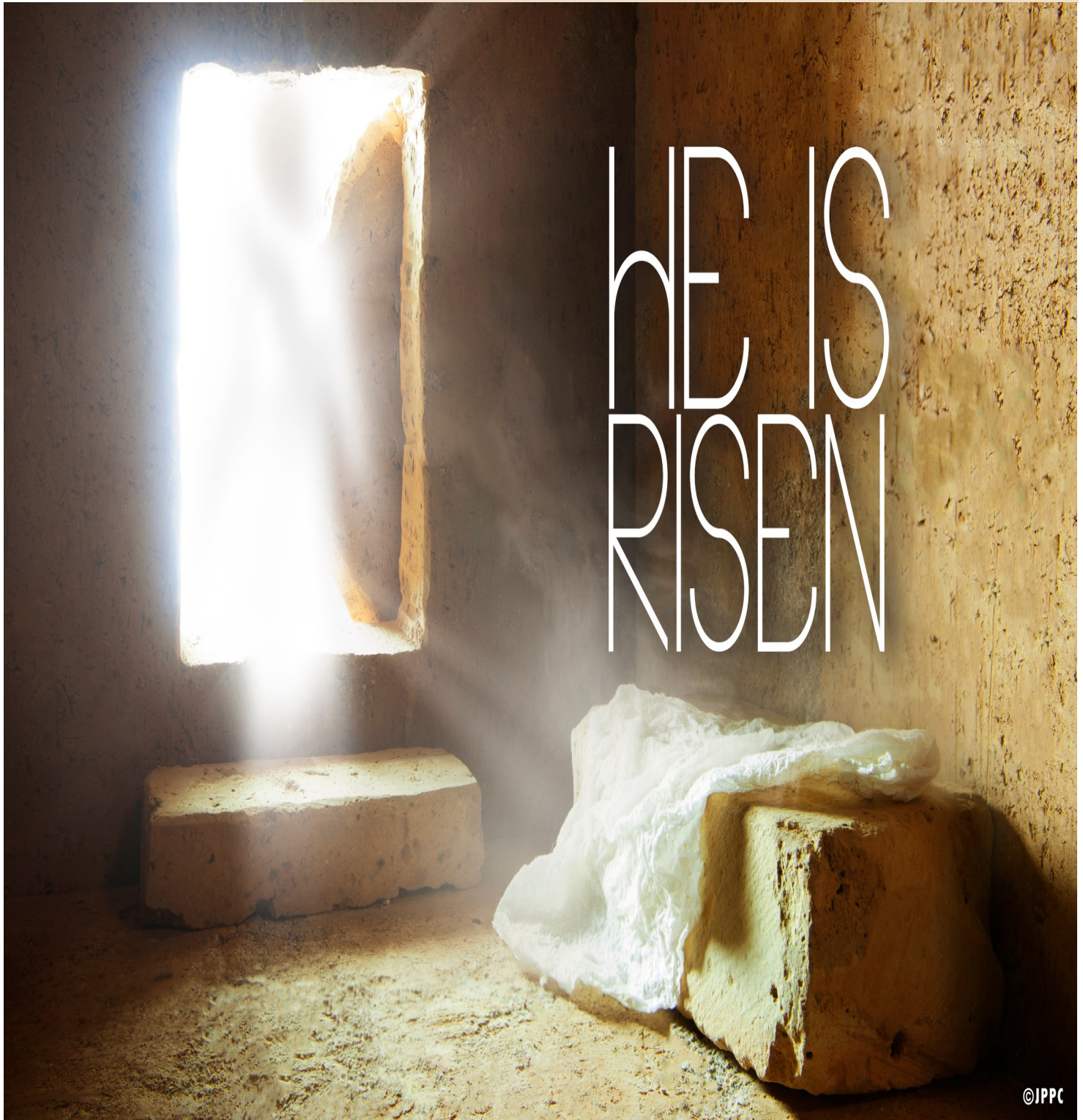




April 12, 2020 | Easter Sunday

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



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# MASS Intentions

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> HOLY SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> EASTER SUNDAY

**Florence Bedwell** by Stephanie Cosenza

MONDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTAVE OF EASTER

*No Parish Intention*

TUESDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTAVE OF EASTER

**William J. Morris, Sr.** by Elaine & Bill Morris

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTAVE OF EASTER

*No Parish Intention*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTAVE OF EASTER

**Edward Polansky – Birthday Remembrance**  
 by Son, Larry

FRIDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTAVE OF EASTER


*No Parish Intention*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTAVE OF EASTER

**Michael Rossi** by His Loving Parents

SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

**People of the Parish**  
**Angelina & Paul Cosenza** by the Cosenza Family



**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,  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Shane W. McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, &  
 CPT Graham Miller

### US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr & EM2 William Little

### US Marine Corps

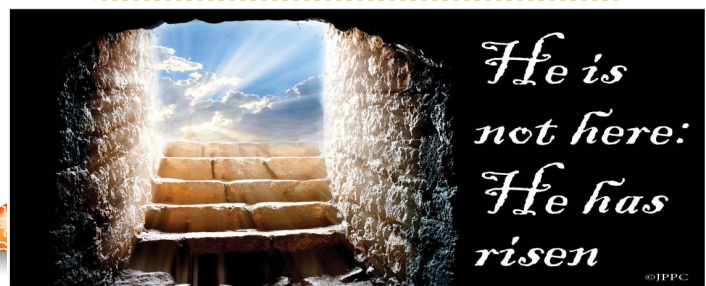
Gy Sgt Brad Davis, Cpl Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, US Navy; US Army Medic



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,  
 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



**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.pasma-nj.com>*

**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 ...**

In the Gospel reading for the Easter Vigil, Jesus tells the women, "Do not be afraid" but go and spread the word of His triumph over death. In word and in deed, how do you proclaim this Good News?

