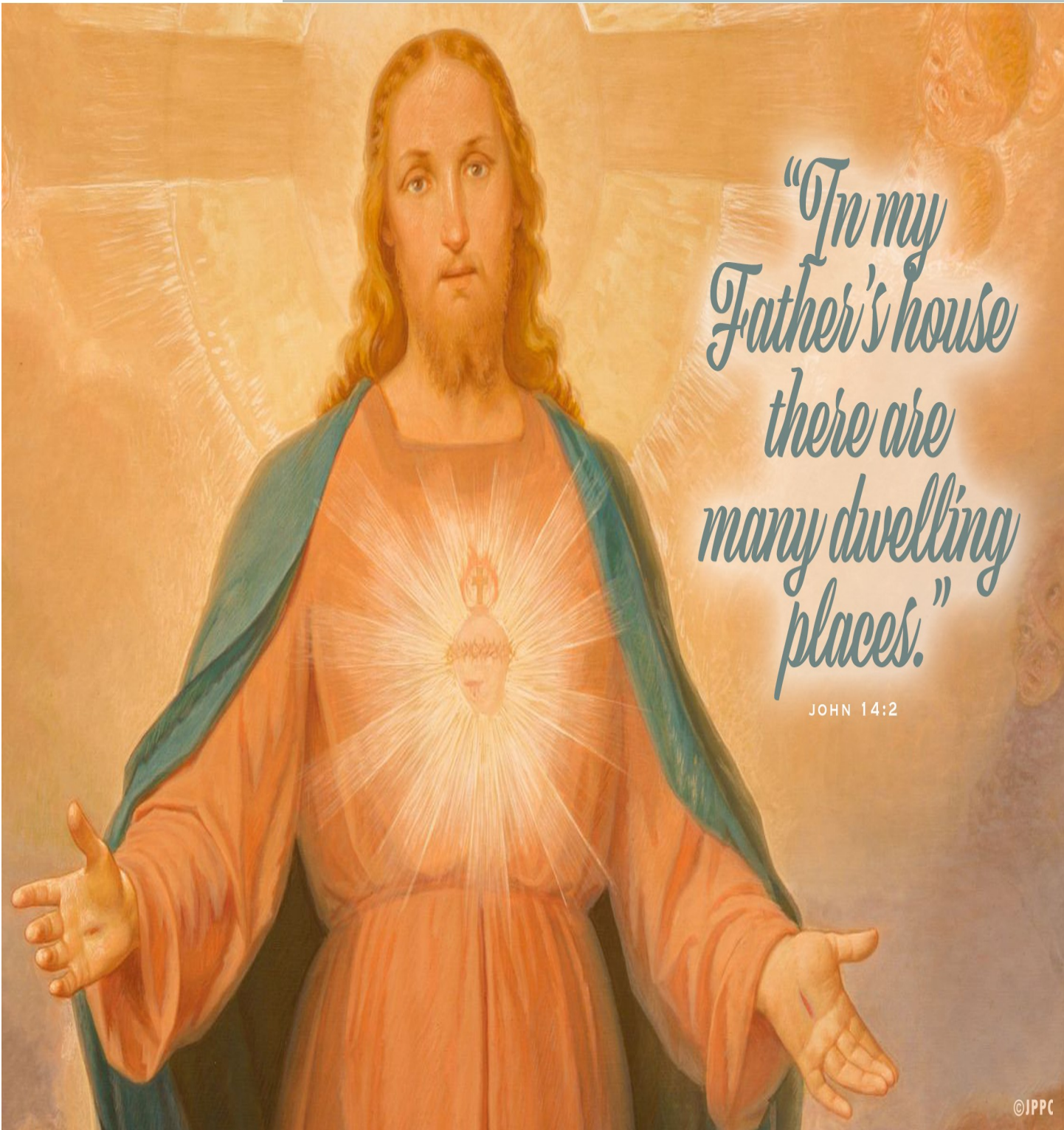




May 10, 2020 | 5th Sunday of Easter

**THE PARISH OF
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE**



*"In my
Father's house
there are
many dwelling
places."*

JOHN 14:2

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MASS *Intentions*

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

Mothers' Day Intention

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mothers' Day Intention

MONDAY, MAY 11TH

Mothers' Day Intention

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH

NEREUS, ACHILLEUS, & PANCRAS

Mothers' Day Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Mothers' Day Intention

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

MATTHIAS

Mothers' Day Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

ISIDORE THE FARMER

Mother's Day Intention

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

Frances Cesanek *by Her Loving Husband, Jim*

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

James McCann *by His Loving Wife & Children
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.

