

May 16, 2021 | The Ascension 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 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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ASCENSION OF OUR



LORD JESUS CHRIST

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

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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, MAY 15TH

4:00p (N) Ethel O'Hara by *The O'Hara Family*

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00a (N) Fr. Larry Polansky – 12th Anniversary of Ordination
by *The Cichoski Family*

10:00a (N) People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 17TH

9:00a (N) Robert Carder by *Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School*

TUESDAY, MAY 18TH

9:00a (N) Daniel Seniff, Sr. by *The Seniff Family*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH

9:00a (N) Robert Carder by *The Wielgus Family*

THURSDAY, MAY 20TH
BERNADINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

9:00a (N) Fr. Adam Cichoski – 4th Anniversary of Ordination
His Loving Family

FRIDAY, MAY 21ST

CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

9:00a (N) No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND
RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

4:00p (N) People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD
PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00a (N) Bradley Pantaleo by *Pat Pannullo*
10:00a (N) Rachel Brown by *Fran Carder*



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.

The Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena

*Burns in Memory of **Helen Sandelier***

Requested by Her Loving Family

The Sanctuary Candle in Nativity

*Burns in Memory of **Michael Reim***

Requested The Seniff Family



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, Kathy Tinney, 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



Rita of Cascia was born in the town of Roccaporena in the province of Umbria, Italy. Rita lived from 1381 to 1457, was married, and raised two sons. After the murder of her husband, she urged forgiveness rather than the customary vendetta. She was denied entrance to the Augustinian convent because of the threat of violent revenge by her husband's relatives. Through her intercession, a promise of forgiveness and peace was secured, and she began forty years of austerities, contemplation, and service to the sick and poor. Towards the end of her life, she bore a wound as from a thorn after having heard a sermon about the Crown of Thorns.

It is said that near the end of her life Rita was bedridden at the convent. While visiting her, a cousin asked if she desired anything from her old home. Rita responded by asking for a rose from the garden. It was January, and her cousin did not expect to find one due to the season. However, when her relative went to the house, a single blooming rose was found in the garden, and her cousin brought it back to Rita at the convent. St. Rita is often depicted holding roses or with roses nearby. On her feast day, churches and shrines of St. Rita provide roses to the congregation that are blessed by the priest during Mass.

Rita has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible causes. She is also the patron saint of sterility, abuse victims, loneliness, marriage difficulties, parenthood, widows, the sick, bodily ills, and wounds.

Rita's body, which has remained incorrupt over the centuries, is venerated today in the shrine at Cascia, which bears her name. Many people visit her tomb each year from all over the world.



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!

**Banns of
Ordination to the
Priesthood**



The Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain **Rev. Mr. Steven Bertonazzi** and **Rev. Mr. Carlo Santa Teresa** to the Sacred Order of Presbyter on Saturday, the 22nd day of May, 2021 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mary Mother of Mercy Parish in Glassboro, 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.

The Ascension
of Jesus into
Heaven



STEWARDSHIP STRONG

*“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,
God abides in him, and he in God.”
~ 1 Jn 4:15 ~*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don’t think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be **Stewardship** strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

*The Parish of
Saint Michael the Archangel*
welcomes its newest member
Grace Austin O’Hara
baptized on Saturday, May 15th.
May she always walk as a child of the Light!

FACES OF HOPE



CATHOLIC STRONG
CAMPAIGN FOR THE CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY OF SOUTH JERSEY



Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the account we heard in today's Gospel: Then the Lord Jesus, after He spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God. We celebrate knowing that where Jesus has gone, He is enabling us to go as well.

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, famously said, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Although that step out of the spaceship was just one small step for him, it had amazing significance for the human race. Neil Armstrong walking on the moon meant that it was possible for others to walk on the moon.

As astonishing as Neil Armstrong's action was, Jesus' Ascension into heaven is what truly has significance for all of humanity and creation. Through the fall of Adam and Eve, all of mankind was separated from God. But through Jesus' Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection, He paid the price for sin and enabled us to be in union with God through Him. Through the Ascension, Jesus has made it possible for sinners like us to enter heaven and abide in God's presence. Just as Neil Armstrong overcame limits, which allowed man to walk on the moon, so has Jesus overcome death allowing us to reach heaven.

But this is no easy journey. Just as Neil Armstrong went through training, so do we need to be trained. We need to be formed as disciples of Jesus Christ. In doing so we become more like Him and become more and more able to enter the glories of heaven. There is no chance we could ever accomplish this on our own – but we are not alone. Jesus has gone before us to show us the way and sent us the Holy Spirit to be our Helper and Paraclete.

It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to follow the command Jesus gives us before He ascends in today's Gospel: **Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.** We are His disciples, and He has shown us the way. Let us follow Him with joy and thanksgiving.

