



June 4, 2023 | The Most Holy Trinity

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

REV. LAWRENCE E. POLANSKY, PASTOR

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

*"To bear witness to **God the Father**,
to follow the teachings of **Jesus Christ**,
and to be guided by the **Holy Spirit**."*

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 9a at Saint Catherine
Tuesday: 9a at Nativity
Wednesday: 9a at Nativity
Thursday: 9a at Saint Catherine
First Fridays: 9a at Saint Catherine
First Saturdays: 9a at Saint Catherine

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine
10a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7p at Saint Catherine
Holy Day: 9a & 7p at Nativity
(Please confirm with
Mass Intention Schedule.)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:30p at Nativity
(or by appointment)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p; Thursday: 10:00a-12:00 noon
(You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment any time outside of these hours.)

FOR SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR FOR LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY: Please contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please take a look at our website or call to register

Please visit our website at <https://www.psma-nj.com>
or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PSMAinDoC>

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD – CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS

~ 9:00a – No Parish Intention – No Public Mass ~

4:00p Anne Ellena by Buddy & Elaine Meyers

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00a The People of the Parish

10:00a Judith E. Allen

MONDAY, JUNE 5TH – BONIFACE

9:00a Rev. Msgr. John Clarke

TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH – NORBERT

9:00a Vincenzo Talotta by Dan & Karen Seniff

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH

9:00a Thomas & Ralph by John & Anna Contrevo

THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH

9:00a Anne Ellena by Thomas & Kelly Riordan

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH – EPHREM

~ 9:00a - No Parish Mass ~

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH

4:00p Frank Panna by His Loving Wife Teresa

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH – CORPUS CHRISTI
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

8:00a Fr. John E. Bruni by Carin Haabak

10:00a The People of the Parish



Sanctuary Candle

If you've been thinking about having the Sanctuary Candles burn in the memory of your loved one, envelopes are available in the Gathering Spaces of both the Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena for your intentions and offering of \$15. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

*The Sanctuary Candle in Nativity Church
burns in Memory of*

Kevin Hogan

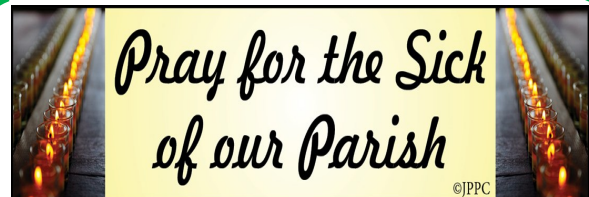
Requested by Dan and Karen Seniff

STEWARDSHIP GIVEN FREELY

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."

~ John 3:16 ~

Is your love conditional? Is there a price that others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for **Stewardship** with a grateful and generous heart.



Harriet Bajewicz, George Bromwell,
Nicholas & Rob Christian, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mimi Hall,
Don & Matt Healy, Rosemary McBride, Eileen Mulholland,
Dot Myers, Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner,
Karen J. Viola, and Joanna Walczak

If you have a family member who 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 PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com. Thank you!

OUR MILITARY HERO PRAYER LIST

If you have a family member serving in one of the branches of the military, please 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, Specialist Bryan Jenkins,
1st SGT Shane W. McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, CPT Graham Miller,
& PFC Vincenzo Taormina

US Navy

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

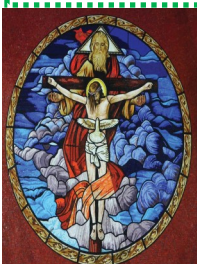
US Air Force

AB Jacob R Custis

US Marine Corps

WO3 Brad Davis, SGT Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, US Navy; US Army Medic



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

"Grown Men Don't Cry" has been a witticism around for a long time ... popular enough to have been a TV show and a song. In truth, however, it is regularly called into question. Loving husbands and fathers about to be separated for a time from their families do cry. Sons and grandsons cry at funerals. I believe men cry because they experience a loss of the nearness of those they love or when something they care about deeply is taken away. When we love, we choose to be near the beloved. And even when separation occurs, steps are usually taken to assure some modicum of nearness is continued. I remember when my Dad was away on a business trip. He called home frequently. (Today, he probably would have texted.) While I've never used them myself, Skype or Facetime can bring a sense of nearness to loved ones. Pictures and other mementos of a deceased person can keep that person near in spirit. Similarly, we seek the experience of God's nearness and God's abiding and overwhelming love for us. To the extent that we love God, we attend church and seek the divine Presence and communion with Him through the Sacraments.

God came down in a cloud on Mount Sinai, drawing near to Moses and revealing the divine Self to him as merciful, gracious, kind, and faithful (see this weekend's First Reading Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9). Yet even this wonderful divine self-revelation was exceeded when God **"gave His only-begotten Son"** (see this weekend's Gospel Jn 3:16-18) so that we might be saved. But even more, the fullest revelation of the grace, love, and fellowship of the Trinity (see this weekend's Second Reading 2 Cor 13:11-13) is extended to us believers with the sending of the Spirit as a share in divine intimacy – eternal Life itself (again, see this weekend's Gospel). God chooses to be very near to us.

