



January 23, 2022 | 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**."*

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday:** 9a at Saint Catherine

**Tuesday:** 9a at Nativity

**Wednesday:** 9a at Nativity

**Thursday:** 9a at Saint Catherine

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4p at Nativity

**Sunday:** 8a at Saint Catherine

10a at Nativity

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Vigil:** 7p at Saint Catherine

**Holy Day:** 9a & 7p at Nativity

*(Please confirm with  
Mass Intention Schedule.)*

### RECONCILIATION

**Saturday:** 3:00-3:30p at Nativity  
or by appointment

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*"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday:** 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:00 noon

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

**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.psma-nj.com>*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>***DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN*

**4:00p For the Intentions of Fr. Larry**  
*by A Beloved Parishioner & Family*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>***3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**8:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro** *by Dennis & Anne Ellena*  
**10:00a People of the Parish**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>***FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH*

**9:00a Robert Fink, Jr.** *by Sharon, Albert, Angelina, & Ryan*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>***CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE*

**9:00a John & Ida Kratzen**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>***TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOPS*

**9:00a Rev. Richard Lodge**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>***ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN & RELIGIOUS FOUNDER*

**9:00a Deacon Adam S. Crowe**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>***THOMAS AQUINAS, RELIGIOUS & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH****No Parish Mass*****SATURDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00p People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>***4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**8:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro** *by The Kozachyn Family*  
**10:00a Msgr. James P. McIntyre**

**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 Nativity Church  
 Burns in Memory of*

*Michael Krasowski*

*Requested by Dan and Karen Seniff*

## The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian,  
 Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,  
 Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena,  
 Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries,  
 Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord,  
 John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey,  
 John Mitchell, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,  
 Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,  
 Kathryn Tanner, Mary Visalli, 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,  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Shane W. McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, & CPT Graham Miller

**US Navy**

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman & EM2 William Little

**US Air Force**

AB Jacob R Custis

**US Marine Corps**

COW3 Brad Davis, Stg Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

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

**STEWARDSHIP SHARING**

*"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks,  
 and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared ..."*  
 ~ Nehemiah 8:10 ~

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and through our **Stewardship** to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

# Pastor's Corner



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Dear Parishioners,

We place a great premium on reading in our society, and rightly so. Many toddlers' games are geared toward learning the alphabet and recognizing words. Computer programs teach reading to youngsters and speed reading to people of all ages. Yes, reading is important. Yet, are there any childhood games that teach **hearing**? Are there any computer programs that sharpen one's hearing? In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus reads aloud to the people in the Nazareth synagogue. The hearers must have **heard**, for after Jesus' proclamation in the synagogue, they "*looked intently at Him.*" What were they expecting from Jesus? An explanation of what they just heard, yes. But Jesus moves His hearers beyond receiving mere explanation of the word to encountering Him as the Word Made Flesh.

The synagogue hearers' expectations were fulfilled in two (2) ways: **hearing** God's Word and **encountering** God's Word in the very person of Jesus. In the very proclamation, Jesus also announces His saving mission: to meet the needs of the poor, the captives, the blind, and the oppressed. He identifies Himself with the word that makes a difference, changes lives, and fulfills expectations. Jesus' word is an active word that brings to life the "glad tidings" of God's care for us. Our own hearing and encountering the Word today invites us to participate in these saving deeds as, through us, the Word continues to be made flesh.

Just as the people in Nehemiah's time listened intently as Ezra proclaimed the law, the people in today's Gospel focus on Jesus in the synagogue. Their intense anticipation is met by Jesus' dramatic assertion that the Scripture passage from Isaiah "is fulfilled" in their hearing. In the First Reading, Ezra read from the book of the law. In the Gospel, Jesus **is** the book, the Good News, the Word Made Flesh. Ezra interpreted what he read. In the Gospel, Jesus Himself **is** the interpretation. Ezra's word was an inspiring word that had power and moved the people to worship and praise. Jesus' Word is a creative word fulfilled **in Him** and continues in the Gospel, where **we ourselves** encounter Jesus and are moved to be disciples. The feasting, joy, and new strength on the holy day when Ezra read the law are now fulfilled in a new order in which the feasting is on Jesus and the strength comes from our sharing in the same Spirit.

Jesus is enfleshed today in the lives of those who encounter Him, the Gospel's very fulfillment, throughout the ages. Now we – our own lives – announce the meaning of the Word proclaimed and enfleshed. We can do so because, like Jesus, in our Baptism, we also have been anointed with the Spirit. By our Baptism, we have received a share in Jesus' saving deeds. As His followers, we make present His saving mystery.

Living the Paschal Mystery means that we continually look for the poor, captive, blind, and oppressed among us. We don't have to look very far! "*Today this passage has been fulfilled*" is now true only when we respond to those around us who need a nourishing, strengthening, joyful word. This means that God's Word isn't something we hear only on the weekend at Mass, but it becomes a living Word in our hearts, inspiring us to be living Gospels in our very selves. As we gradually grow into being anointed by the Spirit, we, like Jesus, are the fulfillment of the Scriptures.

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

Fr. Larry



## 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 ~

Would you like to donate to our parish food pantry but don't know what to buy? Although any **nonperishable** food item would be welcome, here are some suggestions: **mac & cheese, canned macaroni meals (such as Chef Boyardee), canned vegetables, ramen noodles, tuna, rice, pudding, peanut butter and jelly. Soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also appreciated.

