

April 7, 2019 | 5th Sunday of Lent

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

REV LAWRENCE E POLANSKY, PASTOR

DEACON MATTHEW HANRAHAN, RETIRED

DEACON JAMES N HOGAN, RETIRED

PERMANENT DEACONS

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 of Siena

Tuesday: 9a at Nativity

Wednesday: 9a at Nativity

Thursday: 7p at Saint Catherine of Siena

Friday: 9a at Nativity

Saturday: 9a at Saint Catherine of Siena

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity

Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine of Siena

10:45a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7p evening before at Saint Catherine

Holy Day: 9a at Nativity

7p at Nativity

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30 – 10a at Saint Catherine of Siena

3 – 3:30p at Nativity

or by appointment.

Please call the Rectory Office

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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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Janice Bruni, Principal

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

NATIVITY: 2677 Delsea Dr, Franklinville **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA:** 700 N Delsea Dr, Clayton

PARISH OFFICE: 49 W North St, Clayton, NJ 08312-1114 **PHONE:** 856-881-9155 **FAX:** 856-881-9166

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 12 - 4 PM; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM; **CLOSED ON FRIDAY**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION: Please contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome!* Please stop by the Rectory Office or call to register.

Parishioners requesting sponsor eligibility certificates for Baptism or Confirmation need to visit the Rectory Office.

Please visit our website and sign-up for our newsletter at www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com



SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

- 9:00a The Deceased Members of the Meyer Family
by Ronnie Vanaman
- 4:00p Lillian Grochowski & Jenny Grochowski-Scholz
by The Kiefer Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:00a The People of the Parish
- 10:45a Stella Bassano by The Colucci Family

MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

- 9:00a The Deceased Members of the Bottyansky Family
by Ronnie Vanaman

TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH

- 9:00a A Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH

- 9:00a Rocco Fugaro by The Fugaro Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH

- 7:00p Carl J. Meil, Jr. by Fr. Larry

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

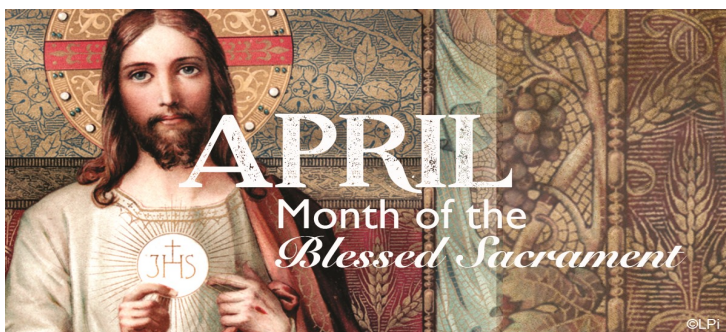
- 9:00a *No Intention*

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

- 9:00a *No Intention*
- 4:00p Frances Cesanek by Her Loving Husband, Jim

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH PALM SUNDAY

- 8:00a Marie Napoli by Carin Haabak & Family
- 10:45a The People of the Parish



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.

Stewardship in Action

Ordinary Income – Weekend of March 30th & 31st \$4,776.43
 Electronic Giving – Weekend of March 30th & 31st \$555.00
 Catholic Relief Services Collection \$795.68

May God bless you for your Stewardship of our Parish!

STEWARDS GAIN CHRIST

“For His sake, I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ ...” (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. **Stewardship** is sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support Church needs. **Stewardship** helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

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, MA2 Joshua Colbert, LS3 Alex Hirst,
 EM2 William Little

US Marine Corps

Gy Sgt Brad Davis, Cpl Nate McAllister, CPT James V. Tumulo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumulo, US Navy; US Army Medic



Brenda Adams,
 George Bromwell, Rob Christian,
 Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
 Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton,
 Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Hanrahan,
 Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman, Lorraine Kreiner,
 Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Gerry McCloskey,
 Eileen Mullholland, Dot Myers, Jean Myers, Jack Nelson,
 Timothy Parker, Grace Pio, Michele Resavage,
 Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola,
 & Susan Webster.

If you have a family member who you would like to see added to the Prayer List, please ask their permission (due to the HIPPA Privacy Act) and contact the Parish Office by calling 856-881-9155 or e-mailing PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com. Thank you!



