



January 12, 2020 | The Baptism 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.

OFFICE MANAGER

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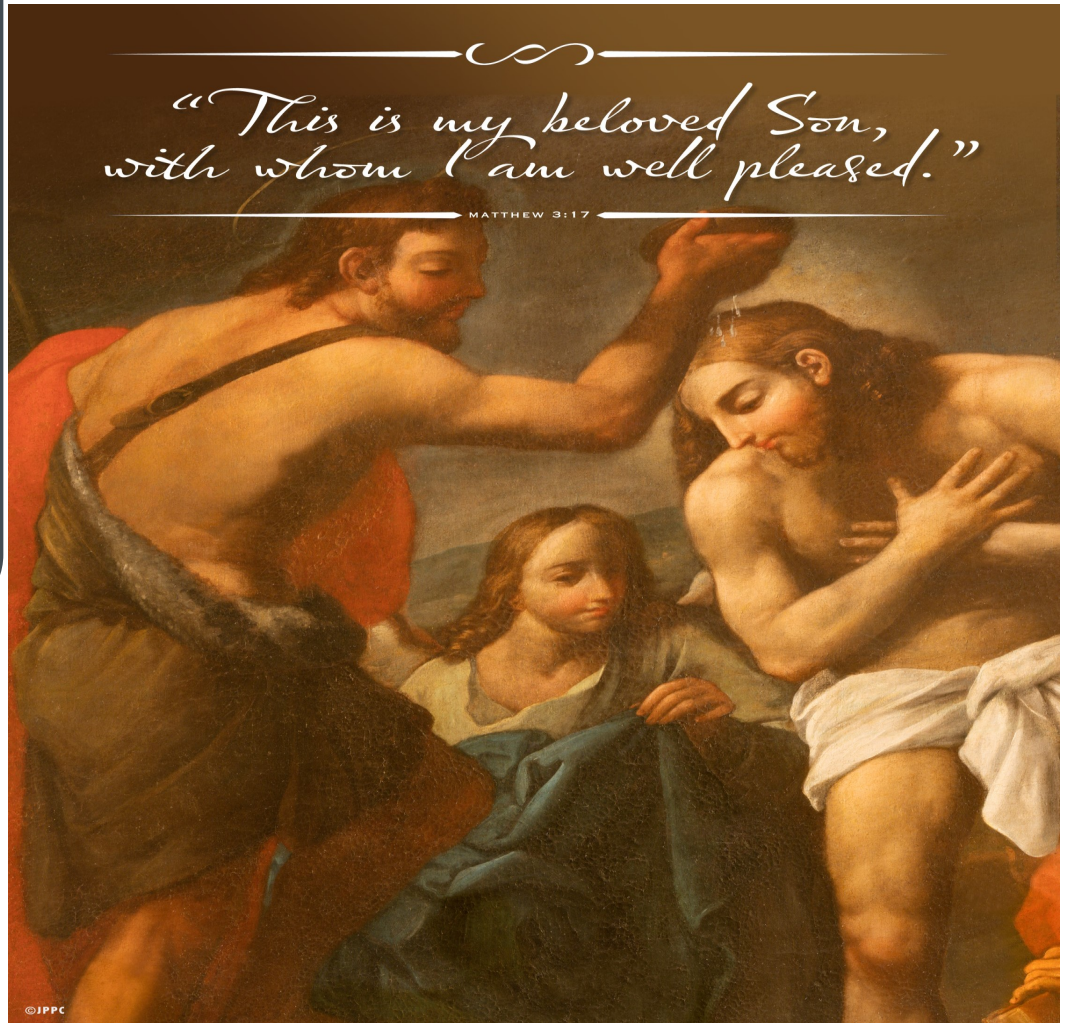
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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

Philip J. Gianfortune, Principal
856-881-0067



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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, JANUARY 11TH

4:00p Deacon Matt Hanrahan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8:00a Dante Napoli *by Carin Haabak & Family*
 10:45a People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH **HILARY**

9:00a *No Intention*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

9:00a Mary Polansky – *Birthday Remembrance*
by Grandchildren, Larry, Ed, & Kathy

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH

9:00a *No Intention*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH

7:00p *No Intention*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH **ANTHONY**

9:00a *No Intention*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH

4:00p People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH **2ND SUNDAY IN OT**

8:00a Mabel M. Chadwick *by The Morris Family*
 10:45a Shirley M. Hicks *by The McCann Family*



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



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.

This Week, the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity Church burns in Memory of

Anthony Ranniello

Requested by Mom & Dad

STEWARDS SERVE

*And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
 "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
 ~ Matthew 3:17 ~*

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, our Father, is so generous, that He gave His only Son, whom He really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with Him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to His Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and, as His **Stewards**, we are meant to serve God and others.

