



January 26, 2020 | 3rd 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.

OFFICE MANAGER

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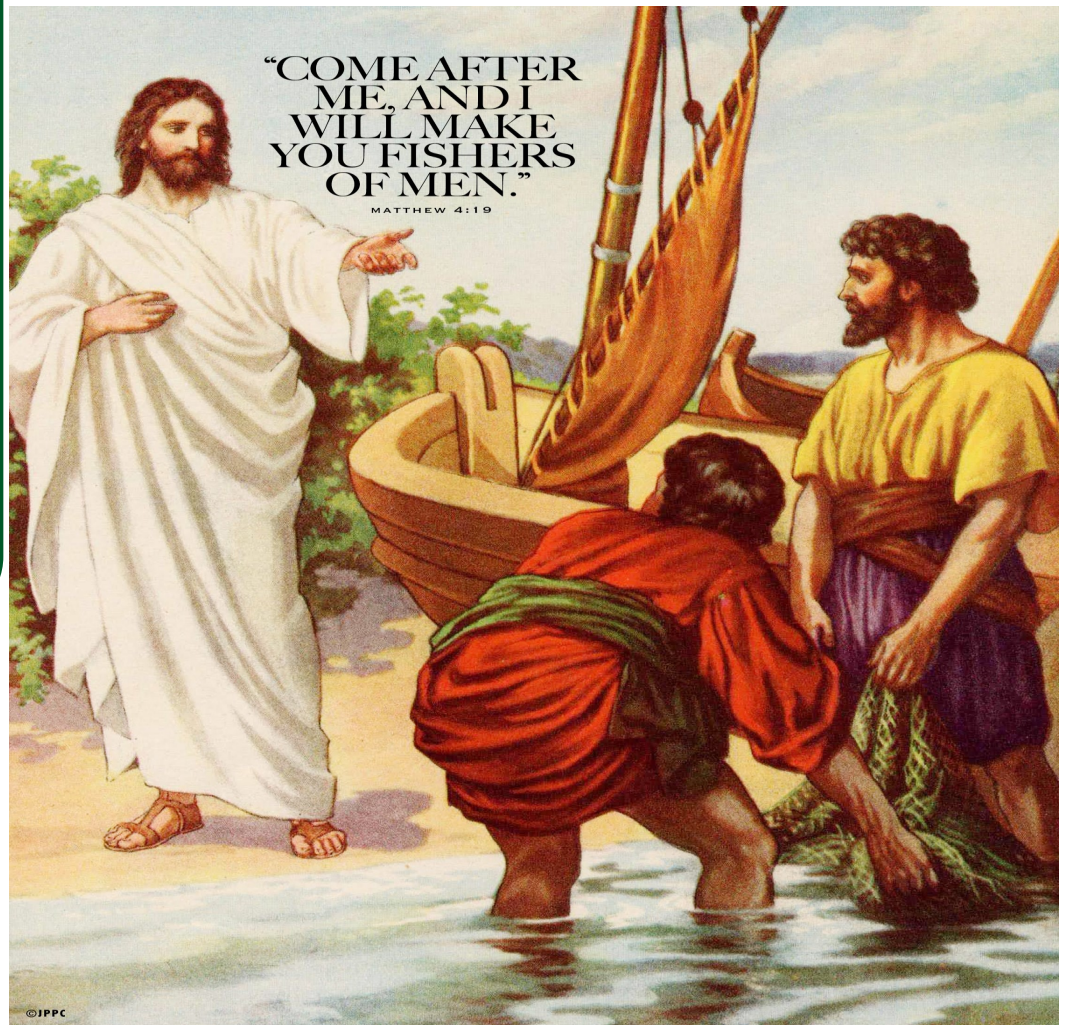
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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

Philip J. Gianfortune, Principal
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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, JANUARY 25TH

4:00p Michael Rossi *by His Parents*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH 3RD SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a The People of the Parish
10:45a Florence Bedwell *by The Cosenza Family*

MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH ANGELA MERICI

9:00a Helen & Steve Bottyansky – *Anniversary Remembrance*
by Daughter, Ronnie

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH THOMAS AQUINAS

9:00a Bob Biehler, Jr. *by The Biehler Family*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH

