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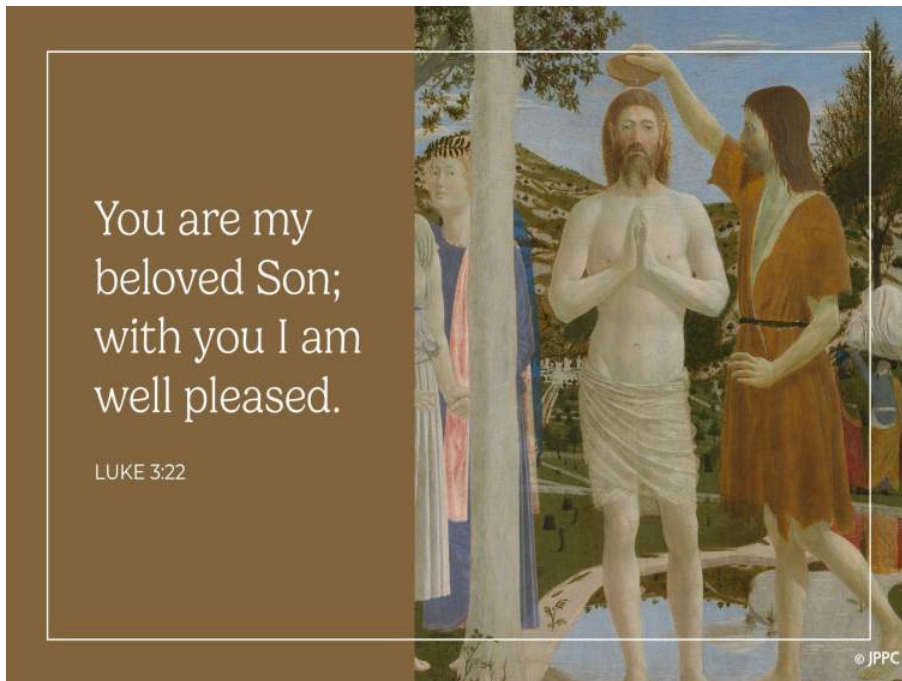
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You are my
beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.

LUKE 3:22

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; Tuesday: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS! Contact the Parish Office for registration or to receive information regarding sacramental preparation and eligibility.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4 PM at Nativity
Sunday: 8 AM at St. Catherine
Sunday: 10:30 AM at Nativity (Live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube every couple of weeks.)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. & Thurs.: 9 AM at St. Catherine
Tue. & Wed. 9 AM at Nativity
Friday: 7 PM at Nativity
Saturday: 7 AM at St Catherine

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7 PM at St. Catherine
Holy Day: 9 AM & 7 PM at Nativity

CONFESSION

Friday: 7:50-8:20 PM at Nativity*
Saturday: 7:50-8:20 AM at St. Catherine*
Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM at Nativity
Sunday: 7:20 – 7:50 AM at St. Catherine*
Sun. after most 10 AM Mass at Nativity
Or by appointment, call the Parish Office
* When Fr Goyette is here



Saturday, January 11th

7:00 AM-SC William Moore *r/b Karen Emig*
 4:00 PM-N Kay Tanner *r/b June & Fran Sieber*

Sunday, January 12th

8:00 AM-SC People of the Parish
 10:30 AM-N Dana Cannon *r/b Fera Family*

Monday, January 13th

9:00 AM-SC Donald Coss *r/b Mary Visalli*

Tuesday, January 14th

9:00 AM- N Dcn Clarence "CJ" Achee
r/b Parish of St Michael the Archangel

Wednesday, January 15th

9:00 AM-SC Reynolds Smith III *r/b Joanne & Matt Moss*

Thursday, January 16th

9:00 AM-SC Ana Beatriz Rico Hostias
 (Rev. Hostios Mother)
r/b Parish of St Michael the Archangel

