



May 22, 2022 | 6th Sunday of Easter

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

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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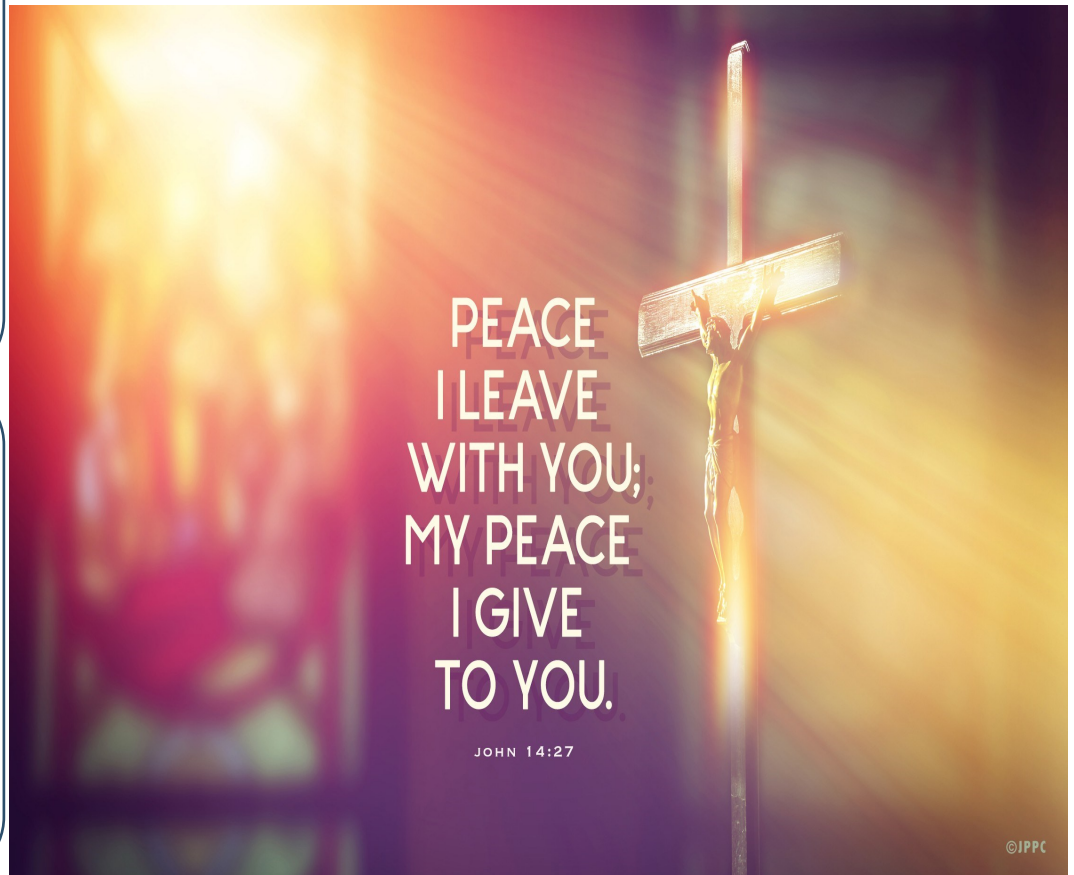
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:00 noon

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

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

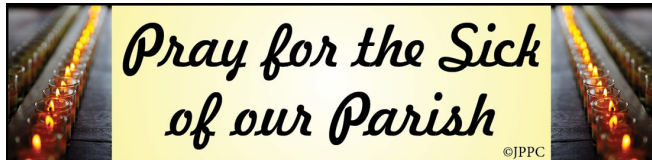
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*Please visit our website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>
or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PSMAinDoC>*

FEARLESS STEWARDSHIP

"... Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
~ John 14:27 ~

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a Stewardship plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.



Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena, Debbie Fazio, Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries, Lorraine Kreiner, Steven Lord, Pat Luko, John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, and Susan Webster

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

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 21ST**

4:00p John Mitchell by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a The People of the Parish

10:00a Angelo Ruberti, Sr. by Fred & Donna Ruberti

MONDAY, MAY 23RD

9:00a Edward G. Herron

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH

9:00a Grace Visalli by Mary Visalli

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH

*BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH,
GREGORY VII, POPE, & MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI, VIRGIN*

9:00a A Special Intention by Nancy Wright

THURSDAY, MAY 26TH

PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

9:00a Dorothy Idler

FRIDAY, MAY 27TH

AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

9:00a No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 28TH

4:00p Adelfa Baruffi by The Arnold Family

SUNDAY, MAY 29TH

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00a Peter Zeiss by MaryLou Cuneo

10:00a The People of the Parish

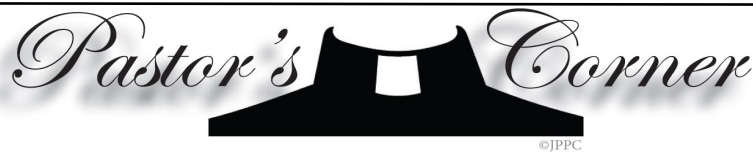
SANCTUARY CANDLE

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 \$10. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

*The Sanctuary Candle in
Saint Catherine of Siena Church
Burns in Loving Memory of Our Mother
Helen Sandelier*

Requested by Her Loving Children





Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

“Why?” the child asks when a parent gives an ultimatum about doing something. ***“Because I said so.”*** the parent answers. Let’s face it. This has never been a very satisfactory answer for a child. And we can probably imagine a teenager rolling his or her eyes when they get this response. This answer doesn’t give any explanation for doing what is asked, but simply states a chain of command ... a line of authority. In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus’ desire that we keep His words functions something like a ***“Because I said so.”***

Extraordinary gifts are given to us if we keep His words. His words rest on the authority of Himself, His Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is about as high that a chain of command ... a line of authority ... can get. It all rests on ***“If you loved Me ...”***

To enable us to keep His word, Jesus promises us the gift of a divine indwelling – the Holy Spirit – through whom we are recreated as persons able to live and to love as Jesus Himself did. We are a new creation empowered to continue the mission of Jesus in peace and with fearlessness. To be created anew means that we share in the Life of the Risen Lord – in a very real way, we share in Jesus’ very identity. Indeed, this is the gift of Baptism ... we are members of the Body of Christ. Only because we share in Jesus’ identity as members of His Body can we love as He does, can we truly keep His word, and can we carry on His saving mission.

Jesus’ word is a promise of a new relationship with Him and His Father, where God comes and dwells within us through the power of the Holy Spirit. We keep His word, therefore, when we embody in our living the fearlessness and peace of Jesus Christ, and we demonstrate the Presence of the Holy Spirit within us. We keep His word when we respond to the indwelling divine Love with self-giving as modeled by Jesus. The truth and power come from within. It is the truth and power of the Holy Spirit. We are fearless not because of our own power, but because of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

The word of Jesus we are to keep is His command to love as He loves us. Jesus’ word, however, is not simply spoken – ***“Because I said so”*** – but is love-in-action. His love-in-action is the gift of the Holy Spirit of peace, of untroubled hearts, of rejoicing, and of believing. His love-in-action is ultimately the gift of Resurrection and of new Life and relationship with Him. Our love-in-action flows from the gift of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us and teaching us to keep Jesus’ word-command to love. Our love-in-action is risen Life-made-visible. Jesus’ ***“Because I said so”*** is so much more than empty words. It is His own obedience to His Father, His own handing over His Spirit, and His own love-in-action. It must be ours as well.

Living the Paschal Mystery is as demanding as loving with the same self-giving as Jesus, and as easy as responding to God’s indwelling as an intimate Friend who is always with us, never forsakes us, and at all times is there for us giving care and strength. These last few weeks before Pentecost when we celebrate the gift of the Spirit are so important for our daily Christian living – they remind us that as disciples we never have to feel like the whole task of living the Gospel falls on our shoulders alone. God is always present, dwelling within us, giving us the strength we need to be faithful to Jesus’ commands. Only in this way can our everyday lives be fruitful, can we keep Jesus’ word as our own word, and can we show forth Jesus’ love-in-action.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us!

Fr. Larry



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

Memorial Day Mass Schedule

May 30, 2022 at 10:00a

Remembering Those Who Have Served and Who Have Gone Before Us

Memorial Day Masses are held in most of our Catholic Cemeteries to honor those who have served our country and paid with the ultimate sacrifice.