9:00a Paul Meyer – *Birthday Remembrance*
by Granddaughter, Ronnie

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH

7:00p Judith E. Allen

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST JOHN BOSCO

9:00a Rev. Anthony Cataudo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

4:00p Special Intention *by Fran Carder*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:00a Hannah Pio *by Joe & Grace*
10:45a The 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,
 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



STEWARDS FOLLOW

*“He called them,
 and immediately they left their boat and their father
 and followed Him.”
 ~ Matthew 4:22 ~*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him in **Stewardship**. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure, to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



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*

Rev. Mother Maria Pacis, IHM

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

Mother Mary Ivo, IHM

Requested by The Morris Family

**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!



Stewardship in Action

Christmas 2019

Ordinary Income \$16,319.00

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Ordinary Income \$1,578.80

Weekend of 01/18 & 01/19

Ordinary Income \$3,737.71

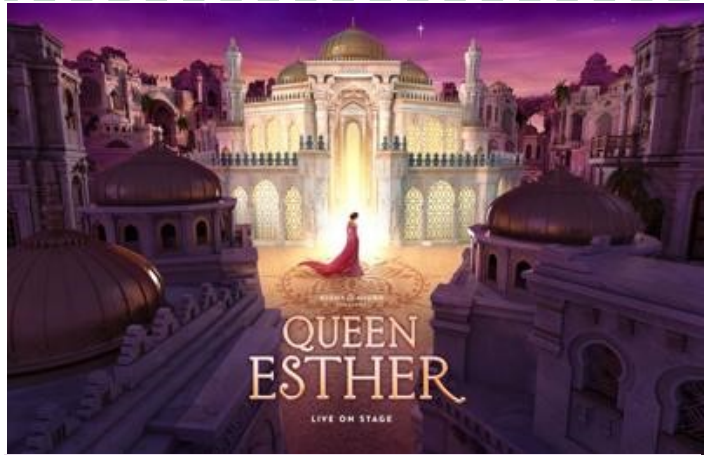
***Thank you for your continued generosity
to our Parish!***



The preaching of Jesus calls us most immediately to two things: a **conversion** in which we turn from that which leads us away from the fullness of life Jesus is offering, and a **realization** that the Kingdom of God is here in our midst. There is no need to delay. If the Kingdom is “at hand,” we are to live lives worthy of the Kingdom in the here and now.

Something to consider ...

This weekend’s readings speak of discipleship. Jesus, the servant, responds to God’s love. We ask to follow in this path of whole-hearted love. There are many things that can get in the way. Take some time this week to reflect on personal, internal divisions and on the way Christ wants to bring wholeness into our lives, and through us, into the lives of others.



**The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel
presents its 11th Trip**

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
featuring

Queen Esther

at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre

Thursday, May 7, 2020


\$150 per person

Package Includes:

- **Lunch at Shady Maple** where you will select from 140 feet of delicious smorgasbord options, all prepared in the traditional Pennsylvania Dutch way. (You will have time for shopping at Shady Maple after your meal.)
- **“Queen Esther” at Sight & Sound ...** the nation’s largest professional Christian theatrical company, where audiences have been captivated by the scope of the creativity that goes into the productions.
- **“Queen Esther”** is set in the opulent, yet perilous, Persian Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects, and live animals!

Cost includes meal, taxes, & gratuities, ticket for “Queen Esther,” and motor coach transportation. **There are only 40 tickets are available for this trip. A \$25 deposit is due as soon as possible, with final \$125 payment due by March 2nd.** Please contact Fran in the Parish Office.

