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Did you not know that I must
be in my Father's house?

LUKE 2:49

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(You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment any time outside of these hours.)

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS! Contact the Parish Office for registration or to receive information regarding sacramental preparation and eligibility.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4 PM at Nativity

Sunday: 8 AM at St. Catherine

Sunday: 10:30 AM at Nativity (Live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube every couple of weeks.)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. & Thurs.: 9 AM at St. Catherine

Tue. & Wed. 9 AM at Nativity

Friday: 7 PM at Nativity

Saturday: 7 AM at St. Catherine

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7 PM at St. Catherine

Holy Day: 9 AM & 7 PM at Nativity

CONFESSION

Friday: 7:50-8:20 PM at Nativity*

Saturday: 7:50-8:20 AM at St. Catherine*

Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM at Nativity

Sunday: 7:20 – 7:50 AM at St. Catherine*

Sun. after most 10 AM Mass at Nativity

Or by appointment, call the Parish Office

* When Fr Goyette is here



Saturday, December 28th

7:00 AM-SC Sister Bianca Camilleri
r/b Parish of St Michael the Archangel
 4:00 PM-N Deceased Members of the
Simpson & Scull Family
r/b The Family

Sunday, December 29th

8:00 AM-SC People of the Parish
 10:30 AM-N Robert Hoskins *r/b Stephanie Kelton*

Monday, December 30th

9:00 AM-SC Robert Hoskins *r/b Stephanie Kelton*

Tuesday, December 31st

9:00 AM- N Bibiana Okoro
 4:00 PM - N Deceased Members of the
Lubatty & Contrevo Family
r/b John & Anna Contrevo

Wednesday, January 1st

8:00 AM-SC People of the Parish
 10:30 AM - N Jeanne Lennon *r/b A Friend*

Thursday, January 2nd

9:00 AM-SC Special Intention Abby Soto *r/b Mom & Dad*

Friday, January 3rd

7:00 PM -N Denise Hennessey
r/b Parish of St Michael the Archangel

Saturday, January 4th

7:00 AM-SC Devin Emig *r/b Karen Emig*
 4:00 PM-N People of the Parish

Sunday, January 5th

8:00 AM-SC Dot Myers *r/b Rocky & Susan Costa*
 10:30 AM-N Spec. Int. Ron Ditch *r/b Deserable Family*

Mass Location: N = Nativity | SC = St. Catherine



What a lovely way to start the New Year by purchasing a Sanctuary Candle for your loved one. Cost is \$15 per candle. Mass Intentions are also available for \$15 per intention.



Harriet Bajewicz, Betty Briles, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Jim Cesanek, Joanne Ciquero, John Contrevo Sr., Joseph Dietterick, Melissa DuBeau, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mark Fitzpatrick, Anthony & Luca Garbarino, Amedeo Giambuzzi, Don & Matt Healy, Chrysi Lopes, Dcn John Luko Jr. Rosemary McBride, Jennifer Mignano, Miller & Joann Mills, Eileen Mulholland, Thomas Myers Jr., Bob Sandelier, Karen Simpson and Karen J. Viola

If you have a family member whom you would like added to the Prayer List, please ask their permission (due to the HIPAA Privacy Act) and contact the Rectory by calling 856-881-9155 or e-mailing

Pray for Our Military Heroes

PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com.

If you have a family member serving in one of the branches of the military, send their name, rank, and branch of service to the Parish Office (PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com or 856-881-9155).

Please keep our brave service people in your prayers, especially those suffering from the effects of war.

US Army

CPL Austin Arledge, Army Staff Sgt. Molly Atkinson, SSG Bryan Jenkins, 1LT Tyler Keyworth
 Com. Sgt Major Shane McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, CPT Graham Miller, and PFC Vincenzo Taormina

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman, EM2 William Little, and Kurt Reinhold, US Navy

US Air Force

SrA Jacob R Custis, MSgt, George Ruczynski Jr.

