



May 23, 2021 | Pentecost

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 9a at Nativity
Tuesday: 9a at Nativity
Wednesday: 9a at Nativity
Thursday: 9a at Nativity

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Nativity
10a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7p at Nativity
Holy Day: 9a & 7p at Nativity

*(Please confirm with
Mass Intention Schedule.)*

RECONCILIATION

*Due to COVID-19, by Appointment
Please call the Parish Office.*

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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**.”*



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:30p *(or by appointment, please call the Office)*

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

Please visit our website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND
RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

4:00p (N) People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD
PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00a (N) Bradley Pantaleo *by Pat Pannullo*
10:00a (N) Rachel Brown *by Fran Carder*

MONDAY, MAY 24TH
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

9:00a (N) Robert Carder *by The Seniff Family*

TUESDAY, MAY 25TH
*BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, GREGORY VII, POPE,
 AND MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI, VIRGIN*

9:00a (N) Cody Reagan *by Lorraine Shaw & Family*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH
PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

9:00a (N) Rachel Brown *by The Seniff Family*

THURSDAY, MAY 27TH
AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

9:00a (N) Marie DaTorre *by Rocky & Susan Costa*

FRIDAY, MAY 28TH

9:00a (N) No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 29TH
PAUL VI, POPE

4:00p (N) For the Unborn *by Ron & Sharon Bencoter*

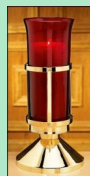
SUNDAY, MAY 30TH
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00a (N) People of the Parish
10:00a (N) June Wielgus *by The Wielgus Family*



Patriotism

"For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their PATRIOTISM and their virtue."
 - James A. Garfield



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.

*The Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena
 Burns in Memory of Helen Sandelier
 Requested by Her Loving Family*

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries, Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Tim Luko, John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Kathy Tinney, Karen J. Viola & Susan Webster

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

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman & 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



UNIQUE STEWARDSHIP

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
 there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
 there are different workings but the same God
 who produces all of them in everyone."*

~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 ~

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our individual **Stewardship**. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! 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.



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 spring forward into longer and warmer days, we continue to think of our neighbors here in Clayton and Franklin Township. If you would like to help by donating to our Parish Food Pantry, you may leave nonperishable items in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space of Nativity Church, or, you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings**. Since we cannot allow you inside the pantry at this time, there will be a bench outside the pantry on which you may leave your donations. You may honk your car horn before driving away to alert us of your presence so that we may retrieve the items.

Please, leave your food donations outside the pantry on Wednesday mornings only. We are sorry, but, food left out in the elements for an unknown number of hours or days when we are not present at the pantry or when the church is not open cannot be used safely and must be discarded.

All nonperishable items are appreciated including such things as **canned vegetables, ramen noodles, rice, canned meats and stews, tuna, pancake mix, peanut butter and jelly**. Also, nonfood items such as **soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are always welcome. If you prefer not to shop, monetary donations are great, too.

*Thank you for your very generous support of our
Parish Food Pantry!*



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Bells are ringing for married couples! Not church bells, not school bells, not wedding bells, but faith, knowledge and married love WILL grow if you hear the wake-up bell reminding you to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekend is October 8-10, 2021. Questions? Need more information? Please call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org

Please visit our website wwme-southjersey.org



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Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 | Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

“Come, Holy Spirit!” On Pentecost Sunday, which we celebrate 50 days after Easter, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The readings use the language of the senses to describe the powerful presence of the Spirit: A breath, a mighty wind, tongues of fire, a cacophony of languages somehow understood by all. Jesus sends the Spirit upon each of us as well. And while we may not experience the Holy Spirit with our physical senses, I bet each one of us has sensed the Spirit’s presence at different times in life: a homily that deeply resonated, a sense of awe at God’s creation, a “moral compass” that guided us toward what is right, or when we found the words to console a friend in crisis or vice versa. Just as the Spirit transformed the disciples and emboldened them to build up the Church by carrying on Jesus’ mission, we, too, can ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and strengthen us to be a force for love and unity in our families, parishes, and communities.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out to continue his ministry, assuring them of the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide them. We, too, have been given the gifts of the Holy Spirit and commissioned to use them to build up the Church. Well before we learned about concepts such as “emotional intelligence” or skills tests, Saint Paul assured the Corinthians that there are many different gifts and ministries, but the same Spirit. Our gifts may even change as we move from one chapter of life to another. For example, high school and college students may help lead retreats or participate in service projects, young adults may build a parish website or lead a Bible study, those who are homebound may offer to pray for others in their parish. For followers of Christ, the only option not on the table is becoming complacent. As we move from the Easter season to “Ordinary Time,” let’s invite the Holy Spirit to show us how to be “extra-ordinary” in our discipleship in the coming days and weeks. Then follow through.

