



April 5, 2020 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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REGIONAL SCHOOL

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MY GOD, MY GOD,
WHY HAVE YOU
FORSAKEN ME?

MATTHEW 27:46

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: 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, APRIL 4TH

Frances Cesanek by Her Loving Husband

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Marie Napoli by Carin Haabak & Family
The People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH

Eleanor Kearney by the Wright Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

No Parish Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

No Parish Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Edward L Soltner by Stephanie Cosenza

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH GOOD FRIDAY

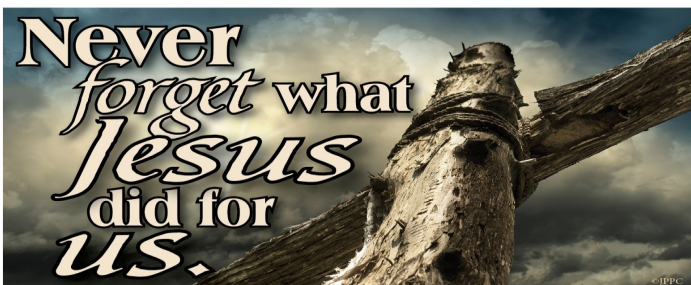
Passion of the Lord – 3:00p Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH HOLY SATURDAY

People of the Parish
Joe & June Costa by Rocky & Susan Costa

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY

Florence Bedwell by Stephanie Cosenza



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 Church
Burns in Memory of*

Anne Marie Polansky

Requested by Joan & Wil Carmona



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

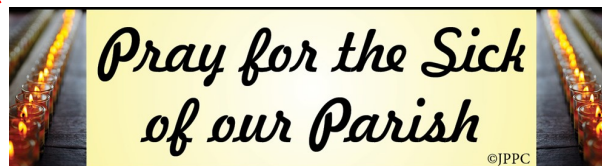
US Navy

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



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 McCloskay, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,
Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster

Stewardship Opportunities

*“As they were marching out,
they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name;
this man they pressed into service to carry His cross.”
~ MATTHEW 27:32 ~*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with **Stewardship** opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross”. These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

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.

Something to consider ...

Today's Scriptures take us from joy and triumph to despair and desolation. However, we already know the end of the story – Resurrection. Explore why, in a world that invites us to avoid or anesthetize ourselves to the pains and crosses of life, it is important to walk the journey with Jesus through the Cross.

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!



Mildred J. Grochowski
March 19, 2020

Albert L. Bennett, Sr.
March 27, 2020

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord ...

← CHECK THIS OUT!

The Diocese has developed an "Easter Project" for families to do together over the next week or so. They sent a large document describing it and I've posted it on our website. Please go to www.psm-nj.com and click on "Easter Project" on the main page for the directions. In addition, PREP families ... check your e-mail!

Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

The reality of this coming week does not change because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This week is still the holiest week in the Christian calendar. Our celebrations may be a bit different this year. But we are called to enter into it as best we can ... by watching live-streams ... by reading the Gospel accounts ... by praying ... by knowing our God loves us and wants what's best for us, even when some of us might have forgotten.

The singular nature of this week, apart from the fact that it is called "*holy*," is that it is the only period of time in the liturgical calendar when the whole week is shaped by a series of liturgies that are at the same time distinct, but integrated over the course of several days. People often treat each movement of the Triduum as a separate liturgy, but it is actually one ritual experience that plunges us into the reality of our death and resurrection with Christ. And I write this as if things will proceed as normal ... as if we can participate fully as we are supposed to. It is for a reason that the liturgies of the Triduum are often referred to as one great liturgy. This is further emphasized by the fact that from the opening of the Holy Thursday celebration, The Mass of the Lord's Supper, there is no proper dismissal rite until the conclusion of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. That is why Church documents usually stress the importance of each Parish celebrating these events in one location only.

As the whole Church enters this week, beginning with the Gospel proclamation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem until the incredulous announcement that the tomb is empty, the Church is engaged in celebrating the very foundational events of its faith, the Paschal Mystery. The liturgical life of the Church leads to this week, and at the same time flows from its grace and mystery. It is truly a celebration of the source and the summit of the Christian tradition.

The dominant symbol is the cross. In the Cross, we see our glory and our scandal. Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper shows us that embracing the cross means living in service for others ... the scandal of washing feet. This is the center of our Eucharist. From there, we celebrate the Passion of the Lord on the Friday we call "Good." This is not a depressing liturgy. On the contrary, the Vatican has urged parishes not to celebrate the service as if it were Jesus' funeral. This begins our celebration of Christ's victory over death ... in the Cross. Saint John's account of the Passion shows us that Jesus was the Master over the cross, not its Victim. The main ritual we enter into on Good Friday is the proclaiming of the Passion and the Veneration of the Cross. This leads us to the joyful night watch of the Vigil of the Resurrection. Throughout the night, we celebrate salvation history ... we embrace our call to enter into the tomb of Baptismal waters to be reborn in Christ ... we celebrate the meal that connects us to Christ and to one another more closely than our blood ties to our family.

The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament – At the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, we usually transfer the Blessed Sacrament to the day chapel. This is simply transfer ... not Adoration or Benediction. Until the Vigil of the Resurrection, the Church does not celebrate Eucharist (even though we will receive "Communion" on Good Friday, but that is not the same as the full celebration of the Eucharist). Even so, Christ is with us in these days of fasting and praying. That is the significance of the procession.

