



April 23, 2023 | 3rd 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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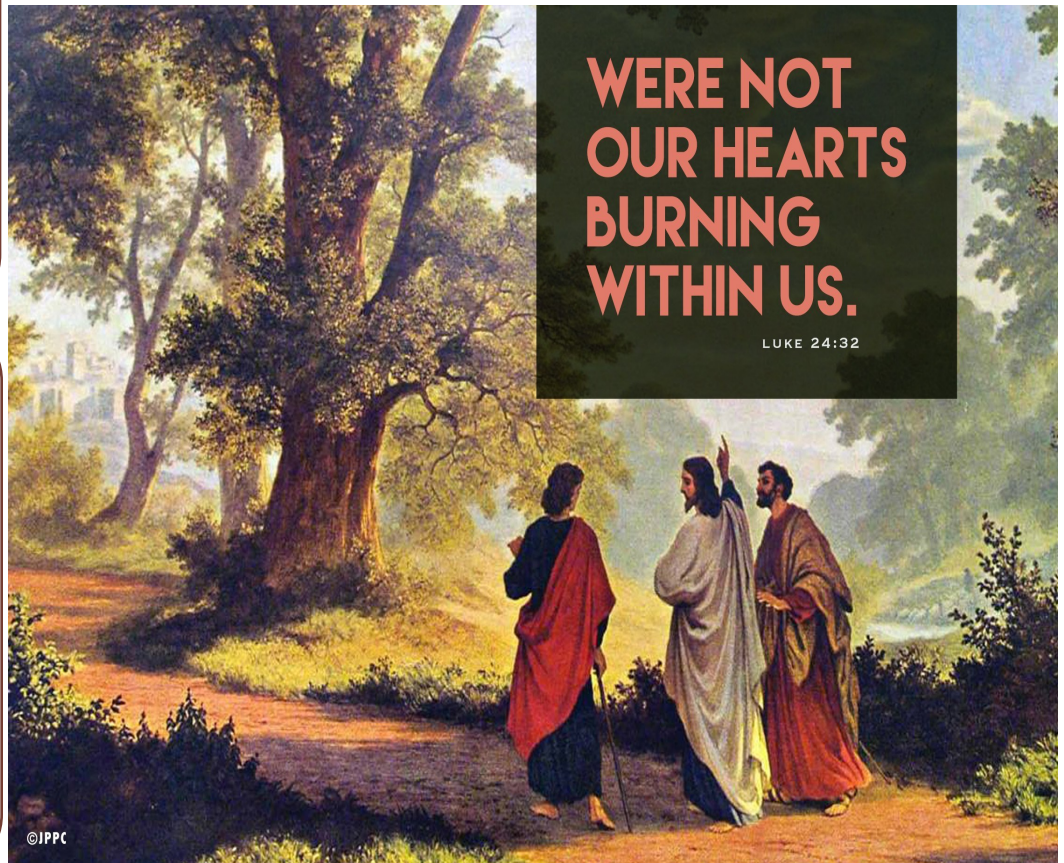
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PRINCIPAL

Mr. Ronald Ferraro



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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 22ND

4:00p **Peter & Grace Gallagher** by *Ronnie Vanaman*

SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a **The People of the Parish**

10:00a **Mark Meccariello** by *Maryellen Foy*

MONDAY, APRIL 24TH – FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

9:00a **Edward Polansky**

TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH – MARK

9:00a **Frances Cesanek** by *Dan & Karen Seniff*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH

9:00a **Elsie McCullough** – by *Dan & Pat Charnitsky*

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH

9:00a **Jack Lyons** by *The Biehler Family*

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH – PETER CHANEL & LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONFORT

9:00a **~ No Parish Mass ~**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH – CATHERINE OF SIENA

9:00a (**SCS**) **The People of the Parish**

4:00p **Edwina Szumowski** by *Her Loving Daughter, Fran*

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a **John Nichols, Jr.** by *The Arnold Family*

10:00a **The People of the Parish** by *MaryEllen Foy*

PARISH OFFICE

Closed

Annually, the Diocese requires that all of the Sacramental records and Mass book for each Parish / Church be inspected, to insure they are being recorded properly and are microfilmed in case the records are in some way damaged (fire, flood, natural disaster, etc.).

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, April 27th**, so that our records can be brought to the Diocese, inspected, and microfilmed. Thank you for your understanding.



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.

The Sanctuary Candle in Nativity Church

Burns this Week in Memory of

John Wesley Joseph Lewis

Requested by Dad and Mom

STEWARDS LISTEN

*“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?”
~ Luke 24:32 ~*

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith, living **Stewardship**, means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

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,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This weekend we are presented with the Easter story of the two disciples who leave Jerusalem in sadness after the death of Jesus on Calvary. They probably wanted to get away for a while and try to sort out all that had happened. They had put their hopes in Jesus and now He was gone. A stranger joins them, and the 'stranger' will turn out to be the risen Christ. But they do not know that. Jesus is in their midst and they do not recognize Him. How often that happens in our lives, especially when we face challenges and difficulty. We get so caught up in our concerns and fears that we think God has abandoned us.

A conversation takes place where these two disciples tell the stranger about the events in Jerusalem and how they had hoped that Jesus would be the one to redeem Israel. Jesus then explains the Scriptures to them, but they still fail to realize that they are in the presence of the crucified and risen Christ. It is only in the breaking of the bread, that is, in the celebration of the Eucharist, that they realize that it is indeed Jesus who is with them. He then disappears from their sight.

