



April 4, 2021 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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



*"They have
taken the
Lord from
the tomb,
and we
don't know
where they
put him."*

JOHN 20:2

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*“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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SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00p (N) Phyllis Lera by Bob, Fran, & Bobby Carder

SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00a (N) Edward, Wanda, & Anne Marie Polansky

10:00a (N) People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 5TH

9:00a (N) Marie Napoli by Carin Haabak

TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH

9:00a (N) Leon & Mabel Chadwick by Their Loving Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH

9:00a (N) No Morning Parish Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH

9:00a (N) No Morning Parish Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH

9:00a (N) No Morning Parish Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH

4:00p (N) People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

8:00a (N) A Special Intention

10:00a (N) A Special Intention

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, 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

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.

*This Week, the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity Church Burns in Memory of **Hannah Pio**.*

Requested by the Seniff Family



“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!*

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Fr. Larry and the Staff of the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel would like to wish you and your families

a Happy, Holy Easter!

May your Easter Season be blessed!

The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel welcomes its newest members ...



Christopher Stephen Booras
and
Michael James Howey

who made their Profession of Faith,
and completed their Sacraments of Initiation,
receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation
at the Easter Vigil.



May they always walk as children of the Light!

CONGRATULATIONS!

STEWARDSHIP ALLELUIA

“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”
~ Col 3:2 ~

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose, and opened the gates of Heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our **Stewardship** throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION ...

The Sacrament of Baptism: Held on Saturday mornings or at 11:30a on Sunday at the convenience of the family. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Pre-Baptism Class: Required for parents / guardians who have not attended a class in the previous two (2) years. The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel generally offers its class throughout the year on the third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7p in the Rectory Conference Room. Please call the Parish Office at least two (2) weeks in advance to register for a class.

Funerals: To be arranged through the Funeral Home of your choice. Your Funeral Director will contact the church.

Sacrament of the Sick: Generally anytime, however, due to the HIPAA Privacy Act and COVID-19, the individual needing the Sacrament or a family member needs to call the Parish.

Communion to the Sick / Homebound: Please call the Parish Office.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least one (1) year in advance, prior to making any reception plans.

Certificates of Eligibility: For those asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Canon law (Church law) requires that you need to be at least sixteen (16) years of age, have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation). You are living a chaste life (not living with someone) and, if married, you were married according to the laws and teachings of the Catholic Church. Finally, you are a practicing Catholic, registered in the Parish and actively participate in the Sacramental life of the Church (you attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days). Certificates of Eligibility are given by the church where you are registered and active, not where you made your Sacraments. If you are 25-years-old or older and still living at home, you should register in your parish under your own name, not simply registered under your parents. In order to receive a Certificate of Eligibility from the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel, you need to be registered in the Parish for at least six (6) months.



The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
Monday, April 5th
through
Friday, April 9th

It will reopen on Monday,
April 12th.



*Requested By ...**In Memory of ...*

Dominick Aliberti
M/M Anthony Arnold
M/M George Biehler
M/M Thomas Bompensa

Beatrice Aliberti
The Arnold & Nichols Families
Our Loved Ones – The Biehler & Lyons Families
All Deceased Members of the Rowson & Bompensa Families

M/M David Borman
M/M Frank Cichoski
Joanne Ciquero
M/M John Contrevo

The Harvey & Borman Families
The Cichoski, Fisher, & Wargo Families and Mildred Klott
Albert Ciquero
Thomas & Elizabeth Lubatty, Dolores & Larry Tankelewicz,
Ralph, Evelyn, & Tom Contrevo, and Helen Snyder
Bud, Ginny, & Jeff Hoffman, Joe, June, & Joey Costa,

M/M Rocco Costa
M/M James Davey
M/M Albert Dickel
Margaret Engleman

Carol & Nicky Costa
Margaret & Anthony Carbonaro
Phyllis Aldrich and William Hurley
Jim Engleman

M/M Mark Fedechko
Maryann Fithian
M/M Kyle Fote
Angela Gregory

Cleta & Addine Carroll
Dorothy J. Schiffendecker
Joseph & Victoria D'Italia

Judith Guzy
Carin Haabak
Andrea Hale
Dorothy Handy

Dorothy Guzy and Dennis Garrity
Dante & Marie Napoli
Ida Cecchini
Howard Handy and Mary Stimelski

M/M Roman Karpel
Jennie Kortonick
Pat Kozachyn & The Kozachyn Family
Melissa Larro

Jannina Baran
John Kortonick and Anna Cernock
Steve Kozachyn
Earl Jess

M/M Thomas Lehman
M/M Joseph Lipschultz
Marianne McGehrin
M/M John Mitchell, Sr

Anna Coleman and Mary Whittam
Alfred J Kurtz, Jr, Alfred J Kurtz, III, and John Lipschultz, Sr
Deceased Members of the McGehrin & Armbruster Families
Marie Mitchell

M/M John Nardelli
Sean O'Donnell
M/M Kevin O'Hara
Patricia Pannullo

Carol Nardelli
Michael O'Donnell
Deceased Members of the Austin & O'Hara Families
Pat Pannullo, Jr

M/M Joseph Pio, Jr
M/M Ronald Raggio
Kathleen & Susan Sandelier
The Sandelier Family

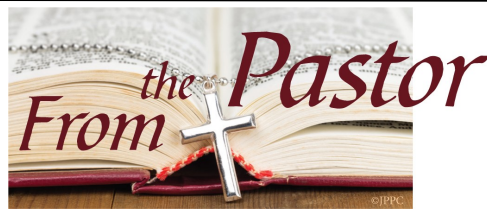
The Pio & Danley Families
Don & Viola Raggio
Robert & Helen Sandelier
The Tello & Janutus Families

M/M Daniel Seniff
M/M Michael Smith
Carmela Talotta
M/M Joseph Tinney

Dan & Gerry Seniff and Harry Kuhns, Jr
Henry & Katherine Smith
Vincenzo Talotta
Deceased Members of the Coates & Tinney Families

M/M Raymond Titus
M/M Jeffrey Vanaman
Mary Visalli
M/M Walter Wielgus & Family
Mary Ann Yurkonis

Helen & Stephen Bottyansky
Carmen Visalli
June Wielgus and William Mikelionis
Frances & Homer Albert and the Fewer & Yurkonis Families



CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Welcome home! Welcome back!