You may leave your nonperishable items in the shopping carts located in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or, you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings**. 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.**

Prefer not to shop? Monetary donations are always welcome.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*

# 9DAYS FOR LIFE

JANUARY 19 - 27, 2022

9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

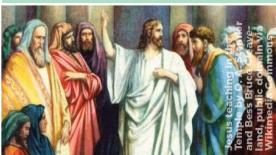
**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30



January 23, 2022 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 | Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Do you ever find yourself feeling like you are at the cusp of something remarkable? Like you are witnessing an incredible, historic, athletic, or aeronautical feat? I wonder if that's what it was like for the followers of Jesus when he began his public ministry: "News of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all." In today's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of the prophet Isaiah that are effectively a "job description" of his mission: glad tidings to the poor, liberty of captives, sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed. What Isaiah prophesied, Jesus claims to fulfill. He thus inaugurates his public ministry with a claim that is straightforward, bold, true, and of great consequence. Today, by virtue of our baptism, we are part of the body of Christ and share in that mission. Whatever our backgrounds, abilities, or talents, we each have something to contribute to building up one another and the Church. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, we, too, can be bold in our own proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We've heard the phrase "Don't sell yourself short." Social media aside, many of us tend to focus on our shortcomings: We may wish we could run faster, be better at our jobs, have a cleaner home, in general, "get it together!" Truth is, we're all works in progress. That's what I love about Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. He reminds us that each one of us - whatever our strengths or weaknesses - is part of the body of Christ. God loves us with our imperfections, not in spite of them. As such, each of us has indispensable value and much to contribute to the mission of the Church. As we move into the week ahead, today's readings invite us to place ourselves at the service of the Church and one another. Beyond that, we can invite others to join us by recognizing that God values the talents - and foibles - that each of us brings to his service.



**PRAY** Yesterday on the liturgical calendar was the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. As members of the body of Christ, let us join our voices with the universal Church and pray a Pro-Life Rosary each night this week. The USCCB Prayers and Devotions page is a good resource.



## Rediscover the love in your marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and learn to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, please visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



"WHENEVER THE DIVINE FAVOR CHOOSES SOMEONE TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL GRACE, OR TO ACCEPT A LOFTY VOCATION, GOD ADORNS THE PERSON CHOSEN WITH ALL THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT NEEDED TO FULFILL THE TASK AT HAND." SAINT BERNARDINO OF SIENNA

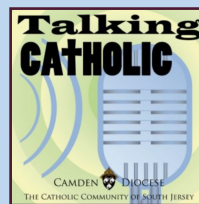
**FEB 20** GOD SAID GO, AND I SAID NO

**MAR 20** SIGNS OF A VOCATION

**MAY 22** MY PATH TO THE PRIESTHOOD: WHEN DO I START?

From Fr. Adam Cichoski, Director of Vocations:

*Thank you for the amazing support for our seminarian! They were very happy to receive the great amount of gift cards & home made snacks and presents. We are blessed to have such good support from St. Michael's! Thank you and your parish for making this a wonderful Christmas for our men. Please know of our constant prayers & support for you and your parish!*



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/](http://talking.catholicstarherald.org/)

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## 2021 Contribution Statements

Tax time will be approaching sooner than you think and its time to collect all those necessary papers to file.

Contribution Statements will be available **beginning Monday, January 24, 2022.**

If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 Contribution Statement, **PLEASE:**

- 1) **E-Mail** [PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com](mailto:PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com) including the information below.
- 2) **Fill out the form below**, place it in an envelope, and drop it into the Collection Basket or at the Rectory during normal office hours.
- 3) **Call the Parish Office** at 856-881-9155 and provide the info below.

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2021 Contribution Statement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer an e-mail ☐

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_





We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us.  
make Yourself at home in our hearts.

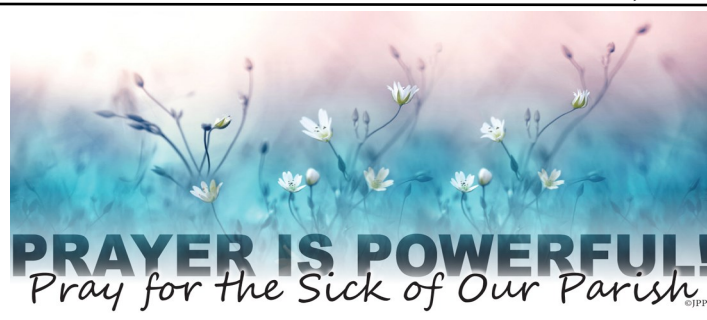
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in you our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son.  
forever and ever.

Amen.



**CATHOLIC ENGAGED  
ENCOUNTER**

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend away with other engaged couples which allows plenty of time alone as a couple to dialogue honestly and intensively about your prospective life together.

Ideas presented by a team of married couples and a priest or deacon stimulate personal reflection and private couple dialogue. Topics for discussion include: strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, attitudes about money, sexuality, children, family, your role in the church and society.

The Sunday Mass celebration is an important part of the program.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are held at Pope John Paul II Retreat Center in Vineland, NJ. All weekends begin promptly at 8:00 p.m., Friday evening, and close by 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

#### Upcoming Weekends

March 11-13, 2022  
June 10-12, 2022  
August 12-14, 2022  
November 11-13, 2022

#### **Registration for Engaged Encounter**

The registration fee of \$410 for Catholic Engaged Encounter includes lodging, meals, and program resources for the weekend for two people.

To register, please go to <https://www.camdendiocese.org/marriage-preparation-home/marriage-preparation-programs/>  
Questions: Please contact the Office of Family Life by phone at (856) 583-2904 or email at [MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org](mailto:MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org)

**A WEDDING IS A DAY . . . A  
MARRIAGE IS A LIFETIME.**



<https://camdendiocese.org/livestreammass/>

You can use the above link to for live-stream Masses in the Diocese, outside the Diocese, or on the radio.