The experience is life-changing for them. They tell the other disciples that their hearts were burning within them as Jesus spoke with them on the road. This is precisely what needs to happen to each of us who profess the name of Christ. We need to allow Jesus into our hearts. We need to meet Him in all His goodness and His beauty as the Son of God. A personal encounter with Jesus and a personal relationship with Him are at the heart of living the Christian life.

Many people are searching today for spiritual nourishment and guidance. Tragically, many are not looking for this spirituality in institutional religion. I say 'tragically' because I think our rich Catholic tradition has much to offer. Yet the media love to remind us of the sins of the Church and we, indeed, should never forget them. The scandals of recent years are a true tragedy and a source of unspeakable harm to victims of abuse. May we never forget them, and may we approach the altar of God with humility and integrity as ministers of Christ. We are stewards of a great treasure in the person of Jesus Christ, His teachings, and the Eucharist we celebrate each Sunday and in fact, each and every day.

If you live at a distance from the Church and the Sacraments, please come home, come home to the Eucharist. You will grace us by your presence and humble us by your honesty. None of us is perfect. We are all 'works-in-progress.' So together we can approach the throne of grace and experience the love of God. If you come to Mass regularly, you can belong more deeply by getting personally involved with Jesus Christ as your Savior and your God. Then you will have a better disposition to welcome others rather than judge them or resent that they took 'your seat.' Jesus has so much to offer all of us.

In this season of the Resurrection may our hearts burn for love, for truth, for peace. And may we be on fire with love because we have allowed Jesus, the Risen Christ, into our hearts.

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



**SOUTH JERSEY
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

Your support of the 2023 **South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal** ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the healing, teaching and redemptive Presence of Jesus Christ throughout Southern New Jersey.

Support the 2023 **South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal**
www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma



**Icon Prayer Service
with the Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus Council 6890 would like to invite all the Parishioners of the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel to the Saint Joseph's Icon Prayer Service on **Wednesday, May 3rd at 7p** in Saint Catherine of Siena

Church in Clayton. The prayer service, flowing from the Year of Saint Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021 and inspired by his apostolic letter **Patris Corde**, is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 6890 to honor Saint Joseph and pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.



**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!**

**EUCCHARISTIC
HYMNS**

**APR
27
7:00 PM**

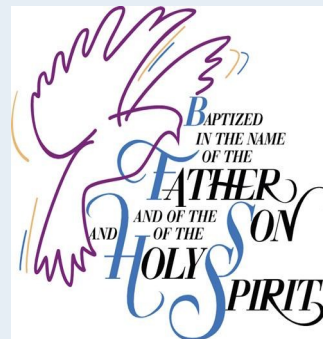
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Father
Peter
Gallagher**
Presented in English

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



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*The Parish of
Saint Michael the Archangel*

welcomes its newest member

Aubrie Grace Booras

baptized on Sunday, April 16, 2023.

May she always walk as a child of the Light!



**Christ the King
Roman Catholic Church
200 Windsor Ave.
Haddonfield, NJ**

Remembering the Innocent

ministry invites those who have suffered the loss of a child in utero, infancy or early childhood to attend a

Mass of Remembrance & Healing

to honor

Heaven's Innocent

Mass to be celebrated by

Fr. Jon Thomas, Pastor

on

Wed., April 26, 2023

at 7 p.m.

All members of the family and friends affected by this loss are welcome to attend.

Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

Contact

religionsed@ctkhaddonfield.org
for more details

St. Gianna, the patron saint of mothers and unborn children, is credited with these profound words "You cannot love without suffering and you cannot suffer without love."

 SATURDAY
APRIL 29, 2023
9 AM - 1 PM

Starting at
**Holy Trinity Parish
St. James Church**
Ventnor, NJ

The
Way of St. James
on the **Road of Life**

an Intergenerational
Pilgrimage Walk

for seniors & their families
2.5 mile walk,
morning prayer,
lunch, Mass and more!



VITALity Catholic
Healthcare Services
of the Diocese of Camden 

To REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT CONTACT:
VITALity-events@camdendiocese.org or call 856-583-6123



April 23, 2023 | Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' eyes were prevented from recognizing it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread - the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to "get it," but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.



PRAY Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT

APRIL 30
12-5PM

iRACE 4 VOCATIONS

COOPER RIVER PARK | JACK CURTIS STADIUM
5300 NORTH PARK DRIVE | PENNSAUKEN
OUTDOOR MASS - 5K RUN - 1 MILE WALK

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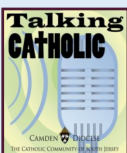
On **Sunday, April 30, 2023**, join Bishop Dennis Sullivan along with priests, religious, seminarians and many people from throughout the Diocese of Camden at Cooper River Park (Jack Curtis Stadium | 5300 North Park Drive | Pennsauken) for the annual iRace4Vocations.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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 September 29th through October 1st. Questions? Need more information? Please call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or please email us at applications@wwme-southjersey.org You can also visit our website wwme-southjersey.org.



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/

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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.



May 13, 2023 (Saturday)

Our Lady of Sorrows
724 Maple Ave, Linwood, NJ 08221

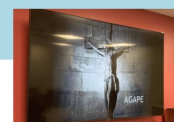
Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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



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
Meal Voucher for Season Pass Holders



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