



April 26, 2020 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

THE PARISH OF
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE



**“THE LORD
HAS TRULY
BEEN RAISED AND
HAS APPEARED
TO SIMON!”**

LUKE 24:34

MASS Intentions

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

Edwina Szumowski
by Her Loving Daughter, Fran

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Edward Hoffman
by Rocky & Susan Costa
People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 27TH

Jack Lyons by The Biehler Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH LOUIS MARY DE MONFORT & GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

No Parish Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH CATHERINE OF SIENA

No Parish Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH PIUS V

Stephen Bottyansky by Daughter, Ronnie

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

No Parish Intention

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND ATHANASIUS

People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sylvia Gerber
by Fred & Donna Ruberti and John & LouAnn Lynch
Jim Ranniello
by Fred & Donna Ruberti



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.

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 & 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

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Rob Christian,
Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein,
Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman,
Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord,
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

GOD KNOWS
*when to send you
exactly what you need.*

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:

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, please call or e-mail the Parish Office at PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR 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.pdma-nj.com>

Stewardship in Action

Ordinary Income
April 6th to April 20th
\$1,710.00

Online Giving
April 6th to April 20th
\$775.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

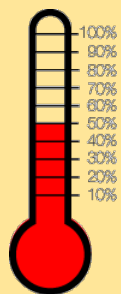


Did you know that you can submit your weekly contributions via the mail or even drop them off?

The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel accepts your weekly contributions via online giving, however, if you prefer, your envelopes **can be mailed** or can be dropped off at the Parish Office. *(If you want to drop off your envelopes to the Parish Office, please call or e-mail us first and we'll let you know where and how you can drop them off safely.)*



who is my
Neighbor?



As of April 10, 2020 ...

You have donated **\$45,995.00**
or **56%** of our goal of **\$82,061**

We're better than half-way there!
Let's keep it going!

*Thank you for your generosity
to the House of Charity!*

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



"Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, who Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
(Acts 20:35)

Saint Mother Teresa once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." You can make a difference in someone's life right here in our local community by donating any nonperishable food item of your choice to our pantry.

Suggested items include, but are definitely not limited to, **pasta sauce, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, oatmeal, pancake mix, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly.**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!

Something to consider ...

The Risen Lord appeared to His disciples on the road to Emmaus and revealed Himself in the sharing of the Scriptures (the Liturgy of the Word) and the Breaking of the Bread (the Liturgy of the Eucharist). Another way to say that is He comes to us in Word and in Sacrament to strengthen us on our pilgrim way. In this time of COVID-19, we are challenged to live with renewed hope and to pray.

STEWARDS DISCERN

*"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 we, as Christian **Stewards**, take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith 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.

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult
decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.



For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

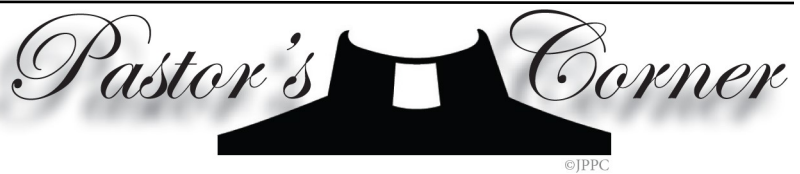
Father, during this time may your Church be a
sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.

Amen.



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Dear Parishioners,

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

Mass Intention Book

You will notice from the Mass Intentions on the second page of the bulletin that there are many open Masses during the week ...

In this time of COVID-19, social distancing, and closed Parish Offices and churches, you can still request a Mass or Sanctuary candle. (Our Lord is still present in the Tabernacles of both Saint Catherine of Siena and Nativity churches.)

You can call 856-881-9155 or you can e-mail PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com to make your request. You can then send your Mass stipend to the Parish Office via regular mail or drop it off at the Parish Office. (I will give you instructions how to drop off your stipend, if that is your choice, when you call or e-mail the Office ... I also ask that your stipend be received at least one (1) week in advance of your requested Mass (so that it can be printed in the bulletin).

As per the directives of the Bishop, I continue to say Mass daily, privately for the intentions of the Parish and for an end to COVID-19. I look forward to once again saying public Masses and pray that will be soon.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Parish during these extraordinary times.

Fr. Larry

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

NEW ON-LINE PROGRAMMING



Diocese of Camden Easter Retreat 2020

With Easter upon us, the Diocese of Camden and the Office of Discipleship and Leadership will be continuing our on-line programming, with a mix of live stream and recorded shows throughout the month of April. Monday through Thursday of each week, new shows will be released at 8p on the Diocese of Camden social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfCamden>

<https://twitter.com/camdendiocese>

<https://www.youtube.com/camdendiocese>



On our own, we cannot grasp the mystery of the Resurrection. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were "conversing and debating." They could recount the facts, but could not believe the mystery. Yet they greatly desired to move from disappointment and unbelief to hearts burning with life and belief – they invited Jesus to stay the night with them. Our own participation in Word and Sacrament must give rise to the same desire in us: to seek Life by journeying deeper into the mystery.

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.



one word
can change
someone's
entire day

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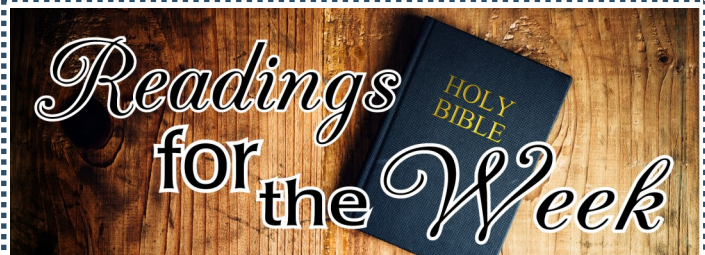
Knights of Columbus Council 6890 Scholarships

Due to the continued success of our fund-raisers, the KoC Council 6890 will again award two (2) one-time scholarships to any high school graduate with a 2.5 grade-point-average or above who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, or community and who will be attending any four-year or two-year accredited college or university.

A second scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to any eighth-grade student who plans to attend a Catholic high school.

Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. Applications are due by Monday, April 27, 2020. Please contact Ed Waligore at 856-881-2484 or 609-313-8680 for any questions you may have.

kindness - courtesy - humanity -
 cleanliness - alone together
 strength - love - care
 HOPE
 perseverance - social
 selflessness - putting other first
 prayer - trust
 distance
 community
 patience
 safety
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Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17,
 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

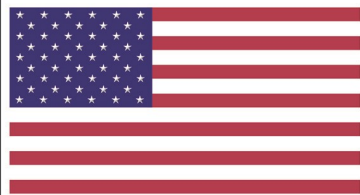
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a;
 Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
 Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;
 Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt
 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



*We are strong!
 We are American!*

UNITED

in the fight against
 COVID-19! ©JPPC

The power of prayer!
 PRAY FOR HEALING ©JPPC

BURN
 WITHIN
 US

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.
 We pray that the coronavirus that has
 affected so many in our world can be
 contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected,
 all those working hard to study and cure this
 illness, and all health care professionals and
 emergency management teams that are
 working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Amen.

