



September 20, 2020 | 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

## 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.*

## OFFICE MANAGER

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## SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

### REGIONAL SCHOOL

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### 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**.”*



**“The  
kingdom  
of heaven  
is like a landowner  
who went out at  
dawn to hire laborers  
for his vineyard.”**

MATTHEW 20:1

**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-12:30p *(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, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>** **JANUARIUS**

**4:00p (N) Dorothy Stein** *by Frances Carder*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>** **25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT**

**8:00a (N) Louis Przelomiec** *by Terry & David Allonardo*  
**10:45a (N) People of the Parish**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** **MATTHEW**

**9:00a (N) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed**  
*by Larry Pietrafitta*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**9:00a (N) No Parish Intention**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** **PIUS OF PIETRELCINA**

**9:00a (N) No Parish Intention**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a (N) No Parish Intention**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**No Mass**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>** **COSMAS & DAMIAN**

**4:00p (N) Michael Kuhns** *by The Seniff Family*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>** **26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT**

**8:00a (N) People of the Parish**  
**10:45a (N) Dorothy Stein** *by Dorothy Dietterick*



**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 in Memory of  
 Viola Char  
 Requested by Her Loving Family*



**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 & 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:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13  
**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;  
 Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;  
 Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc;  
 Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17;  
 Lk 9:43b-45  
**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; Phil 2:1-11 or  
 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32



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 ~

Due to your generosity, the parish food pantry continues to provide assistance to our neighbors here in Clayton and Franklin Township. If you would like to help by contributing nonperishable items, you may place these donations in the pantry shopping cart which is located in the entranceway of Nativity Church or, if you prefer, you may bring them directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center From 10:15 to 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.

At this time, we especially need 1 pound or 2 pound bags or boxes of rice as well as rice mixes such as Knorr’s Rice Sides or Rice-a-Roni. Any of the following items are also welcome: pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, canned macaroni meals such as Chef Boyardee, canned fruit, applesauce, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, boxes or packets of instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken, cereal, peanut butter and jelly. Non-food items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and soap also make nice extras.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT!



The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel welcomes its newest member Cecilia Marie Saponaro baptized on Sunday, September 13th

May she always walk as a child of the Light!



GOD-CENTERED STEWARDSHIP

“So the last will be first and the first last.” ~ MATTHEW 20:16 ~

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility to live Stewardship, not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

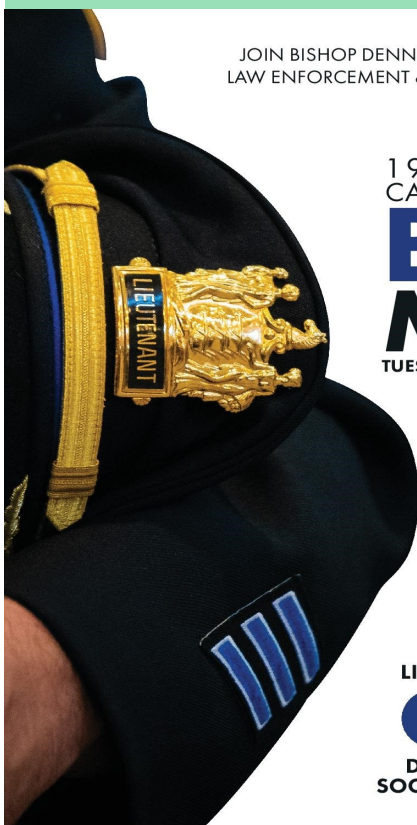
Ordinary Income

August 2019 ..... \$18,947.78
August 2020 ..... \$16,993.00

Difference ( ↓ 11%)



During the weekend of September 26th & 27th, we will have a second collection for Pro-Life Causes.



JOIN BISHOP DENNIS SULLIVAN IN HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS AT THE

19TH ANNUAL CAMDEN DIOCESAN BLUE MASS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 10:30 AM

LIVE-STREAMED TO ALL DIOCESE OF CAMDEN SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

## Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

We can't buy our way into the Kingdom of Heaven – we must work our way into it! The “work” we must do is ‘active-waiting’ while we remain open to God’s call and responding generously whenever and wherever that call comes. In this weekend’s Gospel, a most generous landowner is sensitive to the plight of others as he hires day laborers for his vineyard. Presumably at dawn when he first went out to hire laborers, he would have hired everyone he thought he would need for the day ... but he goes out four (4) other times throughout the day and hires additional laborers because they were “standing idle.” In God’s Kingdom, there is no cause for idleness, no limit on “wages,” and no reason to regard waiting as an unproductive effort.

The workers, like the landowner, are persistent. Instead of giving up and going home, they remain in the marketplace seemingly “standing idle.” Actually, their idleness was not simply doing nothing – theirs was an active waiting. These workers persistently remain ready and willing to work. Of such is the “Kingdom of Heaven.” The “Kingdom of Heaven” consists of those who persist in awaiting God’s recurring call, and who respond willingly no matter what hour the call comes. The last are first not because of the number of hours that they work, but because of their openness to God’s call no matter when it comes and their faithful response. The “Kingdom of Heaven” subsists in persistent openness, active waiting, and faithful responding. The laborer’s wage is beyond monetary expectation – it is salvation.

