



February 9, 2020 | 5th 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: 7p at Saint Catherine
Friday: 9a at Saint Catherine

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine
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

Thursday immediately following
the 7p Mass at Saint Catherine

Saturday 3-3:30p at Nativity

or by appointment.

Please call the Parish Office.

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REGIONAL SCHOOL

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday – 8a - 4:30p; Thursday & Friday – *By Appointment*

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY: *Please contact the Parish Office.*

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome!* Please stop by the Parish Office, take a look at our website, or call to register

Please visit our website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH4:00p **The People of the Parish**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH **5TH SUNDAY IN OT**8:00a **Marie Napoli** by *Carin Haabak & Family*10:45a **Anne Marie Polansky** by *Mary C. Pellish*MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH **SCHOLASTICA**9:00a **Winnie Williamson** by *The Ekimoglou Family*TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**9:00a **August Branco** by *The Cosenza Family*WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH9:00a **Jack O'Hara** by *Kevin & Kathy O'Hara*THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH7:00p **Stephen Bartos** by *Goddaughter, Ronnie*FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH9:00a **No Intention**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH4:00p **No Intention**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH **6TH SUNDAY IN OT**8:00a **The People of the Parish**10:45a **Scott A. Brown** by *His Son & 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.

*The Sanctuary Candle in Nativity
burns in Memory of*

Mary Austin

Requested by Katherine O'Hara

*and the Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena
burns in Memory of*

Anne Marie Polansky

Requested by Larry, Ed, & Kathy



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, LS2 Alex Hirst, 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, 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

STEWARDSHIP EXAMPLE

*"Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

~ Mt 5:16 ~

The generosity of being a good **Steward** of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

**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!



Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley offers hope for married couples
experiencing loneliness, boredom, misery, or frustration in their
marriage. Couples learn valuable communication skills and rediscover
intimacy. Our next program starts February 21-23 at the Family Life
Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, please call 215-766-3944
or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Stewardship in Action

Online Giving 01/13 through 02/02

\$1,521.50

Weekend of 02/01 & 02/02

Ordinary Income

\$4,601.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity
to our Parish!*

Something to consider ...

The Prophet Isaiah argues that works of mercy and justice serve as catalysts for light (Christ) to “break forth like the dawn” (Is 58:8). Reflect on the importance of moving beyond our own self-centeredness so that we may open ourselves to share the gifts of God’s love – especially to those who are on the margins of society, to those who are in our congregation, in our schools and workplaces, and in our families.

A “Difficult Choice”

Advocates of abortion often refer to the decision to have an abortion as a “difficult choice.”

Why is it a difficult choice? The reason is very simple and obvious. We all know that the unborn child is a person growing inside the mother’s womb.

So, of course, it is “difficult.” Choosing to terminate the life of another human being is a “difficult choice.” If the unborn child was not a person, what would be so difficult about choosing to end his or her life?

Is killing a cancer growing inside your body a “difficult choice.” Of course not.

Dehumanizing the child is a vital strategy used by pro-abortionists to disguise the “difficult choice” that is being made. The baby is made to appear like the invading “blob of tissue” – like a cancerous growth.

Why do we allow such deceit and victimization of the pre-born? Can you find a more innocent or vulnerable human being than a precious baby boy or girl inside his/her mother’s womb?



IT DOUBTS THE WISDOM OF GOD;
it implies He doesn’t know what He is doing.

IT DOUBTS THE LOVE OF GOD;
it says He doesn’t care.

IT DOUBTS THE POWER OF GOD;
it says He is not able to over come the
circumstances that cause me to worry.



Dear Parishioners,

SAD – *Seasonal Affective Disorder* – has been diagnosed as a real condition. It is especially prevalent in the northern hemisphere during the winter months, when there are many dreary days. It is recommended that we have at least ten (10) minutes of sunlight or other high light each day for our bodies to have sufficient vitamin D to be able to absorb calcium (even in addition to eating vitamin D-supplemented foods). Our inner self needs light, and without it, we can become depressed and exhibit symptoms of SAD. People with high blood pressure are recommended to limit their intake of salt. But who eats popcorn or French fries without salt? Or if a baker forgets to put at least a little bit of salt into the pie dough, it can ruin the whole pie. Light and salt tend to be parts of our everyday living. Without them, life isn't quite the same.

