



May 7, 2023 | 5th Sunday of Easter

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: 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.)*

RECONCILIATION

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

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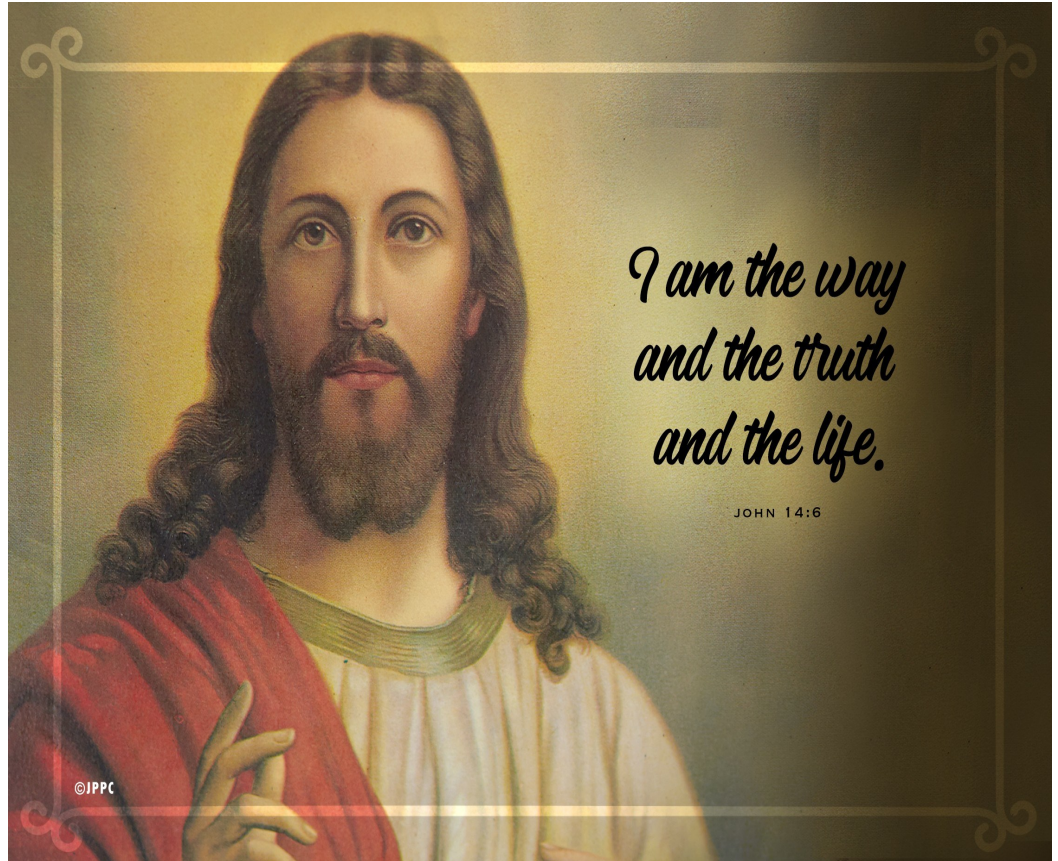
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Mr. Ronald Ferraro



*I am the way
and the truth
and the life.*

JOHN 14:6

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p; **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:00 noon
(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

**Please visit our website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>
or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PSMAinDoC>**



SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

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

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a **Anne Ellena** by Patti Paulsen

10:00a **Wedding Anniversary Remembrance – Dan & Pat Charnitsky and Ernest & Betty Lukasik**

MONDAY, MAY 8TH

9:00a **Deceased Members of the Trotter Family**
by Ronnie Vanaman

TUESDAY, MAY 9TH

9:00a **Joseph Ucciferri**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH JOHN OF AVILA & DAMIEN DE VEUSTER

9:00a **Elizabeth Lubatty & Evelyn Contrevo**
by John & Anna Contrevo

THURSDAY, MAY 11TH

9:00a **Mary Archambo** by Dan & Karen Seniff

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH NEREUS & ACHILLEUS AND PANCRAS

~ No Parish Mass ~

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH – OUR LADY OF FATIMA

4:00p **Mother's Day Intentions**

SUNDAY, MAY 14TH – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a **Mother's Day Intentions**

10:00a **Mother's Day Intentions**

BANNS OF ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

The Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, DD, announces that he intends to ordain **Mr. Ricardo Lozano Cruz** to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Saturday, the 20th day of May, 2023, at Saint Damien Parish in Ocean City.

The faithful of the Diocese of Camden are asked to pray for Ricardo. At the same time, the faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, by contacting their Pastor before the ordination in accord with the norms of cc.1043 and 1051.2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the Diocese of Camden, intercede for Ricardo and for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood here in South Jersey.