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

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr & EM2 William Little

US Marine Corps

Gy Sgt Brad Davis, Cpl Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

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

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Rob Christian,
Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein,
Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman,
Sherry Jeffries, Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero,
Steven Lord, John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride,
Gerry McCloskay, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,
Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster



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PARISH OFFICE: 49 W North St, Clayton, NJ 08312-1114 **PHONE:** 856-881-9155 **FAX:** 856-881-9166

OFFICE HOURS:

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, please call or e-mail the Parish Office at PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR 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.psmaj-nj.com>



Did you know that you can submit your weekly contributions via the mail or even drop them off?

The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel accepts your weekly contributions via online giving, however, if you prefer, your envelopes **can be mailed** or can be dropped off at the Parish Office. (If you want to drop off your envelopes to the Parish Office, please call or e-mail us first and we'll let you know where and how you can drop them off safely.)

Mass Intention Book

You will notice from the Mass Intentions on the second page of the bulletin that there are many open Masses during the week ...

In this time of COVID-19, social distancing, and closed Parish Offices and churches, you can still request a Mass or Sanctuary candle. (Our Lord is still present in the Tabernacles of both Saint Catherine of Siena and Nativity churches.)

You can call 856-881-9155 or you can e-mail PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com to make your request. You can then send your Mass stipend to the Parish Office via regular mail or drop it off at the Parish Office. (I will give you instructions how to drop off your stipend, if that is your choice, when you call or e-mail the Office ... I also ask that your stipend be received at least one (1) week in advance of your requested Mass (so that it can be printed in the bulletin).

As per the directives of the Bishop, I continue to say Mass **daily, privately** for the intentions of the Parish and for an end to COVID-19. I look forward to once again saying public Masses and pray that will be soon.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Parish during these extraordinary times.

Fr. Larry



THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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

Saint Mother Teresa once said, “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” You can make a difference in someone’s life right here in our local community by donating any nonperishable food item of your choice to our pantry.

Suggested items include, but are definitely not limited to, **pasta sauce, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, oatmeal, pancake mix, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly.**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!

Something to consider ...

Every day is Passover, in the sense that every day we are called **“to pass from former ways to newness of life.”**

STEWARDS ARE CORNERSTONES

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”
~ 1 PETER 2:7 ~

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms as Christian **Stewards**. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember – no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

Covid-19: A Prayer of **Solidarity**

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.



For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.

Amen.



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Notes from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mothers' Day! I hope it is a good one for all of our Moms, Grand-Moms, and Great-Grand Moms. Happy Mothers' Day to all the God-Moms, Step-Moms, and Moms-to-Be out there. As I began thinking about what I was going to write about for this Fifth Sunday of Easter, my Mom has been very much on my mind. Actually, both of my parents have been, especially as we're all in the reality of COVID-19 ... lots of time alone with my own thoughts. It's hard to believe that it's coming up on thirteen years since Mom went to be with God. I miss her every day, but especially today ... and I hope all of you who still have their Moms around ... tell them you love them ... if you can, be with them and enjoy this day that we celebrate in their honor with them.

In our pre-COVID-19 world, short-term leave-takings were not usually given much thought – husband and wife kissed each other before leaving for work and hugged the children off to school. Most long-term leave-takings were pretty difficult, especially when those parting company love each other deeply. However, it is always heart-rending to hear military families talk about the leave-taking of their loved one ... how much a hole in family life this absence creates. On the other hand, even perfect strangers get teary-eyed watching young children or spouses run excitedly up to their soldier-parent-spouse at the airport or watching a long-deployed ship anchor in safe harbor with the sailors lined along the decks waving exuberant greetings. Long-term leave-takings leave us sad. Homecomings bring joy to our hearts.

