



May 21st, 2023 | The Ascension of the Lord

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday: 9a at Saint Catherine
Tuesday: 9a at Nativity
Wednesday: 9a at Nativity
Thursday: 9a at Saint Catherine
First Fridays: 9a at Saint Catherine
First Saturdays: 9a at Saint Catherine

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine
 10a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE
Vigil: 7p at Saint Catherine
Holy Day: 9a & 7p at Nativity
 (Please confirm with
 Mass Intention Schedule.)

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Saturday: 3:00-3:30p at Nativity
 (or by appointment)

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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.”*

ASCENSION OF OUR



LORD JESUS CHRIST

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 (You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment any time outside of these hours.)

FOR SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR FOR LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY: Please contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please take a look at our website or call to register

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SATURDAY, MAY 20TH – BERNADINE OF SIENA / VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION

4:00p **Julia Mae Kratson**

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00a **Anne Ellena** by *The Sandelier Family*

10:00a **The People of the Parish**

MONDAY, MAY 22ND – RITA OF CASCIA

9:00a **Curt Matias** by *Dan & Karen Seniff*

TUESDAY, MAY 23RD

9:00a **Nicholas Loggia** by *Jim & Pauline Mello*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH

9:00a **James Carle** by *Mary Ann Yurkonis*

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH
BEDE THE VENERABLE, POPE GREGORY VII, MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI

9:00a **Anne Ellena** by *John & JoAnn Walsh*

FRIDAY, MAY 26TH – PHILIP NERI

~ No Parish Mass ~

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH
AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY / VIGIL OF PENTECOST

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

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH – PENTECOST

8:00a **Anne Ellena** by *The Arnold Family*

10:00a **Fr. John E. Brunì** by *Joe & Kathy Tinney*



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

"I am praying for them ..."
~ John 17:9 ~

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of **Stewardship**. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation – not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Harriet Bajewicz, George Bromwell,
Nicholas & Rob Christian, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mimi Hall,
Don & Matt Healy, Rosemary McBride, Eileen Mulholland,
Dot Myers, Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner,
Karen J. Viola, and Joanna Walczak

If you have a family member who you would like added to the Prayer List, please ask their permission (due to the HIPAA Privacy Act) and contact the Rectory by calling 856-881-9155 or e-mailing PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com. Thank you!




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**,
& PFC **Vincenzo Taormina**
- US Navy**
- AWR **Daniel Carr**, AG1 **Jamie Engleman**, EM2 **William Little**,
& **Kurt Reinhold**, US Navy
- US Air Force**
- AB **Jacob R Custis**
- US Marine Corps**
- WO3 **Brad Davis**, SGT **Nate McAllister**, & CPT **James V. Tumolo**
- LT JG **Dominic J. Tumolo**, US Navy; US Army Medic



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 \$15. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

*The Sanctuary Candle in Nativity Church
Burns in Memory of*

Robert Carder, Jr.

Requested by: Dan & Karen Seniff



Dear Parishioners,

There are a number of details in this weekend's Gospel for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord that help us shape our interpretation of the passage. "*The eleven disciples went to Galilee.*" Not **twelve**, but **eleven**. Judas is no longer among the company of those who represent the new Israel. This remains a painful reminder that not all of the followers of Jesus are perfect. We doubt. We drag our feet. Maybe we are not as courageous in carrying forth Jesus' saving mission into the world as we might be or should be. Yet, in spite of our weakness, Jesus has still empowered each and every one of us who call ourselves Christian to carry on His ministry. **His ministry will continue.**

The disciples went to Galilee. Galilee is where Jesus' saving mission began. *Is Galilee where it also ends?* Not really. However, these verses from Saint Matthew's Gospel ... Chapter 28 ... conclude his account. Note that there is no mention of the Ascension in these verses. Saint Matthew ends with the Great Commission to go and baptize: "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age*" (Mt 28:19-20). There is no end to Jesus' being with us because we are to take up His work and carry it – carry Him – forward for all time.

One final detail: Jesus ordered His disciples to a mountain ... a place in Scripture for divine encounter and divine revelation. **The encounter** ... Jesus promises to be with them "*until the close of the age.*" His Presence is His farewell gift to the disciples. **The revelation** ... they are to take up His saving mission by making "*disciples of all nations*" through baptizing and teaching. The disciples are His farewell gift to the world. And by taking up His saving mission ... so are we.

It takes us a lifetime of following Jesus and proclaiming His Good News to learn how gifted we are and what a gift we are to others. What the disciples hadn't yet come to fully believe was that Jesus would always remain with them, giving them strength ... through the Spirit. There was a startling newness to what Jesus was doing and the message He was conveying. Never before had someone been present with them who "*fills all things in every way*" (Second Reading). Never before had someone so completely shared power. Never before had someone promised the most potent power – the Holy Spirit who is with us "*until the end of the age.*"

The power given Jesus is now handed over to His disciples ... and the new thing about this power is that it is a divine Person ... it is the Holy Spirit who is sent to dwell within us ... it is the Holy Spirit to make us one with divinity. This Spirit given us is the way Jesus remains with us "*always, until the end of the age.*" We have the power ... to make disciples ... to baptize ... and to teach. We are Jesus' gift to others. But more importantly, we have the power to be the Presence of the Risen Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit ... which is Jesus' gift to us. With the Holy Spirit, we can faithfully continue His ministry. The Holy Spirit transforms each one of us into being gifts for others.

We are like the disciples not only in our doubting, but also in that we have been given the power to continue the work of Jesus Christ. In a society in which healthy self-esteem is so difficult for so many people, consider what Jesus does for each and every one of us ... He gives us the power to continue His work and, even more, He remains with us, so we are His Risen Presence for others. How healthy should our self-esteem be! We carry within us the Holy Spirit ... the Risen Presence of Jesus Christ! How urgent our response needs to be. Jesus chooses us to continue His Presence ... to continue to be His saving mission in our world.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe on this Ascension Day and always!