Stewardship in Action

Weekend of 12/14 & 12/15

Ordinary Income \$9,576.00
 Online Giving \$405.00

Weekend of 12/21 & 12/22

Ordinary Income \$4,544.91
 Online Giving \$380.00

Weekend of 12/28 & 12/29

Ordinary Income \$3,713.00
 Online Giving \$500.00

Weekend of 01/04 & 01/05

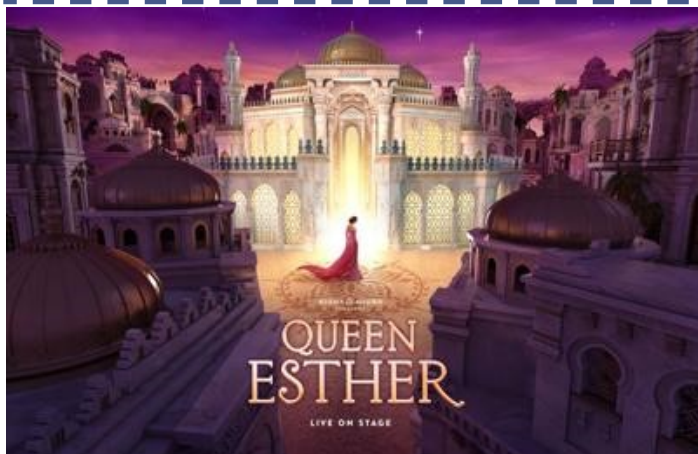
Ordinary Income \$4,817.96
 Online Giving \$680.00

Christmas (12/25) & Mary, the Holy Mother of God (01/01)
 will be reported in an upcoming bulletin.

*Thank you for your continued generosity
 to our Parish!*

Something to consider ...

One definition of the word “*beloved*” is “*to be treasured or cherished.*” We tend to treasure things that have monetary or material value. We often place value upon something because we have earned it. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we have done nothing to earn our value as His beloved because it was already won by Christ Himself. We need not bargain with God – the only option is to accept and surrender to His love – or reject it.



The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel presents its 11th Trip

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
 featuring

Queen Esther

at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre

Thursday, May 7, 2020

\$150 per person

Package Includes:

- **Lunch at Shady Maple** where you will select from 140 feet of delicious smorgasbord options, all prepared in the traditional Pennsylvania Dutch way. (You will have time for shopping at Shady Maple after your meal.)
- **“Queen Esther” at Sight & Sound ...** the nation’s largest professional Christian theatrical company, where audiences have been captivated by the scope of the creativity that goes into the productions.
- **“Queen Esther”** is set in the opulent, yet perilous, Persian Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects, and live animals!

Cost includes meal, taxes, & gratuities, ticket for “Queen Esther,” and motorcoach transportation. **There are only 40 tickets available for this trip. A \$25 deposit is due as soon as possible, with final \$125 payment due by March 2nd.** Please contact Fran in the Parish Office.

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL




“God Loves a Cheerful Giver”
 (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Winston Churchill once said, “*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*” So, what can we give? Well, a donation to our parish food pantry would certainly be appreciated. **Ramen noodles, mac & cheese, canned vegetables, tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce and pancake mix** are examples of items needed at the pantry. Too busy to shop? **Monetary donations are always welcome!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING
 GENEROSITY AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A**

On this last day of Christmas Time, our prayers and readings turn to the ministry, by which God is revealed through Jesus, and to our transformation, by which God is revealed and glorified in our lives. *Can we, like Jesus, focus on God and let our lives be filled with thanksgiving?*

Pastor's Corner



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Dear Parishioners,

Water is the most abundant substance on the earth. We drink it, we wash with it, we play in it, we transport on it, we grow food with it, we dilute with it, and we even sit on a shore and dream with it. Consider any given day and how often water comes into play. Yet unless the water is shut off to our homes or places of work, we seldom think about it. It's just there – everywhere and all the time. Water is so easy to take for granted. Given the substance and usefulness of water, it ought to be no surprise that our first Sacrament of Initiation, Baptism, uses water as its primary symbol. And just like the water around us, we can so easily take our Baptism (and often our other Sacraments) for granted. This weekend's festival and Gospel can be a reminder for each one of us that we can never take either water or our Baptism for granted. Too much is at stake.

Jesus comes to John, who is baptizing in the River Jordan. John is pointing to a baptism greater than his and to a person greater than he. Jesus asks John to baptize Him in order to “fulfill all righteousness” and thus show forth His continuity with the tradition in which John stands. But more happens. When the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove and Jesus is announced as the “beloved Son,” a new tradition is born, and humanity's relationship with God is changed forever. We who are baptized into Christ become God's beloved sons and daughters, and God is “well-pleased” with each of us, too ... especially when we are faithful to our relationship with God and with one another. Through Baptism, we are invited into this new tradition.