It is no surprise to us then, to hear in this weekend's Gospel the worry and confusion of the disciples. Jesus is talking to them about leaving, and although He promises to return and take them to Himself, these are hardly comforting words. They probably don't even hear them. What they hear is that Jesus is leaving. They are lost. They do not **"know the way."**

At the same time, Jesus' words in this weekend's Gospel from the Last Supper discourse are reassuring ones. **"Do not let your hearts be troubled."** Yet Thomas and Philip, who hear Jesus also tell them that He is leaving, are not reassured and question Him anxiously. The leap from the Jesus at the Last Supper to the Jesus after the Resurrection is one giant step ... one the disciples have not yet taken. These disciples cannot understand that Jesus' leave-taking is not permanent. He is not abandoning His disciples. They have not come to understand what it means for Jesus to rise from the dead.

But we have taken this leap. We are an Easter people. We have received the Holy Spirit who empowers us to know Jesus, through Him to know the Father, and to do the works of Jesus Christ. Believing this lessens all troubles, all anxiety. Believing this helps us know the way to Jesus and to the Father. This weekend's Gospel is challenging us to enter into a profound relationship with the risen Jesus, which ultimately means we share a profound relationship with the Father as well, through their Spirit of love.

The root of all religious desire is union with God. The bold claim of Christianity is that God meets this desire by coming to us in Christ, and we come to God in Christ: **"No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

As we move toward Pentecost, we find ourselves more and more challenged to encounter the risen Jesus, to believe deeply that He is risen and dwells among and within us. We encounter Jesus and come to greater belief by doing the works of Jesus and by recognizing the risen Jesus in one another. The very practical challenge here is that our Baptism plunges us not only into a relationship with God ... Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ... but also into a profound relationship with each other. Therefore, our belief in the Resurrection and the Good News of salvation is played out concretely in the way we treat others in justice, mercy, forgiveness, and love.

Relationships always make demands on us. Moreover, we cannot have a relationship with Jesus and the Father without relationships with our fellow human beings. That is both the challenge and the Good News. It is also the promise that Jesus' leave-taking is not long-term. He is always with us.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe on this Easter day and always! And again, Happy Mother's Day! Continued prayers for all Moms, today!

Fr. Larry

PSMA & ConnectNow | Giving

Is Online Giving Safe?

Online Giving meets the highest banking-level security standards set forth by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) to ensure safe and confidential transactions. In fact, your banking information is encrypted in the system and is not accessible to any users or administrators of the Online Giving system. When you manage your own account information, your church never needs to handle checks or worry about locking up documents containing your account information. And you'll always be certain that your gifts are direct-deposited into your church's account.

What are the advantages of Online Giving?

It makes it easy to give, even when you are unable to attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan its budget!

How my contributions are automatically deducted from my account?

Once you complete the online registration form, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.

When will my contribution be deducted from my account?

Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify on the "My Gifts" page of the Online Giving system.

If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?

Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement as well as your online reports.

Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?

Your bank statement and the Online Giving system both provide reports that document your electronic transactions.

Can I put different amounts in offerings and have all of them withdrawn at different times?

You can contribute to different offerings at different times; however, you will have to do each one separately. You will receive a receipt for each one.

What if I change bank accounts?

Log in and update your account information in the My Payment Methods window. Each checking/savings can be changed using the edit button, deleted completely, or new accounts can be added on the right side of the screen.

How much does Online Giving cost?

It costs you absolutely nothing! The parish pays the transactions fees charged by the company.

What if I try Online Giving and don't like it?

You can cancel your authorization by cancelling your gifts and donation dates at any time.



While we make our way through Easter Time, we are pointed to the eventuality of the Ascension. Jesus tells the disciples not to be troubled: He will prepare a place for them and will come back to take them to Himself. The disciples are confused. Jesus confronts their fear, and in doing so, points to His union with the Father and promises that those who believe in Him will do great works through Him.

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion

BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

MY JESUS,

I BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE, AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

AMEN.




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WITH BISHOP DENNIS SULLIVAN

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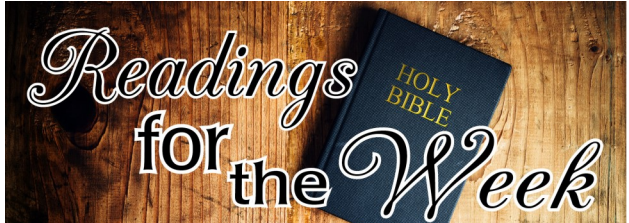




Join Bishop Dennis Sullivan on Sundays at 10:30 AM as he celebrates Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden. The Mass will be celebrated without a congregation.

Mass will be broadcast via

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Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



Your parish misses you!

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Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.
We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.
Amen.