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

~ Fr. Larry



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Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 | Mk 16:15-20

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

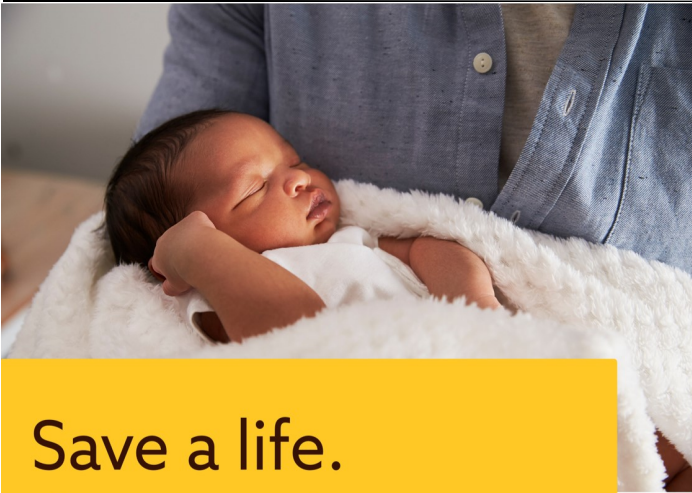
"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" the Apostles are asked. Well, hello! The risen Jesus, who had once again walked among the Apostles, "was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." Of course the disciples would look up, to gaze once more upon the Son of God whom they loved. Today's feast reminds us, however, that to look for Jesus is not to stand around looking up, but to engage with others in the world in which he remains present. Even as he sits "at the right hand of God," Jesus dwells among and within us. For God is not some distant figure, but One who desires to walk alongside us in the person of his Son, Jesus, and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit as our help and advocate. Even in times when we experience doubt, complacency, or simply feel distant from God, Jesus is at our side. Once we open our hearts to his presence, we cannot help but share the Good News of God's love in our families, workplaces, and everyday encounters with others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

For anyone wishing to grow in their understanding of what evangelization looks like, today's readings offer as good a playbook as any. As we celebrate the Ascension, we may be tempted to see it as a kind of "farewell party" for Jesus. But while on the surface, it may appear that Jesus "left" the Apostles, he promises to remain with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean for us? Today's Gospel sums it up, quoting Jesus' words immediately before he was taken up to heaven: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." As Catholics and Christians, that's our bottom line. I read somewhere that "proclaim" goes beyond mere words, and encompasses living out the Gospel by sharing God's love. Jesus remains at our side, encouraging us to use the gifts God has given us to build up the Church.

PRAY Today's feast reminds us that we have an advocate in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you enter a challenging situation or even just a typical day, remember to ask Jesus to give you a "spirit of wisdom."



Save a life. Contact Congress.

WHAT

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

HOW

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com!

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Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion.

NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

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Your voice could help to save millions of lives!

The **Hyde Amendment** has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It is credited with saving the lives of over **2.4 million children** to date. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Without it, billions of tax payer dollars could go to abortion. That means abortions would be *cheaper, easier, and funded with our taxpayer dollars*.

As Pope Francis has said, *“The future of humanity ... is fundamentally in the hands of peoples and in their ability to organize.”*

It is **critically important** for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the incredibly high stakes, **Congress needs to hear from a massive number of people.**

You are invited to join the Diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USCCB, set for the first week of June. The primary goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on **NoTaxpayerAbortion.com**.

As you are well aware the Church and her values are under attack at this time in history and we must call upon our people to respond loudly. In addition to signing the online petition, direct letter-writing campaigns to our Senators and Representatives are also encouraged. The addresses for the Representatives and Senators that represent South Jersey are:

Senator Robert Menendez

528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-4744

<https://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact/email>

Senator Corey Booker

717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-3224

<https://www.booker.senate.gov/contact/write-to-cory>

Representative Donald Norcross

2427 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 205-6501

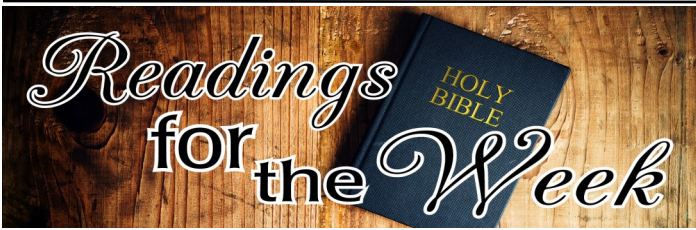
<https://norcross.house.gov/contact/email-me>

Representative Jeff Van Drew

331 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-6572

<https://vandrewforms.house.gov/contact/>

Your assistance and cooperation are appreciated. It is hoped that millions of Catholics across the country will make their voices heard – let’s do our part here in the Diocese of Camden.



Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

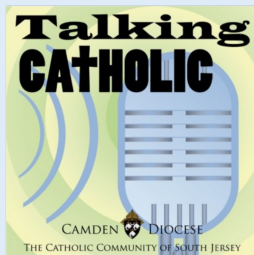
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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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Subscribe to the Talking Catholic YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCKPigUniIpN77DldUfyweow

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.



MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING

HELP TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Nose & mouth are not covered. Nose is not covered. Mask is too loose.

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!