Pastor's Corner



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Dear Parishioners,

We all like feeling secure, don't we? We like to be without anxiety, with no care in the world. Security gives us a sense of certainty, safety, well-being, serenity, and peace. This weekend's Gospel suggests that perhaps Peter, Andrew, James, and John all had that sense. They had jobs (fishermen). They had each other as brothers for help, guidance, and support. They even had the things they needed to secure a livelihood (nets and boats). Even with the limited details of this Gospel, we might conclude that these four men were content with their lives. Then a stranger walks up to them and invites them to leave everything and to follow Him "at once" and "immediately." **And they do!** *Why in the world would they do that? Why leave the security of a good life they know for an unknown ministry to people, invited to follow an unknown, lone man? At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the mystery of what He is about is revealed ... something new is happening. Jesus has a command about Him, a persona, an immense Presence that brings forth response.*

John's ministry is finished. With his arrest, the tradition of Old Testament prophets dies. Enter Jesus, inaugurating a new reality. Jesus calls Peter and Andrew, James and John to leave their lives as they knew them and become disciples who now proclaim the "Gospel of the Kingdom." Humanity moves now from darkness into "a great light." New teaching happens now. New healing comes now. New Life is given now.

To recognize this "Kingdom of Heaven" in our midst invites us to enter ever more fully into God's reign by following Jesus. The Good News is that the Light begins shining here – among the Gentiles, in the darkness. The call of disciples is to be here – in the darkness. The way out of a dark and condemned land is to hear Jesus' call and to follow Him. We cannot hear it often enough, for this is the way to living in the Light. This is how God's Kingdom is established. Faithful disciples hear Jesus' call, repent, and faithfully follow. In this way, gloom and darkness are overcome.

Every encounter with Jesus provokes a response. The Gospel for this weekend shows a response of discipleship that is quick and decisive. Our own call to discipleship comes at our Baptism, but unlike the disciples in the Gospel, our response isn't usually so quick and decisive. We spend our whole life trying to see the great Light that is the Savior of the world. We spend our whole life passing from death (darkness and gloom) to living in the Light. We spend our whole life encountering Jesus, hearing His call, and working to be faithful in continuing His saving ministry.

We practice following Jesus in the simple, everyday things that come our way ... the friend who needs a listening ear, the elderly parent who needs a comforting phone call or visit, the sick child who interrupts our sleep. Jesus invites us to turn from ourselves toward those in need, to turn from darkness to Light. Jesus invites us to continue His ministry of making "the Kingdom of Heaven ... at hand." The Kingdom of God is not a place but is the recognition of God's just and rightful rule over all creation. This is the same ministry to which Jesus' disciples were called ... it is our own ministry. It is fulfilled every time we bring Jesus' Presence to those we meet in the ordinary circumstances of our daily living.

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

Fr. Larry



Relationship Skills Workshop - Human Formation
Fostering Collaboration in Ministry
Presenter: Joanne Hall

How does a commitment to collaboration in ministry foster the work of the Body of Christ? During this workshop we will identify the obstacles to collaboration and explore ways to enhance relationships, build trust and strengthen our communities as we live out our call to mission and deeper spirituality.

This workshop is open to the public. It is strongly recommended for all in ministry.
DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Location:
 Sacred Heart Center
 (formerly Sacred Heart High School)
 15 N. East Avenue
 Vineland, NJ 08360

Time: 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Cost: \$25 (Checks payable to Diocese of Camden)
Bring a lunch. Beverages and a continental breakfast will be provided.

For information, contact Colleen Mayhew, Secretary, Lay Ministry Formation
 (856) 583-2906 or Colleen.Mayhew@CamdenDiocese.org

DETACH AND MAIL WITH CHECK TO: Diocese of Camden – Office of Lay Ministry Formation
 631 Market St., Camden, NJ 08102

Fostering Collaboration in Ministry – February 6, 2020

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- ◆ **Sunday, January 26th** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, January 26th** – PREP (Religious Education) for all students will take place from 9-10:15a in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School.
- ◆ **Sunday, January 26th** – Adult Faith Formation will meet in the Saint Catherine of Siena Church Basement, Clayton from 9-10a.
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 29th** – Got Music? The *Contemporary Choir* will meet from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 30th** – *Confession* will be held immediately following the 7p Mass in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Saturday, February 1st** – *1st Penance Formation Class* for all PREP (Religious Education) students preparing for 1st Penance from 9-11:30a in Nativity Church, Franklinville
- ◆ **Saturday, February 1st** – *Confession* will be held from 3-3:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.



MARRIED COUPLES
It's New Year's Resolution Time.

Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. The next weekend date is March 6-8, 2020. Please call 609-741-8012 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Please visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.