God's desire is that we share in divine Life eternally. To this end, God is very near – near to Moses on Mount Sinai (First Reading) and near to us in the divine Son who came to dwell with us (the Incarnation). Even more ... for those who believe ... our triune God dwells within us by grace and communion, drawing us into the inner Life of the Trinity. The unceasing Life of the Trinity is this ... to love us into eternal Life. It is God's gracious gift ... and by virtue of the free will He also gave us, ours to choose or to refuse.

In this is eternal Life ... to be absorbed into the very Persons of God. The response to such a gift from our triune God is that of Moses ... **"at once [bow] down to the ground in worship"** (First Reading). This mystery of the Trinity, then, does not so much challenge us to understanding as it challenges us to a worshipful response to God's utter goodness and Presence to us ... to God's love and nearness.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity is a wonderful event celebrating the Life and majesty of God. As this weekend's Responsorial Psalm (Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55) prompts us, we sing out our blessings and praises in face of God's "holy glory." At the same time that we are uplifted in praise, we are also brought down to earth by this Solemnity, for it reminds us that the only way we share in God's glory is to give ourselves in the same way God gives to us ... in love and mercy ... in graciousness and faithfulness ... in nearness and communion.

This weekend's Second Reading (2 Cor 13:11-13) give us concrete examples of what it means even now to live this kind of divine self-giving ... **"rejoice," "mend your ways," "encourage one another," "agree with one another," "live in peace," "greet one another with a holy kiss."** Amazingly, our simple, good, everyday actions toward one another express the very Life of God and God's desire to be near to us. The mystery of the Trinity will always be a mystery. Nevertheless, we ourselves are privileged to express the wonder of divine Life through our own goodness, mercy, love, and peace ... by what we say, by what we do, and by how we treat others.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe on this day commemorating God ... Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and always!

~ Fr. Larry



SUMMER WEEK-LONG CATHOLIC FAMILY VACATION RETREAT

Marianist Family Retreat Center – Cape May Point, NJ

Retreat weeks begin each Monday beginning June 26th until the end of August.

Note: There is a special week for Single-Parent Families July 17th through July 22nd

Cost for week: \$230pp ages 8+; \$155 ages 2-7, under 2 free. (includes meals, room, program, beach access, and more!) Financial Aid is available – please see the website for details.

To sign up or for more information, please visit www.capemaymarianists.org or e-mail mfrfc@capemaymarianists.org, or call 609-884-3829.

To donate, please visit: amzn.to/42h1o4V



June 4, 2023 | Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 | 2 Cor 13:11-13 | Jn 3:16-18

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Last Sunday the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost: the birth-day of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the world. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, giving adoration and glory to the three divine persons in our one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three in unity, or Triune. In the Gospel we heard, John tells us: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” If you’re going to write one Bible verse on a piece of cardboard and hold it up at a football game, this is it! John 3:16 encapsulates a Christian belief: We are loved by the Father beyond measure, and that love is incarnated – takes human flesh – in the divine person of his Son. But there is something deeper within this verse that comes to light much later in the Gospel: Jesus revealed that when he, the Son, returned to the Father, he would not leave us alone. (Jn 14: 26-28) Instead, the Holy Spirit came to be with us and remain with us. This is our God whom we celebrate and give thanks to: one in being, three in person. His love is unceasing and his Spirit dwells within and among us to guide us, advocate for us, and draw us ever closer to himself in that love.

PRAY This week, pray a Holy Trinity novena. The word “novena” comes from the Latin word for “nine,” and they typically include nine days of prayer, asking God for a specific intention, and beginning or ending on a feast or solemnity. Trust in the Triune God who loves you and offer him your heart. You may find the comfort or wisdom you seek.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When it comes to evangelization, you could write a Bible verse on a piece of cardboard, hold it up in a crowded place and hope it piques someone’s interest. But we can take a cue from St. Paul in the second reading as well. He encourages us to mend our ways, encourage one another and “greet one another with a holy kiss.” And then he offers a prayer for the Corinthians: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” Imagine what the world would be like if we all lived like that – if we worked to mend our mistakes, encouraged each other, and earnestly prayed for the grace, love, and fellowship of God to be upon every person. That would be a true witness to God’s presence in the world.



**The Race is on
In the Spring Sprint for Scholarships**

to raise \$50,000 for the South Jersey
Scholarship Fund by June 30th!

The funds will provide
scholarship assistance to
help students remain in
Catholic schools

Impact the future
of a student.
Donate now by:

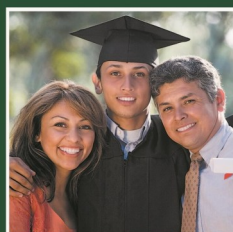


South Jersey
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Visiting
southjerseycatholicschools.org/springsprint
- Scanning the QR code on the right
with your phone
- Mailing a gift to:
South Jersey
Scholarship Fund
631 Market Street
Camden, NJ 08102



Celebrate Mom,
Dad or Grad
with a gift
in their honor –
a great way to
mark the occasion
while supporting
our students!