The Vigil of the Resurrection is a true Vigil into the night — *This is not a celebration for the faint of heart!* Nor is it the same as a Saturday evening Mass before Sunday. As said before, it is the principal celebration of salvation history. We usually begin by blessing the new fire, symbolizing Christ's victory over death. We share the stories of our salvation, beginning with the story of creation itself. We proclaim several readings from Scripture, as appointed by the Church. We traditionally initiate new brothers and sisters into the Paschal Mystery of Christ. We share the Bread of Life and the Cup of Eternal Salvation. In all of this, we proclaim Christ risen from death. This is a powerful celebration that will challenge and change forever. Forget about the clock ... celebrate this liturgy fully and actively and you will lose track of time. This is what is supposed to happen in liturgy. Recall the events of your life when time had no meaning ... your first kiss, the birth of children, your favorite vacation, among others. Enter this celebration of your citizenship where time has no meaning.

In the celebration of the Triduum may we be blessed, disturbed, challenged, strengthened, and filled with hope and joy as we are drawn ever closer to Christ and to one another.

In these uncertain times, may Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! My prayers for all of you and for an end of this pandemic, today, on Palm Sunday, and throughout Holy Week!

Fr. Larry



Vehicle Donation Program

As weather gets warmer during this Lenten season, are you planning on some spring cleaning around your homes, yards, and workplaces? If so, please remember Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden’s Charitable Adult Rides and Services (CARS) vehicle donation program. The CARS program accepts any type of vehicle, running or non-running, including cars, vans, SUVs, trucks, boats, mobile homes, motorcycles, golf carts, scooters, etc. All proceeds benefit needy individuals and families in parishes, and throughout the six counties of South Jersey. Free towing and an IRS tax deduction form will be provided for your vehicle donation. To donate your vehicle, call toll free: 1-877-586-9227, and PLEASE MENTION YOU ARE DONATING YOUR VEHICLE TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF CAMDEN. You can also donate your used vehicle online at: <http://catholiccharitiescamden.careasy.org/HOME.html> Any questions about the CARS program can be directed to John Marcantuono, MSW, Director Catholic Charities Community Support, 856-342-8586, john.marcantuono@camdendiocese.org.

2020 Underwear & Sock Drive

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden’s Prison Ministry invites all parishioners to participate in an important corporal work of mercy – “clothe the naked” – during this Lenten season. The Prison Ministry has organized its second annual clothing drive for the incarcerated men and women in the Diocese. Some correctional facilities only supply jumpsuits for inmates to wear, and many men and women have no family, friends, or money to buy any clothing to wear under the jumpsuits.

The following items are greatly needed in all sizes: (new and unused only).

For males: white tee-shirts and white boxers

For females: white sports bras and white cotton briefs

For both: white crew socks

These items can be dropped off or mailed to the Catholic Charities office in Camden anytime Monday through Friday from 8:30a-4p at 1845 Haddon Ave, Camden, NJ 08103. This donation drive will be ongoing until further notice.

For questions or for more information, please contact Sr. Mary Cronin, DM, Catholic Charities Prison Ministry Coordinator, 856-342-4106, mary.cronin@camdendiocese.org.

To learn more about the drive and Catholic Charities’ Prison Ministry, please visit <https://catholiccharitiescamden.org/prisonministryclothingdrive/>

Catholic Charities sends its deepest gratitude to all those, near and far, who participated in the 2019 drive. The response from our Diocese was overwhelming and was met with the utmost appreciation from the inmates who received these much-needed items. On behalf of the incarcerated men and women, we thank you.

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.”
 – Mt 25:40 –



Honoring the will of the Father, Jesus gives His Body and Blood freely to those who would seek to destroy Him. Jesus knew in His heart that as long as His Spirit was connected to the Father, He would not die. *Can we make the same claim? Is our relationship with God so intimate that we would be willing to place our lives and our reputations on the line because we trust that God will grant us eternal life?*



**HOLY THURSDAY
LIVE STREAM**
 MASS WITH BISHOP SULLIVAN
 THURSDAY, APRIL 9 | 7 PM



**GOOD FRIDAY
LIVE STREAM**
 WITH BISHOP SULLIVAN
 FRIDAY, APRIL 10 | 3 PM

**EASTER VIGIL
LIVE STREAM**
 MASS WITH BISHOP SULLIVAN
 SATURDAY, APRIL 11 | 7 PM



**EASTER SUNDAY
LIVE STREAM**
 MASS WITH BISHOP SULLIVAN
 SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 10:30 AM

Join Bishop Dennis Sullivan for Holy Week in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden. Each Service will be live-streamed without a congregation.

These Liturgical Events will be broadcast via the Diocese of Camden Facebook page at

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

and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/camdendiocese>.

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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.



Daily Mass Readings

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

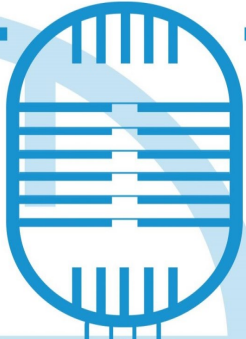
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9



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** (Thumbnail: YMI Youth Ministry)
- How to Become a Priest** (Thumbnail: Priest with cross)
- Become a Missionary Disciple** (Thumbnail: Joyful Disciples)
- A Perspective for Young Adults** (Thumbnail: Keepin' it Catholic)
- When Life Gives You Lemons** (Thumbnail: Changing with the Times)
- Temas locales para la Comunidad Hispana** (Thumbnail: Compartiendo Tu Don)
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- Finding inspiration in our saints** (Thumbnail: Talking Saints)