Friday, January 17th

7:00 PM -N Henry O'Meara *r/b The Family*

Saturday, January 18th

7:00 AM-SC Sr Bianca Camilleri *r/b Charlene Braida*
 4:00 PM-N Dot Myers *r/b Diane Hitzelberger*

Sunday, January 19th

8:00 AM-SC Larry Bottaro *r/b Kozachyn Family*
 10:30 AM-N People of the Parish

Mass Location: N = Nativity | SC = St. Catherine



The Sanctuary Candle
 At Nativity Church is being lit for
Reynolds Smith III
 At the Request of Joanne & Matt Moss

Harriet Bajewicz, Betty Briles, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Jim Cesanek, Pat Charnitsky, Joanne Ciquero, John Contrevo Sr., Joseph Dietterick, Melissa DuBeau, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mark Fitzpatrick, Anthony & Luca Garbarino, Amedeo Giambuzzi, Don & Matt Healy, Chrysi Lopes, Dcn John Luko Jr. Rosemary McBride, Faith Mathiesen, Jennifer Mignano, Miller & Joann Mills, Eileen Mulholland, Thomas Myers Jr., Bob Sandelier, Karen Simpson and Karen J. Viola

If you have a family member whom 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.

Pray for Our Military Heroes

If you have a family member serving in one of the branches of the military, 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, Army Staff Sgt. Molly Atkinson, SSG Bryan Jenkins, 1LT Tyler Keyworth, Com. Sgt Major Shane McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, CPT Graham Miller, and PFC Vincenzo Taormina

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman, EM2 William Little, and Kurt Reinhold, US Navy

US Air Force

SrA Jacob R Custis, MSgt, George Ruczynski Jr.

US Marine Corps

WO3 Brad Davis, SGT Nate McAllister



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon. – Thurs. 8-9 AM
 Eucharistic Adoration
 before morning Mass. Every
 Monday 6-7 PM Adoration at
 Nativity

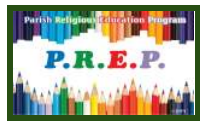
ROSARY

Mon. – Thurs. Rosary after
 morning Mass and
 after all weekend Masses
 Every Tuesday after the
 9 AM Mass—Novena
 to the Miraculous Medal.



JANUARY 2025

- 14 - Parish Council 7PM - SCB
- 15 - Knights of Columbus 730PM - SCB
Choir Rehearsal 7PM - NCC
- 20 - Martin Luther King - Parish Office Closed
- 22 - Choir Rehearsal 7PM - NC
Grief Support 7PM - NCC
- 28 - Caregiver Support 7PM - NCC
- 29 - Choir Rehearsal 7PM - NCC



**Parish Religious Education Program Calendar
JANUARY**

- 19 - NO CLASS
- 25 - FIRST PENANCE RETREAT
9A - 12P NATIVITY CHURCH
- 26 - In Person Class 915A - 1015A

Please be sure to check weekly email for updates and reminders



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Calendar
JANUARY**

- 19 - NO CLASS
- 26 - In Person Class 915A - 1015A



Thank you to everyone who decorated our churches for the Christmas Season. The churches looked beautiful. The Christmas Flower Intentions will be in the next bulletin.

RE-ENROLLMENT for School Year 2025-2026:

Many thanks to all of our families that have already sent in their re-enrollment applications for the next school year! We have some great incentives for enrolling through the month of January! Once you re-enroll, please look for your raffle ticket which will be returned with your student! (It will be attached to a **copy** of the invitation letter- use this for your records as well.)

Please note: We will be sending **the same re-enrollment letter and applications** home with our families next week.

If you are able - take advantage of the **reduced application fee** in addition to being entered into our **drawing for some special prizes!**

Heavenly Father, as we enter this New Year, we thank you for your constant love and grace. Please guide us in 2025 with your wisdom and strengthen our faith. Help us grow closer to You, serve others with kindness and live according to Your will. Bless our families, our work and our hearts that we may bring your Light to the world. In Jesus's name, Amen.



