



August 23, 2020 | 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

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  
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**REV. LAWRENCE E POLANSKY, PASTOR**

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:**

*“To bear witness to God the Father,  
to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ,*



I WILL  
GIVE YOU  
**THE**  
KEYS  
TO THE  
KINGDOM  
OF HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 16:19

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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 22<sup>ND</sup>** **QUEENSHIP BVM**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>** **21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OT**

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>** **BARTHOLOMEW**

**9:00a (N) Ginny Hoffman** *by The Arnold Family*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>** **LOUIS**

**9:00a (N) Virginia Hoffman** *by The McCann Family*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a (N) Intentions of Don & Mary Ellen Healy**  
*– 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>** **MONICA**

**9:00a (N) John Dalesandro** *by Fr. Larry*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>** **AUGUSTINE**

*No Mass*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>** **PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**4:00p (N) Frances Cesanek** *by The Seniff Family*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>** **22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN OT**

**8:00a (N) Louis Przelomic** *by Pat Pannullo*  
**10:45a (N) 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,  
 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



**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*



- Monday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29
- Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27





### STEWARDSHIP GENEROSITY

*“Or who has given the Lord anything that He may be repaid?”  
~ ROMANS 11:35 ~*

Saint Paul reminds us of a central fact of **Stewardship**. We cannot give the Lord anything – God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone’s prayer.

### 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!*

(6 feet apart of course)



*families that*  
**PRAY TOGETHER**  
*stay together.*



August 23, 2020 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 22:19-23 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20

Written by  
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Imagine being in Peter’s shoes. We have listened to the Sermon on the Mount and been comforted and sometimes challenged by Jesus’ teachings. We have watched him heal the sick and forgive sinners. We’ve faltered at times and seen Jesus face down skeptics. Then Jesus turns to us and asks: “Who do you say that I am?” How would we answer? Peter, not yet knowing that Jesus will suffer, die, and rise, proclaims: “You are Christ, the Son of the Living God.” For Peter, this would be the beginning; he would devote his life to building up the Church. Centuries later, we proclaim his words in the Nicene Creed that Jesus is the Son of God. As with Peter, this is just our starting point. Knowing who Jesus is compels us to devote our lives to building up the kingdom of God on earth.

#### **GO EVANGELIZE**

##### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

We know more about learning styles now, but most of us can remember two kinds of students: The front-row students who shot up their hand before a teacher finished asking the question (“Call on me, please!”), and the back-row kids who avoided eye contact, wishing they were invisible. Peter seems to have been one of those front-row students. When Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?” he didn’t hesitate. If Jesus asked that question today, would we hold back, check Google, or speak boldly as Peter did? As Jesus goes on to say, God put those words in Peter’s heart. God speaks to us, too, through the Scriptures, silent prayer, and the examples of saintly men and women who have touched our lives. We don’t have to worry about being “called on,” but we are all called to answer by sharing Jesus’ saving message with those around us. Like Peter, none of us is perfect; we don’t have to be. If we open our hearts and minds to Jesus and his words, we, too, can build up the Church through service, welcome, and generosity.

**PRAY** Jesus, you called and chose Peter, with his strengths and his weaknesses, to be the rock on which your Church was built. You call and choose me, with my unique strengths and weaknesses, to build your kingdom in the world I live in today. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to speak boldly as Peter did, proclaiming your Good News to the world. Amen.


 Message of the Week

Dear Parishioners,

Hearsay or gossip is repeating what someone has heard from another. It is not permitted in court testimony because it is not eyewitness. So, the truth of what another has said who is not present cannot be proven. Its reliability cannot be cross-examined. Court testimony requires the presence of a person who can be questioned and challenged. What the witness says must not only be true, but the witness must have a commitment to what is being told. Otherwise, very quickly, the lawyers can unravel the story and prove the witness unreliable, blowing the case wide-open. Think about that next time someone tells you something that sounds a little sketchy. This weekend's Gospel, on the other hand, involves the disciples as witnesses to Jesus' identity. Jesus does not let the case rest on their hearsay response. He wants truth, revelation, and commitment.

In answer to Jesus' query about His identity, the disciples tell Jesus what *others* are saying about Him. Their answer is based on hearsay. This is not good enough and does not get at the heart of who Jesus is. Jesus is not simply initiating an open discussion. He is leading the disciples to personal understanding and profession of who He is. Peter arrives there when he acclaims, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.*" Each of us must come to this same personal profession about who Jesus is. Each of us must move beyond what others have told us about Jesus to a personal encounter with Him that brings us to awe and wonder of who He is ... the Messiah who has come to save us.

Together, we are the Church that is that community of individuals who have come personally to know who Jesus is and have chosen personally to make Jesus known to the world. Jesus Himself will lead us there through our personal encounters with Him. The building of the Church begins with Peter but continues through the ages with all those who profess who Jesus is. The netherworld will not prevail against the Church to the extent that the community of believers is united in its profession of who Jesus is, is committed to spreading the Good News revealed to us and is open to encountering Jesus in new and surprising ways. That Jesus is the Son of Man, the Son of the Living God, the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah is a truth that cannot be broadcast by hearsay. It must be declared by those who are eyewitnesses to the Presence of Jesus in His Church and are committed enough to profess who He is with openness and truth.

Jesus didn't only choose great thinkers or saintly people to steer His Church on a right course and make His name known. He chose ordinary human beings who simply open themselves to the capacity to be great believers because they are first great hearers of the revelation.

"Revelation" doesn't mean that we sit around alone in silence waiting for God to speak to us. It means that we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to experience Jesus' Presence and power in daily happenings around us. The infant who utters their word and delights parents, a person with Alzheimer's who has a rare moment of recognition, or the unexpected good deed that comes our way can all be revelations of Jesus' identity and saving power. We only need to pay attention to the experience, recognize it for what it is, and receive the gift that has been given to us.

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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We don't know everything God is up to, nor why God does things one way rather than another, but we know that God uses all things to give us love and brings all people to receive His gift of self. Such awareness should result in humility from those who try to discern God's will.

## Holy Days of Obligation ...

### ... Some Info

**1 November 2020** – The Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated on Sunday with the possibility of anticipated Masses on Saturday evening. This Solemnity takes precedence over the celebration of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**8 December 2020** – The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (National and Diocesan Patronal Feast) is celebrated on Tuesday with the possibility of anticipated Masses on Monday evening.

**25 December 2020** – The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated on Friday with the possibility of anticipated Masses on Thursday evening.

**1 January 2021** – The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is celebrated on Friday with the possibility of anticipated Masses on Thursday evening.

**13 May 2021** – The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is celebrated on the Thursday following the Sixth Sunday of Easter, with the possibility of Vigil Masses on Wednesday evening.

*There are many regions of the United States where the celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord has been transferred to the following Sunday, replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter. New Jersey and Pennsylvania are not among those regions.*

**15 August 2021** – The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Sunday, taking precedence over the Sunday in Ordinary time.

*When this Solemnity occurs on a Saturday or a Monday, it remains a Solemnity, but the obligation to participate in Mass is removed.*



## SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

### Cremation and Proper Handling of Cremated Remains ...

*... Your Choices Don't Stop with Cremation*



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:

*Ground Burial † Granite or Glass Niches † Crypts † Addition to Family Lot or Crypt † Cremation Garden*

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

Saint Francis taught that we should preach with our actions. By our actions we show what it means to be a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ.



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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 ...

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

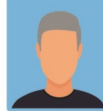
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## THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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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.



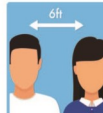
THOSE WHO FEEL IN ANY WAY SICK OR WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT ATTENDING MASS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.



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.

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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.