



March 29, 2020 | 5th 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 28TH

Harry E. Kane *by His Family*

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

People of the Parish
Deceased Members of the Carroll Family
by Joe & Vicki Nichols

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH

Jerome & Magdalene Blickley

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

Fr. Anthony Cataudo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

Margaret Meyer *by Ronnie Vanaman*

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND FRANCIS OF PAOLA

Rev. Robert Morris *by Nephew & Godson*

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

Deacon Adam S. Crowe

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH ISIDORE

Frances Cesanek *by Her Loving Husband, Jim*

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

Marie Napoli *by Carin Haabak & Family*
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.



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 FAITH

*“Jesus said to her,
 ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe,
 you will see the glory of God?’”
 ~ JN 11:40 ~*

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of **Stewardship**, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.



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 ...

Because Mary and Martha had faith in Jesus, Jesus raised their brother Lazarus from the tomb. Even in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, prayer and faith can bring about new and important changes for us and for others.

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!



People who are facing or recovering from surgery, those who are seriously or chronically ill, individuals infirmed from old age, or those who may be in danger of passing are all welcome to request the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick, as well as visits for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Because of the HIPAA laws, hospitals, assisted-living facilities, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centers are not permitted to divulge the names of patients to clergy. While in the hospital, be sure to notify someone that you wish to be anointed and / or placed on the Communion list, usually coordinated by the hospital chaplain.

Please do not wait until the last minute to receive these Sacrament(s). The sick have a right to be able to seek and receive the graces of the Sacraments at the earliest and best opportunity while they can consciously express their faith and desires and fully participate in the sacrament.

If you or a loved one, desire the Sacraments at home or would like a visit prior to being admitted to the hospital or while in the hospital, **please call or have a family member call** the Parish Office at 856-881-9155 directly to notify us of your situation.

Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

Hindsight is always 20 / 20 and is usually filled with “*If only ...*” statements. *If only* I had studied harder, I might have done better on my test. *If only* I had not spent so much money eating out, I wouldn’t be so far behind on my bills. *If only* I had paid more attention to the traffic signal, I wouldn’t have a ticket to pay for running the light. *If only* I could lose a bit more weight, I would fit into all these clothes in my closet. *If only ... If only ... If only ...*

In this weekend’s Gospel, both Martha and Mary greet Jesus with an “If only” statement. “*Lord, if You had been here ...*” They were thinking of the immediate situation. Jesus has proven over and over again that He has the power to heal. Their brother, Lazarus, is ill and dying. Why didn’t Jesus, their dear friend, come and heal their brother? Why did Jesus wait two days to go to Bethany? The answer to these painful questions is that Jesus is thinking and acting beyond the immediate situation. There is more at stake than Lazarus recovering his health. If Jesus had chosen to go to Bethany when He was first called, He could have healed Lazarus. But this would have been a very different sign. **The raising of Lazarus is a sign of a new revelation that death is not the final statement to the human condition. Ultimately, because of the possibility of resurrection, life is.**

When you think about it, the raising of Lazarus has more to do with Jesus, with us, and with believing, than it has to do with Lazarus. Two deaths are evident in this Gospel – Lazarus’, very clearly (“*Lazarus has died*”) ... but also Jesus’ impending dying. Thomas has an idea of this when he tells the other disciples after Jesus’ decision to go to Bethany (near Jerusalem). “*Let us also go to die with him.*” Thomas’ presumption, however, is that death is a final end. Jesus works an even greater miracle than healing Lazarus. By raising him from the dead, He gives a clear sign that He has power over life and death. The raising of Lazarus is a new kind of statement about life. Jesus’ sign in this miracle is the power of the Spirit ... take a look at the Second Reading, Rom 8:8-11 ... the power of the Spirit brings life out of death. The new life He brings is risen and eternal. The questions we need to think about are: “*Do we believe this sign?*” “*Do we live like we believe it?*” and “*Are we willing, like Jesus, to stake our lives on it?*”

Mary and Martha’s long relationship with Jesus had brought them to believe in Him. It must be comforting to know that their belief was still less than perfect. So is ours. And, like Mary and Martha, our belief is strengthened by our encounters with Jesus. **Jesus’ presence means new life.**

One conspicuous way we encounter Jesus is at Mass when we expressly take time out of our busy schedules to be present. Other prayer times during the day and week are also times when we consciously strive to encounter Jesus. Perhaps less evident as encounters with Jesus could be all those times when we meet Him through faith-strengthening and hope-giving encounters with other people. When our discouragement is lessened by a kind remark or when our sinfulness is forgiven by a smile and welcome, we encounter Jesus in the other person and are brought to new life. Jesus loves each of us as deeply as He loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Be assured that He gives each one of us new life, too!

