

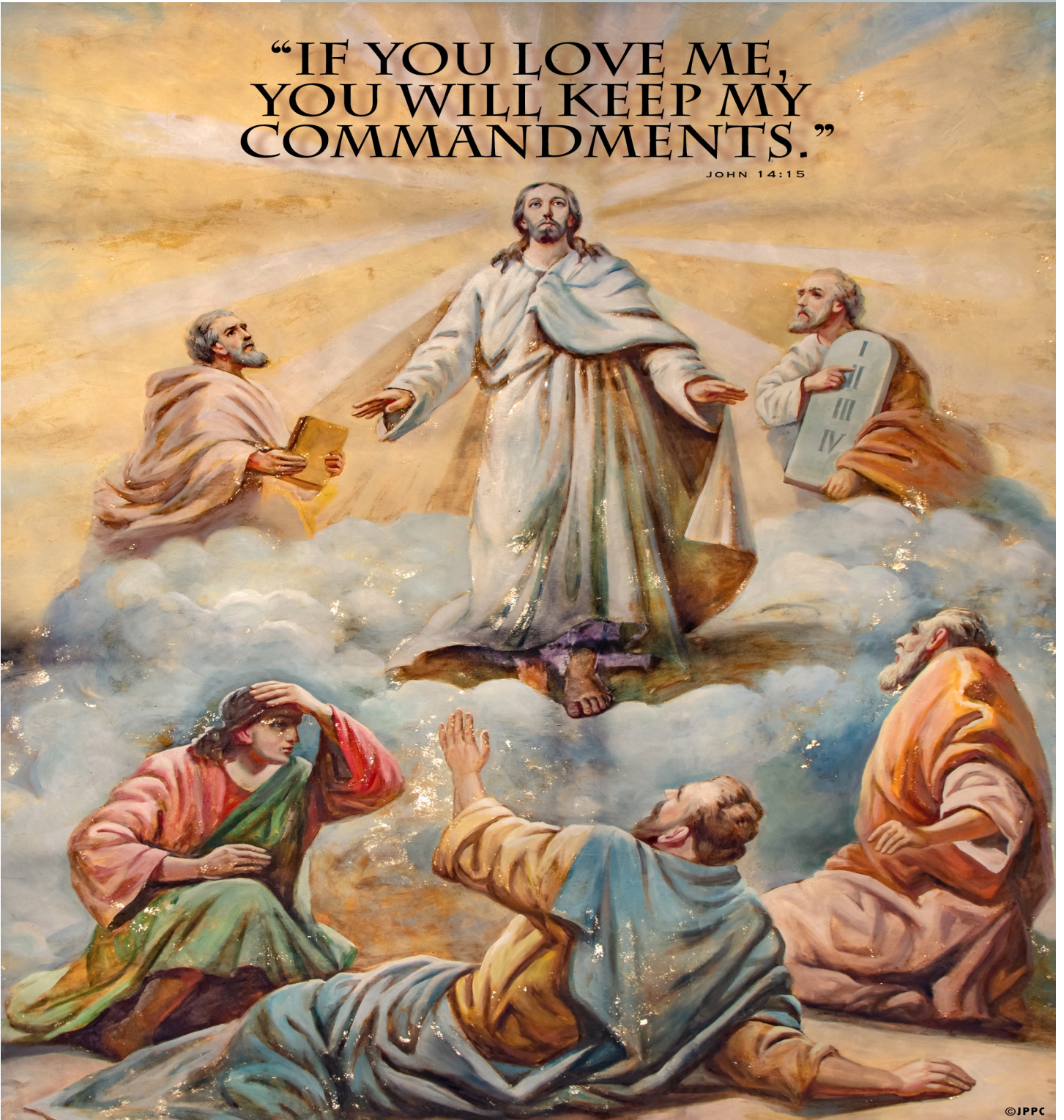


May 17, 2020 | 6th Sunday of Easter

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

**“IF YOU LOVE ME,
YOU WILL KEEP MY
COMMANDMENTS.”**

JOHN 14:15



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MASS *Intentions*

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SATURDAY, MAY 16THFrances Cesanek *by Her Loving Husband, Jim*SUNDAY, MAY 17TH6TH SUNDAY OF EASTERJames McCann *by His Loving Wife & Children
People of the Parish*MONDAY, MAY 18TH

