



January 5, 2020 | The Epiphany of the Lord

# 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 Saint Catherine  
**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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**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 4<sup>TH</sup> ELIZABETH ANN SETON

4:00p Casimir & Mary Kotson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00a People of the Parish  
10:45a Paul Kratson

MONDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> ANDRE BESSETTE

9:00a Anne Marie Polansky by Mary Visalli

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

9:00a Anna & Stanley Merook

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a Intentions of Susie Polillo by Jim Cesanek

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

7:00p Julia Kratson

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a Thomas Dooling by Fr. Larry

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

4:00p Deacon Matt Hanrahan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00a Dante Napoli by Carin Haabak & Family  
10:45a People of the Parish



**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.



**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

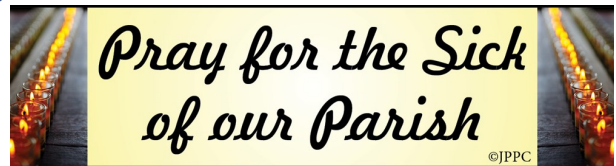
US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, 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 Gratitude**

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."  
~ Matthew 2:11 ~*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image of **Stewardship** that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

**THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL  
THE ARCHANGEL**



**“God Loves a Cheerful Giver”**  
*(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” So, what can we give? Well, a donation to our parish food pantry would certainly be appreciated. **Ramen noodles, mac & cheese, canned vegetables, tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce and pancake mix** are examples of items needed at the pantry. Too busy to shop? **Monetary donations are always welcome!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING  
GENEROSITY AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A  
“CHEERFUL GIVER”!**

Today’s Solemnity celebrates God’s bringing the Gentiles to meet the newborn Savior (the Magi ... the Three Kings). Found not in a palace, but in a simple traveler’s lodging, the infant Jesus reveals something of God’s nature, humility, and way of behaving. Both the readings and the prayer emphasize God’s desire to be known and worshipped by all.



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

**South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries  
Offers Numerous Pre-Planning Discounts**

South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries offers several pre-planning discounts. A pre-need discount is available on any purchase of burial, entombment or inurnment rights purchased while the intended occupant(s) of the right is still living. A pre-need discount can be combined with the VITALity Senior Healthcare Wellness Program. In addition, if you choose to pay in full at the time of purchase you will receive an additional discount. Many of our discounts also allow you to receive a discount on memorialization merchandise such as vases, crucifixes, porcelain portraits and the floral program. To learn more about our plans, please call South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries at 855-MYPREPLAN (855-697-7375).

***Stewardship in Action***

*Because of the printing deadlines due to the  
Christmas and New Year’s Holidays,  
collection totals were not available for this bulletin*

*They will appear in an upcoming bulletin.*

***Something to consider ...***

The journey of the Magi reflects our journey through life: following dreams ... accompanying other dreamers ... venturing into unfamiliar, sometimes dangerous territory ... seeking wisdom ... standing in the presence of self-preserving power ... and standing in the presence of God. Today might be a good day to ask where our journey is leading us. Do we, like the Magi, need to take a different path in order to find God and our truest self?



The Knights of Columbus Council 6890 are proud to announce the winners of the 2019 “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster contest.

Age 5-7: **Juliana Lamb**  
Age 8-10: **Adelina Bompensa**  
Age 11-13: **Nathaniel Mignano**

Each of the winners have been awarded a certificate and a \$25 check.

Thank you to all children that participated in the competition this year. All of the posters were wonderful!



**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**


Loving someone struggling with addiction can be very difficult, painful, and chaotic. A community support group can help by offering peer support for anyone affected by drug addiction. Please join us on Saturday mornings at 9:30a at The Church of the Incarnation, 240 Main Street in Mantua. All are welcome to attend, including those suffering from addiction / alcoholism, family members, and those who have experienced a loss from the disease. For more information, please call 609-617-9959.



***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 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

# Pastor's Corner



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Dear Parishioners,

I remember growing up and having January 6<sup>th</sup> come around. There are many good memories. In the Byzantine-Ruthenian Church, the church / Rite I grew up in, today is a major feast day. In the tradition of Epiphany, lots of water is blessed and our Pastor would begin his annual visits to every home in the parish, blessing each one with some of that Holy Water. We would anticipate his arrival in our home in Marlton sometime around January 13<sup>th</sup>. May people sometimes call January 6<sup>th</sup>, **“Little Christmas”** because it is the day the Orthodox celebrate Christmas ... many traditions still do. And if you’re counting ... according to the song, January 5<sup>th</sup> is the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Over the past few years, people have calculated what the 12 gifts would cost ... and it has gotten more and more expensive ... *or should I say lavish?* ... because many of those gifts are pretty extravagant.

