

# Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

## 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."*

[www.psmaj-nj.com](http://www.psmaj-nj.com)

856-881-9155

Clayton/Franklinville, NJ

Rev. Michael J. Goyette, Pastor



Church of the Nativity  
2677 Delsea Drive  
Franklinville, NJ 08322



Saint Catherine of Siena  
700 North Delsea Drive  
Clayton, NJ 08312



## PARISH OFFICE

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

**Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; Tuesday: 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

(You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment any time outside of these hours.)

### PASTOR

Rev. Michael J. Goyette

[PSMA.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:PSMA.pastor@gmail.com)

### DEACON

Kevin Laughlin (Retired)

[kevin.laughlin48@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.laughlin48@gmail.com)

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR

Krissy Soto

[psma.Krissy@gmail.com](mailto:psma.Krissy@gmail.com)

### SECRETARY

Wendy Harris

[PSMA.WendyH@gmail.com](mailto:PSMA.WendyH@gmail.com)

### BOOKKEEPER

Cindy Simpson

[PSMA.CSimpson@gmail.com](mailto:PSMA.CSimpson@gmail.com)

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Krissy Soto

[psma.Krissy@gmail.com](mailto:psma.Krissy@gmail.com)

### SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL REGIONAL SCHOOL

**PRINCIPAL:** Matthew Tornese

856-881-0067

[office@smrsonline.com](mailto:office@smrsonline.com)

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!** Contact the Parish Office for registration or to receive information regarding sacramental preparation and eligibility.

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4 PM at Nativity

Sunday: 8 AM at St. Catherine

Sunday: 10:30 AM at Nativity (Live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube every couple of weeks.)

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. & Thurs.: 9 AM at St. Catherine

Tue. & Wed. 9 AM at Nativity

Friday: 7 PM at Nativity

Saturday: 7 AM at St Catherine

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7 PM at St. Catherine

Holy Day: 9 AM & 7 PM at Nativity

### CONFESSION

Friday: 7:50-8:20 PM at Nativity\*

Saturday: 7:50-8:20 AM at St. Catherine\*

Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM at Nativity

Sunday: 7:20 – 7:50 AM at St. Catherine\*

Sun. after most 10 AM Mass at Nativity

Or by appointment, call the Parish Office

\* When Fr Goyette is here



### Saturday, November 30th

7:00 AM-SC Ana Beatriz Rico DeHostios

*r/b Parish of St Michael the Archangel*

4:00 PM-N People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 1st

8:00 AM-SC Carlos Anthony Brown

*r/b Rocky & Susan Costa*

10:30 AM-N Deceased Members Knights of Columbus  
#6890

### Monday, December 2nd

9:00 AM-SC Lawrence Bottaro

*r/b Parish of St Michael The Archangel*

### Tuesday, December 3rd

9:00 AM- N Spec Int. Carly Robinson & Patrick McCain

### Wednesday, December 4th

9:00 AM-N Bobby Biehler Jr. *r/b Biehler Family*

### Thursday, December 5th

9:00 AM-SC Theresa Van Leer

*r/b Parish of St Michael the Archangel*

### Friday, December 6th

7:00 PM -N 100th Birthday Rosie Yacob

*r/b Daily Mass Friends*

### Saturday, December 7th

7:00 AM-SC Virginia Moore *r/b Karen Emig*

4:00 PM-N Matthew Reluga *r/b Joanne & Matt Moss*

### Sunday, December 8th

8:00 AM-SC People of the Parish

10:30 AM-N Sam Downs *r/b Pat & Nick Christian*

**Mass Location: N = Nativity | SC = St. Catherine**



Sanctuary Candle  
is being lit  
at Nativity Church  
celebrating 100th Birthday  
**Rosie Yacob**

Requested by  
Her Daily Mass Friends



Harriet Bajewicz, Betty Briles, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Jim Cesanek, Joanne Ciquero, John Contrevo Sr., Joseph Dietterick, Melissa DuBeau, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mark Fitzpatrick, Anthony & Luca Garbarino, Amedeo Giambuzzi, Don & Matt Healy, Dcn John Luko Jr. Rosemary McBride, Jennifer Mignano, Miller & Joann Mills, Eileen Mulholland, Thomas Myers Jr., Bob Sandelier, Karen Simpson and Karen J. Viola