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*"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!*

**Stewardship in Action**

*(As of 04/06/2020)*

March 16<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> ..... **\$3,234**

April to date ..... **\$300**

Online Giving March 13<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... **\$2,050**

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

**STEWARDSHIP'S MIND ABOVE**

*"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."*  
~ COLOSSIANS 3:2 ~

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick **Stewardship** check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

## Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

**CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

I never would have thought in a million years that I would not have spent all of last week, Holy Week, and today, Easter Sunday, outside of a church ... most definitely as a Priest and most certainly as a Catholic / Christian ... and yet that is the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On that first Easter, Mary went to the tomb "*early in the morning while it was still dark.*" When she arrived, she saw the stone rolled back and nothing but emptiness, no doubt reinforcing the darkness and sadness in her heart. Maybe like the way we feel, not being able to celebrate one of the central mysteries of our faith. It would take an encounter with the risen One for Mary and for the other disciples to understand that Jesus had risen. And then their darkness would give way to glory, to light, to Life, to believing, to unmitigated joy. Emptiness would become fullness. He has risen! And today, more than 2,000 years later, on this Easter 2020, our faith tells us Jesus, our Savior, has indeed risen and no viral pandemic can tell us differently! **JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR, IS RISEN TODAY!**

An empty home means empty hearts. A full house means happy hearts. An empty tomb means empty hearts ... ***but no ... it doesn't.*** Mary found an empty tomb and ran to find Peter and the beloved disciple and spoke from an empty heart. She thought the dead body of her Teacher had been stolen. Those first witnesses had not yet come to understanding. But the empty tomb also gave birth to hopeful hearts ... hearts ready to believe even though they did not understand. Hearts that would become filled with the glory of risen life.

Perhaps more than any other Easter Gospel, this one can speak to us in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unlike the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and the next account in Saint John where there is an angelic presence announcing Jesus' Resurrection and Jesus Himself appears to Mary Magdalene and the disciples, this account only leaves us with hints of the Resurrection. We also have the Scriptures that tell us that "*He had to rise from the dead.*" Like the disciples in this account, we have no immediate evidence of Jesus' Resurrection. Rather, that glorious event is mediated to us in the same way it was for those disciples long ago. For us, Jesus' risen Presence is mediated through witness-disciples who by their Gospel living announce that Jesus is alive and with us, who announce Jesus' glorious risen Presence by the way that they live. Consider those working in healthcare or stocking the shelves at our food store to make sure we have the basic necessities, for instance.

Seeing and believing, we still do not always understand. This seeming contradiction characterizes the Christian journey. Through the Scriptures and by the witness of faithful disciples, we gradually learn to encounter Jesus in the ordinary (or extraordinary) circumstances of everyday living in the midst of pandemic ... seeing His risen Presence in the goodness of others, in our worship and prayer, even though it may be live-streamed, even in our very needs. This current situation, I believe, will ultimately lead to a strengthened faith in our risen Lord. I believe that it will show us that He has not died in vain and that we even now share in the new Life Jesus' Resurrection promises.

At the same time, we do not understand. This does not mean we do not believe in the Resurrection. It means that the Resurrection event is so singular, so unique, so unexpected, so glorious that it cannot be grasped in one encounter. We will spend our lifetimes growing in our appreciation that Jesus lived, suffered, died, and was raised from the dead. We spend our lifetime grasping that, even though all of us still must face physical death. We know that Christ has been victorious over death. By death, He conquered death. And to those in the graves, He granted life. Like the disciples, we run all our lives to encounter Christ's glorious Presence, to announce the Good News that suffering and death is not all there is to our life. Like the early disciples, we cannot contain ourselves. We run to meet the risen Christ in others and empty ourselves so that others can meet the risen Christ within us. The mystery is beyond us at the same time it is within us! The Lord is truly risen! What a glorious morn this darkness gives way to!

As I continue to remember all of you in prayer daily, *may I ask a continued remembrance in your prayers as well?*

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





### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 –



Join Bishop Dennis Sullivan for the celebration of Easter 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>.



### 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.



Nothing can keep us from God, not even death itself. It is not the force of human hands that removes the stone. It is the love of God. On Easter morning, we come face-to-face with the empty tomb and know the proclamation of Saint Paul: “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:38-39).

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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.



*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Our Lord, Jesus Christ Has Risen!*

## Daily Mass Readings The Octave of Easter

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22; Jn 20:11-18

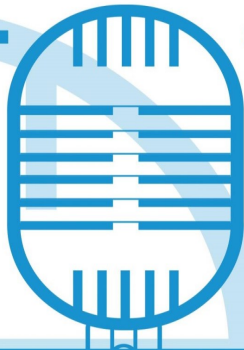
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



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

[Talking.CatholicStarHerald.org](http://Talking.CatholicStarHerald.org)



Working with Today's Youth



How to Become a Priest



Become a Missionary Disciple



A Perspective for Young Adults



When Life Gives You Lemons



Temas locales para la Comunidad Hispana



Interviews with great Catholics



Finding inspiration in our saints

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