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

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 -



Saint John goes to great lengths to let us know that Lazarus, the beloved friend of Jesus, was really dead, all the more to heighten the extraordinary power of God at work in Jesus – power even over the realm of death. So would God’s glory be made manifest. Jesus is “the Resurrection and the Life,” even in this age. This weekend’s Gospel account bids us to look at what is dead within us, perhaps even with a stench! We hear today Jesus’ command: **“Come forth from the tomb! Let yourself be untied so that you can go free!”**

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING SESSIONS

Mondays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4 & 11, 2020 - from 7 to 9:30p, leads to certification in the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved and a fulfilling ministry serving others. This training will be held at the Fr, Szolack Center 2901 Good Intent Road, Deptford. For registration or more details, call (856) 583-2906 or email: Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org.



“I THIRST” Initiative Training

The “I THIRST” Addiction Healing Training is sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden, and will be offered at the Catholic Community of Christ Our Light in the Parish Hall Center (402 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill 08034). The event is a 30-hour training series over 5 weekends.

The dates are:

Session 1: Friday, April 17 (6:30-9:30p) & Saturday, April 18 (9a-12noon)

Session 2: Friday, May 1 (6:30-9:30p) & Saturday, May 2 (9a-12noon)

Session 3: Friday, June 12 (6:30-9:30p) & Saturday, June 13 (9a-12noon)

Session 4: Friday, June 26 (6:30-9:30p) & Saturday, June 27 (9a-12noon)

Session 5: Friday, July 10 (6:30-9:30p) & Saturday, July 11 (9a-12noon)

There is no fee. Registration is required, along with a Letter of Support / Endorsement from your Pastor that addresses your commitment to complete training and be a resource to your Parish. Seating is limited.

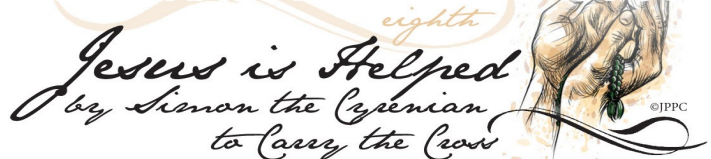
For more information or to RSVP, please contact Jo Anne Farrell at 856-342-4057 or joanne.farrell@camdendiocese.org by April 10, 2020.

Continuing education credits and Certificate of Attendance will be awarded upon completion of entire program from Seton Hall University.

Presenter: Keaton Douglas, MA – I THIRST Executive Director.

“I THIRST” (The Healing Initiative: Recovery through Spirituality and Twelve Steps), is a spiritual and educational program that will guide, define and address the hallmarks of addiction as it affects individuals, their families and the societal challenges. The aim is to empower the Catholic Church communities of the Diocese of Camden to be a resource for those suffering from addiction and their families, and hopefully, adopt the initiative’s pastoral care guide and spiritual companionship to meet the needs of those who are experiencing the dryness and barrenness inherent to this addiction epidemic.

The Stations of the Cross



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION ...

The Sacrament of Baptism: Held during the 4p Mass on Saturday; during the 8a or 10:45a Mass on Sunday. Also held after the 9a Mass on Saturday morning or at 12 noon on Sunday at the convenience of the family.

Pre-Baptism Class: Required for parents / guardians who have not attended a class in the previous two (2) years. The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel offers its class throughout the year on the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7p in the Rectory Conference Room. Please call the Parish Office **at least two (2) weeks** in advance to register for a class.

Funerals: To be arranged through the Funeral Home of your choice. Your Funeral Director will contact the church.

Sacrament of the Sick: Anytime, however, due to the HIPAA Privacy Act, the individual needing the Sacrament or a family member needs to call the Parish.

Communion to the Sick / Homebound: Please call the Parish Office.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made one (1) year in advance, *prior to making any reception plans.*

Certificates of Eligibility: For those asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Canon law (Church law) requires that you need to be at least sixteen (16) years of age, have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation). You are living a chaste life (not living with someone) and, if married, you were married according to the laws and teachings of the Catholic Church. Finally, you are a practicing Catholic, registered in the Parish and actively participate in the Sacramental life of the Church (you attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days). Certificates of Eligibility are given by the church where you are registered and active, *not where you made your Sacraments.* If you are an adult still living at home, it is a great idea to register in your parish under your own name, not simply to be registered under your parents.



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.

Prepare For The Death Of Our Lord Jesus



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The Stations of the Cross

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Daily Mass Readings – 5th Week of Lent

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 – 27:66 or Mt 27:11-54