



April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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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, APRIL 1ST

9:00a ~ **No Parish Mass – No Parish Intention** ~
 4:00p **Marianne Knopp** by Buddy & Elaine Meyers

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:00a **People of the Parish**
 10:00a **Eva Morro** by Cindy Simpson

MONDAY, APRIL 3RD

9:00a **Margaret Meyer** by Her Loving Niece, Ronnie

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH

9:00a **John Wesley Joseph Lewis** by George & Nancy

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH

9:00a **Kevin Hogan** by Dan & Karen Seniff

THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH (HOLY THURSDAY)

9:00a ~ **No Mass** ~
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 7:00p (N) **The People of the Parish**
Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9:30p

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH (GOOD FRIDAY)

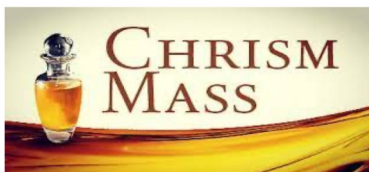
9:00a ~ **No Mass** ~
 3:00p (N) **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**
 7:00p (N) **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH (HOLY SATURDAY)

9:00a ~ **No Mass** ~
 12:00 (N) **Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets**
 4:00p ~ **No Mass** ~
 8:00p (N) **Robert J. Carder, Jr.** By His Loving Wife, Fran

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

8:00a **John Wesley Joseph Lewis** by Dad & Mom
 10:00a **The People of the Parish**



Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:30p on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at Saint Agnes Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish) in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.



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.

STEWARDS CARRY CROSSES

*"As they were marching out,
 they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name;
 this man they pressed into service to carry His cross."
 ~ Matthew 27:32 ~*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. As true **Stewards**, the key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

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, Bob & 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



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Fairytales include three bears, three little pigs, and three witches. We say the third time is a charm. When we talk about a person and the life cycle, we talk about them in terms of their birth, their life, and their death (Christians should talk about a person's life, a person's death, and a person's resurrection.) The magi brought three gifts to the infant Jesus. Time is divided into the past, the present, and the future. And we could go on and on and on. Threes are all around us. Three's abound in Saint Matthew's account of Jesus' Passion as well. Judas is paid thirty pieces of silver for betraying Jesus (three times ten). Jesus takes His three favorite apostles, Peter and "the two sons of Zebedee" as He goes off to pray. Three times Jesus finds Peter asleep after He asks him to "keep watch with Me." One of the accusations against Jesus before the "chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin" is that He said He could rebuild the temple in three days. Peter denies three times that he knows Jesus. Jesus and two others were crucified on that first Good Friday. Jesus died at three in the afternoon. Pilate gave orders that "the grave be secured until the third day." *But no one was prepared for what would happen on that third day!*

It is easy to hear only the negatives in the Passion accounts: Jesus is denied, betrayed, and unjustly judged. He is scourged, mocked, and crucified. Yet all through the Passion accounts there are signs of life, promise, and hope. The night before He was betrayed, Jesus gave His disciples a continuing memorial of His self-giving ... His very Body and Blood for our nourishment as the Sacrament of Life. He promised that He could rebuild the temple in three days, speaking of course about the temple of His own Body. He gave us everlasting hope that by not saving Himself, He saved each and every one of us.

This day – Palm Sunday – when we sing our hosannas and bow our heads in sorrow as we hear the Passion account for the first time this year, we begin the holiest week of our Christian year. It is no ordinary week, for we celebrate Jesus' unreserved self-giving. Holy Week brings before us the demands of self-giving. All of our daily living throughout the year reminds us that, ultimately, like Jesus, we must give ourselves over to God so that God might give us divine life.

We cry "Hosanna" this day, but unlike the people of the city of Jerusalem long ago, we do not need to ask, "Who is this?" This is the one who models for us the mystery of life: die to self so that we might be exalted and raised to new life. This week we celebrate in pointed liturgies the meaning of our whole Christian living: dying to self so that God can raise us up, too. This dying can be as simple as setting aside the time to participate in all the Triduum (meaning "three days") liturgies or as demanding as entering into the depths of the Paschal Mystery by our own self-giving.

Perhaps this week we need to stop thinking about ourselves and our own needs first, ahead of others ... ahead of Jesus. Perhaps we must make Jesus the center of our lives instead of making ourselves the center of attention. Perhaps we need to calm down the frenetic pace of our own lives and cut some things out so that we can concentrate on loved ones more or help out those in need a bit more. Most importantly, this week should ultimately lead to new and deeper relationships and richer experiences. This is all new Life for us. This is what this week and the three days of the Triduum are all about

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

~ Fr. Larry

**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection ...
... Some Information**

Pilgrims are finally, slowly returning the Holy Places after two very difficult years that really put to the test the small and fragile Christian presence in the Holy Land. The challenges are not over yet. Pilgrimages are still far from pre-pandemic numbers and the current political situation, bringing new threats to the Christian community, make support of the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land more needed than ever.

Each year, the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. The collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides formation and education in the communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. It also assists the Congregation for the Oriental Churches to sustain the Easter Rite Catholic Churches present in the region.

Bishop Sullivan and Father Hughes had the privilege of visiting a parish and school in Jericho on their pilgrimage in February 2023. The K-12 school serves 976 students – less than 70 of them are Christian. The Pastor, who also serves as Head Master, told us that more than 80% of the funding for his parish and school comes from the Good Friday Collection. The same is true in the Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Thank you, in advance, for supporting this collection. If you would like more information on how this collection is distributed, please see the following websites:

<https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/>

<https://custodia.org/en/pro-terra-sancta-collection>



**SOUTH JERSEY
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

As of March 27th,

Through your generosity,
we have raised **\$30,840** toward
our goal of **\$53,200**.

