

April 25, 2021 | 4th 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 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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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, APRIL 24TH

FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, PRIEST & MARTYR

4:00p (N) Edwina Szumowski *by Loving Daughter, Fran*

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

8:00a (N) Harry Pease *by Ron & Sally Bonner*

10:00a (N) People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 26TH

9:00a (N) Health & Well-Being of Virginia & Lenny Venturo
by The Seniff Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH

9:00a (N) Jack Lyons *by The Biehler Family*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28TH

PETER CHANEL, PRIEST & MARTYR AND LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONFORT, PRIEST

9:00a (N) Hannah Pio – Birthday Remembrance
by The Seniff Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 29TH

CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00a (N) Health & Well Being of Fran & Bobby Carder, Kathy & Pawel Walczak
by The Seniff Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH

PIUS V, POPE

9:00a (N) No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 1ST

JOSEPH THE WORKER

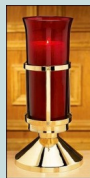
4:00p (N) People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 2ND

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a (N) Cathryn McElvaney *by The Wielgus Family*

10:00a (N) Robert Carder *by Ron & Sally Bonner*



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.

In Loving Memory of

Hannah Pio

Requested by Joe and Grace Pio

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

Your Attention, Please! **Your Attention, Please!** **Your Attention, Please!** **Your Attention, Please!** **Your Attention, Please!**

“It is a crime to put anything in anyone's mailbox, **with or without consent**. Mailboxes are considered federal property and tampering with them in any way is a federal crime. It is also illegal to place items in a mailbox with the intent of someone other than the mail carrier to retrieve it.”

Recently, especially since COVID-19, individuals have been placing things intended for the Parish Office or for PREP (Religious Education) in the USPS mailbox in front of the Rectory in Clayton. I have received several complaints from our postal carrier that this is happening and if it continues, we will be cited. There have also been instances that the carrier has picked up the envelope(s), thinking they were intended for the USPS, and those items have been lost because of being addressed improperly.

If you have something to drop off for the Parish Office or for PREP and the Office is closed, please call the Office at 856-881-9155 or e-mail the Office at psma.rectory@gmail.com and we will let you know a secure place where you can drop them off.

~ Thank you in advance! Fr. Larry

STEWARDSHIP LISTENING

*"I am the good shepherd ...
and I lay down my life for the sheep ...
and they will heed my voice."
~ JOHN 10:14-16 ~*

When we pray, as **Stewards**, do we only ask Jesus for the things that we want? Do we ever ask Him what He wants from us? How do we listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

prayer - trust
distance -
- kindness - courtesy - humanity -
cleanliness - alone together
strength - love - care
HOPE
- perseverance - social
- safety -
- patience -
community
- selflessness - putting other first



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!*

PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING

A four-part series based on *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility.

This series begins the week after Earth Day (April 22nd) and concludes before the anniversary of *Laudato Si'* (May 24th). Please join us for a four-part zoom series highlighting sustainable living presented by the Villanova University Sustainable Leadership Council Co-Chairs: Rev. Dr. Art Purcaro, OSA, Assistant Vice-President for Mission and Ministry and William Lorenz, Sustainable Engineering Director, Villanova College of Engineering.

The four sessions will look at four pathways to sustainable living :

April 29th - Introduction to *Laudato Si'*, the See-Judge-Act methodology and the four fundamental principles of Catholic social thought.

May 6th - Pathway 1 (shelter and energy)

May 13th - Pathway 2 (transport) and Pathway 3 (food and water) May 20th - Pathway 4 (consumer purchases) and next steps and wrap up.

All presentations are 7 - 9 pm via Zoom and is hosted by the Catholic Community of Christ Our Light, Cherry Hill. To register, please visit the parish website at christourlight.net. Questions? Please contact Chris Baekstrom at cbaeckst@gmail.com. Co-sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of South Jersey and the Center for Environmental Transformation. To learn more about sustainable living visit pathwaystosustainableliving.org.



Banns of Ordination to the Diaconate

The Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain **Mr. Christopher**

Myers, Mr. Logan Nilsen, Mr. Cesar Serrano Pirateque, and Mr. Stephen Robbins to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Saturday, the 15th day of May, 2021 at the Church of Saint Agnes, Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood, New Jersey.