It's hard to believe that over a year has now passed in the shadow of COVID-19. This year, at least, we're beginning to emerge from the isolation we've experienced ... we may be limited (*for now*), but unlike last year, we can gather and celebrate the miracle of Easter!

The void in my life after the death of my parents and my sister was more pronounced over this past year, especially during holiday times, as we have been in "lockdown" for so long. In their case, I couldn't pick up the phone to say "hello." And of course, this past year, we couldn't even visit loved ones (Mom, Dad, and Anne for the obvious reason), but I haven't seen my brother and his family nor my sister and her family since February 2020. While I hope this summer and the vaccine affords my siblings and I the opportunity to reconnect, I hope that one day I'll see Dad, Mom, and my sister again, too. I may not have ultimate control over the when, the where, the how – *or if*. But I continue to wait, to hope, and to trust that it will happen.

Sorry to be so depressing, but can you imagine what the Apostles went through at the death of Jesus? Did all of their hopes and expectations die with Him on the cross? They saw their leader, their teacher, their rabbi ... *their friend* ... mocked cruelly, beaten mercilessly, and then put to death. I suspected they also feared for their very lives, after all that happened to Jesus might also happen to them because they were His associates, *right*? Perhaps they recalled some of the things that He had told them to do to keep His memory alive. The events of Good Friday did not present any apparent hope or future possibilities. Death seemed callous, cruel, and final. Death, at first, probably seemed triumphant.

But then came **Easter**. Everything changed. **He is risen!** Somehow, despite the horrible things that were done to Him, He is still miraculously alive!

For us as Christians, nothing is really as important as Christ conquering sin and death and rising from the dead. Easter is all about Resurrection. It is about eternal life. It is all about **hope and joy!**

Unfortunately, we will all face **Good Friday** at some point in our own lives, too. Death will come to each of us and to the ones that we love. It, too, may seem cruel, unfair, and so permanent. We may not know what we are going to do or where we should turn. Death might even bring us to the brink of despair. However, in those darkest of hours if they come, turn to **Jesus**. *Trust Jesus*.

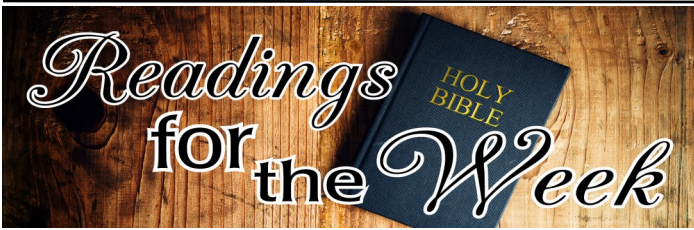
I can only imagine the inexplicable **joy** that the Apostles must have felt when they saw Jesus alive again. I am sure that it surpassed their greatest expectations and gave them a faith in Christ that they would subsequently take to the ends of the earth. They would all live and die for Christ, trying to spread His message of Good News – the Gospel. They would speak about Resurrection and Eternal Life. They had their hope restored and they attempted to give others this same hope in Jesus.

This Easter, I pray that you all experience the joy of the Risen Christ. May your faith in Him and love for Him increase and radiate from your entire being. He is not dead, but very much alive!

I **thank all of you** for the support you give to the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel, whether it be your time, your talent, or your treasure! Thank you for your generosity in strengthening our Christian faith community here at the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel. Please be assured of my daily prayers and Masses for all of you.

May I ask a continued remembrance in your prayers and Masses as well? May Saint Michael the Archangel protect, guide, and intercede for us always!

~ Fr. Larry



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 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



Knights of Columbus Council 6890 Scholarship

Due to our continued success of our fund raisers, the Knights of Columbus Council #6890 will again award two (2) one-time scholarships for the 2021-2022 school term. The first scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded to ANY high school graduate with a 2.5 grade-point-average or above who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, and community and who will be attending ANY four-year or two-year accredited college or university. The 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 the application. Applications are due by **April 27, 2021**. Please contact John Fitzpatrick for any questions at 856-472-1029.

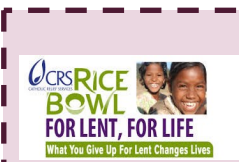
What Makes for a Good Homily?

Your insights on this question is sought through a national study being undertaken by Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Funded by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Biblical Association, this research effort focuses on the preaching of Jesus' parables.

Help us gain new insights by going to

www.parablesproject.org

and completing a 15-minute survey. Thanks!



Rice Bowl contributions can be made **any time** throughout the Season of Lent up to Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 11, 2021**. Please put your envelope in with the first collection. There will no special second collection for Rice Bowl envelopes. Thank you!

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.



You can find our Parish calendar of events, announcements, and a lot of valuable info about our faith on our website and Facebook pages:

<https://www.psmajnj.com>

and / or

www.facebook.com/psma.clayton.franklinville



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!