US Marine Corps

WO3 Brad Davis, SGT Nate McAllister



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon. – Thurs. 8-9 AM
 Eucharistic Adoration
 before morning Mass. Every
 Monday 6-7 PM Adoration at
 Nativity

ROSARY

Mon. – Thurs. Rosary after
 morning Mass and
 after all weekend Masses
 Every Tuesday after the
 9 AM Mass—Novena
 to the Miraculous Medal.

**JANUARY 2025****1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

See bulletin for New Year's Mass Schedule

7 - Knitting Ministry Meets after 9 AM Mass - NCC

8 - Choir Rehearsal 7 PM - NC

Grief Support 7 PM- NCC

14 - Parish Council 7 PM - SCB

15 - Knights of Columbus 7:30 PM - SCB

Choir Rehearsal 7 PM - NCC



**Parish Religious Education Program Calendar
JANUARY**

5 - In Person Class 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

12 - In Person Class 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

19 - NO CLASS

**25 - FIRST PENANCE RETREAT
9 AM - 12 PM NATIVITY CHURCH**

26 - In Person Class 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Please be sure to check weekly email for updates and reminders



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Calendar
JANUARY**

5 - In Person Class 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

12 - In Person Class 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

19 - NO CLASS

26 - In Person Class 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Tuesday December 31st and Wednesday
January 1st**

for the New Year's Holiday.

**We will reopen on Thursday, Jan. 2nd at 10 AM!
Happy New Year!**



Mass Schedule for New Year's

Tues., December 31 - 9 AM Mass - Nativity Church

4 PM Mass - Nativity Church

Wed., January 1 - 8 AM Mass - St Catherine Church

10:30 AM Mass - Nativity Church



If you can spare some of your talent and time for any of the following routine parish maintenance activities, please call the parish office at 856-881-9155. We will contact you to discuss your interest in various small projects, such as:

- Power washing
- Small painting and carpentry projects
- Plumbing Projects
- Light Welding
- Streaming the parish 10:30 am mass once a month. Training and instructions will be provided



Each time a child is Baptized, God smiles from up above knowing he has someone new to shelter and to love. Welcome the following into our Faith Community.

Nico Salvatore Leone

Emery Ann Lopez

May God Bless You!



Grief Support will resume twice a month in January.

Grief Support is a group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Conference Center to learn how to cope with loss through scripture, prayer, and conversations with others who have experienced loss. No loss is the same, and no healing occurs the same way or in the same time frame. We offer a support system to help us handle our loss in a supportive way.

Caregiver Support will resume once a month in January.

Caregiver Support is a group that meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. at the Conference center to address issues related to providing care and support to a loved one facing health challenges. This group will utilize prayer, scripture and conversation to discover ways to handle the stress and emotions in caring for a loved one who is going through such challenging times.

Our Infirmities can be a broken body, broken heart or broken spirit. God knows what we need to lighten our load, although it may not be what we think we need. Whether it is a moment of inner peace during a time of great stress, or our loved one is called to the Kingdom of God so that suffering and pain on this Earth is over, He knows what we need for us to continue on our path. Luke 12:10-13, where Jesus heals an infirm woman on the Sabbath, shows us our grief and our bodily infirmities can weigh us down. However, Jesus can lighten our burden if we listen and let him.



We are looking for more men to join us at the St. Catherine of Siena Knights of Columbus.

St. Catherine of Siena Council 6890 Knights of Columbus were presented with the Star Council Award for their acts of service.

District Deputy Neal Cullen presented the award to Grand Knight Mike Smith at the Knight's Christmas Party.



RANDOM MINUTIAE BY FATHER GOYETTE

Chicago in January

Nothing like Chicago in the winter time. I will be there Jan 5th to the 10th for my workshop on spiritual direction. The last two times, I spent a lot of time walking outside, but maybe not so much this time. I do like the fact that I get a lot of exercise when I am in Chicago. It's good to be healthy every once in a while.

New Old Car

I will be getting my brother's mother-in-law's car. It's a 2004 Toyota Avalon with 27,000 miles. It's been in California for the last 21 years, and most of that time it was in the garage. It's got all the bells and whistles and only cost me \$2800. Hopefully, I can make it last another 5-10 years. I am giving my Corolla with 230,000 miles to my brother in Virginia. With his 5 kids still at home, he is looking for a cheap car that does not break down much.

