



March 15, 2020 | 3rd Sunday of Lent

**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: 7p at Saint Catherine
Friday: 9a at Saint Catherine

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine
10:45a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

RECONCILIATION

Thursday immediately following
the 7p Mass at Saint Catherine
Saturday 3-3:30p at Nativity
or by appointment.
Please call the Parish Office.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday – 8a - 4:30p; Thursday & Friday – *By Appointment*

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

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome!* Please stop by the Parish Office, take a look at our website, or call to register

Please visit our website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>



SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

4:00p Anne Marie Polansky by Joan & Wil Carmona

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a Lori Luisi by Linda & Bill Fahy
10:45a People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH

9:00a The Holy Souls in Purgatory by The Wright Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH PATRICK

9:00a Thomas Austin, Sr. by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

9:00a Irene P. Carotenuto by The Aura Badge Staff

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH JOSEPH

7:00p Peter Kalnas by Angelo LaSpata & Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

9:00a No Intention
7:00p Stations of the Cross – Nativity, Franklinville

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a Robert Kain by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara
10:45a Judith E. Allen



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 Nativity burns this week in Loving Memory of

Thomas Austin, Sr.

Requested by Katherine O'Hara



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, LS2 Alex Hirst, 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



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, Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster

The Stations of the Cross



GOD-CENTERED STEWARDSHIP

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
 ~ JOHN 4:13 ~

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become His Stewards, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".



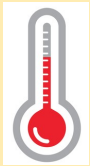
Your support of the 2020 *House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal* ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the healing, teaching and redemptive Presence of Jesus Christ throughout Southern New Jersey. It allows us to help our neighbors.

Your gift matters to your neighbor.

“Who is my Neighbor?”

Support the 2020 *House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal*
www.camdendiocese.org/hoc

As of March 9, 2020 ...



You have donated **\$43,875.00** ...
 ... or **53.5%** of our goal of **\$82,061.00**.

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

Thank you for your generosity
 to the House of Charity!

Rice Bowl Collection

Our Catholic community in the United States does something amazing each Lent. We come together to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving – and by doing so we help lift families and communities out of poverty.



In the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel, rather than the traditional cardboard “rice bowls,” we have included an envelope in your quarterly envelope mailings. While they were dated for **March 8th**, you can donate to the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl anytime during Lent. **This year, the Parish submits its total Rice Bowl contribution on June 1, 2020.**

Stewardship in Action

Weekend of 03/07 & 03/08

Ordinary Income
\$4,486.27

Online Giving – 02/25 to 03/08

\$1,075.00

Thank you for your continued generosity
 to our Parish!

Something to consider ...

As we continue through our Lenten journey, we are challenged to overcome fears and distractions, to find the Lord in our midst, and to bring others to Him.

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.

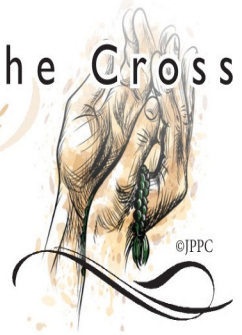
Suggested items include, but are definitely not limited to, **pasta sauce, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, oatmeal, pancake mix, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly.**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!

The Stations of the Cross

Jesus,
 Betrayed by
 Judas, is Arrested

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Private Family Estates Now Available at Gate of Heaven & All Saints Cemeteries

Private family estates are an excellent choice for families wishing to maintain an everlasting link amidst many generations. Family members are laid to rest together in a prominently and beautifully landscaped area designated specifically for them. Each estate is bordered by landscaping that outlines three quarters of the plot area. Family estates allow between two and eight full body burials with the option to purchase reuse burial rights for cremated remains. Families are able to bury up to 12 family members in our private family estates. Private family estates are now available at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Berlin and All Saints Cemetery in Newfield. Please visit www.SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) to speak with a member of our staff to learn more about private family estates.



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



Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

Conversations can be life-giving. They can bring about new insights. They can call forth a new self-understanding. This weekend's Gospel conversation begins with a Jewish man who is thirsty, a well, and a bucket. It leads to something much deeper that brought the Samaritan woman to new insight ... a new self-understanding. This conversation came to be life-giving for her ... and for us. Indeed, the whole Gospel unfolds as an insight into who / what is life-giving ... encountering Another who takes the time to speak to us ... having to face the truth of one's way of living ... doing God's will – the most satisfying “food” ... proclaiming the excitement of discovering Jesus as the “Savior of the world” ... coming to belief upon hearing the Word ... and desiring with all our heart for Jesus to “stay with us.”

The conversation that unfolds between Jesus and the Samaritan woman reveals what happens when we drink the life-giving water that Jesus offers ... we come face-to-face with the Savior of the world ... we admit the truth of our own lives ... we run to proclaim Jesus' presence and message to all who will hear. **Encounter ... truth ... proclamation** – this is the movement of our Lenten journey toward transformation and new life.

Jesus promises the Samaritan woman living water and promises the disciples food that satisfies beyond mere hunger. What is this living water that Jesus gives? It is Himself as “Savior” ... the “love of God ... poured into our hearts” (Second Reading) as the gift of the Spirit. Jesus helps the woman at the well go from a literal understanding of water to His gift of living water (the Spirit) by telling her everything that she had done. He helps her come to a new understanding that enables her to witness to Jesus as the Messiah. She began her “Lenten journey” at the well with an encounter with Jesus, faced the truth about herself that she needed to change, and eagerly proclaimed her newfound lease on life. She models for us what happens when we drink the life-giving water Jesus offers. She models for us insight and new understanding of a depth only God can give.