**If you have a family member whom 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](mailto:PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com).**

### **Pray for Our Military Heroes**

**If you have a family member serving in one of the branches of the military, send their name, rank, and branch of service to the Parish Office ([PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com](mailto: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, SSG Bryan Jenkins,

1LT Tyler Keyworth

Com. Sgt Major Shane McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller,

CPT Graham Miller, and PFC Vincenzo Taormina

#### **US Navy**

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman, EM2 William

Little, and Kurt Reinhold, US Navy

#### **US Air Force**

SrA Jacob R Custis, MSgt, George Ruczynski Jr.

#### **US Marine Corps**

WO3 Brad Davis, SGT Nate McAllister



#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Mon. – Thurs. 8-9 AM  
Eucharistic Adoration  
before morning Mass. Every  
Monday 6-7 PM Adoration at  
Nativity

#### **ROSARY**

Mon. – Thurs. Rosary after  
morning Mass and  
after all weekend Masses  
Every Tuesday after the  
9 AM Mass—Novena  
to the Miraculous Medal.



# PARISH EVENTS

## DECEMBER

- 3- Choir Rehearsal 7 PM - NCC  
 4- Choir Rehearsal 7PM - NC  
 4- Knights of Columbus 730 PM - SCB  
 9- Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation -  
     9 AM Mass - NC and 7 PM Mass - NC  
     6 PM - 650 PM Adoration - NC  
 10- Choir Rehearsal 7 PM - NCC  
     Parish Council 7 PM - SCB  
 11- Grief Support 7 PM - NCC  
 12- Parish Office Christmas Party 12 - 2 (Office Closed)  
*Please call the Parish Office to reserve space on the calendar if you are planning a meeting.*  
 NC - Nativity Church / NCC - Conference Center / SCB - St Catherine Basement



### Parish Religious Education Program Calendar DECEMBER

- Dec. 1 - NO CLASS  
 Dec. 8 - 9:15 AM In Person Class  
 Dec. 15 - 9:15 AM In Person Class/Confessions  
 Dec. 22 - 9:15 AM In Person Class  
 Dec. 29 - NO CLASS



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Calendar DECEMBER

- Dec. 1 - NO CLASS  
 Dec. 8 - 9:15 AM In Person Class  
 Dec. 15 - 9:15 AM In Person Class/Confessions  
 Dec. 22 - 9:15 AM In Person Class  
 Dec. 29 - NO CLASS

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - DEC. 9TH



- MASS SCHEDULE**  
 9 AM St Catherine  
 6-650 Adoration at Nativity  
 7 PM Nativity

## Christmas Stars to Fold!

Looking for something new to add to your tree this Christmas? Come learn the ancient art of origami and fold beautiful stars to display! Participants ages 12-102 are welcome. Classes are free, and the paper will be supplied, so just bring yourself and a friend. Kindly RSVP so that adequate materials can be prepared, at [jmrishel@gmail.com](mailto:jmrishel@gmail.com) (Jean Rishel). Paperfolding is easy, engaging, and highly addictive. Come and create some pretty stars for display this Christmas!

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE to WED., DEC. 11!**

**Where:** St. Catherine's Church Basement

**When:** 7-8:30 PM

**Dates:** Wednesday, Dec. 11



Now that November is here, we all know that Christmas is just around the corner. Once again, Saint Michael the Archangel Parish will be helping our neighbors in need with our Giving Tree at both of our churches. The trees will be assembled on Thanksgiving weekend and hung with ornaments indicating the gifts needed **by November 30th**.

When you choose an ornament, please return it attached to the unwrapped gift so that it gets to the needed person. If you wish to send wrapping paper / gift bags / gift boxes with your gift, it would be greatly appreciated. If shopping is not possible, please consider donating a gift card to stores such as Target, Walmart or Five Below. These will be gifted or utilized to purchase items for those in need.