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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNERSTONES

*"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."
~ 1 PETER 2:7 ~*

Every person has been given **Stewardship** gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember – no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

PRAY for the SICK

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



Dear Parishioners,

Short-term leave-takings are not usually given much thought – husband and wife kiss each other before leaving for work and hug the children off to school. Most long-term leave-takings are pretty difficult, especially when those parting company love each other deeply. It is always heart-rending to hear military families talk about the leave-taking of their loved one ... how much a hole in family life this absence creates. On the other hand, even perfect strangers get teary-eyed watching young children or spouses run excitedly up to their soldier-parent-spouse at the airport or watching a long-deployed ship anchor in safe harbor with the sailors lined along the decks waving exuberant greetings. Long-term leave-takings leave us sad. Homecomings bring joy to our hearts.

It is no surprise to us then, to hear in this weekend's Gospel the worry and confusion of the disciples. Jesus is talking to them about leaving, and although He promises to return and take them to Himself, these are hardly comforting words. They probably don't even hear them. What they hear is that Jesus is leaving. They are lost. They do not "know the way."

At the same time, Jesus' words in this weekend's Gospel from the Last Supper discourse are reassuring ones. "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Yet Thomas and Philip, who hear Jesus also tell them that He is leaving, are not reassured and question Him anxiously. The leap from the Jesus at the Last Supper to the Jesus after the Resurrection is one giant step ... one the disciples have not yet taken. These disciples cannot understand that Jesus' leave-taking is not permanent. He is not abandoning His disciples. They have not come to understand what it means for Jesus to rise from the dead.

But we have taken this leap. We are an Easter people. We have received the Holy Spirit who empowers us to know Jesus, through Him to know the Father, and to do the works of Jesus Christ. Believing this lessens all troubles, all anxiety. Believing this helps us know the way to Jesus and to the Father. This weekend's Gospel is challenging us to enter into a profound relationship with the risen Jesus, which ultimately means we share a profound relationship with the Father as well, through their Spirit of love.

The root of all religious desire is union with God. The bold claim of Christianity is that God meets this desire by coming to us in Christ, and we come to God in Christ: "No one comes to the Father except through Me."

As we move toward Pentecost, we find ourselves more and more challenged to encounter the risen Jesus, to believe deeply that He is risen and dwells among and within us. We encounter Jesus and come to greater belief by doing the works of Jesus and by recognizing the risen Jesus in one another. The very practical challenge here is that our Baptism plunges us not only into a relationship with God ... Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ... but also into a profound relationship with each other. Therefore, our belief in the Resurrection and the Good News of salvation is played out concretely in the way we treat others in justice, mercy, forgiveness, and love.

Relationships always make demands on us. Moreover, we cannot have a relationship with Jesus and the Father without relationships with our fellow human beings. That is both the challenge and the Good News. It is also the promise that Jesus' leave-taking is not long-term. He is always with us.

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

~ Fr. Larry



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our First Communicants received the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8th and on Saturday, May 6th. While dressed in their finery, they also had a procession and crowned our Blessed Mother for the month of Mary, the month of May. We wish them “Congratulations” and promise to keep them in our prayers.

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| Landon John Ambrose | Eva Josephine LeDonne |
| Dominick Robert Barber | Mackenzie Margaret McHugh |
| Nathaniel Luis Custis-Brewer | Henry Nicholas Palma |
| Nathan Dennis Capecci | Grace Ann Ruczynski |
| Lilly Rose Formica | Bella Marie Shepherd |
| Cooper Anthony Fote | Joel Thomas Valentino |
| Gianna Rose Gallagher | Alyson Michele Wielgus |
| Brielle Marie Jurman | |

CONGRATULATIONS



**SOUTH JERSEY
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

WE DID IT!

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to the 2023 South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal! Through your generosity our Parish has achieved its goal for the second year in a row!

Thank you for assisting all of the worthwhile programs supported by this appeal and for making a difference in South Jersey!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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!



*The Parish of
Saint Michael the Archangel*

welcomes its newest members

***Kayce Raymond Shelton
and
Allison Renee Whartenby***

baptized on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

May they always walk as children of the Light!



Left: Ethel Hermenau, South Jersey Project Director and LIFENET, NJ - SJO SPEAKER and Leader of 40 Days for Life for 12 years.



Right: Therese De Poortere, LIFENET, NJ SPEAKER Graduated from Seton Hall University with a BA in Sociology

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE



LIFENET
SOUTH JERSEY OUTREACH

"Calling all DRES, Youth Leaders, Deacons, Priests, and Respect for Life Groups"

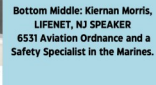
Experience the actual program firsthand as presented to the students in Youth Groups, Confirmation classes, and schools.