~ Fr. Larry

**PARISH OF
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
FOOD PANTRY**



*“Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, who Himself said,
‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*
~ Acts 20:35 ~

As we move forward into spring, a season of renewal and rebirth, we continue providing assistance to those who come to our church seeking a helping hand. If you would like to help, you may leave your donations of nonperishable items in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings.**

Here are some suggested items: **pasta, ramen noodles, instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken (or other canned meats), rice, canned fruit, applesauce, crackers, peanut butter and jelly.** Also, nonfood items such as **soap, bathroom tissue, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!

You Are Invited!
Healthcare Provider Mass



May 23, 2023, 7:00 PM

Saints Peter and Paul Church
362 Ganttown Road
Turnersville, NJ 08012

Rev. Stephen J. Rapposelli, Celebrant

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for doctors, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, and all healthcare providers to:

- ❖ Bless their work
- ❖ Guide their decisions.
- ❖ Give them strength to work tirelessly and compassionately.

Light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Parish Center



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Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1: 17-23 | Mt 28: 16-20

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Actions speak louder than words. How many of us have heard or said this exact phrase? I suspect most, if not all of us are quite familiar with this old adage. In fact, this is exactly what we are being told by Jesus himself in today’s Gospel when he says, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” Jesus continues his direction of *action* by telling us to baptize “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” We are not directed to simply speak about Jesus with our families and church communities, we are told to GO among all nations and add to Jesus’ flock. We continue Christ’s mission when we seek to spread his love. Before Jesus joined his Father in heaven, his instructions were very clear. This is an opportunity to think about the commission we were given as part of the baptized community, and how Jesus is asking us to take action in his name.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Easier said than done. We’ve all heard that one as well. It’s hard to feel equipped to spread the word and the will of God. We worry our words will fail us and we will look foolish. We know we are not perfect, and wonder if that means we cannot possibly be Christ’s hands and feet on this earth. However, today’s reading from Ephesians provides us with the perfect prayer to give us hope and faith in the Holy Spirit as we set out to fulfill the Great Commission given to us in this week’s Gospel: “May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.” We are challenged to act for God, but not without being given the tools to do so with confidence.



PRAY Meditate on today’s second reading from Ephesians. Read it as if your priest was giving you a blessing before you head out of your house each morning. Let it fill your soul with love and awe for our Father, and let it give you the confidence you need to play an active role in building his kingdom until he comes again.

THE SECRETARIAT FOR PASTORAL OUTREACH AND
THE SECRETARIAT FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY AND EVANGELIZATION PRESENTS



MAY 25TH | 7-8PM

HOLY HOUR

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
17 EARLINGTON AVE | MULLICA HILL, NJ 08062

DEACON OMAR AGUILAR

Music provided by the parish music ministry.
Refreshments will be served following the holy hour.

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SPRING SPRINT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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to raise \$50,000 for the South Jersey Scholarship Fund by June 30th!

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CATHOLIC RENEWAL

JUNE 10, 2023
9:30 AM to 8:00 PM

GROWING IN THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12 - Now in regards to spiritual gifts...

TICKETS
\$25.00
PER PERSON

Speakers will include:

- Fr. Rene Canales - Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
- Fr. Franklin Opava - Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Part time Parochial Vicar; St. Gianna & Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Fr. Jon Peter Thomas - Pastor of Christ the King
- Rebekah Hardy Marier - Coordinator of Heritage & Mission for Ursuline Academy
- Tommy Doyle - Music Ministry
- Jeffery Shields - Music Ministry

Location:
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall
724 Maple Ave
Linwood, New Jersey 08221

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PHILLIES VS **METS**

PHANS FEEDING FAMILIES

Saturday June 24, 2023

4:00pm

Citizens Bank Park
1 Citizens Bank Way,
Philadelphia, PA

Tickets: \$40.00
LIMITED TICKETS

Join us for a day of fun and service as we join
The Phillies in the Fight against Hunger!
All families are encouraged to bring
non-perishable food items that day as we
celebrate Phans Feeding Families!!

FOR MORE INFO OR PURCHASE TICKETS:
JOSE.RODRIGUEZ@CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG
856-583-2908



Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

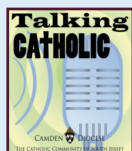
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14
or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27;
Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor
12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



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Ascension on Sunday

THE ASCENSION of the Lord, which traditionally falls on a Thursday, may be celebrated on a Sunday in certain parts of the world.

The Ascension originated as a Thursday celebration because of the story of the event from the opening of the Acts of the Apostles. There, Luke says that Jesus rose from the dead, appeared to believers for forty days and then ascended to the heavens. Even though the accounts of the Ascension in the Gospels suggest it took place after a shorter period of time, the liturgy of the Church has honored the chronology from Acts by celebrating the Ascension on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter.

The Solemnity of the Ascension is one of ten days that may be a holyday of obligation. Not all countries have the same holydays. In those countries where the Ascension is not a holyday, the solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. The United States is so large and its needs so varied that Rome has granted it permission to decide by region on the date of this one solemnity. It is possible within the United States for Ascension to be on a Thursday in one state and on a Sunday in another. Travelers are expected to honor the custom of the place where they are that week.

Those celebrating Ascension on Sunday will miss the Mass texts of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, filled with anticipation for the Spirit of Pentecost. The Second Reading and the Gospel of the Seventh Sunday of Easter may replace those usually heard on the Sixth. Those attending weekday Masses may notice that the Responsorial Psalm on Friday and Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter is a seasonal psalm for the Ascension, even if their community will not celebrate the solemnity until Sunday.

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