Pope John Paul II said "I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter." Worldwide Marriage Encounter is being supported by Bishop Sullivan for support of Catholic married couples.



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.



Sunday, March 29th
 Washington Lake Park
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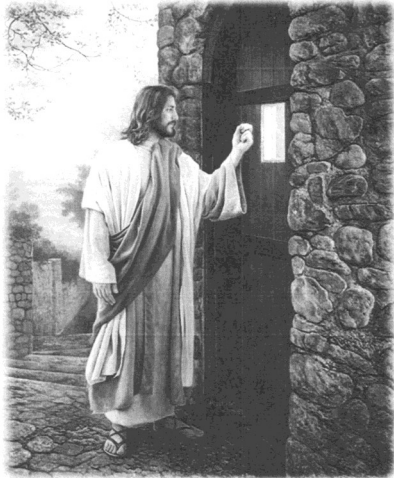
iRace4Vocations
 5K Run / 1 Mile Walk

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/

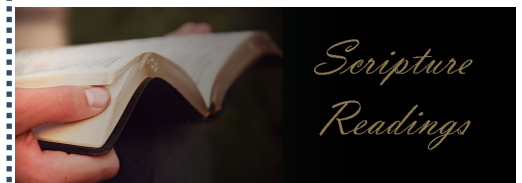
ADULT FAITH FORMATION



- ARE CHILDREN IN YOUR FAMILY ASKING YOU QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD?
- DO YOU WANT FAITH IN JESUS TO GROW IN YOUR HOME?
- DO YOU EVER WONDER WHY CATHOLICS DO THE THINGS WE DO?
- DO YOU WANT TO BRUSH UP ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS?
- DO YOU WANT A CLOSER WALK WITH THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT?
- DO YOU WANT TO FIND ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH?

Explore answers to these questions at our Adult Faith Formation meetings held on Sundays from 9-10a in the Rectory Conference Room (ramp door entrance, garage-side of building), Clayton. We will examine our faith and ways to stay connected using Michael Pennock's book, *This Is Our Faith*, various forms of prayer, and our shared experiences. Classes and materials are free. Step in, step out, no obligation to attend each week. Attend as often or as little as your schedule permits. You can learn while your child(ren) is/are in PREP. Our schedule is aligned to the PREP calendar.

Contact Bernadette Fiocco at ionabern@comcast.net
or 267-346-3012 for additional information.



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

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; 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: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



From Epiphany to Candlemas

Throughout the month of January, there are many wonderful feast days until we come to February 2nd. On January 6th, we celebrate the feast of Saint André Bessette. As a Holy Cross brother, he was considered too sickly and weak to do much, so he was assigned as the lowly doorkeeper to Notre Dame College in Montreal. Because of his deep love for God and especially Saint Joseph, he had a particular gift for listening to those who came through the door, and soon became known for his healing abilities. It was through his efforts that that amazing Saint Joseph's Oratory was built in Montreal. Other awesome saints in January are Saint Francis de Sales whose feast is celebrated on January 24th, and Saint Thomas Aquinas, whom we honor on January 28th. On February 1st, we celebrate the feast of Saint Brigid, and on this day your children can make a special Brigid's cross out of old palm branches or reeds.

This leads us to Candlemas on February 2nd, the 40th day after Christmas, and, the true end of the Christmas season. Candlemas is important for many reasons.

First, it's the halfway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Traditionally, it was the time when the soil could first begin to be turned, and the days began to be longer.

Second, and more importantly, it's the time when Mary, 40 days after giving birth to Jesus, would have gone to the Temple for ritual purification. It's also the day when the Presentation of the Lord at the Temple is celebrated, and when Simeon recognizes Him as the Light of the World. For this reason (and because people would have started to clean out their homes with longer light during the day), new candles for each home were blessed at the church. It was a day to bring new light into one's home and to clean out the hearth as well to set a new fire.

For us, Candlemas can be a time for buying new candles or cleaning out our hearths. It can also be a time for starting fresh with our prayer life in preparation for Lent by cleaning out the cobwebs of old sins from our hearts and for letting in His grace.

Just as the darkness begins to fade, it's time to let the new light in. Celebrate Christmas until February 2nd, and then prepare to let His young light grow in you.