



January 9, 2022 | The Baptism of the Lord

# THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

## 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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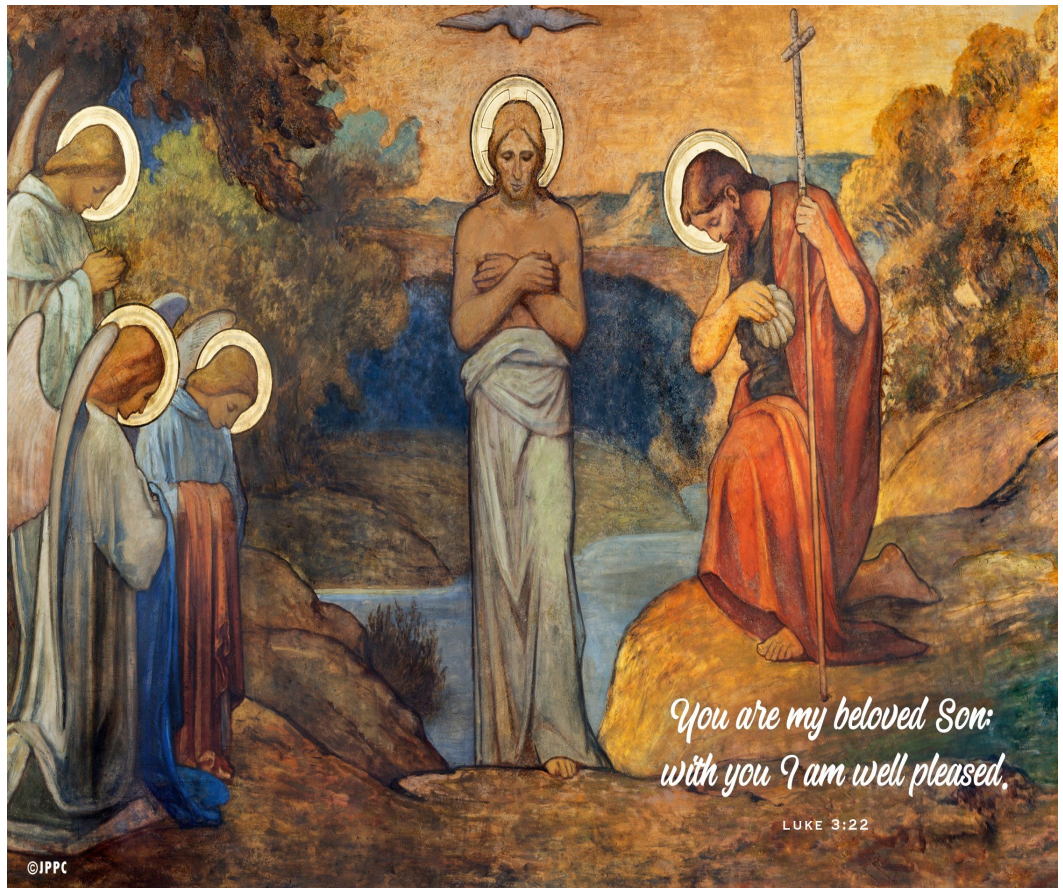
## REGIONAL SCHOOL

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856-881-0067

## 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**."*



**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:**

**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.psmaj-nj.com>*



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**8:00a Jennifer Christy** *by The Tanner Family*

**10:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro** *by Elsie McCullough*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a Robert J. Carder, Jr. – Birthday Remembrance**  
*by His Loving Wife, Fran*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a Edward, Wanda, & Anne Polansky**  
*by Fr. Larry*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a Gene Burris** *by The Wielgus Family*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

*HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH*

**9:00a A Personal Intention**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

***No Parish Mass***

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00p Deceased Members of the Lubatty & Contrevo Families**  
*by John & Anna Contrevo*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:00a People of the Parish**

**10:00a Linda Kronberger** *by Dominica Kronberger & Family*

*The power of prayer!*  
**PRAY FOR HEALING** ©JPPC

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



### **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 Nativity Church*

*Burns in Memory of*

***Robert J. Carder, Jr.***

*Requested by Dan and Karen Seniff*

### **STEWARDSHIP LIVING**

*"John answered them all,  
'I baptize you with water; but He who is mightier than I is coming ...  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' "*  
~ Luke 3:16 ~

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics living in **Stewardship**, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



## 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!*



**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19;

Mk 1:14--20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;

Mk 1:21--28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;

Mk 1:29--39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;

Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1--12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;

Mk 2:13--17

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;

Jn 2:1-11



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Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

For cradle Catholics, baptism may be the most important step on the Christian journey that none of us actually remembers. Which is too bad! After all, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs us that baptism is "the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit." (#1213) Yes, baptism cleanses us of original sin, but it's much more than that! We need only look to Jesus to see that. Though without sin, Jesus' baptism is a turning point in his life all the same. The Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice from heaven cries out, "You are my beloved Son." So begins the public ministry, in which Jesus would carry out his Father's saving mission. Through our baptism, at any age, we, too, become God's beloved sons and daughters. Through word and sacrament, Jesus invites us to share in his mission by turning our lives over to our Father as we embrace our Christian journey.