Today gives us reason to pause and to think about how awesome and generous God truly is. Today we consider God’s generosity in offering us His Divine Presence. Think about it ... twelve days ago, we received a gift so lavish, that our response should be just as lavish ... maybe on the order of the gifts of the Wise Men ... the Magi ... gifts of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. We all know that God has given each one of us many great treasures ... however, today we ponder two which are also profound mysteries of our faith ... the gift of the only begotten Son as the Divine Presence that dwells among us ... God Incarnate. The other gift is that each one of us are *“members of the same body”* ... as we hear today from the letter of the Ephesians. The awesome part of that is that by doing so, God gave **us** the power to manifest the Divine Presence for others. That’s why our response can be and should be no less lavish ... that response should be the total gift of ourselves as we make the story real in our relationships with others. We make God present for those around us by how we act ... by what we say ... and by what we do.

At our Baptism, each one of us became *“co-heirs”* and *“co-partners”* in Christ. We were given an awesome gift and responsibility ... we are co-partners in Jesus’ saving ministry. Clearly, seeing the revelation of Christ among us requires of us a unique kind of seeing. We do not “look at” the light ... we become the Light. We do not simply “see” the glory of the Divine Presence ... we become the glory of that Divine Presence. The challenge each of us possesses is to live our lives each day so that all of our actions and decisions reflect the goodness of the revelation that has been given to us. Bottom line: we must consistently cooperate with God's revelation of Divine Presence ... and as a result, *“WWJD”* or **“What Would Jesus Do?”** takes on a whole new level of meaning.

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

Fr. Larry



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### OFFERED BY THE DIOCESE

#### Church Ministry Institute of Camden Courses:

**Cape May Court House**, CMIC Intro. to Lay Ministry & Catechetical Skills Course: January 6 to February 10 (for 6 weeks) 4-6:30p. Please e-mail: Joanne Kelly, joanne@ourladyoftheangels.net

**Collingswood**, Eucharist Course: January 15 to February 19 (for 6 weeks) 7 to 9:30p. Please e-mail: Cheryl Venafra, cvenafra@stteresaoofcalcuttanj.org

**Cherry Hill**, CMIC Christology Course: Tuesdays, January 21 to February 13 (6 weeks) 7-9:30p. Please e-mail: Cathy Johnson, cjohnson@christourlight.net

**Mays Landing** - CMIC Introduction to Lay Ministry & Catechesis Skills Course: Wednesdays, 6:30-9p, January 8 to February 12 (6 weeks). Please e-mail: Kathy Mattson stvincendepaulmayslanding@verizon.net

#### Workshops:

*Saturday, January 11, 2020*

“**Conflict Resolution -Without Casualties**” – Sr. Kathy Burton, SSJ Sacred Heart Center, Vineland 10a to 3p, cost \$25. To register please call 856-583-2906 or please e-mail Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org

*Thursday, February 6, 2020*

“**Fostering Collaboration in Ministry**” – Joanne Hall Sacred Heart Center, Vineland 9a to 2:30p, cost \$25. To register please call 856-583-2906 or please e-mail Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org

*Saturday, Marcy 14, 2020*

“**A Christian’s Guide through Stress and Burnout**” – Mary Neary Sacred Heart Center, Vineland 10a to 3p, cost \$25. To register please call 856-583-2906 or please e-mail Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org

## 18TH ANNUAL MLK DAY OF SERVICE BLOOD DRIVE



**January 20, 2020**

**Church of Saint Bridget  
125 Church St, Glassboro  
9a-2p**

Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
or call Stephen D. Williams at 302-561-4190.

## Twelfth Night

Twelfth Night is the conclusion of the 12 days of Christmas ... the evening of January 5th.

Twelfth Night was a big time of celebration with people often holding large parties. During these parties, often the roles in society were reversed with the servants being served by the rich people. This dated back to medieval and Tudor times when Twelfth Night marked the end of ‘winter’ which had started on October 31st with All Hallows Eve (Halloween).

At the start of Twelfth Night, the Twelfth Night cake was eaten. This was a rich cake made with eggs and butter, fruits, nuts, and spices. The modern Italian Panettone is the cake that’s most like the old Twelfth Night cake.

A dried pea or bean was cooked in the cake. Whoever found it was the Lord (or Lady) of Misrule for the night. The Lord of Misrule led the celebrations and was dressed like a king (or queen). This tradition goes back to Roman times. In later times, two tokens were put into the cake (one for a man and one for a woman) and whoever found them became the king and queen of the Twelfth Night party.