Baptism inaugurates us into a Spirit-filled tradition where a new covenantal relationship with God becomes possible. We are invited into a union with God's “beloved Son” that confers on us His identity, His going “about doing good” (Second Reading), His intimate relationship with His Father. We cannot take our Baptism for granted because it is not simply a ritual that happens and is finished, but it is a relationship and a way of life to be lived.

Plunged into the baptismal waters, we die to our old self. As we rise from the waters, we enter into the new Life Baptism promises. Baptism inaugurates us into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. It inaugurates us into His way of life, one totally taken up with bringing healing and freedom (see First Reading) to those we meet in our daily living.

This dying and rising is the “stuff” of our Christian living. What enables us to continue to say yes to such living is that we know the dying always leads to rising. Death always brings Life. We know this with certainty because Jesus was baptized, His identity as the beloved Son was revealed, He was faithful to His mission to bring forgiveness and justice, and He died and then rose. The pattern of Jesus' life is the pattern of our own lives.

Paschal Mystery living is as concrete as Jesus' life and mission. For example, like Jesus, we are living justly when we die to selfishness and rise to the needs of others. Like Jesus, we “show no partiality” (Second Reading) when we die to judgments and categorizing or labeling others and rise to seeing all people as beloved children of God. Like Jesus, we do good when we forgive, we heal when we offer kind words instead of words that tear down, or help another without being asked. Our Baptism is ongoing in our lives when we live the greatness John recognized in Jesus. Ask yourselves this: if John were alive today, would he see that same greatness in us?

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

Fr. Larry



Knights of Columbus Council #6890
Clayton - Franklinville

HOAGIE SALE

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 2, 2020

\$6 EACH OR 3 FOR \$15

Order forms will be available in the
Gathering Spaces of both churches or in an
upcoming bulletin.

STAY TUNED!



Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley offers hope for married couples experiencing loneliness, boredom, misery, or frustration in their marriage. Couples learn valuable communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Our next program starts February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, please call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



BAPTISM
OF THE
Lord

18TH ANNUAL MLK
DAY OF SERVICE BLOOD DRIVE



January 20, 2020

Church of Saint Bridget
125 Church St, Glassboro
9a-2p

Register at www.redcrossblood.org
or call Stephen D. Williams at 302-561-4190.



- ◆ **Sunday, January 12th** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, January 12th** – *PREP* will meet in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School from 9-10:15a.
- ◆ **Sunday, January 12th** – *Adult Faith Formation* will meet in the Saint Catherine of Siena Church Basement, Clayton from 9-10:15a.
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 14th** – The *Pastoral Council* will meet from 7-9p in the Saint Catherine of Siena Church Basement, Clayton.
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 15th** – Got Music? The *Contemporary Choir* will meet from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 16th** – *Confession* will be held immediately following the 7p Mass in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Saturday, January 18th** – *Confession* will be held from 3-3:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.



Sunday, March 29th
Washington Lake Park
Sewell

iRace4Vocations
5K Run / 1 Mile Walk

iRace4Vocations is an annual event that welcomes people of all ages to run / walk in our 5K both praying for and promoting vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Camden. iRace4Vocations begins with Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, DD and concludes with a free picnic and free family entertainment.

iRace4Vocations is a “faithraiser” that encourages each participant to come with prayer pledges for vocations to our Diocese. Instead of seeking monetary donations from others, iRace4Vocations participants seek to obtain prayers per kilometer for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact John Kalitz, Digital Media Manager, at 856-583-6193 or john.kalitz@camdendiocese.org ... Fr. Adam Cichoski, Director of Vocations, at 856-583-2864 or Adam.Cichoski@camdendiocese.org ... or contact us online at www.camdenPRIEST.org, facebook.com/camdenpriest/, or instagram.com/camdenpriest/





ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL REGIONAL SCHOOL
Office of Advancement

St. Michael the Archangel Regional School is Now Accepting Applications for the 2020-2021 School Year

As a premier Catholic grade school in the heart of Gloucester County, our goal at St. Michael the Archangel Regional School is to create an atmosphere where development occurs along with respect, dignity, and faith in God. Our school community strives to inspire each student to reach his or her greatest potential, challenge them to excel in intellect and benevolence, and prepare them to lead and serve in this ever-changing and diverse world.

At St. Michael the Archangel Regional School, we educate students from PreK through 8th Grade, offering:

- Full-day and half-day Preschool (3 and 4-year olds)
- Full-day Kindergarten
- 21st Century Learning
- Technology in the Classroom
- Choir, Fine Art, Music, and Performing Arts Programs
- Athletics, Clubs, and After-School Activities
- Before & After Care
- Family Atmosphere
- Modern, Safe and Secure Campus
- Tuition Assistance Available

To learn more about St. Michael the Archangel Regional School and see first-hand how we are **Challenging Minds, Building Faith**, please visit our website (www.saintmichaelsonline.com), email advancement@smrsonline.com, or call our Advancement Director at 856-881-0067 Ext. 213 to arrange for a personal tour.

