



January 19, 2020 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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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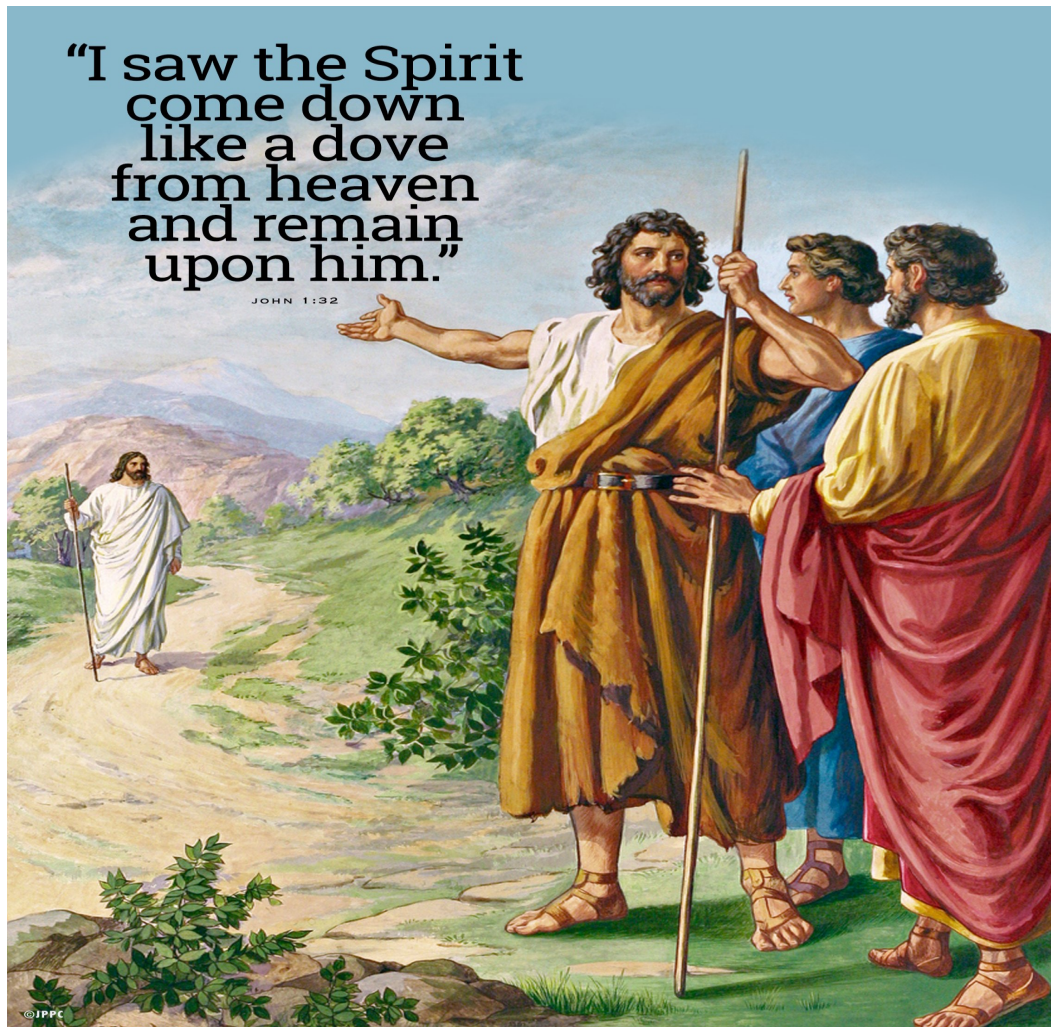
#### SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

#### REGIONAL SCHOOL

Philip J. Gianfortune, Principal  
856-881-0067

“I saw the Spirit  
come down  
like a dove  
from heaven  
and remain  
upon him.”