Coming to know Jesus as the Savior of the world requires a constant deepening of faith, a faith that comes from the “gift of God.” Our lives constantly play out the struggle to deepen our faith and get to know Jesus better. The journey of all disciples is to come to deeper belief, which leads to a deeper self-understanding as those who follow Jesus faithfully.

One way to deepen our faith and come to know Jesus better is by spending more time with Him as a friend. Lent is an opportune time to become more attentive to Jesus' presence – especially in prayer – and encounter Him who loves us, teaches us, and gives us life-giving water. Another way is to enumerate the blessings God has already given us and to remember that these truly are gifts from God. Yet another way to deepen our faith and come to know Jesus is to increase our self-understanding as Body of Christ and to make concrete efforts to act like Christ's Body. Things like saying “thank you” and smiling at another who looks sad or depressed are simple acts, but they remind us of who we are ... Christ for others. These kinds of everyday acts remind us that, like the Samaritan woman, we proclaim Jesus' presence by the truth of our own lives.

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

Fr. Larry



UPCOMING HOLY HOUR IN THE DIOCESE

Wednesday, March 25

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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Absecon



On Sunday, March 8th, Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation upon 25 members of our Parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journeys of faith as fully-initiated members of the Church.

Jacob **"Patrick"** Briles
Ana **"Marie"** Broan
Michael **"Michael"** Capecci
Emmalee **"Sara"** Coates
Logan **"John"** Driscoll
Traci **"Juliana"** Farrell
Anthony **"Matthew"** Formica
Shawn **"Valentine"** Freitag
Quinton **"Leo"** Groff
Alexandra **"Teresa"** Grundlock
Ava **"Adelina"** Huntsinger
Juliana **"Angela"** Larro
Justin **"James"** LoCicero
Daniel **"Francis"** Manders
Frank **"Charles"** Master
Jenna **"Mary"** Master
Francis **"Paul"** Nichols
Vincent **"Joseph"** Panzino
Caleb **"Xavier"** Ricca
Jordyn **"Cecilia"** Rosenberg
Natalie **"Jane"** Seeney
Chalie **"Peter"** Sheel
Paula **"Elizabeth"** Thompson
Joseph **"Sebastian"** Weyhmiller
Ellie **"Monica"** Wisniewski

CONGRATULATIONS!

During this season of Lent, we are called to reach out to those in need. This is an opportunity for each of us, our Parish, and even our schools, to actively think of ways we can be of service, perhaps in collecting food for the FaithFULL Food Drive or sending cards to people in prison.

Weekly Happenings at PSMA...

- ◆ **Monday, March 16th** – *Baptism Prep* will be held in the Rectory Conference Room (garage-side / ramp door) at 7p in Clayton
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 17th** – The *Pastoral Council* will meet in the basement of Saint Catherine Church in Clayton at 7p.
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 18th** – *Got Music? The Contemporary Choir* will meet from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 18th** – The *Knights of Columbus Council 6890* will meet in the basement of Saint Catherine Church in Clayton at 6:30p.
- ◆ **Thursday, March 19th** – *Confession* will be held immediately following the 7p Mass in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Friday, March 13th** – *Stations of the Cross with Benediction* at 7p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Saturday, March 21st** – *Confession* will be held from 3-3:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 22nd** – *Got Music? The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 22nd** – *Adult Faith Formation* will meet from 9-10:15a in the Rectory Conference Room (Ramp door, garage-side of building), Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 22nd** – *PREP* will meet in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, Clayton from 9-10:15a.



Knights of Columbus Council 6890 Scholarships

Due to the continued success of our fund-raisers, the KoC Council 6890 will again award two (2) one-time scholarships to any high school graduate with a 2.5 grade-point-average or above who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, or community and who will be attending any four-year or two-year accredited college or university.

A second scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to any eighth-grade student who plans to attend a Catholic high school.

Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. Applications are due by Monday, April 27, 2020. Please contact Ed Waligore at 856-881-2484 or 609-313-8680 for any questions you may have.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/2020 through 12/31/2020), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH, AT 3P.** at Mass in Mantua at Church of the Incarnation. Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available at all Parish Offices. Registration deadline is **May 6, 2020**. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Why do Catholics cover statues and crucifixes during Lent?



It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice (to cover crucifixes and religious statues in your home).

The rubrics can guide us. In the *Roman Missal* we find the instruction, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." This is the current practice of the Church, but veiling from the Fifth Sunday of Lent onward is miniscule compared to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany there was a tradition to veil the altar from view throughout all of Lent.

Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. Otherwise we only see the veiled images in church once or twice before Easter and it has a minor effect on us. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We often go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils?

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

Join the Seventh Annual
DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
FAITHFULL FOOD DRIVE

Sunday
MARCH
22

*In Southern New Jersey...
1 in 6 people are food insecure (1 in 5 are children)
20,000 seniors must choose between food and medications
Help us combat hunger!*

WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING



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| Canned Fruits & Vegetables | Canned Tuna Fish |
| Canned Vegetable Juice | Canned Chicken |
| Canned Tomato Products | Canned Beans |
| Canned Spaghetti Sauce | Canned Chili |
| Cooking Oils | Peanut Butter |
| Applesauce | Nuts |
| Canned Fruit Juice | Dried Oats |
| Jelly | Cereals |
| Canned Soup/Stews/Chili | Dry Rice |
| Dried Herbs & Spices | |

**** NON EXPIRED FOOD ONLY ****
Aim for 'no salt added,' 'low-sodium,' and
'whole grain' options!

**FOOD DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY CATHOLIC CHURCH
IN OUR DIOCESE ON MARCH 22! TO LEARN MORE, VISIT:
CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL**

The Stations of the Cross

*Jesus,
is Condemned
by the Sanhedrin*

LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

Daily Mass Readings – 3rd Week of Lent

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17;
Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38