PRAY Do you sometimes get the Monday blahs? Try starting the day with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for guidance (and some pep in our step!) as we begin the week: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*



Dear Parishioners,

In both accounts of creation in the Book of Genesis, we are reminded of the creating power of the breath of God. In the first account, **“a mighty wind swept over the waters,”** (Gen 1:2) ... *Ruah-Elohim, the Breath of God*. In the second creation account, formed from the clay of the earth, the first humans were simply a lump of clay until the Lord God **“breathed divine life into them”** (Gen 2:7). God’s breath makes us humans living beings. Life is a gift. It is the most precious gift we have. The tendency of living beings is to preserve life at all costs, fight for life, protect life, and celebrate life. The Solemnity of Pentecost is truly a celebration of life. But it is a celebration of more than our human life. It is a celebration of being created in the risen life of Jesus by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon us. It is the birthday of the Church.

Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the disciples and by doing so He recreates them. The life-giving breath poured forth at the dawn of creation is now the Spirit-breath, the very indwelling of God. Only because of this divine indwelling do we have the power to forgive and thus continue Jesus’ saving mission. **We are the incarnation of the risen Lord in our world today. We are re-created by the Holy Spirit.** The sign of re-creation is **forgiveness**. The fruit of re-creation and forgiveness is **peace**. No wonder, Jesus, not once, but twice, greets the disciples with **“Peace be with you.”** No wonder we humans long for lasting peace.

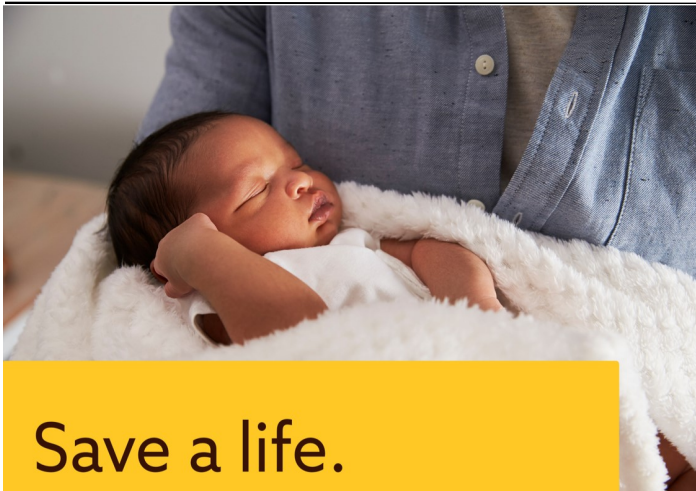
In Saint Paul’s letter to the Galatians, the old order of creation and the effects of re-creation in Christ are contrasted. We are in need of Saint Paul’s warning and insight to *“live by the Spirit”* as much as the Galatians were. Sinful humanity behaves wretchedly: “immorality, impurity, lust, idolatry,” etc. Spirit-filled humanity, the new creation in the risen Lord, behaves splendidly and its fruits are desirable: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,” etc. The contrast between old and new creation is stark and clear. The demands of our re-creation are quite clear as well: *“those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh ... [and] live in the Spirit.”* **The new relationship we now enjoy in Christ is one of both intimacy (God dwells within us through the power of the Holy Spirit) and demand that (we are to live Gospel lives).** By sharing in the very Life of the risen Christ through the Holy Spirit, we also share in Jesus’ ministry of healing and forgiving ... of doing the Father’s will and thus bringing to fruition the reign of God.