JOHN 1:32



**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, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00p The People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN OT**

**8:00a Mabel M. Chadwick** by *The Morris Family*

**10:45a Shirley M. Hicks** by *The McCann Family*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> FABIAN & SEBASTIAN**

**9:00a No Intention**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**9:00a Souls of the Faithful Departed**  
by *The Pietrafitta Family*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN**

**9:00a Anne Marie Polansky** by *Jim Cesanek*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARIANNE COPE**

**7:00p No Intention**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a No Intention**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL**

**4:00p Michael Rossi** by *His Parents*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN OT**

**8:00a The People of the Parish**

**10:45a Florence Bedwell** by *The Cosenza Family*

**For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life**

**G**od our Creator,  
we give thanks to you,  
who alone have the power to impart the breath of life  
as you form each of us in our mother's womb;  
grant, we pray,  
that we, whom you have made stewards of creation,  
may remain faithful to this sacred trust  
and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*Collect for Jan. 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

**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

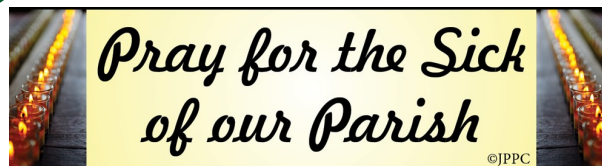
**US Navy**

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



**GIFTED STEWARDS**

*"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me  
as His servant from the womb ..."  
~ Isaiah 49:5 ~*

In *Stewardship*, God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with 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!*



***Stewardship in Action***

**Weekend of 01/11 & 01/12**

Ordinary Income ..... \$4,553.00  
Online Giving ..... \$325.00

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

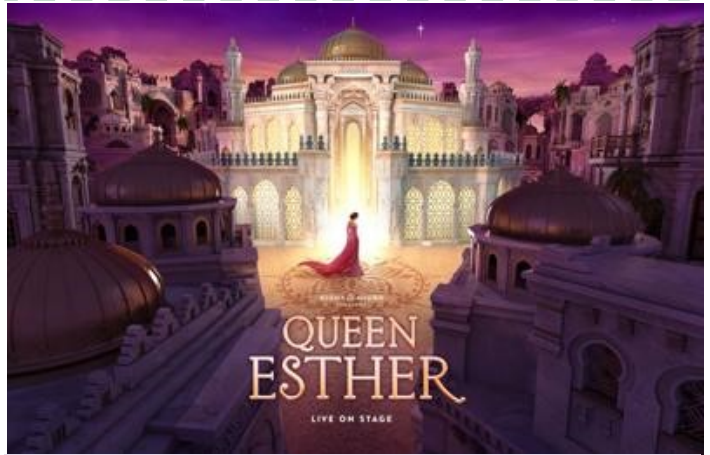
***Thank you for your continued generosity  
to our Parish!***



As the United States celebrates the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., today is a good time to reflect on the testimony of prophets, on the risks of giving witness, and on how Christ sets the example as the ultimate risk-taker for the sake of God’s love.

***Something to consider ...***

This weekend’s readings pose the question, **“How about us?”** Have we seen Jesus, incarnate, crucified, broken, and poured out, as anointed by God? Do we testify with our lives? John was glad to say, **“I have seen.”** Are we glad to have seen Jesus Christ as the Servant of God, the Lamb who fulfills God’s plan by taking away the world’s sin?



**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 motor coach transportation. **There are only 40 tickets are available for this trip. A \$25 deposit is due as soon as possible, with final \$125 payment due by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please contact Fran in the Parish Office.

# Pastor's Corner



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Dear Parishioners,

On any given day as we are out and about, we might see hundreds of people coming toward us. Most of them we pass by and hardly notice. Perhaps we might notice a flashy scarf or a designer handbag. We might notice a tired or worn face or a furtive look. We might notice someone struggling to walk steadily or perhaps someone with a seeing-eye dog. What we notice tends to be external marks or traits. A casual passing by would rarely, if ever, bring home to us an inner quality of a person ... a set of moral values ... a family tree. In this weekend's Gospel, John the Baptist notices Jesus. But he doesn't note that He has long hair or a beard, or that He has a seamless cloak and sandals, or that He has a crowd of people around Him. John gets to the heart of things – he notices who Jesus is.

This weekend's Gospel is a testimony of what John has come to know about who Jesus is: Lamb of God ... One who forgives sins ... One who pre-exists ... One who is Spirit-filled ... One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit ... the Son of God. This kind of recognizing an identity does not come from a casual passing by. Instead it comes from a deep inner connection and relationship ... the kind of relationship John has with Jesus. John has been noticing Jesus for a long time. But John's testimony does not exhaust the richness of Jesus' identity. There is even more.