**SERVE** Think of something you have been told you are very good at by friends or coworkers – something for which you have been "anointed," in a sense. In what way can you do something specific to lead others with care in this area, or perhaps do a very particular good yourself?

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

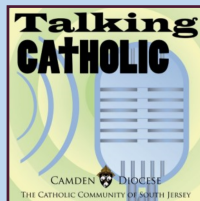
Baptism is often referred to as "the doorway to the Church" because through this sacrament, our sins are forgiven and we are united to Christ and his Church. It is the door which gives access to all the other sacraments. (Cf., CCC 1213) At the conclusion, the celebrant asks God to continue to pour out his blessing upon those being baptized, and send his peace to all who are gathered. As baptized Christians, we are now adopted children of God; we are disciples who are empowered, through the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News and help build the kingdom of God on earth. Sound intimidating? It shouldn't. Each day that we "put on Christ" and do his work, God is re-creating us and making us into something far better than we could ever be on our own. Embrace this faith you have been given and go out and share your gifts and talents with others, confident in the Spirit that guides you.



<https://www.pisma-nj.com>

... is our Parish Website address. On it you can find a lot of information about our faith, about the Parish, a lot of useful "how-to's" ... to become a member of the Parish, to arrange for Baptisms or Weddings or what you need to do to obtain a Letter of Eligibility. There are also videos about the Sacraments and links for many useful and informative Catholic websites.

At the lower right-hand side of the main page is also a form where you can sign up to obtain periodic e-mails to keep you informed about Parish happenings. These "blasts" are sent out periodically to keep you up-to-date. If you would like to receive these e-mails, please sign up. If you've signed up in the past but haven't gotten an e-mail lately, please resubscribe to the site.



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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## 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.



**Support the businesses that support our parish and our local economy!**

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *A Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

I recently enjoyed reading TV newsman Chris Wallace's book, 1945, which chronicles the events marking the creation and use of the first atomic bomb. Along the way, the author gives us insights into the ways of the various characters involved. Singular attention is given to the controversial decision of President Harry S. Truman to use the awful weapon against Japan, which was at the time our sworn enemy. How different today with our roads traversed by Honda, Toyota and Nissan cars.

As we know, the president's decision changed history, and its propriety is still the subject of debate. But we learn as well of Truman's troubling internal quandary beforehand and the various positions of his trusted advisers. Yours truly was only three years of age at the time, so the book shed light on what went on then.

At this early day in a brand new year, most of us already know that we will be making all kinds of decisions in the months ahead. Some will be delightful; others daunting. May I propose what Jesus did before every major decision in His life as our model? It was prayer. Our Lord prayed at the moment of His baptism, when God the Father and the Holy Spirit manifested their approval of Him as He began His public ministry. A few short years later Jesus would pray as He begins to close His ministry in the garden of Gethsemane.

Prayer before decision-making. It makes perfect sense on one level. It demonstrates faith on another. Why then is it so often neglected even by believers? I put the blame squarely on that pragmatism embedded in our American psyche. It's the same notion that promotes rugged individualism as the ideal way to live. So, it is better to be known as an independent than a dependent. Leave religion and God out of it.

That's sad not only for relegating God to the sidelines, but also for denying the way we are "hard wired" as creatures for God. You could not ask for a more independent-minded person than Jesus. Note how little He cared for the opinions of others. But oh! Did He ever pray!

The Psalms of Scripture are unique because Jesus prayed them. You could say they were His prayer book of David's poems. Other poets over time have extolled prayer as well. I have always liked this one from George Herbert, the 17<sup>th</sup> century Anglican priest, who gives us images that make us pause:

"Prayer the church's banquet, angel's age,  
 God's breath in man returning to his birth,  
 The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,  
 The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth  
 Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r,  
 Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,  
 The six-days world transposing in an hour,  
 A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;  
 Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,  
     Exalted manna, gladness of the best,  
     Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,  
     The milky way, the bird of Paradise,  
 Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,  
     The land of spices; something understood."

God love you and give you His peace.

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





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.






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**Coronavirus Prayer**

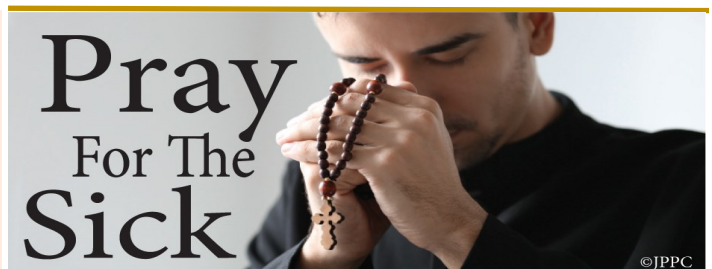
Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.  
 We pray that the coronavirus that has  
 affected so many in our world can be  
 contained, controlled, and cured.

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.





<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.