LIFENET, NJ Speakers will present:

- Authentic Love and Chastity Message
- Pro-Life Message
- (visit our website - scroll down and watch the video)
- www.lifeneteducation.org



Bottom Left: JanCarlos Camacho, LIFENET, NJ SPEAKER graduated Stockton College, BA in Biology.



Bottom Middle: Kiernan Morris, LIFENET, NJ SPEAKER 6531 Aviation Ordnance and a Safety Specialist in the Marines.



Holly Wright, Trainer/Speaker

May 13, 2023 (Saturday)

Our Lady of Sorrows

724 Maple Ave, Linwood, NJ 08221

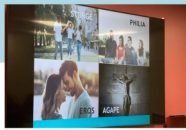
Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Lunch served at noon before Presentation

Register Here!



What is Love?



Register using the QR Code (you can email or call)

email: UnitedForLife@comcast.net

or call: Maureen Masters at (978) 239-2285 or Melanie Stube: (609) 665-9161

Gun Violence Prevention for Faith Based Communities

St Thomas More Parish, Cherry Hill

Monday May 22, 2023

7:00PM Parish Hall

To Register: sthomasmore@comcast.net/ 856-424-3212

In this gathering our presenters will share gun violence statistics, and speak about the human cost of gun violence, and **what we as individuals and a community can do to prevent gun violence.**



Carla Reyes-Miller

Carla is a mother of five and works full-time for the Camden County Department of Children's Services. Carla is a gun violence survivor. On June 8, 2011, someone made a senseless decision to take her 19-year-old son's life. Carla shares her personal story in the hopes that others will not make the same senseless decision as her son's murderer. She hopes to retire soon and to devote her time to preventing gun violence.



Lisa Winkler

Lisa Winkler is a mother of two sons. She is the Events Co-Lead for the South Jersey Group of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and strives to one day end gun violence. She is an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Cherry Hill. She holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from Ga Tech and an MBA from Drexel University.

"There must be dialogue followed by concrete action to bring about a broader social renewal that addresses all aspects of the gun violence crisis".
(US Bishops June 3, 2022)

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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DIOCESE OF CAMDEN OFFICE OF FAMILY AND YOUTH presents the annual

NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY



SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

9 AM - CLOSING

Join Catholic youth and their families from across the state for a day of fun and prayer. There will be a special opening ceremony, buffet style lunch, and the celebration of Sunday Mass!!!

\$65 PER PERSON

Parking | Admission | Meal Voucher |

\$30 PER PERSON

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May 7, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Recently, I went through a period of spiritual dryness, and I questioned my ability to make faith the central tenet of my life. Although I had always loved reading Scripture, I felt I needed reassurance that God was truly present with me. So I did what many people do: I asked God for a sign that he was real. Nothing happened. The sky didn't open; doves and rays of light didn't magically appear announcing God's presence. Although I didn't receive what I envisioned as a "heavenly sign," I looked down at the Bible in my hands and realized that God's word, handed down through the millennia, had been my companion all this time and was indeed the "sign" I was looking for. Which is why Jesus' question to Philip in today's Gospel struck a chord with me: "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?" If Jesus asked me this same question, I want to be able to answer, "Yes, Lord, I know you through your sacred word, through partaking of the Eucharist and through the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit who is with me each and every day."

ACTION Faith is rarely a straight path - sometimes there are sharp curves, steep hills, or roadblocks. If you feel lost or could use someone to talk to about faith, reach out to your parish and ask about contacting a spiritual director. *Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your grace.*

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does "knowing Jesus" mean for me in my everyday life? It means hearing his words and acting on them: "I am the way and the truth and the life ... If you know me, then you will also know my Father." In following Christ, we know that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in him. Jesus Christ is God! And as we heard in the second reading from Peter, we are not Christians on a lonely road; we are living stones that form a spiritual house. We are "called out of darkness into his wonderful light," as he describes it. Therefore, let us not be afraid to lean on our fellow Christians when we need support. And then, of course, we turn to Jesus, the cornerstone, the bedrock of our faith, and rejoice in his love for us.





Catholic Schools

Job Fair

Hiring Teachers and Staff

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Elementary
and High
Schools
Represented!

May 10th

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Church of the Incarnation
Mantua, NJ

May 17th

2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
Absecon, NJ

Positions include: Elementary school teachers, high school teachers, administrators, office staff and more!

Register Today





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A Brief Examination of Conscience Based on the Ten Commandments

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before Me. *Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?*

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. *Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?*

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. *Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?*

Honor your father and your mother. *Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?*

You shall not kill. *Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?*

You shall not commit adultery. *Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?*

You shall not steal. *Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?*

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. *Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?*

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse. *Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?*

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods. *Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?*

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