In this Gospel parable, the landowner’s behavior is remarkable in two (2) ways: his care for idle workers not able to put their skills and energy to good use, and his manner of paying wages. His behavior describes aptly the Kingdom of Heaven. God calls each of us to use whatever our gifts are to advance the growth of the Kingdom. God “pays” us not in dollars and cents, but with the free gift of salvation, which is immeasurable, unlimited, endless, and overflowing. Yes, in God’s Kingdom there is no cause for idleness, no limit on “wages,” and no reason to regard waiting as an unproductive effort.

We might think that the Gospel landowner is just to those he called first and generous to those he called last. In fact, our gracious and saving Landowner-God is both just and generous to all of the laborers simply because the divine “wages” are always a free gift, undeserved, and more than we can earn or expect. God’s “wages” are a share in the divine Life.

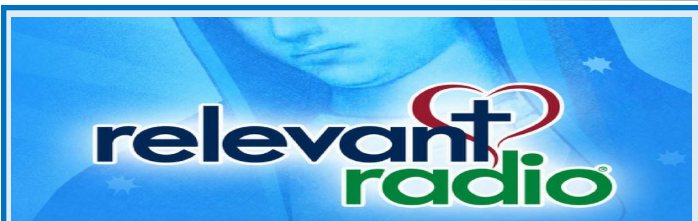
Most of us think of work as a necessity. We need a paycheck to pay the bills, buy the necessities, and maybe have a bit left over for some entertainment. This parable invites us to think of work in a different way. By our labors we are building up God’s Kingdom, spreading God’s reign in our world, “earning” our salvation. God calls us to be laborers in the divine vineyard – a call we first answer at Baptism and then continually answer throughout our lives each time we say yes to the divine call, reach out to others in imitation of God’s goodness and generosity, and cooperate with all that God asks of us. This divine, saving “work” is a privilege – we actually share in God’s saving deeds! God uses us to bring salvation to the world. This work has a great dignity about it. This work is a privilege. This work is a lifelong response to God’s invitation to be His laborers.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe! Have a great week!

~ Fr. Larry



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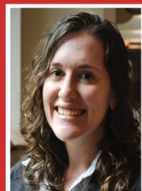
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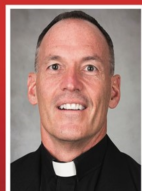
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**SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM**

With the election season in full swing and political rhetoric heating up, the US Bishops call us to engage in charitable, respectful and civil dialogue about politics and voting. They call us to form our consciences through being open to truth, studying Scripture and Church teaching, examining facts and background information, and prayerful reflection.

Join us in this timely panel webinar on *Civilize It: Dignity beyond the Debate and Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* to hear and learn more.

Register for free at: [camdendiocese.org/catholicvoter](http://camdendiocese.org/catholicvoter)

Submit questions for the panel by September 22 to:

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September 20, 2020 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20C-24; 27A | Mt 20:1-16A

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Today's parable about the workers in the vineyard reminds me of a popular paraphrase of a famous Theodore Roosevelt quote, "Envy is the thief of joy." No matter how much or how little we have, we can find someone who appears better off or happier, or appears to have received more than they deserve. Take, for example, the vineyard workers in today's Gospel. Those who arrived first for work were upset and envious, because the last to arrive were the first to be paid - and they were paid the same wages as those who had been *first* to arrive. Envy robbed the all-day workers of joy: joy in a job well-done and being paid the just wage due to them; joy in celebrating the generosity of the landowner, and of living in the kingdom of heaven begun here on earth, content with and grateful for everything God has provided for each one of us. Although envy may indeed be the thief of joy, joy can be ours when we appreciate what we have and quit comparing ourselves to others. It also frees us to share our gifts and truly walk with others through the ups and downs of our lives as we work together in God's vineyard.

**ACTION** Make a list of the gifts in our lives: Health, family, sparkly new earrings, a shiny lawn mower, you name it. Next, choose a "gift" you can share with others, and be specific: "I will make a card for Grandma today." "I will donate (fill in the blank) to the food and clothing pantry on Monday." "I will volunteer to be a greeter at Mass every other Sunday."

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Today's parable has me thinking: When I feel envious of another's good fortune (sparkling clean house, teenaged boys who smile for photos), perhaps one way to counter that would be to talk through those feelings with God: "Help me be content with what I have. Thank you for the ways you have blessed my friends and me, and for the people in my life who hold me up in good times and bad." Just as the landowner was generous with the laborers, and God is immensely generous with us, let us make an effort this week to be generous in sharing the gifts in our lives with others. When we radiate gratitude and joy in our daily lives as Jesus' disciples, and let the Holy Spirit work through us in leading others to him, our witness to others will bear much fruit.



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# 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 ...

We are called to receive God's gift of forgiveness. How well do we, in turn, share that gift with our families, our neighbors, our friends, and all of those around us?



# 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



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.

## 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.

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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.

