PM

Mass  
Spirituality Meeting (FH)

## Tuesday, May 12

8:00 AM  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM  
7:00 PM

Mass  
Prayer Shawl (FH)  
Knights' Business Meeting (FH)

## Wednesday, May 13

8:00 AM  
7:00 PM

Mass  
Knights' Business Meeting (FH)

## Thursday, May 14

8:00 AM  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Mass  
Sunday Scripture Discussion (MT)

## Friday, May 15

8:00 AM

Mass

## Saturday, May 16

10:00 AM  
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
4:30 PM

First Holy Communion  
Reconciliation  
Mass

## Sunday, May 17

8:00 AM  
9:30 AM  
11:00 AM

Mass  
Mass  
Mass

## Congratulations to the following children who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion on May 9, 2026:

Finnlay Byelick	Jane Franz
Cameron Caliciotti	Casey Lane
Avery Davis	Bodhi Manatch
Juliette Dix	Joseph Puma
Hanna Eisenhart	Ella Sanderson
Sofia Ferrari	Teagan Sniscak
Olivia Ferrari	Jack Toolan



## Marriage Encounter Mother's Day Gift

With Mother's Day fast approaching, why not give your wife and yourself the special gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? **A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **July 17-19**. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) for more information.

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## Formation Event for Police Officers

Saturday, June 13th  
8:00 AM - 12:45 PM  
St. Neumann Pastoral Center  
Piscataway, NJ  
Priests, Deacons, and Police Chaplains are Welcome



Don't Forget To Sign Up For Our  
MARRIAGE BLESSING MASS  
SUNDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>  
at the 11:00 am MASS



Send us your name and wedding date to  
Tee at: [tandersen@scoschurch.org](mailto:tandersen@scoschurch.org)

**New York Blood Center** **Blood Drive**

**More adventures. Made possible by blood donors.**

**Smart cookie** Join us to give and enjoy a whole box of Girl Scout cookies. While supplies last.

**Prepare to donate**

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

**St. Catherine of Siena RC Church**  
2 White Bridge Rd. Pittstown, NJ

**To make an appointment please scan QR code**  
**Appointments preferred walk ins welcomed**  
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