



August 16, 2020 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**.”*

SUMMER SCHEDULE
(THROUGH LABOR DAY 09/07)

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
10:45a 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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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:30p *(or by appointment, please call the Office)*

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.psmaj-nj.com>



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH ASSUMPTION BVM

4:00p (N) **People of the Parish**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH 20TH SUNDAY OT

8:00a (N) **Rita Costa** by Rocky & Susan Costa
 10:45a (N) **David Burnett** by Darryl & Lisa Smith

MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH

9:00a (N) **Mary Byrd Vanaman** by The Vanaman Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

9:00a (N) **Louis Przelomiec**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

9:00a (N) **Jim Novak** by The Seniff Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH BERNARD

9:00a (N) **Lazlo Vass** by Ronnie Vanaman

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST POPE PIUS X

No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND QUEENSHIP BVM

4:00p (N) **People of the Parish**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD 21ST SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a (N) **Ronald Vidovich** by Rocky & Susan Costa
 10:45a (N) **Olivia Wright** – Birthday Intentions
 by The Wright Family



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.

*This week, the Sanctuary Candle
in Saint Catherine of Siena Church
burns for
The People of the Parish*



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



Brenda Adams, George Bromwell,
Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak,
Devon Cowell, Henry Cottelli,
Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower,
Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Healy,
Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries, 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



- Monday:** Ez 24:15-23; Deut 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Deut 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday:** Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



August 16, 2020 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Mt 15:21-28

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Talk about chutzpah! For the Canaanite woman, it took courage and audacity to persist after first the disciples, and then, by all appearances, Jesus, tried to turn her away. As a pagan woman, she was clearly an outsider. Yet she didn't let these obstacles stop her from seeking the Lord's help. Jesus recognized her great faith and healed her daughter. Her boldness can be a model for us. Has prayer become routine or even an after-thought amid the activities that pull us in so many directions? Do we feel our concerns are too petty or insignificant? Do we wonder whether God really cares about us? At times like this, we can take our cue from this Canaanite woman of faith and echo her words: "Lord, help me." Jesus hears us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I have to admit that grace before meals is sometimes a rushed affair at our house. "Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive has been known to turn into ... we are receiving." And at Mass, after the lector has done a beautiful job sharing the universal prayers, I think to myself, was I fully listening? Yes, it's true, the Lord knows our needs and knows what is in our hearts. But next time we say grace, let's think about how truly blessed we are to have bountiful food on our table, and next time we say: "Lord, hear our prayer" during the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass, let's remember the Canaanite woman and pray with more passion and boldness - and most of all, with more faith.



STUDY When describing the power of faith, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* singles out an unlikely example. It's not Peter, Paul or the early disciples, but the Canaanite woman, an outsider in her time. "Jesus is as saddened by the 'lack of faith' of his own neighbors and the 'little faith' of his own disciples as he is struck with admiration at the great faith of the Roman centurion and the Canaanite woman." (2610) For a refresher on what "great faith" looks like, read sections 2609-11 in the *catechism*. You'll find some gems and inspiration there!

STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."
~ ROMANS 11:29 ~

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good Stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

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)

If you would like to contribute nonperishable groceries to the Pantry, you may place your donations in the Pantry shopping cart which is located in the Gathering Space of Nativity Church or, if you prefer, you may bring them directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center FROM 10:15-11:30A ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS. Since we cannot allow you inside the pantry at this time, there will be a bench outside the entrance on which you may leave your donations. We will periodically come outside and retrieve the items, but, feel free to honk your horn before driving away if you wish to alert us of your presence.

Items needed include, but are not limited to, **pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, Chef Boyardee, canned fruit, applesauce, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, boxes or packets of instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken, cereal, bags or boxes of rice, peanut butter and jelly. Non-food items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and soap are also welcome.**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Ordinary Income

July 2019 \$22,212.79

July 2020 \$18,436.00

Difference (↓ 17%)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC



This year, our First Communicants received the Sacrament of the Eucharist during Masses held on Saturday, August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Please keep them in your prayers.

Parker Clancy

Kyle Deal

Audrey Fallon

Piper Green

Violet Mathiesen

Madison Petsch

Aliyah Ruczynski

Isabella Waligore

Anthony Davey

Zachary Ekimoglou

Peyton Green

Griffin Legatie

Chase McMahon

Kyle Pope

Efrain Torres



by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The concept starts out innocently enough. The patient elementary school teacher says: *“Boys and girls, when you color, try not to go outside the lines.”* Later on in life, other teachers come along with a direct order: *“People, maintain a margin when you write by hand or type a text on your computer. It is an expected courtesy.”*

We learn on our own that polls feature another type of margin, what the industry jargon calls “a margin of error.” One more instance of margins appears with the sad fact that in our American society certain of our brothers and sisters are actually “marginal people.” That’s a euphemism for people who, for predetermined reasons, are considered “the outsiders.”