We ask that all gifts are brought back to church **by noon Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**The gifts will then be sorted, packed and distributed to the families by Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you have any questions or know someone who could use our assistance, please contact Jessica Bromwell at 856-905-7504 or Kim Darminio at 856-694-2581.**

**If you would like to volunteer to organize the gifts for distribution, please call or text Jessica.**

## MINISTRY NEWS

If you can spare some of your talent and time for any of the following routine parish maintenance activities, please call the parish office at 856-881-9155. We will contact you to discuss your interest in various small projects, such as:

- Power washing
  - Small painting and carpentry projects
  - Plumbing Projects
  - Light Welding
  - Streaming the parish 10:30 am mass once a month.
- Training and instructions will be provided



**Grief support** is a group that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Conference center to learn how to cope with loss through Scripture, prayer, and conversations with others who have experienced loss. No loss is the same, and no healing occurs the same way or in the same time frame. We offer a support system to help us handle our loss in a supportive way.

**Grief Support will not meet on 11/27 and will only meet on 12/11. Meetings will resume twice a month in January.**



**Caregiver support** is a group that meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Conference center to address issues related to providing care and support to a loved one facing health challenges. This group will utilize prayer, scripture and conversation to discover ways to handle the stress and emotions in caring for a loved one who is going through such challenging times.

**Caregiver Support will not meet for the month of December.**

Our Infirmities can be a broken body, broken heart or broken spirit. God knows what we need to lighten our load, although it may not be what we think we need. Whether it is a moment of inner peace during a time of great stress, or our loved one is called to the Kingdom of God so that suffering and pain on this Earth is over, He knows what we need for us to continue on our path. Luke 12:10-13, where Jesus heals an infirm woman on the Sabbath, shows us our grief and our bodily infirmities can weigh us down. However, Jesus can lighten our burden if we listen and let him.



### Random Minutiae by Father Goyette

**Anyone who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister please call the office to set up an appointment with Father Goyette.**

The next class will be as follows:



St Padre Pio Parish 4680 Dante Avenue Vineland

December 14th from 8a to 12 Noon at Rosary Hall

Please register after speaking with Fr Goyette at the Parish Office of St Padre Pio - 856-691-7526

There is a registration fee of \$50 which covers the the cost of the books and materials.

### “Adopt-A-Seminarian” Project at St. Michael’s

Each Advent, St. Michael the Archangel Parish implements the Adopt-a-Seminarian Project using our Parish Giving Tree. We collect healthy snacks, sweet treats, WaWa gift cards and weekly Prayer Commitments for those young men from our diocese who are studying for the priesthood at Christmas. All donations and gifts are delivered to the Bishop’s residence and distributed to the men at their annual Christmas Party with Bishop Sullivan. This year, beginning the weekend of December 8 and December 15th, Seminarian Ornaments will be available on the Giving Trees in Nativity and St Catherine’s Churches. Please take an ornament home and return it with your gift by Saturday, December 21st. Collection boxes will be available. If you choose to give the Gift of a Prayer Commitment, your ornament will have two parts. We ask that you fill out your information part, and return it to Fr. Goyette, place it in the collection basket, or return it to the Rectory Office. You will be notified, through your contact information, with the name of your Seminarian. Please keep him in your prayers throughout the year. Thank you for all that you do for our Seminarists. May God bless you for all your support, and God bless St Michael’s.



# STEWARDSHIP



## Parish of St Michael the Archangel Food Pantry

***“God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7***

The Christmas season is here! There is so much to do in so little time! As you are making that mad dash through your favorite grocery store, please consider buying an item or two for our Parish Food Pantry. Currently, we are in need of such things as instant potatoes, ramen noodles, tuna, canned chicken, rice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, soups of all kinds (including condensed tomato and chicken noodle), mac & cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, and applesauce. Non-food items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, deodorant, and bathroom tissue are also needed. For Christmas, extras such as cookies, crackers, and cake or fudge mixes are appreciated. No time for shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome. Your nonperishable food donations may be left in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or they may be delivered directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center from 10:15 to 11:30 on Wednesday mornings. Thank you for your continuing generosity and thank you for being a “cheerful giver.”