Readings for the Week

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10;
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

School News and Happenings

FAMILY DAY AT THE BALLPARK

Tuesday, June 20th @ 6:40p – Phillies vs. Braves

Come out to Citizens Bank Park and join Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School's family and friends for a night of fun and baseball!

- 1) Go to www.phillies.com
- 2) On the left side of the screen,
click "Tickets"
- 3) Choose "Single Game Tickets"
- 4) Scroll down to June 20th and hit
the green "Buy Tickets" button.
- 5) Enter coupon code "**SMCS2023**"
- 6) Choose your tickets.



To sit with the group it is encouraged to purchase tickets
in **Section 418**. Proceeds from each ticket purchased will
benefit the SMRS Parent-Teacher Organization!



PARISH OF SAINT 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 ~

Summer – time for swimming, gardening, vacationing
and **shopping for the Pantry!** Yes, the pantry will be open
throughout the summer. As always, we appreciate your
generous donations of nonperishable food items of all
kinds, including **tuna, instant potatoes, pasta, pasta
sauce, rice, canned chicken, applesauce, cereal,
crackers, peanut butter and jelly.** Nonfood items such
as **soap, shampoo, bathroom tissue, toothpaste and
toothbrushes** are also welcome.

You may leave your donations in the Gathering
Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena
churches, or you may deliver them directly to the pantry
at the O'Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a
on Wednesday mornings.**

Many thanks for your ongoing generosity!



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities,
to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning
June 22nd, the feast of **Saints Thomas More and John Fisher**, the
USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect, and act** to promote
religious freedom. For more information, please check out the USCCB
website: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>.

GRAVE REUSE FOR CREMATED REMAINS

Grave reuse is an alternative option for owners of an existing burial privilege. Grave reuse allows for the addition of cremated remains to an existing grave, crypt, or niche. Not only does this keep a family together and respect the deceased's personal wishes, but it follows the Catholic teaching of interring remains on sacred ground. Owners of a burial privilege can add burial rights for cremated remains depending on the type and location of the grave, crypt, or niche owned. A member of our staff can advise as to what would be available for the specific location and grave or crypt type.

To learn more, please visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 800-594-4980 and a member of our staff will gladly help you.

*"The righteous cry out, the LORD hears
and He rescues them from all their afflictions."
Psalms 34:18*



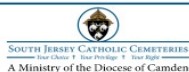
2023 HOLIDAY CLEANUP SCHEDULE

Your understanding and cooperation in complying with the cemetery guidelines helps to preserve the safety, beauty, and sacredness of our Catholic cemeteries. For a copy of our cemetery guideline brochure, please visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or contact the cemetery office. These guidelines apply all year not just for the dates listed below. We reserve the right to remove, at any time, unsightly or wilted flowers and items not permitted.

Holiday	Cleanup to Begin the Week of:
Christmas (12/25)	January 16, 2023
St. Patrick's Day (3/17)	March 27, 2023
Easter (4/9)	April 17, 2023
Mother's Day (5/14)	May 22, 2023
Memorial Day (5/29)	June 5, 2023
Father's Day (6/18)	June 26, 2023
Independence Day (7/4)	July 10, 2023
Labor Day (9/4)	September 12, 2023
Halloween (10/31)	November 13, 2023
Veterans Day (11/11) & Thanksgiving (11/23)	December 4, 2023
Christmas*	January 15, 2024

Please Note: Dates may be affected by weather conditions, daily funerals, or events at the cemetery. If there are items that you would like to keep, please ensure that they are picked up before the cleanup date.

*Grave blankets and wreaths laid at Thanksgiving will be left until January.



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(800) 594-4980 | SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org



Please know that you can easily find Diocesan audio podcasts and YouTube resources from local Catholic experts, produced by the Office of Communications with the Catholic Star Herald, to share with others at talking.catholicstarherald.org/

Subscribe to these YouTube channels to view all videos:

Subscribe to the Catholic Star Herald YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCLK-2e35CrjDzJlprO6s4Q

Subscribe to the Talking Catholic YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCKPigUnilpN77DldUfyweow



RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

Upcoming programs will be held August 18th through August 20th and again October 6th through October 8th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or please call 215-766-3944 or 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Pope John Paul II said, "I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter." Worldwide Marriage Encounter is being supported by Bishop Sullivan for support of Catholic married couples.

Real home improvement is not about hammers and nails. It's about relationship. Enrich your marriage. Enrich your home. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is September 29th through October 1st.

Questions? Need more information? Please call our Application Couple at 609-741-8012 or please email: applications@wwme-southjersey.org.

You can also visit our website wwme-southjersey.org.



Diocese of Camden
Family & Youth Office
and Life & Justice Office
present

PHILLIES vs METS

PHANS FEEDING FAMILIES

Saturday June 24, 2023

4:00pm

Citizens Bank Park
1 Citizens Bank Way,
Philadelphia, PA

Tickets: \$40.00

LIMITED TICKETS

Join us for a day of fun and service as we join
The Phillies in the Fight against Hunger!
All families are encouraged to bring
non-perishable food items that day as we
celebrate Phans Feeding Families!!

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