The faithful of the Diocese of Camden are asked to pray for these men and for the young men of their parish who are being called by God to service in the Church. 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 these men and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood here in South Jersey.



CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

“Selective hearing” is a phrase we sometimes hear. It means that we hear what we want, and “tune out” what we don’t want to hear. Children have selective hearing when they can’t hear a parent telling them to quit the computer game and to do their homework, but they hear the parent calling them to supper. Adults hear many “voices” in the course of a day, and choose which ones to pay attention to and which ones to tune out. In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus declares Himself to be the **“Good Shepherd”** whose flock must hear His voice. Moreover, we who hear His voice must follow it. Following Jesus, as the Gospel says, means that we must *“lay down [our] life”* for the sake of others. We can do this because the **Good Shepherd** has already done this for us.

In this Gospel parable, the hired man doesn’t have a sufficiently deep or committed relationship to the sheep and so he runs away when danger comes. The good shepherd, however, is the one who owns the sheep and has much more at stake than the hired hand. The good shepherd is concerned about, cares for, and protects the sheep even to the point of laying down his life for those he is called to care for. Jesus requires of us disciples the same mission – to lay down our lives, too ... this phrase occurs five (5) times in the Gospel.

Shepherding, then, is serious business. It means that we cannot run away from danger like the hired man, but we must meet danger head-on for the sake of God’s beloved. Because of the resurrection, we share in the new life of Christ. Our entry into this new life is dying to ourselves – laying down our own lives. Jesus proclaims that He is the **“Good Shepherd,”** that His flock hear His voice, and that He lays down His life for them. In the context of the Second Reading, however, we are more than Jesus’ flock: we are *“children of God”* who are to *“be like Him.”* This means that we are not only sheep who hear our Good Shepherd’s voice, but we are also to become shepherds ourselves. Transformed from sheep to shepherd, we take up the life He has laid down and take up His saving mission to shepherd others to new life.

Taking up Jesus’ mission means that we actually adopt selective hearing as a way of life. Now, however, the selective hearing isn’t a matter of following our own will or completing a task of our own liking. The selective hearing of Jesus’ disciples is a sharpening of our hearing so that Jesus’ voice is the guiding element in our daily living. By sorting through all the diverse voices we hear each day, and hearing in some of them the voice of Jesus, we know the fold to which we belong – *“we are God’s children now”* (Second Reading). Hearing Jesus’ voice, we willingly lay down our lives so that others can come to the same awesome truth ... a share in Easter life, the *“love the Father has bestowed on us”* (Second Reading).

Laying down our lives for the sake of others doesn’t mean that we will be nailed to a cross. It does mean that we commit ourselves to “good deeds” (First Reading) such as caring for the sick, forgiving those who wrong us (last Sunday’s Gospel), giving thanks and praise to God (Responsorial Psalm), loving others as God has loved us (Second Reading). We don’t have to go out of our way to be good shepherds. We need only to relate as one filled with new life in Christ to those who come our way.

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

~ Fr. Larry



April 25, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

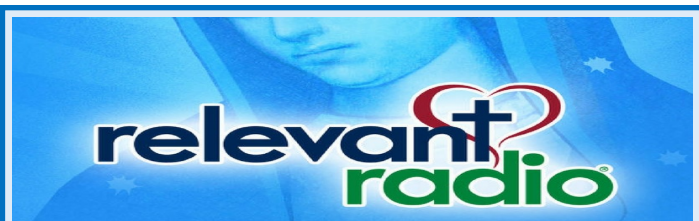
I really feel for teenagers these days. It seems that today's kids face - if not *more* challenges than I did - at least many more *ways* those challenges can present themselves. The usual adolescent pressures present themselves in person, as always, but also now on the many forms of social media. For young people, and all of us, living as "children of God" is certainly not for the faint of heart! As our Psalm today says, we should place our trust in God - take refuge in him - rather than in what others may think of us. Why? Because living as disciples of Jesus can fly in the face of cultural norms. After all, Jesus was the stone the builders rejected - who became the cornerstone! He and the apostles challenged the status quo and faced ridicule and rejection, and even death because of it. Still, they always did the right thing. That's hard, for sure. But Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for us, and that requires a response. Discipleship calls us to serve others by doing the right thing so that God's kingdom will triumph over the kingdom of darkness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