Conveniently located at 51 W. North Street in Clayton, St. Michael the Archangel Regional School is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year.

51 West North Street, Clayton, New Jersey 08312 • (856) 881-0067 • Fax: (856) 881-4064 • www.smrsonline.com

“Challenging Minds, Building Faith”



Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14--20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21--28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40--45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1--12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13--17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



MARCH FOR LIFE • JANUARY 24, 2020

Buses from South Jersey to Washington, D.C.

ATLANTIC COUNTY:

- 7:15 AM Leave St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 591 New Jersey Avenue, Absecon
 - 7:40 AM Leave St. Nicholas Church, 525 St. Louis Ave, Egg Harbor City
 - 8:10 AM Leave St. Joseph Church, 226 French Street, Hammonton
 - 3:30 PM Leave from near the end of the March for Life route for return trip
- A security deposit in advance needed to reserve your seat. Bring \$5 for Metro fare, \$2 for driver's tip and \$10 for dinner. **Contacts: Matt Simons at (609) 652-2896 or Joanne Geisenhoffer at (609) 965-5071 or jlg521@comcast.net**
(Bus paid for by Knights of Columbus Rev. Francis P. Araneo Chapter.)

ATLANTIC COUNTY AND CAPE MAY COUNTY:

- 6:30 AM Leave Church of the Resurrection, 200 Tuckahoe Road, Marmora
 - 6:45 AM Leave parking lot, 3121 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Township
 - 3:30 PM Leave from near the end of the March for Life route for return trip
- A security deposit in advance needed to reserve your seat. Bring \$5 for Metro fare, \$2 for driver's tip and \$10 for dinner. **Contact: Tom Drinkard at (609) 408-0299 or drinkardtc@hotmail.com** *(Bus paid for by Knights of Columbus Rev. Francis P. Araneo Chapter.)*

CAMDEN COUNTY:

- 8:00 AM Leave Mater Ecclesiae, 261 Cross Keys Rd, Berlin (7 AM Mass for Life)
- Contact: Tracie McArdle (856) 816 4907 or mc9oak@comcast.net**
• 8:30 AM Leave St. Rose of Lima Church, 300 Kings Hwy, Haddon Hts. (Mass 7:30 in Chapel)
Cost is \$10 per person, please bring your lunch. Please park in far side of CVS lot, NOT in the Imaging Center spots. *(Bus courtesy of Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council #1443)*
Contact: Kathy Miller (856) 547-0564

CAPE MAY COUNTY:

- 6:30 AM Leave Our Lady of the Angels Church, 35 E. Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House

(Cape May County Continued)

- 7:00 AM Leave Shop Rite Supermarket parking lot, 4 Roosevelt Blvd. Marmora
 - 3:30 PM Leave from near the end of the March for Life route for return trip
- Fare of \$20 due in advance to reserve your seat, unless part of a school group, a church youth group, a chaperon or clergy. Each should bring \$2 for driver's tip, and \$10 for dinner. **Contacts: Steve Atzert at (609) 425-6064 or satzert1@verizon.net or Alvin Westerland at (609) 729-6021**
Will watch Unplanned movie on the way. *(Bus paid for by Cape May County Right to Life.)*

CUMBERLAND COUNTY:

- 8:00 AM Leave Sacred Heart Church, 1010 East Landis Avenue, Vineland
 - 8:20 AM Leave Walmart Parking Lot, 1130 Route 77, Bridgeton
 - 3:30 PM Leave from near the end of the March for Life route for return trip
- Please bring \$5 Metro Fare, \$2 for driver tip, and \$10 dinner. **Contact: Albert Karwowski at (609) 501-0022** *(Bus paid for by Knights of Columbus Rev. Francis P. Araneo Chapter.)*

GLOUCESTER COUNTY:

- 7:00 AM Arrives at St. Margaret's, 845 3rd St., Woodbury Heights
 - 7:45 AM Arrives at Church of the Incarnation, 240 Main St., Mantua (Mass 7 AM)
 - 8:00 AM Arrives at Holy Name of Jesus, 17 Earlington Ave, Mullica Hill
- Contact for the above 3 parishes: Robert LaPalomotto (856) 994-3476**
• 8:00 AM Leave Mary Mother of Mercy Parish at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 500 Greentree Rd, Glassboro, Cost: \$35 per person, payments can be made at Parish office.
Contact: Kevin Cassidy (609) 617-4129 or email cassidy39@verizon.net