John the Baptist unveils in his relationship to Christ the posture of the Church ... which is to go from not knowing to seeing to testifying. We don't come to a onetime understanding of Christ. Our whole lives are spent beholding the Lamb of God, and in this very encounter we receive the Spirit and are commissioned to carry on Jesus' saving mission. The surprise of this Gospel is that, as God the Father entrusted to the beloved Son the work of salvation, by baptizing us with the Holy Spirit, **Jesus entrusts to us this same saving mission**. The mystery of who Jesus is continues to be revealed to us and through us today. What more are we discovering? What more are we revealing? Is Jesus more than just a passerby to us?

Our baptismal task is to deepen continually our own understanding of who Jesus is and to make Him known AND to deepen our own understanding of our Christian identity as the beloved sons and daughters of God as the Body of Christ. Like John the Baptist, we go from not knowing ... to seeing ... to testifying. More than likely, we aren't called to testify to the Son of God by going out and baptizing or doing great things. We testify to Jesus' identity and carry forth His saving mission by being faithful to the ordinary things in life ... by doing God's will (see the Responsorial Psalm). The revelation of Jesus' identity – how He is made known in the world – is mediated by the way we live our lives every day ... by what we say and what we do and how we act.

Thus, we too, must become more fully the "*Lamb of God*." This means that, like Jesus, we must be willing to die to ourselves for the sake of others. Like John the Baptist to whom "*Jesus came toward*," opportunities to-die-to-self come to us every day. Like John, we simply need to open our eyes to recognize and respond to opportunities to carry forth Jesus' ministry to others. Our own testimony to Jesus' Presence and our own understanding of who He is becomes known through the good we do for others.

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

Fr. Larry



**MARRIED COUPLES**

*It's New Year's Resolution Time.*

Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. The next weekend date is March 6-8, 2020. Please call 609-741-8012 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Please visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

Pope John Paul II said "I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter." Worldwide Marriage Encounter is being supported by Bishop Sullivan for support of Catholic married couples.



*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.

**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](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
or call Stephen D. Williams at 302-561-4190.



- ◆ **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Got Music? *The Contemporary Choir* will meet from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – The *KoC Council 6890* will meet from 6:30-10p in Saint Catherine of Siena Church Basement in Clayton.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** – *Confession* will be held immediately following the 7p Mass in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** – *Confession* will be held from 3-3:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.



**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**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 "faith-raiser" 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](mailto:john.kalitz@camdendiocese.org) ... Fr. Adam Cichoski, Director of Vocations, at 856-583-2864 or [Adam.Cichoski@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Adam.Cichoski@camdendiocese.org) ... or contact us online at [www.camdenPRIEST.org](http://www.camdenPRIEST.org), [facebook.com/camdenpriest/](https://facebook.com/camdenpriest/), or [instagram.com/camdenpriest/](https://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:

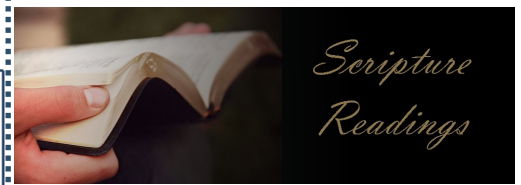
- Full-day and half-day Preschool (3 and 4-year olds)
- Full-day Kindergarten
- 21st Century Learning
- Technology in the Classroom
- Choir, Fine Art, Music, and Performing Arts Programs
- Athletics, Clubs, and After-School Activities
- Before & After Care
- Family Atmosphere
- Modern, Safe and Secure 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](http://www.saintmichaelsonline.com)), email [advancement@smrsonline.com](mailto: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](http://www.smrsonline.com)

*“Challenging Minds, Building Faith”*



**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

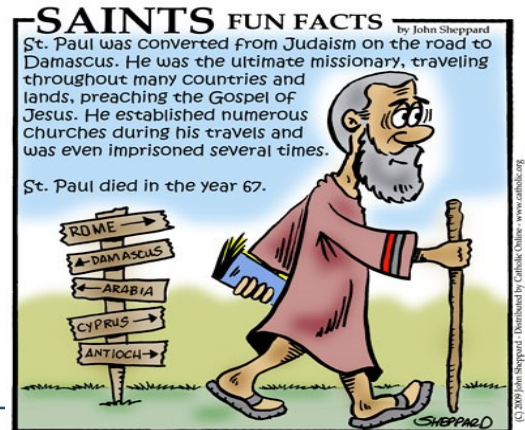
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



**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, 14 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 sartzert1@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 LaPalomotta (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 cassyidy39@verizon.net**