St. John told his community that "the reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." The key to being a loving force for good in the world is humility, and looking to God, rather than how we are perceived on social media or the car we drive, for our identity and worth. Tackling our ego begins by taking stock of what we value and whose opinion (rightly or wrongly) matters to us. Once we have explored those troubled waters, we can absorb St. Teresa of Calcutta's advice: "Accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked. Be kind and gentle even under provocation." Our slow steady witness shines light into darkness. The consistent challenge of our Christian behavior, offered without judgment, will promote God's values in our families, schools, work, and neighborhoods. Our faithful witness allows God to work. Remember, God uses the stones that are rejected to become the cornerstone.

PRAY Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to live humbly. Then ask the Spirit to open the door for you to invite others to know the joy of living according to God's ways. In the meantime, pray the *Litany of Humility*. It will help train your ego to seek God's approval only.



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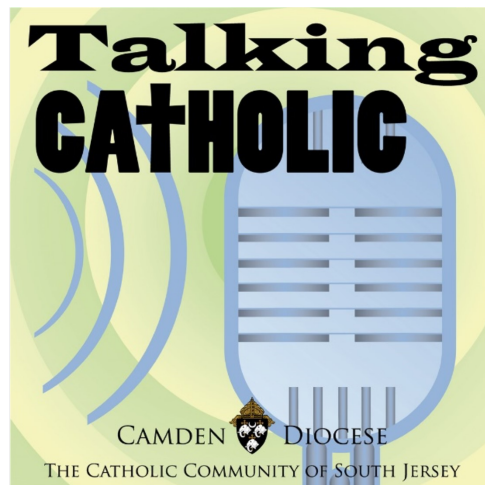
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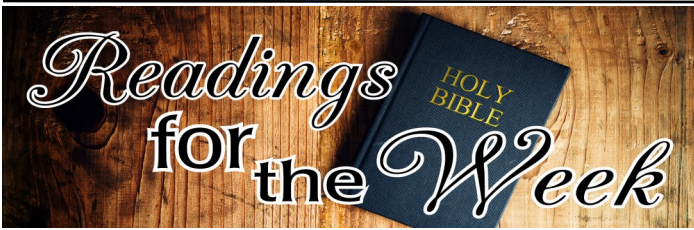
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Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3bc-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30-31, 32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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.

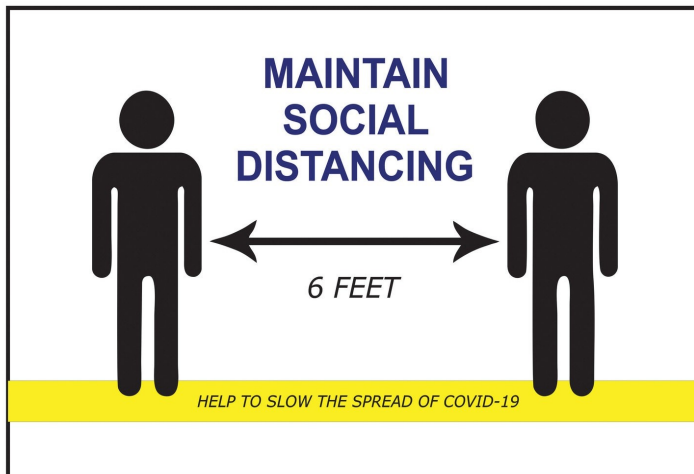
SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

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.



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!



If you or your family member is experiencing substance use/abuse issues, there is help in the Catholic Community

Substance Use Disorder has risen to epidemic proportions, and impacts the entire family



Call the Catholic Charities Addictions Healing Helpline:

1-856-342-4057 - 24 hours

Leave a message, receive a callback within 24 hours

between the hours of 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM—Monday through Friday

For more information, contact JoAnne.Farrell@camdendiocese.org



Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry.

A special toll-free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.