JOHN I

*No Parish Intention*TUESDAY, MAY 19TH*No Parish Intention*WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH

BERNADINE OF SIENA

Julia Kratson – *Birthday Remembrance
by Grandchildren, Larry, Ed, & Kathy*THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

CHRISTOPHER MAGELLANES & COMPANIONS

Edward Kosinski *by The Cosenza Family*FRIDAY, MAY 22ND

RITA OF CASCIA

*No Parish Intention*SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION

Fred & Marie DeBellis *by The Cosenza Family*SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Jeff Hoffman *by Rocky & Susan Costa
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

Be the reason
SOMEONE
SMILES
today!



NATIVITY: 2677 Delsea Dr, Franklinville **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA:** 700 N Delsea Dr, Clayton

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>



Effective **Tuesday, May 30, 2020** and when **COVID-19 Restrictions are eased**, our summer Daily Mass Schedule and Parish Office hours will go into effect and will remain so at least through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2020. **Mass locations to be determined based upon social distancing restrictions.**

Daily Mass Schedule

- Monday – 9:00a
- Tuesday – 9:00a
- Wednesday – 9:00a
- Thursday – 9:00a
- Friday – No Daily Mass
- Saturday – No Morning Mass

Weekend Mass Schedule

- Saturday: (Vigil) 4:00p
- Sunday: 8:00a
- Sunday: 10:45a

Parish Office Hours*

- Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday – 9:00a until 12:00 noon, 1:00p until 4:30p
- Thursday – 10:00a until 12:30p

** or by appointment ... please call the Parish Office to schedule*



As of May 11, 2020 ...

You have donated **\$47,080.00**
or **57.4%** of our goal of **\$82,061**

We're better than half-way there!
Let's keep it going!

*Thank you for your generosity
to the House of Charity!*

**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 ...

God's love for us, revealed through Jesus, is key in the Gospel. The way we show we love God is by following the example of Jesus Christ.

STEWARDSHIP GOODNESS

*“For it is better to suffer for doing good,
if that be God's will,
than for doing evil.”
~ 1 PETER 3:17 ~*

The old line says, *“If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.”* Many **Stewards** are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes and we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times, we may respond negatively and ask, *“Why me? I did everything right!”* Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

Stewardship in Action

Ordinary Income
April 21st to May 11th
\$12,112.00

Online Giving
April 21st to May 11th
\$1,550.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!



Dear Parishioners,

Notes from the Pastor

Many of you might remember *As the World Turns* as a daytime soap opera that drew viewers for over fifty years, finally showing its last episode in 2010. Like other soaps, it showed both the good and the bad sides of its characters, but its popularity largely turned on the seedy aspects of their personal lives. Its “world” was a good example to the “world” described by Saint John this weekend ... the “world” that cannot accept the “Spirit of Truth,” as Jesus says in the Gospel.

In Saint John’s Gospel, “world” refers to everything opposed to God and being obedient to Jesus’ commandments. The “world” sees neither Jesus nor the “Spirit of Truth.” ***Faithful disciples do.*** The “world” does not love. ***Faithful disciples do.*** The “world” does not have life. ***Faithful disciples do. Faithful disciples see, love, and live because of the Father’s gift of the Spirit dwelling within them.*** This divine indwelling is God’s very love. We are to be God’s love made visible, that the world may see Jesus, come to the truth, and choose to live in faithful love.

Some people think of commandments and laws as burdensome and restrictive. They often break them with seeming impunity (as is often the case in TV soap operas). The Gospel this weekend shows us another way to look at commandments and laws – as expressions of our love for God. Keeping the commandments and obeying laws must always be within the context of love. Commandments and laws cannot be isolated and kept for their own sake. If looked at that way, they only tend to breed resentment, anger, and fear. Jesus suggests that we keep His commandments because our love for Him has established a deep and intimate relationship between us that spills out into acts we know will be pleasing to the Beloved. Thus, love is revealed in a threefold action: Jesus loves His disciples by revealing Himself to them ... the Father shows love by sending the Spirit to dwell with disciples always ... disciples love Jesus by keeping His commandments. The fruit of all this loving is intimate relationship with Jesus and the Father and faithfulness in keeping commandments and obeying laws. Thus, Jesus assures us we are not alone ... we are not orphans. ***We are the beloved of God.***

In order to love Jesus, we must “see” the Spirit. This is only possible if we, through the goodness of our daily living ... what we say, what we do, how we act, how we treat others ... continues to deepen the love relationship we have with God. Love makes all things visible.