LENTEN CALENDAR

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION

Fridays of Lent at 7p

April 12th – Nativity
 April 19th – Saint Catherine of Siena (no Benediction)
Confession to follow Stations on Good Friday

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES*

Saturday, April 13th
 9:30-10:30 AM – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton
 2:30-3:30 PM – Nativity, Franklinville

No Confession on Holy Saturday, April 20th

Sunday, April 14th
 9:15-9:45a – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton
 12:00-12:30p – Nativity, Franklinville

* (or by appointment)

Easter Triduum



HOLY THURSDAY, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
April 18, 2019

7:00p – Nativity Church, Franklinville
 Visitation to the Altar of Repose until 10:00p

GOOD FRIDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD
April 19, 2019

3:00p – Nativity Church, Franklinville
 7:00p – Stations of the Cross (no Benediction)
 Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton
 Confession to follow Stations

HOLY SATURDAY
April 20, 2019

Blessing of Easter Food – 12:00 noon – Nativity, Franklinville
 Easter Vigil – 8:00p – Nativity Franklinville



OPEN HOUSE

Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, Clayton, is extending a welcome to all interested Pre-K3 through 8th grade students, their parents, and family to join us for our **2019 Open House**, on **April 30th 6-7:30p**. Tour our campus meet the members of our administration, faculty and staff. We are still accepting applications for 2018-2019 school year. Private tours and shadow days are available by appointment. To attend please contact Sheri Klein at 856-881-0067 ext 213.

SUMMER CAMP

We are now accepting Summer Camp Registrations. Nine (9) themed weeks are available from June 24th until August 23rd. Spots are filling quickly. For more information please contact warriorcamp@smrsonline.com.



PSMA MINISTRY HAPPENINGS ...
... for the Week of April 7th

- ◆ **Sunday, April 7th** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10:15a.
- ◆ **Sunday, April 7th** – *PREP (Religious Ed)* will meet in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, Clayton from 9-10:15a.
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 10th** – Got Music? *The Contemporary Choir* will practice from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 10th** – The Share Your Faith Ministry will meet in the Nativity Conference Center, Franklinville, from 6:30-9p.
- ◆ **Saturday, April 13th** – *PREP (Religious Ed) Grade 2* – Those preparing for 1st Holy Communion will meet in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton from 8:45a until 12:00 noon.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Anyone wishing to make a donation for this year's Easter flowers ... *due to publication deadlines*, please drop off your envelopes to the Parish Office or place them in the Collection basket no later than **Palm Sunday, April 14th**. Your names and intentions will be published in the April 28th and May 5th bulletins. Thank you.

**THE PARISH OF
 SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
 FOOD PANTRY**

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind." (Heb 13:16)

Neighbors helping neighbors is a very nice sentiment. But how? What can we do? Well, one-on-one may be difficult, but, as a caring faith community working together, helping becomes somewhat easier. Monetary donations as well as donations of non-perishable food items contributed to our Parish Food Pantry allow our Parish to provide assistance to our neighbors here in Clayton and Franklin Township.

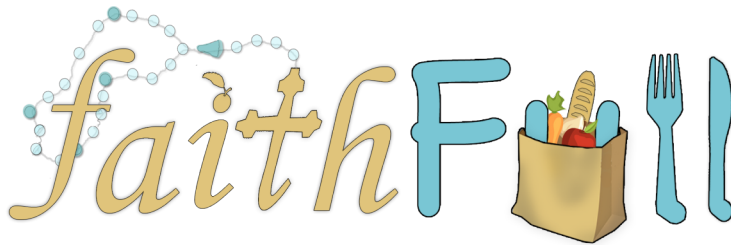
Currently, the Pantry could use such items as **canned fruit, applesauce, tuna, canned chicken, canned pasta meals (Chef Boyardee, Great Value, etc.), peanut butter, mac & cheese, cereal, and crackers** are some suggestions but any and all nonperishable food items are appreciated. Currently, **toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also needed.

*Your support of the Parish Food Pantry
 makes helping neighbors a reality ...
 Thank you!*



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Around the Diocese ...



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Loving someone struggling with addiction can be very difficult, painful, and chaotic. A community support group can help by offering peer support for anyone affected by drug addiction. Please join us on Saturday mornings at 9:30a at The Church of the Incarnation, 240 Main Street in Mantua. All are welcome to attend, including those suffering from addiction / alcoholism, family members, and those who have experienced a loss from the disease. For more information, please call 609-617-9959.

The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

welcomes its newest members ...

Amelia Elizabeth Formica
Isabella Grace Bruno
Elias Donald Jarvis

*May they always walk
as children of the Light!*



Do you want to make a mark this summer?

The Summer in the City program is a dynamic service-learning week for high school students. Part of every day is spent in direct service with people and places who are on the periphery of society. The experience is focused on four pillars of service, social justice, community and spirituality. Teens learn about Catholic Social Teaching through hands-on activities, community living and group discussions about poverty, the dignity of the human person and solidarity.

WHERE: The Metro Atlantic City area during the August session, while staying at the Kairos Retreat Center next to Holy Spirit High School in Absecon.

WHO: Teens in grades 9-12.