Jesus uses salt and light in this weekend's Gospel to describe the qualities of disciples. But in this case, there is something much more at stake than SAD or bland food. What is at stake is the effectiveness of what we do as disciples. This Gospel uses two (2) metaphors with both positive and negative implications. Salt enhances, but is thrown away and trampled if it becomes tasteless. Light shines, but is ineffective if it is hidden. Jesus is clearly saying that disciples must spend themselves in preserving and carrying forward His saving mission. Disciples must season the world with God's Word and faithfully shine forth as God's Presence. The choice is ours ... to season or to be discarded ... to shine or to be hidden.


Jesus passes on to His disciples who He Himself is and what He has come to do. Jesus is the Light of the world. So are disciples. Jesus does good works that glorify His "heavenly Father." So must disciples. Salt is the bridge between who we are and the good we do. Salt brings out and enhances what is already there – the God-given good within us. Salt is the power Jesus gives His disciples to preserve and carry forward His saving work. Light is the insight the Holy Spirit gives to disciples to know the truth of the Gospel and devise ways to help others grasp Jesus' way of living. It is light that shines forth from us ... a Light that is the Presence of the risen Christ Himself within us.

While this weekend's Gospel uses metaphors to help us understand who we are as disciples of Jesus Christ, this is not just simply catchy language. Anything short of being the best persons we can be as God's instruments of salvation is selling short being true to ourselves. We speak of the Paschal Mystery in terms of dying and rising. Perhaps this weekend's Gospel offers another way of putting it: taste or be thrown out ... be a light that shines, because being hidden is no good to anyone. If we are to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, we must be potent and visible. Following Jesus into His dying and rising mystery is not for weak people! Each day, then, we face a choice: to be an effective disciple ... or not.

Practically speaking, this might mean we get involved in some of the parish ministries ... not only liturgical ones but perhaps social outreach or tutoring one of the schoolchildren. Maybe being salty or shining simply means that we take stock of our already-too-busy days and reflect on what has value or meaning for the good of others and what has become simply habit to no real avail. We might need to examine behaviors that are not effective in helping others live more healthy and spiritual lives. Discipleship involves ongoing discernment.

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

Fr. Larry



Saturday, March 14, 2020

“Burnout”
Presented by Mary Neary

Sacred Heart Center, Vineland
from 10a-3p, cost \$25
**Deadline to register
Monday, March 9**

Call 856-583-2906 or email
Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org

This is open to everyone!

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/2020 through 12/31/2020), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **SUNDAY, JUNE 14th, AT 3P.** at Mass in Mantua at Church of the Incarnation. Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available at all Parish Offices. Registration deadline is **May 6, 2020**. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

DIVORCE AND BEYOND

Divorce and Beyond helps those already divorced or who have filed for divorce to understand the processes and emotions of divorce and annulment, and offers hope through pathways to growth. St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, 12 Wednesday sessions, from 7-9 p.m., starting March 4, 2020. Contact: Charlotte at charlottemary12@yahoo.com or (609) 221-7759 or Tina at (856) 404-1013.

- 03/4/2020 **REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INTRODUCTION:**
- A fee of \$20.00 for the class and book will be collected.
 - Support Group Guidelines will be outlined.
 - Each participant will have a chance to share.
 - Group will end by 9:00 p.m. each evening.
- 03/11 Session One-The Process of Divorce
- 03/18 Session Two-Self Image
- 03/25 Session Three-Stress
- 04/01 Session Four-Anger
- 04/08 Session Five-More on Anger
- 04/15 Session Six-Blame and Guilt
- 04/22 Session Seven-Loneliness
- 05/29 Session Eight-Forgiveness
- 05/06 Session Nine-Happiness
- 05/13 Annulment Process (Father Mike Matveenko)
- 05/20 Session Ten-Pathways to Growth (Rituals and Refreshments)

Jesus reminds us this weekend that we all have worth and that every day is an opportunity to add flavor, value, and dimension to the world – our salt and our light. How does our significance rely on our being uninhibited by the distraction of ego and in becoming true signs of Christ’s love in the world?



- ◆ **Sunday, February 9th** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, February 9th** – *PREP* (Religious Education) for all students will take place from 9-10:15a in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School.
- ◆ **Sunday, February 9th** – *Adult Faith Formation* will meet in the PSMA Rectory Conference Room (Ramp door, garage-side of building), Clayton from 9-10a.
- ◆ **Thursday, February 13th** – *Confession* will be held immediately following the 7p Mass in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Saturday, February 13th** – *Confession* will be held from 3-3:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.