On our own, it is impossible to either know God or to love God. This is why the Gospel this weekend is so reassuring when Jesus promises us the Spirit who “*remains with us and will be in us.*” If we wish to grow in our love of God, we must first become attentive to the Spirit who dwells within us. We come to see the Spirit with us (who is really the Presence of the Risen Jesus in us) by taking sufficient time to be aware of the Beloved so near us. The Life within us is the love we are able to make visible.

One way to see the Spirit is by being faithful to prayer – not just saying prayers but focusing on God’s Presence within. Prayer is an essential, daily practice that helps us become more attuned to God’s loving Presence. Another way to become aware of God’s loving Presence is by regularly remembering all God’s goodness to us and by cultivating grateful hearts. A third way is to see those around us ... those who are being faithful to God’s commandments and laws and appreciate those acts as expressions of another’s love for God. If we but see, Jesus reveals Himself to 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

Fr. Larry

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MAY ON-LINE PROGRAMMING



ALL episodes are either live-streamed or released at 8p, Monday through Thursday on the Diocese of Camden social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCamden>

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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.

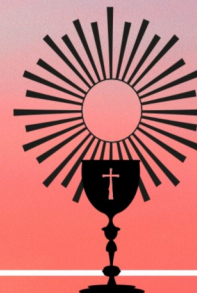
SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

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.



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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Introduction to Lay Ministry/Catechetical Ministry

Event details
May 5 – June 9, 2020
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

In the comfort of your own home.

REQUIRES internet access. Computer, smartphone, or phone connection may be used.

Introduction to Lay Ministry/Catechetical Ministry

Are you a practicing Catholic who is hungry for more knowledge about Catholic teaching?
Are you in ministry with a desire to increase your knowledge about God and about the Church you serve?


CMIC—Church Ministry Institute Camden offers courses for you!

Courses are 6 weeks each. Cost is only \$60 for all six weeks.
You don't need to take them in any special order ... 15 different courses are offered over 3 years.

For registration contact: Cathy Johnson, site coordinator cjohnson@christourlight.net
For registration or information contact: Mary Lou Hughes Marylou.hughes@camdendiocese.org



This weekend's Gospel prepares us for the Ascension and the culmination of Easter in Pentecost. Christ, in the Spirit, is already present and abiding in us. How are we called to examine the ways the Lord is present in our lives? Where can we see and welcome Him? Where do we not want to let Him in? Where are we afraid to let Christ dwell within us and transform our living? The Lord gives us the gift of Easter joy so that our neighbors will recognize that we do nothing on our own, but rather we are acting in the faith of Jesus Christ and the Church.



TALKING CATHOLIC PRESENTS

Local YouTube shows and audio podcasts with information for all Catholics to help grow their faith and vocation

Talking.CatholicStarHerald.org



Working with Today's Youth



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Become a Missionary Disciple



A Perspective for Young Adults



When Life Gives You Lemons



Temas locales para la Comunidad Hispana



Interviews with great Catholics



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MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

WITH BISHOP DENNIS SULLIVAN

WATCH LIVE

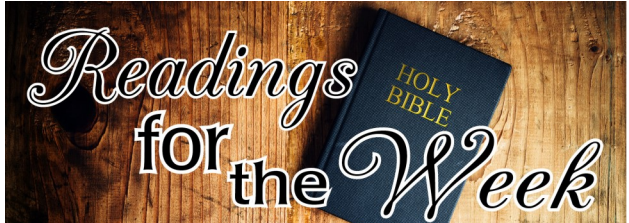




Join Bishop Dennis Sullivan on Sundays at 10:30 AM as he celebrates Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden. The Mass will be celebrated without a congregation.

Mass will be broadcast via

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCamden/>
<https://www.youtube.com/camdendiocese>
<https://twitter.com/camdendiocese>



Readings for the Week

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, 2cd-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; Mt 28:16-20



Go forth and set the world on fire.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

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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.