Pentecost has popularly and rightly been called the “Birthday of the Church.” We greatly reduce the mystery of God’s presence, however, if we understand this phrase to simply refer to the beginning of the institutional Church. Pentecost is our rebirth into new life as those re-created in the Holy Spirit. It is our celebration of being God’s redeemed people who now share in the mission of the divine Son. This is the great mystery we celebrate on this festival. This is one of the reasons why the Easter season is a privileged time for celebrating Baptism ... for in Baptism we first receive the Holy Spirit and the new life that is ours as those who bear Christ’s name and mission (*“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you”*).

This Pentecost solemnity brings to a climax the fifty-day celebration of Easter. But we must be careful not to put away our Easter joy too quickly. Pentecost may be the end of the Easter season, but it is also a celebration of the beginning of new life in Christ. Rather than our Alleluias being over, they are just beginning! They bear fruit in the practical ways in our life that in the words of Psalm 104 *“we renew the face of the earth!”*

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

~ Fr. Larry



Save a life. Contact Congress.

WHAT

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

HOW

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com!

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Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion.

NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

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Your voice could help to save millions of lives!

The **Hyde Amendment** has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It is credited with saving the lives of over **2.4 million children** to date. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Without it, billions of tax payer dollars could go to abortion. That means abortions would be *cheaper, easier, and funded with our taxpayer dollars.*

As Pope Francis has said, *“The future of humanity ... is fundamentally in the hands of peoples and in their ability to organize.”*

It is **critically important** for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the incredibly high stakes, **Congress needs to hear from a massive number of people.**

You are invited to join the Diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USCCB, set for the first week of June. The primary goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on **NoTaxpayerAbortion.com**.

As you are well aware the Church and her values are under attack at this time in history and we must call upon our people to respond loudly. In addition to signing the online petition, direct letter-writing campaigns to our Senators and Representatives are also encouraged. The addresses for the Representatives and Senators that represent South Jersey are:

Senator Robert Menendez

528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-4744
<https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact/email>

Senator Corey Booker

717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-3224
<https://www.booker.senate.gov/contact/write-to-cory>

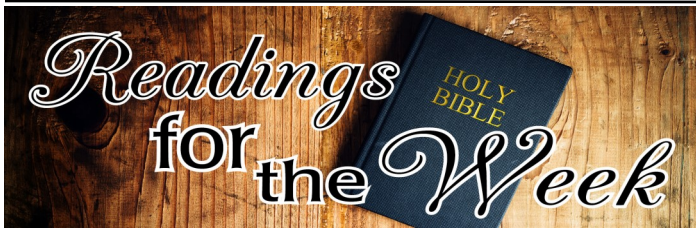
Representative Donald Norcross

2427 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 205-6501
<https://norcross.house.gov/contact/email-me>

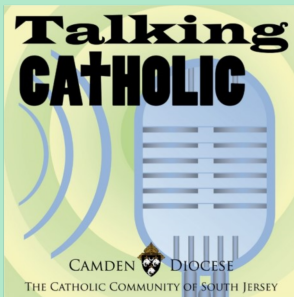
Representative Jeff Van Drew

331 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-6572
<https://vandrewforms.house.gov/contact/>

Your assistance and cooperation are appreciated. It is hoped that millions of Catholics across the country will make their voices heard – let’s do our part here in the Diocese of Camden.



- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 10:46-52
- Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



Please know that you can easily find Diocesan audio podcasts and YouTube resources from local Catholic experts, produced by the Office of Communications with the Catholic Star Herald, to share with others at talking.catholicstarherald.org/

Subscribe to these YouTube channels to view all videos:

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DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
Prayer for Spiritual Communion
BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

MY JESUS,

I BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE, AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

AMEN.



MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING

6 FEET

HELP TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Nose & mouth are not covered.

Nose is not covered.

Mask is too loose.

LIVE STREAMING

Please check out <https://www.camdendiocese.org/live-stream-mass/> for Parishes in the Diocese and sites throughout the country that are live-streaming the Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass, but would like to continue watch it, this is for you!