The Gospel perspective detests that label. Because Jesus did. It is true that His Jewish contemporaries held that Gentiles, as idolaters, were of a lower class. They had no such word as “marginalized” in their language, but they would recognize the concept. It would take the example of Jesus Himself, and later on of Saint Paul, to break down that inherent hostility.

It seems that Our Lord Himself had to learn in His human nature that His mission was not to be boxed in by this kind of thinking. It was to be universal. Listen to that reaction of His to that unnamed Canaanite woman who is the unsung hero in the story. After all, she had a lot against her in making a request of this famous Nazarene. She had reason to be

nervous. First of all, she is a woman alone in man’s world. But if that were not enough, she is a Gentile. Do those impediments stop her? Definitely not! Being a maternal caregiver with a very sick daughter, she works up the courage to ask this popular Nazarene to cure her charge. Then He retorts with a line that would put off any sensitive type: *“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.”* *Dogs, you say?* She thought. Undaunted, she pipes up: *“Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the tables of their masters.”* Respectful but insistent. Ultimately very faith-filled. Our Lord zeroes in on that faith of hers and cures her daughter instantly. Any onlookers among the audience, both Jew and Gentile, had to have been stunned and puzzled.

So where does that woman’s story leave us? For one thing, it’s an opportunity to examine our list of labels for other people. Even the best of us have them, deep inside and mostly muzzled. But they’re there. Who do we “marginalize?” Who are “outside the lines” that we draw in our imaginary album of people we know or even don’t know? Who are the good and the bad in our “book?” Does this Gospel make us uncomfortable? And where does our faith in Jesus fit into the picture? Good questions. But tough questions. It’s always going to be that way for people with a right conscience who claim to follow Christ. People like you and me.

There is a call here to consider what being grateful for your gift of faith means as you approach that same Nazarene in the Eucharist today. I’m always a bit nervous as I near Him. But that that long gone Canaanite woman is my hero. She inspires me to get out of my preconceived notions. Past any trace in me of that nasty margin of prejudice. I can add to that the definite truth of what an unknown wag hit upon when he opined: *“Some people’s minds are like concrete: thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.”* God love you and give you His peace!



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Contact Us!

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Cremation and Proper Handling of Cremated Remains ...

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Sadly, some of us have experienced the death of a loved one during this COVID-19 pandemic. Many have chosen to have their loved one's remains cremated, whether by choice or necessity. Keep in mind, the Church's teaching recommends cremated remains be given the same respect and reverence as the full body, as cremated remains are the body of the deceased in a changed form and should be given the same respect.

Cremated remains should be buried or inurned on sacred grounds. With the pandemic affecting so many, you may not have been able to bury your loved one's remains. It's never too late to bury cremated remains. The staff at South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries is here to help and guide you.

When choosing cremation,
there are many choices available including:

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Visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) and a member of our staff will gladly assist you.



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one word
*can change
someone's
entire day*

The Promises of God are for everyone. This may seem obvious to many of us, but it was an insight the first Christians had to struggle with. Even during Jesus' ministry, the disciples were not ready to believe that the Messiah had come to everyone to invite them into God's Kingdom. When a foreign woman reached out to Jesus for help, He tested the bystanders by quoting a familiar proverb: *"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."* But then when Jesus healed the woman's daughter anyway, He not only surprised a lot of self-righteous people, He began something that would eventually blossom into a worldwide mission to the Gentiles.

Jesus' healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter brings to the surface many issues concerning relationships between Jews and Gentiles. The consequences of breaking boundaries seem to enlighten all to the nature of God and the ministry of Jesus. God's love crosses all boundaries.

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.



Something to consider ...

Because Jesus is human, like us, He learned of His mission as He listened to His Father. If we listen to God's Word ... the First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm, the Second Reading, and the Gospel ... and then try to understand their context via the homily, we will learn what God wants each of us to do.



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!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Please remove everything you brought with you and any literature you may have picked up while here. ©BPC



THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS



THOSE WHO ARE AT A HIGHER RISK FOR COVID-19 (I.E., THOSE WHO ARE OLDER THAN 65 OR WHO HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS) ARE URGED NOT TO COME TO CHURCH FOR MASS.



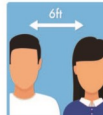
THOSE WHO FEEL IN ANY WAY SICK OR WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT ATTENDING MASS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.



IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT STATE POLICY, THE FAITHFUL (OVER 2 YEARS OLD) MUST WEAR CLOTH FACE COVERINGS WHEN IN PUBLIC, INCLUDING WHEN THEY COME TO CHURCH.



ATTENDEES SHOULD SANITIZE THEIR HANDS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH VIA SANITIZER STATIONS.



ALL PRESENT AT MASS SHOULD SIT 6 FEET OR MORE AWAY FROM OTHERS. FAMILIES MAY SIT TOGETHER.



THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND MASS MAY BE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND TIME DAILY READING THE SCRIPTURES, PRAYING WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WATCHING A BROADCAST OR LIVESTREAMED MASS, AND MAKING AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.

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.