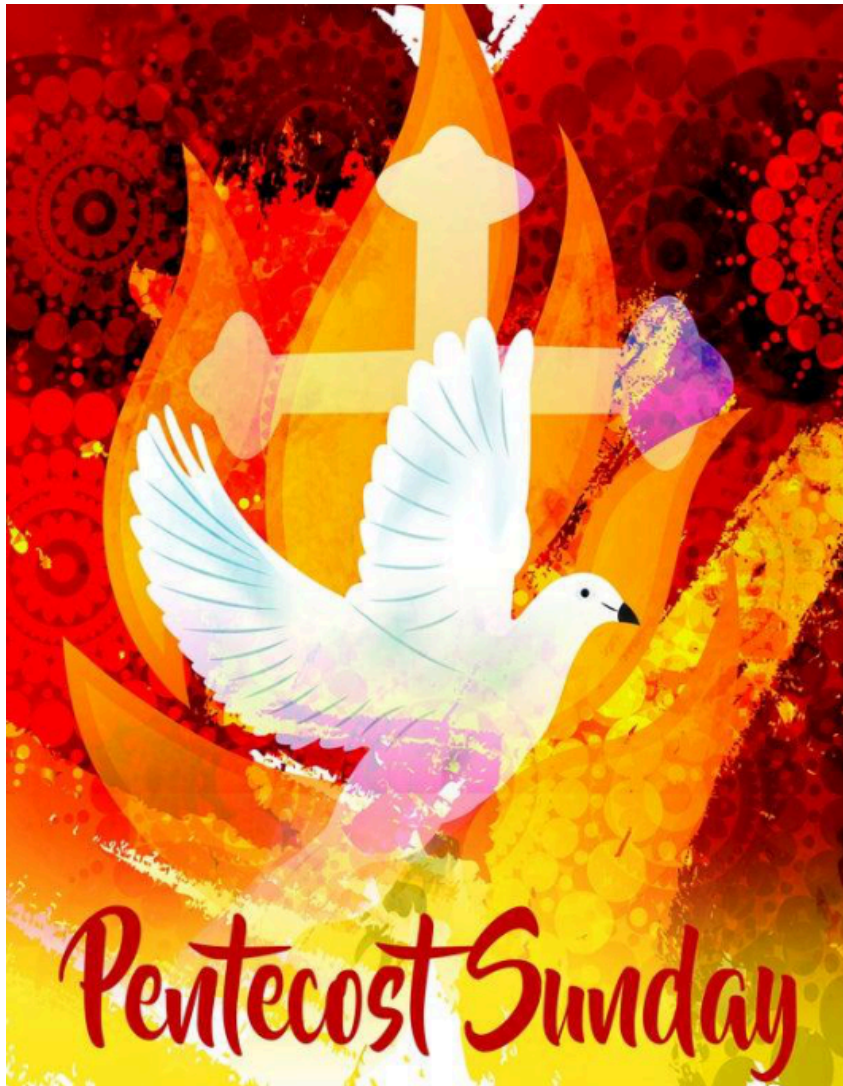


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MAY 24, 2026 VOL. 25 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



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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)

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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 to request Baptism for your child and 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 17th were \$6,047.00 for the regular collection and \$1,117.00 for the Development of People.

Online Donations

Online giving for May 17th was \$4,353.00.



Pastor's Letter

Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, and we see the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus to send the Holy Spirit upon his Apostles. The Holy Spirit transformed the lives of these Apostles. These frightened men who abandoned Jesus at his Passion are transformed into bold witnesses who clearly show that they not only understand the teaching of Jesus but also are willing to put his teaching into practice. They will endure persecution, suffering, ridicule, and other forms of trial as they preach his Good News. They will heed the call of Jesus to go forth and make disciples of all nations.

Our late Holy Father, Pope Francis had invited us to follow the example of the Apostles and truly embrace the Holy Spirit in our lives. He said, "There is no greater freedom than that of allowing oneself to be guided by the Holy Spirit, renouncing the attempt to plan and control everything to the last detail, and instead, letting him enlighten, guide, and direct us, leading us wherever he wills. The Holy Spirit knows well what is needed in every time and place. This is what it means to be mysteriously fruitful."

As we reflect on these words, and as we celebrate this great feast, we are challenged to allow the Holy Spirit to come into our minds, and into our lives, and into our hearts as we strive to cope spiritually in these difficult and uncertain times.