New Saint Mary Cemetery & Mausoleum

515 Browning Rd, Bellmawr 08031

Calvary Cemetery & Mausoleum

2398 Route 70 West, Cherry Hill 08002

Holy Cross Cemetery & Mausoleum

5061 Harding Hwy., Mays Landing 08330

All Saints Cemetery

1300 Tuckahoe Rd., Newfield 08344

Saint Joseph Cemetery

Paulsboro-Swedesboro Rds., Swedesboro 08085

Sacred Heart Cemetery & Mausoleum

741 E Walnut Ave., Vineland 08360

Saint Mary Cemetery

Walnut & Newton Aves., Williamstown 08094

"I command you: be strong and steadfast!

Do not fear nor be dismayed,

for the LORD, your God, is with you wherever you go."

~ Joshua 1:9 ~



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

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

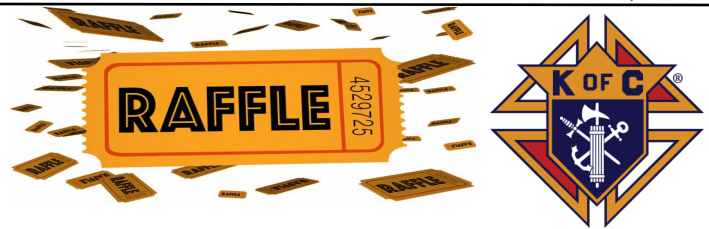
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23

or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53



The Knights of Columbus are raffling off (4) \$100 gift certificates to the Franklinville Inn. The drawing will be held on June 1, 2022. Monies raised will be used to support the Council and various charitable missions and causes. Anyone looking for tickets can contact any Knight or John Ryder at 856-307-9997.



FROM MANY
...One Body



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 ~

As we move forward into spring, a season of renewal and rebirth, our parish food pantry continues to provide assistance to those who come to our church seeking a helping hand. If you would like to help, you may leave your donations of nonperishable items 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 10:15a to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings**. There will be a bench outside the pantry on which you may leave your donations. You may honk your car horn before driving away to alert us of your presence so that we may retrieve the items. **Please, leave your food donations outside the pantry on Wednesday mornings only.**

Here are some suggested items: **pasta, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken (or other canned meats), rice, pudding, peanut butter and jelly.** Also, nonfood items such as **soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are appreciated.

*Thank you
for your continued support and generosity!*



On Thursday, May 19th, Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation upon 17 members of our Parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journeys of faith as fully-initiated members of the Church.

KAELYN "LUCIA" BRADY
 OLIVIA "EMILY" CAPECCI
 MATTHEW "JOHN THE BAPTIST" CARR
 WILLIAM "JOSEPH" CHESTNUT
 AUBREY "TERESA OF CALCUTTA" DAVEY
 BRIANNA "BERNADETTE" DEAL
 BRIANNA "ROSALIA" DEMAIO
 ARIELLE "CECILIA" FURDYNA
 KALOB "DOMINIC" FURDYNA
 ASHYER "ROSE OF LIMA" GIBBONS
 ANDREW "MATTHEW" GOMERINGER
 ELLA "SERAPHINA" HUNTSINGER
 JOSEPH "SEBASTIAN" LARRO
 FRIEDA "KATERI TEKAKWITHA" NICHOLS
 ANDREW "ISIDORE OF SEVILLE" RZUCIDLO
 RILEY "FRANCIS OF ASSISI" SHEEL
 KEEGAN "LUCY" TURNER

CONGRATULATIONS!

DEVOTION TO Mary remains a hallmark of the Catholic faith. Some people unfamiliar with our religion assume that prayer to Mary forms the backbone of the Mass. Wrong! Prayer to Mary is certainly the backbone of the Rosary, but there isn't a single prayer addressed to Mary in the entire Mass, front to back, on any day of the liturgical year.

When it comes to prayer, we acknowledge Hebrews 7:25, which says Christ lives for ever to make intercession for us. So we direct our prayers to God through Christ.

However, because of Mary's central role in salvation history, she makes several appearances in the texts at every Mass, every day of the liturgical year.

Most important, Mary's name is pronounced right in the heart of Mass in the Eucharistic Prayer. She is called by two titles made mystic by their juxtaposition: virgin and mother. In the second Eucharistic Prayer for children, she is also called "Mother of God and our mother."

Mary also appears in the Creed, as the virgin who conceived the Word made flesh.

PARISH OFFICE
Closed

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, May 30th
 in observance of Memorial Day.
 It will reopen Tuesday, May 31st
 at 10:00a.