WHEN: Sunday, August 11– Saturday, August 17, 2019 (The Shore/Atlantic County)

COST: \$160 includes room, board, program tuition and transportation to and from work sites. Scholarships are available.

REGISTRATION: Is on a first-come-first-served basis. Registration for Atlantic County is due by July 25, 2019.

QUESTIONS: For registration or additional information, please visit <http://www.camdendiocese.org/youth-ministries/summer-in-the-city/> or contact Youth Ministries 856-583-2908 or gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org.



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

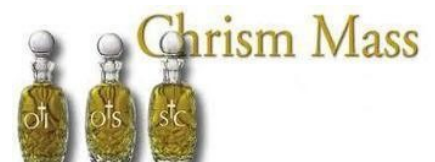
LENTEN MASS – CEMETERY VISITATION – HOLY WEEK

We encourage our families to visit our cemeteries and mausoleums to pray for their dearly departed loved ones and all souls who have gone before us. We invite you to celebrate Holy Week with us in our chapel mausoleums.

Mass schedules can be found on our website at
SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org.

All are welcome! Wishing you many blessings during this most Holy Season!

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His great mercy gave us new birth to a living hope Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3)

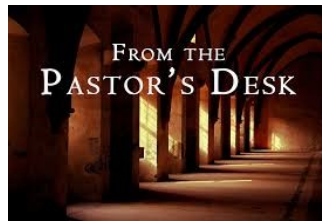


Bishop Sullivan invites the Faithful of the Diocese to join him and his Priests for the Chrism Mass at **4p on Tuesday, April 16th**, at Saint Agnes Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish) in Blackwood.

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 your prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/2019 through 12/31/2019), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **SUNDAY, June 16, at 3p** at Mass in Absecon, at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Bishop Sullivan will be the main celebrant. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available at all Parish Offices. Registration deadline is **May 6, 2019**. For more information please contact your Parish Office.



A common way parents often deal with misbehaving children is to put them in a “time out” corner where they can cool down and (in the case of older children) think about changing their bad behavior. Often, we adults need a cooling-down period as well when someone frustrates or angers us. We take a walk, turn on the TV, do something to occupy our minds. In the Gospel this weekend about the woman caught in adultery, Jesus seems to be giving the crowd who brought the woman to Him two (2) cooling off periods. The image used is that He “bent down” and He “wrote on the ground.” He gave them time to think. Jesus turns the accusation away from the woman and toward her accusers, who were obstinate in their “test.” ***“Let the one among you who is without sin ...”***

A story that began with a deadly accusation ends with divine mercy. When the community’s condemnation would have led the adulterous woman to death, Jesus’ mercy leads her to new life. A story that begins with human testing of the divine ends with a divine invitation to repent. Where narrow focus on application of the law is an excuse for testing the faithfulness of Jesus to Jewish covenantal law, Jesus reveals a new order in which all are called to repentance and to an experience of divine mercy. Jesus’ desire for us is not death, but new life.

The crowd brings before Jesus a woman caught in adultery, condemns her, and demands her life. Jesus doesn’t condemn the woman. He does condemn her sin (***“go and sin no more”***) and calls her to repent and to choose a new way of living. Lent calls us to the same kind of encounter with Jesus so that we face our own sinfulness, hear His invitation to embrace a new way of living, and make the right choice. Central to this weekend’s Gospel is not simply the adulterous woman or even the crowd that comes to the realization of their own sinfulness. The central idea here is an encounter with Jesus who calls us to repentance and offers us divine mercy. We are often quick to condemn one another. Jesus, however, assures us, ***“Neither do I condemn you.”*** We need only to acknowledge our sinfulness and turn towards God. This is repentance. It rests in divine encounter and results in truth ... our sinfulness, God’s mercy, and the promise of new life.

This weekend’s Gospel reminds us that we encounter Jesus at our own risk. In other words, we will be confronted with the truth of our own sinfulness. But encounter with Jesus also brings us hope ... in the confrontation and invitation to repent ... we are offered new life (see this weekend’s First Reading).

Today we begin the last third of the Lenten season. Even if we haven’t been all that faithful to our chosen Lenten practices, it isn’t too late now to resolve to open ourselves to an encounter with Jesus so that we can approach Easter with a renewed spirit seeking life. Like the crowd of the Gospel, we often find it easier to focus on the sins of others rather than our own weaknesses. Also like the crowd, we can encounter Jesus and face the truth of ourselves. Lent is a time to encounter Jesus, turn from our sinfulness in repentance, and seek divine mercy. The remarkable good news of this weekend’s Gospel is that by facing and repenting of our own sinfulness, we establish new relations with those around us. Acknowledgment of our own sins and how we have hurt others builds us into stronger members of Christ’s Body.

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

Fr. Larry