God Bless,
Fr. Chester Zalubski, Pastor



Masses & Intentions

May 24, 2026 | Pentecost Sunday

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23

4:30 PM † John & Catherine Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

Sunday, May 24

8:00 AM † Patricia Friedman
r/o The Stanislawczyk Family

9:30 AM † Smith-Young Families
r/o Dennis & Kathie Webster

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

Monday, May 25

8:00 AM † Jane Dorflinger
r/o Maryjane & Bill Staats

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 AM † Erin Baker Birthday Blessings
r/o The Baker Family

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 AM † Sr. Renata Zalubska
r/o Elaine Frederick

Thursday, May 28

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

Friday, May 29

8:00 AM † Fr. Kris Kaczynski
r/o Elaine Frederick

Saturday, May 30

4:30 PM † The Perna Boys
r/o Mom & Dad

Sunday, May 31

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

9:30 AM † Carmen DeVone
r/o The DeVone Family

11:00 AM † Andrew J. & Mary A. Merkovsky
r/o Andrew Merkovsky

Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday, May 24

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 25

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31
St. Philip Neri, Priest

Wednesday, May 27

1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45
St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Thursday, May 28

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday, May 29

1 Pt 4:7-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday, May 30

Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Sunday, May 31

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

The Most Holy Trinity



Pray For Our Parishioners

- Ernie Difazio
- Jeff Coletti
- Mercia Spinks
- Joe Prakopcyk

PRAYERS FOR A NEW BISHOP

O Lord, Shepherd of Shepherds, we turn to You seeking Your grace, that we in the Diocese of Metuchen may be given a bishop who is a shepherd after Your heart and will guide us, Your flock, to be a faithful flock and fruitful field in union with You now and for eternity. Amen. (From the Diocese of Jefferson City.)

For our diocese as we await the appointment of a new Bishop. Let us pray to the Lord.

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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 23rd 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

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Events Calendar

May 24, 2026 | Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 23

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

Mass

Sunday, May 24

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

Mass

Mass

Mass

Monday, May 25

8:00 AM

Mass

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 AM

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

7:00 PM

Mass

Prayer Shawl (FH)

Knights' Social & Devotions (FH)

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 AM

Mass

Thursday, May 28

8:00 AM

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Mass

Sunday Scripture Discussion (MT)

Friday, May 29

8:00 AM

Mass

Saturday, May 30

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

Mass

Sunday, May 31

8:00 AM

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

Mass

Knights' Blood Drive (PC)

Mass

Mass

Diocese of Metuchen & Office of Evangelization

Formation Event for Police Officers

Saturday, June 13th

8:00 AM to 12:45 PM

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Picnic Meeting Thursday, June 10th at 6-7 PM

In the Parish Center

- All adults, teens, and IDEAS are welcome
- Come with theme suggestions
- New Parishioners, please join us



Future Wednesday night monthly meetings will be in the Parish

Center from 6 — 7 PM are as follows: 7/8, 8/12, 9/9 and 9/16

Questions? Call, text, or email me,

Debbie Fass (973) 222-8100 or at kidsclub@scoschurch.org

Marriage Encounter

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.wwme.org for more information.

National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima 109th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

Come join us on the 13th of each month from May to October to commemorate Mary's apparitions.

10:30 AM Confessions

12:00 PM Rosary/Procession with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

12:30 PM Speaker

1:15 PM Holy Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession, Benediction, Blessing of Religious Articles, Fatima Farewell, Enrollment in the Brown Scapulary!



Saturday, June 13th Speaker: Rev. Msgr. Roger J. Landry

Monday, July 13th Speaker: Very Rev. Joshua S. Caswell, SJC
Celebrant: His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

Thursday, August 13th Speaker: Br. Pius Marie Gagne, CFR
Celebrant: Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky

Sunday, September 13th Speaker: Special Guest Speaker
Celebrant: Most Rev. Frank J. Caggiano

Tuesday, 13th Speaker: Special Guest Speaker Celebrant: His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Annual Corpus Christi Procession Sunday, June 7th

Immediately following the 11 AM Mass

On Sunday, June 7th the parish will celebrate the Real Presence of Jesus in our annual Corpus Christi Procession immediately following the 11 AM Mass. As a community we will accompany the Blessed Sacrament in a short walk around the church grounds visiting four beautifully decorated altars while raising our voices in song and prayer as a beautiful public profession of our faith.



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