UNITED FOR LIFE EVENT

A PRO-LIFE EVENT SPONSORED BY THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN OFFICE OF LIFE & JUSTICE



"THE SILENT VICTIMS OF ABORTION CANNOT DEFEND OR SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. THEY WILL NEVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THE TALENTS AND STRENGTHS GOD GAVE THEM!"

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH HALL
 724 MAPLE AVENUE, LINWOOD, NJ
 NOON LUNCH/ 1:00 PROGRAM

A CALL TO PRO-LIFE ADVOCATES TO COME TOGETHER

TO BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS!
 TO HELP ESTABLISH A PRO-LIFE MINISTRY IN YOUR PARISH
 FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNITE WITH OTHER PRO-LIFE ADVOCATES IN THE DIOCESE.
 SEE HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND HELP SAVE LIVES.



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At times we celebrate a Mass in her honor, under a title like Mary, Mother of the Church, or to commemorate an event in her life, like the Visitation. A preface often prayed on these days echoes her song of praise, the Magnificat. But most frequently she is remembered as the Virgin Mother.

By connecting these two titles of Mary, the church invites us to reflect on her son. Mary's special role as the Virgin Mother reminds us that the miraculous birth of Jesus introduced the world to an extraordinary child whose miracles would never cease.

At first, the title "Mother of God" sounds wrong. God is the uncreated creator of all. How could God have a mother? That puzzling question draws us into a deeper meditation on the identity of Jesus. Because Jesus is both fully God and fully human, Mary must be called Mother of God.

In the liturgy Mary's role always bows to her son. She gives birth to him not only in time but in the liturgy and in our hearts. During the month of May, many will address devotions to Mary, and rightly so. But she will direct them to Christ.

Pray for Peace in Ukraine

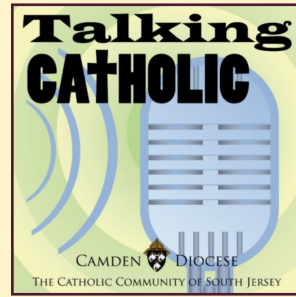
The Cathedral Clothing Store in Camden

Cathedral Clothing Store located on Broadway Street underneath the Diocesan Chancery Offices in Camden has reopened. Currently, they are open on Wednesdays from 10a to 1p. They have free clothing for children to adults for those in need. There are dress pants, suitcoats, and dresses for adults who may want to make a modest offering. Great for job interviews, weddings, and other formal occasions! If you know of anyone in need, please send them to the Cathedral Clothing Store on Broadway in Camden. As the store gains in popularity, it will be open on Mondays and Fridays as well.



<https://camdendiocese.org/livestreammass/>

You can use the above link to for live-stream Masses in the Diocese, outside the Diocese, or on the radio.



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May 22, 2022 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 | Jn 14:23-29

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

In the reading from John's Gospel today, Jesus eases into the message he has for his disciples – a message he knows they don't want to hear: He has to leave them. But Jesus tells his disciples that if they love him and keep his commandments, he and the Father will "make their dwelling" within them. He then assures them they will not be alone: The Advocate will come to not only remind them of all he taught them, but also teach them everything they need to know in the future. Finally, he offers them peace, the peace that comes only through the Spirit and draws them closer to God. Though Jesus knows they are broken-hearted that he is leaving, he tells them to rejoice if they love him, for he is returning to his Father. Jesus' words to the first disciples ring true for every disciple throughout the ages. He does not leave anyone who loves him alone. He sends his Spirit to dwell in us, to teach and remind us of his love and how to love one another. The Spirit guides us, encourages us, and sustains us – always. We are never alone.

STUDY The Acts of the Apostles is an amazing account of how Jesus' followers grew from a small group of frightened people into the courageous and zealous missionaries who founded his Church. Read the *catechism* from 687-747 to learn more about the Holy Spirit and pray for the grace to let him work in and through you for the salvation of all who seek him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The first Christians, guided by the Holy Spirit, shared this message with the Gentile communities to whom they were ministering: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities." This is a profound moment in the Church as it shows first, the power of the Holy Spirit working in and with the Apostles; and second, the importance of faith (not ritual circumcision, or other human laws) for salvation. The Gospel is intended for all, without exception, and the Holy Spirit is our help and our Advocate in our own lives of faith, and in our sharing of that faith with others. Let us seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit in all we do, that we might be a blessing, not a burden, for everyone seeking the glory of God's light.