Winter Cleaning

I am looking forward to the winter break from school so I can organize the rectory a bit. It needs to be cleaned up. There is too much stuff lying around. I think I will spend a couple of days just cleaning up.

Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant on Dec. 15th was great! The kids were all cute and people enjoyed it. The shepherds had a little trouble with their staff getting tangled up, and some of the angels had trouble keeping their eyes on Jesus. It's tough when you are 3 and you have to focus!



**PARISH OF
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

FOOD PANTRY

“Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who Himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

Would you like to donate to our parish food pantry but don't know what to buy? Although all nonperishable food items are welcome, here are some suggestions: mac and cheese, ramen noodles, tuna, canned chicken, instant potatoes, pasta and pasta sauce. Soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes are appreciated as well. New or used clean reusable shopping bags (ShopRite, Acme, Target, Walmart, etc.) are also needed. You may leave your nonperishable items in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and St. Catherine of Siena churches, or, you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center from 10:15 to 11:30 on Wednesday mornings. Prefer not to shop? Monetary donations are always welcome.

Your support for this ministry is invaluable and we thank you!



Stewardship Family

Feast of the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this Stewardship season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people who are different from you, those whom you may not like or those who seem to go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.



CHURCH OFFERING

Total Mass Offering for Dec 14th/15th - \$4719

Last Year's Total Mass Offering - \$6927

Retirement Fund - \$45

Christmas Flowers - \$1490

Immaculate Conception - \$1864

MASS COUNT

Dec 14th/15th - Sat. 4 PM Nativity - 97

Sun. 8 AM St. Catherine - 99

10:30 AM Nativity - 257

Total Attendance - 453

Last Year's Total Attendance - 436



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Abby's Angels would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

We are very grateful for all of your support and May God Bless You!

With Love,
Abby



God Bless You In The New Year

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Reading 1, Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Reading 2, Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel, Luke 2:41-52

Reflections for the Feast of the Holy Family

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We tend to forget that the First Family had their trials too.

We are often upset because things don't succeed the way we want them to. What we desire was not found even in the family of our Lord. Think of the difficulties and changes, joys and sorrow found in the Holy Family. Mary received news that she would conceive of the Holy Spirit a Son, our Lord and Savior. What joy this was for her! Shortly afterward Joseph, seeing that she was with child

and knowing that it was not by him, was plunged into distress! Mary was in grief, seeing her dear Joseph was about to leave her. When this storm passed, they experienced great joy. There was also joy in their hearts when the shepherds and Magi came. However, a little later, the angel of the Lord said to Joseph in a dream, "Take the child and His mother and flee into Egypt." Without doubt Mary and Joseph were troubled by this command. But was Joseph's response: "Why do I have to go at night? Couldn't this journey wait till the morning? I have neither horse nor money." If we had been in Joseph's place, would we not have made a thousand excuses? Whereas he promptly did all that the angel commanded. The peace and serenity of mind of Mary and Joseph shows their constant openness to do God's will amid all the unexpected events that befell them.

We, too, when we meet similar problems in our lives, must repeat over and over again to ourselves, so as to better impress the truth on our minds, that no disturbance of events must ever carry our hearts and minds into unevenness of temper. Like the Holy Family, God will guide us on our way no matter how difficult it may be.



Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, Stone Harbor, NJ, has posted its schedule of programs for the winter and spring of 2025. For more information or to register, visit www.VMbytheSea.com.



The next weekend date is March 14-16, 2025. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website: wwwme-southjersey.org.



Bishop Sullivan to celebrate Jubilee 2025 Diocesan Opening Mass

Throughout the world, the Opening of Jubilee Year 2025 begins on the feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024.

Bishop Dennis Sullivan will celebrate a Jubilee 2025 Opening Mass on the feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025 at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 642 Market St., Camden.

All are welcome.

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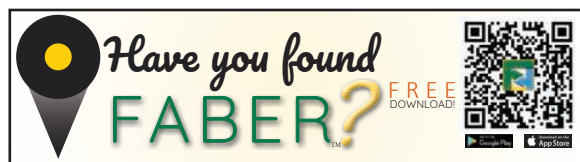
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