RANDOM MINUTIAE BY FATHER GOYETTE

Father Goyette's blog will be in next week's bulletin. (He is currently away in Chicago.)

May God Bless You!



Grief Support will resume twice a month in January.

Grief support is a group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Conference center to learn how to cope with loss through Scripture, prayer, and conversations with others who have experienced loss. No loss is the same, and no healing occurs the same way or in the same time frame. We offer a support system to help us handle our loss in a supportive way.

Caregiver Support will not meet for the month of

December. Caregiver support is a group that meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Conference center to address issues related to providing care and support to a loved one facing health challenges. This group will utilize prayer, scripture and conversation to discover ways to handle the stress and emotions in caring for a loved one who is going through such challenging times.

Our Infirmities can be a broken body, broken heart or broken spirit. God knows what we need to lighten our load, although it may not be what we think we need. Whether it is a moment of inner peace during a time of great stress, or our loved one is called to the Kingdom of God so that suffering and pain on this Earth is over, He knows what we need for us to continue on our path. Luke 12:10-13, where Jesus heals an infirm woman on the Sabbath, shows us our grief and our bodily infirmities can weigh us down. However, Jesus can lighten our burden if we listen and let him.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 TO 14

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

51 W. NORTH ST CLAYTON NJ

DATE: JAN 18TH TIME: 10AM

EMAIL: JWILLIAMS5150@COMCAST.NET



If you can spare some of your talent and time for any of the following routine parish maintenance activities, please call the parish office at 856-881-9155. We will contact you to discuss your interest in various small projects, such as:

- Power washing
- Small painting and carpentry projects
- Plumbing Projects
- Light Welding
- Streaming the parish 10:30 am mass once a month. Training and instructions will be provided



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

What an amazing start to a new year! We have visited both 1st Way Life Center and Good Counsel Homes in Riverside. At Good Counsel we have welcomed another precious tiny angel. We have provided these mothers with diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, blankets and toys for their beautiful babies.

The amount of smiles, hugs and love was wonderful! To be able to help these mothers in need is truly a blessing and to be a sense of hope and support for them and their children, I am forever grateful. I personally thank each of you for your support. Without you, this amazing journey would not be possible. I am truly blessed to belong to such a loving parish family. Together, we are making a difference.

As we continue to fulfill our mission, I ask that we please keep all mothers and their families in our prayers. Thank you all for the outpouring of love and continued support. I also thank you for your gracious and generous donations. May God continue to bless you all.

With love   
Abby



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)

Would you like to donate to our parish food pantry but don't know what to buy? Although all nonperishable food items are welcome, here are some suggestions: mac & cheese, ramen noodles, tuna, canned chicken, instant potatoes, pasta and pasta sauce. Soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes are appreciated as well. New or used clean reusable shopping bags (ShopRite, Acme, Target, Walmart, etc.) are also needed. You may leave your nonperishable items in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and St. Catherine of Siena Churches, or, you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center from 10:15 to 11:30 on Wednesday mornings. Prefer not to shop? Monetary donations are always welcomed. Your support for this ministry is invaluable and we thank you!

Adopt-a-Seminarian 2024 Giving Tree Update

“Thank you!”

A BIG “Thank You” to Father Goyette and the St. Michael the Archangel Parishioners, for your most generous donations of gift cards, sweet treats, healthy snacks and Prayer Commitments to our eleven Seminaricians studying for the priesthood at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, NY and at The College Seminary of The Immaculate Conception at St. Andrew's Hall, in South Orange, NJ. What an amazing outpouring of love and support you have shown them! Along with the goodies, each man also received a warm, hand-knitted winter hat thanks to the talent of our Parish Knit & Crochet Group. Everything was delivered, along with the names of those parishioners making their prayer commitments for 2025. Thank you again for participating in the 2024 Adopt-a-Seminarian Giving Tree Project at St. Michael The Archangel. God bless each of you, our Parish, and all the men presently studying for the holy priesthood. Please continue praying for religious vocations.