During Twelfth Night, it was traditional for different types of pipes to be played, especially bagpipes. Lots of games were played, including ones with eggs. These included tossing an egg between two people moving further and further apart ... drop it and you lose, and passing an egg around on spoons. Another popular game was “Snapdragon” where you picked raisins or other dried fruit out of a tray of flaming brandy!

The first Monday after the Twelfth Night feast was finished was known as “Plough Monday” as this was when farming work would all begin again.

In many parts of the UK, people also went wassailing (Christmas caroling) on Twelfth Night.

Twelfth Night is also known as Epiphany Eve. In many countries, it’s traditional to put the figures of the Wise Men / Three Kings into the Nativity Scene on Epiphany Eve to celebrate Epiphany on January 6th.

It’s also traditional to take your Christmas decorations down following Twelfth Night.

Twelfth Night is also the name of a famous play written by William Shakespeare. It’s though it was written in 1601 or 1602 and was first performed on February 2, 1602 although it wasn’t published until 1623.

## Christmas Flowers 2019

**In Memory of:**

**Contribution Made by:**

Frank Adams	Elaine Adams
Patricia Aloï	Dominick Aliberti
Mark Macorano & Mike	Ernie Aloï
All Deceased Members of the Rowson & Bompensa Families	Estelle Barone Roszko
Scott A. Brown	M/M Thomas Bompensa
Albert Ciquero	M/M Scott Brown
John J. Coates	Joanne Ciquero
Jeff & Bud Hoffman, Joe & June Costa	Mary L. Coates
Bergen & Dacierno Families	M/M Rocco Costa
Deserable, Mardock, & Cerino Families	M/M Robert Dacierno
Dianna Fink-Woodsum & Maryann Dickel	Denise Deserable
Coleman & Dixon Families	M/M Albert Dickel
Deceased Family & Friends	M/M James Dixon
John Filippello	M/M William Drebes
Teen Nichols, Floss Nichols, & June Dortch	M/M Mark Fedechko
Helen & Edward Wengert (Mom & Dad)	Marie Filippello
Giordano & Fornaio Families	Maryann Fithian
Patricia Curtis and Americo & Josephine Giuliani	Elaine Gaton
Joseph & Victoria D'Italia	M/M Samuel Giordano
Ed, Tony, Terry, & Marie Grochowski and Joy Grochowski-Firman	Regina Giuliani
Dorothy Guzy & Dennis Garrity	Angela Gregory
Dante & Marie Napoli	M/M Michael Grochowski
Deceased Family Members & Friends	Judith Guzy
The Healy & Hanna Families	Carin Haabak
Robinson & Herman Families	M/M Thomas Hagen
Priore Family	M/M Donald Healy
Evelyn Parmer	M/M Walter Herman
Al & Andrew Kreiner	Carmela Hyde
Lorenza & Margaret Lamb	Felicia Karalis
Earl Jess	Lorraine Kreiner
Anna Coleman & Mary Whittam	M/M Lorenza Lamb, Jr.
Theresa Della-Franco (Daughter)	Melissa Larro
Deceased Members of the McGehrin & Armbruster Families	M/M Thomas Lehman
Clyde Moyer & Frances Negri	M/M James McCauley
Deceased Members of the Carroll Family	Elsie McCullough
Mary Austin & Thomas Austin, Sr.	Marianne McGehrin
Pat Pannullo, Jr.	Veronica Moyer
Timothy Parker	M/M Joseph Nichols
Mario Natale, Teddy & Veronica Plefka	M/M Kevin O'Hara
Don & Viola Raggio	Patricia Pannullo
Josephine Constantino	Joan M. Parker
Jim Bockius	M/M Joseph Plefka
Casper, Rogers, & Engles Families	M/M Ronald Raggio
Robert & Helen Sandelier	M/M Raymond Rappleye
Tello & Janutus Families	M/M Steven Riccelli
M/M Robert Sandelier, Sr. & M/M Alfred Schoellkopf	Theresa Rogers
Family & Friends	Susan & Kathleen Sandelier
Ida Petulla	The Sandelier Family
Frank & Loretta Radio	M/M David Schoellkopf
Robert Rumpf, Sr., Michael Rumpf, Jr. (Baby),	M/M Daniel Seniff
Rumpf & Cliff Families, Baby Amico	Michelle Sheel
Carder, Szumowski, & Hager Families	M/M Frank Radio, Jr.
Luckbert, McMahan, Tanner, & Taylor Families	Patricia Rumpf
Carmen Rosado & Cristina Velazquez	Robert & Frances Carder
Walker & Keller Families	Kathryn Tanner
June Wielgus & William Mickelions	M/M Gerardo Velasquez
	M/M Orlando Vizconde
	Phyllis Walker
	The Wielgus Family
	Mary Ann Yurkonis