## CHURCH OFFERING AND MASS COUNT

**Due to the Bulletin Publication for the month of December the Church Offering and Mass Count will be delayed in the bulletin.**



## 1st Sunday of Advent: Stewards Prepare

*“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by living Stewardship and sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We made another amazing visit to Good Counsel in Riverside! We welcomed three beautiful new babies (2 girls and 1 boy), all in the same week! All mothers and babies are healthy and doing well. I am extremely blessed as I have the opportunity to welcome these precious lives to the world. I was able to hold them, feed them, and love them.

Jaydou (19 days), she is so tiny and sweet!  
Asher (18 days), he is a cuddler!  
Aliah (14 days), she is all smiles!

I thank the Lord for these beautiful and precious lives and pray that He will continue to bless them and keep them safe and healthy.

The mothers thank each of you for your kindness and love. Your support truly means so much to them. They are forever grateful for all of your donations.

As we enter this holiday season, let us all remember to remain humble and kind. Let us continue to spread love and peace and thank the Lord for the beautiful gift of life.

As we continue to fulfill our mission, I ask that we please keep all mothers and their families in our prayers. Thank you all for the outpouring of love and continued support. I also thank you for your gracious and generous donations. May God continue to bless you all.

With love  
Abby



## Christmas Basket Project -



**Sacred Heart Parish, Camden**, is asking our parish's help in raising funds for their Christmas Toy Store. In past years, this tradition at Sacred Heart Parish has helped provide Christmas meals for hundreds of needy Camden Families. ***A meal for a family costs approximately \$75.*** If you are able to help with this effort, envelopes for donations toward the project can be found at the back of our churches. **Place your donation in the envelope provided and place it in the basket at Mass by Dec 1st.** Any amount you are able to donate is greatly appreciated.

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

### First Sunday of Advent



Jeremiah 33:14–16  
 Psalms 25: 4–5, 8–10, 14  
 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2  
 Luke 21: 25–28, 34–36

Advent is a time of joy, anticipation, and a time to be ready and stand tall since our salvation is near.

The word “**Advent**” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming.”

The tradition for the first Sunday of Advent includes lighting the candle of **hope**. This candle of hope symbolizes promises delivered through the prophets from God as well as the hope we have in Christ.

This first Sunday of Advent we read, pray, and reflect on the hope God’s plan gives us (foretold by the prophets and fulfilled by the life and death of Christ), and we meditate on the promise of Christ’s coming glory-filled return.

### Reflection Questions:

Spend some time this week recalling those who have guided you through your life. How have they helped to strengthen you?

Write a note of thanks to those people, or say a prayer of thanksgiving for their life if they have gone to God.

This Advent Season, practice the mantra “do not be afraid” when you begin to feel discouraged or anxious about your worries in life.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

You are invited to attend our Christmas Program  
*“Mary’s Story” - a Monodrama and Concert*

**Where:** Apostles Lutheran Church  
 4401 Black Horse Pike  
 Turnersville, NJ 08012

**When:** Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
 2:00 pm

*Please join the choirs of Apostles Lutheran Church, Saints Peter and Paul Church, Saint Michael the Archangel Parish and soloists and musicians, as we prepare to usher in the birth of our Savior.*

*This event is free of charge and open to everyone.*

*Light refreshments will be served following the program.*

Please call the Church office at 856-629-4228  
 if you have any questions.

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR CHRIST’S BIRTH**  
*An Invitation to Receive God’s Mercy This Advent*

★ ★ *A Parish Mission with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal* ★ ★

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7pm  
 Our Lady of Peace Parish (St. Mary’s Church)  
 32 Carroll Ave.  
 Williamstown, NJ

Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, Healing Service, and an inspiring talk by Sr. Faustina, CFR



**The Light of the World**  
 An afternoon of joyous holiday sounds from our parish choirs and vocal groups.

**Guest Choir: Glassboro High School Select Choir.**

**Free Admission and Free-will Offering accepted.  
 Join Us!**

**Mary, Mother of Mercy Christmas Concert**  
**Sunday, December 8th, 2024 ~ 3:00PM**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 500 Greentree Rd,**  
**Glassboro**