JERRY BLAVAT
“THE GEATOR WITH THE HEATER”
OLDIES SPRING FLING DANCE PARTY
Saturday, March 28, 2020 ~ 7-11p

Saint Padre Pio
Our Lady of Pompeii Rosary Hall
4680 Dante Ave, Vineland

Admission \$40pp includes buffet, salad, beer, coffee, & dessert (BYOB)
Doors open 6:30p / Food served 7p
Donation of desserts appreciated.

For tickets or more info, please call Janice at 856-305-4177, or mail check to Saint Padre Pio Parish, 4680 Dante Ave, Vineland 08361, Attention: Janice. Tickets will be mailed to you.

2019 Contribution Statements

Tax time is just around the corner and it’s time to collect all those necessary papers to file. If you would like to receive a copy of your 2019 Contribution Statement, please 1) E-Mail PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com, including the information below **OR** 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 **OR** 3) call the Parish Office 856-881-9155 and provide the information below.

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2019 Contribution Statement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

I would like my statement Regular Mail **OR** E-Mail.



Sunday, March 29th
 Washington Lake Park
 Sewell

iRace4Vocations 5K Run / 1 Mile Walk

iRace4Vocations is an annual event that welcomes people of all ages to run / walk in our 5K both praying for and promoting vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Camden. iRace4Vocations begins with Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, DD and concludes with a free picnic and free family entertainment.

iRace4Vocations is a “faith-raiser” that encourages each participant to come with prayer pledges for vocations to our Diocese. Instead of seeking monetary donations from others, iRace4Vocations participants seek to obtain prayers per kilometer for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact John Kalitz, Digital Media Manager, at 856-583-6193 or john.kalitz@camdendiocese.org ... Fr. Adam Cichoski, Director of Vocations, at 856-583-2864 or Adam.Cichoski@camdendiocese.org ... or contact us online at www.camdenPRIEST.org, facebook.com/camdenpriest/, or instagram.com/camdenpriest/

**Join the Seventh Annual
 DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
 FAITHFULL FOOD DRIVE**

Sunday
**MARCH
 22**

*In Southern New Jersey...
 1 in 6 people are food insecure (1 in 5 are children)
 20,000 seniors must choose between food and medications
 Help us combat hunger!*

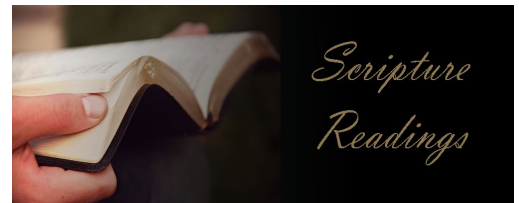
WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING



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| Canned Fruits & Vegetables | Canned Tuna Fish |
| Canned Vegetable Juice | Canned Chicken |
| Canned Tomato Products | Canned Beans |
| Canned Spaghetti Sauce | Canned Chili |
| Cooking Oils | Peanut Butter |
| Applesauce | Nuts |
| Canned Fruit Juice | Dried Oats |
| Jelly | Cereals |
| Canned Soup/Stews/Chili | Dry Rice |
| Dried Herbs & Spices | |

**** NON EXPIRED FOOD ONLY ****
 Aim for 'no salt added,' 'low-sodium,' and
 'whole grain' options!

**FOOD DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 IN OUR DIOCESE ON MARCH 22! TO LEARN MORE, VISIT:
CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL**



- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6 - 7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33 -34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
 Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

Gardening Permit Program Now Available

Spring Is Just Around the Corner ...

Gardening – The Healing Power of Nature

Research shows that digging in the earth’s soil is soothing, comforting, and peaceful. When planting seedlings, cultivating the ground, and nurturing flowers, we experience happiness from our fruitful labor. Each year we plant gardens knowing when the first frost comes, the flowers will die. However, we have hope because in the spring we will once again plant flowers. The cycle of life mimics the cycle of nature. Although grief may never go away, gardening may be a therapeutic option that provides hope.

The mission of South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries is not only to bury and pray for the dead, but also to comfort and console those grieving. Consequently, we are happy to announce our Garden Permit Program will be available at all Diocesan-run cemeteries beginning March 21st. To learn more, please visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 800-594-4980 and a member of our staff will gladly help you.

*“He loves justice and right.
 The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord.”
 ~ Ps 33:5 ~*