BAPTIZED STEWARDS

“John answered them all, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that **“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.”** In other words, as baptized Catholic Stewards, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in HIM, and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater good of God.



CHURCH OFFERING

Total Mass Offering for Dec 28th/29th - \$4766
 Last Year’s Total Mass Offering - \$4179
 Christmas Additional Offering - \$805
 New Year’s Total Offering - \$1370
 Total Mass Offering for Jan 4th/5th - \$6264
 Last Year’s Total Offering - \$4402

MASS COUNT

Dec 28th/29th - Sat. 4 PM Nativity - 105
 Sun. 8 AM St. Catherine - 81
 10:30 AM Nativity - 199
 Total Attendance - 385
 Last Year’s Total Attendance - 350
 Jan 4th/5th- Sat. 4 PM Nativity - 113
 Sun. 8 AM St. Catherine - 97
 10:30 AM Nativity - 207
 Total Attendance - 417
 Last Year’s Total Attendance - 379

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The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

Psalms 29:1-4, 9-11 (or Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30)

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38 (or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Luke writes “The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Luke is telling us that through baptism, our sins will be washed away through Jesus’ death and resurrection. It shows God’s love for us and that, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are given the promise of eternal life. On Pentecost we received the gift of the Holy Spirit. What a special gift it is knowing that Jesus will walk with us on our journey of life through the good and bad times.

As you are listening to the Gospel, reflect on why Jesus needed to be baptized because He is without sin. We are baptized to free us from the original sin we are born with. This allows us to have a new beginning in life. While reflecting on this, you realize that Jesus was baptized to show us His humanity at the beginning of His ministry. Baptism is a new beginning: we are freed of the original sin that resulted from Adam and Eve disobeying God. The Sacrament of Baptism starts our life out with God being a central part of our life and gives us the opportunity to live the life God wants for us. The Baptism of Jesus is God’s way of allowing His son to start his ministry on earth.

As we conclude the Christmas season, let’s remember that **“Jesus is the reason for the season.”** We should all take some time to reflect and ask ourselves, have we done our best to be God’s voice on earth? We are all human and make mistakes, but we need to strive to follow God’s call each and every day. It is empowering to know that God is with us and will walk with us each and every day. Use Luke’s Gospel on the Baptism of the Lord to reflect on the meaning of your Baptism.



Villa Maria
 PRIVATE DAY OF PRAYER
 Wednesday, January 22, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - \$25

On the Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn, spend a quiet day praying for the intention of the right to life from conception until natural death. Throughout the day, there will be periods of communal prayer for this very special intention. Lunch is provided.

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center
 101 8th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247
 Register by January 15 by calling 609-964-7700 or visit www.VMbytheSea.com

Beautiful Thing:
 Proclaiming the Gospel through Art
 presented by
 Jim Dessicino

Thursday, Jan 30, 2025
 6:30pm
 Christ the Redeemer
 Pastoral Center
 318 Carl Hasselhan Dr.
 Atco, NJ 08004

Jim Dessicino is the Parish Catechetical Leader at the Parish of Saint Monica, Atlantic City. He focuses on beauty as a source of catechesis in his work at the church and in his art. A convert to the faith after 20 years away as a cultural materialist, he has taken to restoring religious sculpture and creating new public monuments and memorials.

In this talk, Jim will speak about a side altar at St. Nicholas of Tolentine in Atlantic City with sculptures by Joseph Sibbes, and explore the evangelizing power of beauty.

All are welcome. RSVP not required, but appreciated to 856-767-8778 or Laurie.Power@christtheredeemer.us

For more information, visit: www.christtheredeemer.us/jubilee2025



1st Saturday Reflection Day

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January to May

10a to 1p

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