We are 58% there!
Let's keep up the great work!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



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FR. GIUSEPPE MARIA SINISCALCHI, CFR
Conference Facilitator

St. Michael Catholic Church
10 N Mississippi Ave
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Saturday April 15, 2023
Conference: 9:30am to 4:15pm
Mass: 5:00pm Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday

Scan code to register!



Confession will be available. Please bring your own lunch. Space is limited, pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, use QR Code or go to: Unboundnewburgh.eventbrite.com Free will donations will be accepted.

Prepare in advance:
Read *Unbound* by Neal Lozano (Chapters 1-7)
www.heartofthefather.com
This is not a Heart of the Father event.

PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FOOD PANTRY



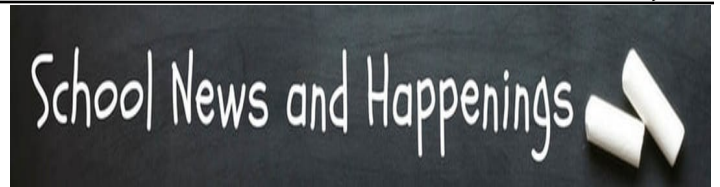
"Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, who Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

~ 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!



On **Sunday, April 30, 2023**, join Bishop Dennis Sullivan along with priests, religious, seminarians and many people from throughout the Diocese of Camden at Cooper River Park (Jack Curtis Stadium | 5300 North Park Drive | Pennsauken) for the annual iRace4Vocations.

Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1:00p followed by a 5K run/1 mile family walk. All are welcome to come out to pray and race or walk! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Enjoy the activities of the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese.

For more information and to register for the event, visit camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations.

REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024

Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year, with open seats available in most grades, PreK-3 through 8th Grade.

We are a joyful and faith-centered community, with active family involvement, that promotes academic success while enhancing the physical and emotional well-being of each student.

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Our values and traditions lead our students to God, while nurturing and supporting the development of a lifelong relationship with Him. Our students learn to give, to care, to help, and to respect one another.

Come see first-hand how Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School is “**Challenging Minds, Building Faith.**” Private tours and shadow days are available by appointment. Please contact advancement@smrsonline.com or 856-881-0067x207.

ALUMNI HIGH FIVE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Calling all graduates of Saint Bridget School (Glassboro), Saint Catherine of Siena School (Clayton), and Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School (Clayton) ...

Please consider participating in the ALUMNI HIGH FIVE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN by making a donation – in any increment of \$5 – to the Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School Annual Fund.

What better way to demonstrate your appreciation for the Catholic education you received, the fond memories you made, the friendships you still cherish today, and the foundation in faith that continues to carry you through all that life brings?

Funds raised from this appeal will provide Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, which first opened its in September 2008 as the result of the merger of Saint Bridget School and Saint Catherine of Siena School, with the tools and resources that it needs to support and continue its mission of “**Challenging Minds, Building Faith.**”

The Alumni High Five appeal will run through **April 20, 2023** (National High Five Day).

Let’s see how many Alumni High Five’s we can raise between now and then! Please visit: <https://alumnihighfive.givesmart.com>

JOIN YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI ON FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/alumnimeetup>

This Alumni Group is for all graduates of Saint Bridget School (1944 - 2008), Saint Catherine of Siena School (1962 - 2008), and Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School (2008 - Present).



Holy Week Masses
South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries

*Please join us in celebrating
Holy Week in our chapel mausoleums!
Masses will begin at 10 AM*

4/3 | Sacred Heart Cemetery, Vineland

4/4 | Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill

4/5 | New St. Mary Cemetery, Bellmawr

*For more information, visit
SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org*

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Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mt 26:14—27:66

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

As we begin Holy Week, we hear Matthew's account of the Passion. We see Jesus' humanity as he experiences *sorrow and distress* in the hours before his death. Three times, he asks the Father to "let this cup pass from me, yet, not as I will, but as you will." In our own human experience, I am guessing many of us have asked the Father to "let this cup pass" - for in addition to life's joys, we will all experience setbacks, struggles, and suffering. By example, Jesus shows us that we can turn to our Father, trusting in his will for us. Let this be a reminder in this holiest of weeks that we can bring our suffering and our doubts to the Father, knowing that the joy of Easter will come.

Easter Triduum



PRAY Praying the Stations of the Cross allows us to walk with Jesus through his passion and death. Make that journey with Jesus this week.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The final words of today's Gospel [shorter version] are those of the centurion and the men keeping watch over Jesus: "Truly this was the Son of God!" Let us keep in mind this central proclamation of our faith while attending Triduum services this week. On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, celebrating Christ's outpouring of love for us. On Good Friday we venerate the cross as we solemnly recall the passion and death of Jesus. And of course at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the story of our salvation, culminating in Jesus' resurrection. As Christians, we know that the cross will give way to the empty tomb and the promise of new life in Christ. Let our voices be strong this week as we echo the centurion's words above, and may Jesus' name be praised forever!

EUCHARISTIC HYMNS

APR
27
7:00 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Father Peter Gallagher

Presented in English

Holy Angels Parish:
Saint Patrick Church
86 Cooper Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096

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Join us
Divine Mercy Sunday

2-3 PM Adoration & Confession
3 pm Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

St. Patrick's Church,
Holy Angels Parish
86 Cooper St
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"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my Mercy"

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

For more information and / or to register, please go to wwme-southjersey.org or call 609-741-8012.