



October 2, 2022 | Michael, Gabriel, & Rafael – Archangels

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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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

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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 any time 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

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or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PSMAinDoC>**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST – THERESE OF LISIEUX

4:00p Joseph Loiseau, Jr. by Fran Carder

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND – MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS
(27TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00a Virginia Hoffman by Rocky & Susan Costa

10:00a The People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

9:00a No Mass Intention – No Parish Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH – VINCENT DE PAUL

9:00a No Mass Intention – No Parish Mass

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH – FAUSTINA KOWALSKA AND FRANCIS X. SEELOS

9:00a No Mass Intention – No Parish Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH – BRUNO AND MARIE ROSE DUROCHER

9:00a No Mass Intention – No Parish Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

9:00a No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Grace Pio by Her Loving Husband, Joe

10:00a Louis Picciano by Kevin & Irene Cassidy



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.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.”
~ 2 Timothy 1:7 ~

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a Parish event. Being a good **Steward** requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything ... *all the time*. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Harriet Bajewicz, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena, Don & Matt Healy, Lorraine Kreiner, Pat Luko, Rosemary McBride, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Larry Niedzialek, Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, and Karen J. Viola

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, 1st SGT Shane W. McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, CPT Graham Miller, & PFC Vincenzo Taormina

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman & EM2 William Little

US Air Force

AB Jacob R Custis

US Marine Corps

WO3 Brad Davis, SGT Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, US Navy; US Army Medic



Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

Does anyone know how many Archangels there are? [*Tradition holds that there are seven (7).*] Does anyone know the names of those Archangels whom we actually know? Well, this weekend we celebrate our Patron on the Feast of those Archangels explicitly mentioned in Sacred Scripture: **Michael**, Gabriel and Raphael. Uriel, although not mentioned explicitly by name, is present in Sacred Scripture ... he's the Angel of death ... seen in the book of Exodus as the entity that kills the first-born of Egypt. Some traditions hold that, we only know the names of those Archangels who have left the presence of God ... the other three are nameless. These four we know left the presence of God and they correspond to the four compass points ... Michael in the north, Gabriel in the east, Uriel in the south, and Raphael in the west. The first book of Enoch ... a Jewish text actually names all seven ... and this book is mentioned in the New Testament in the Letter of Jude. The names correspond to the days of the week ... Sunday – Gabriel, Monday – Michael, Tuesday – Raphael, Wednesday – Uriel, Thursday – Raguel, Friday – Ramiel, and Saturday – Sariel.]

The concept of the Archangels is rooted in a hierarchical world. Civilizations ruled by kings and their courts found it easier to imagine the heavenly realm in similar terms. Today, we're less likely to transfer our forms of government to a heavenly kingdom. And yet, even we can see the appeal of our all-powerful God sending out powerful messengers to tackle the problems in the world.

Lacking the proper context, we also tend to imagine the Archangels as superheroes. **Michael**, whom we meet in this weekend's Second Reading, has long been seen as a powerful soldier, taking on all of Satan's armies. Raphael is perhaps less well-known. The most extended biblical reference is in the Book of Tobit where he guides Tobiah on his journey to find a wife for himself and healing for his father. And Gabriel, of course, is the great messenger (the literal meaning of the term *angel*). In the Gospels, Gabriel brings the promise of salvation to Elizabeth and Zechariah and to Mary and Joseph. And that promise of salvation becomes incarnate in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

Our experience of Jesus puts even the great Archangels in shadow. In this weekend's Gospel He tells Nathanael that he will see even greater things than Jacob's vision of Angels ascending and descending the stairway to heaven. He will see healings far more miraculous than the folkloric tale of Raphael. He will hear the message of the kingdom announced, not to a select few individuals, but to all people for all time. And he will see a power in Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection far greater than Michael and all the Angelic armies.

The Gospel reminds us that Christ's power lies in humility, in service to God and to one another, and in the great command of love. The Feast of the Archangels reminds us that while we sometimes long for the spectacular, we shouldn't let this longing blind us to the more ordinary miracles of our lives as children of God. And so, while we might wish for spectacular feats of power on the part of God and His Angelic hosts, the Eucharist represents the greatest power imaginable ... all of God's love for us contained in a tiny Host.

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

Fr. Larry



**Parish of
Saint Michael the Archangel
Food Pantry**

**“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have;
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.”**
~ Hebrews 13:16 ~

As we look forward to the cooler days of autumn, please remember that our parish food pantry is in need of your continued generous donations of nonperishable food items. These donations may be left in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or they may be delivered directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30 on Wednesday mornings**. Suggested items include such things as **pasta, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, canned chicken, rice, instant potatoes, cereal, pudding, crackers, peanut butter and jelly**. Nonfood items such as **soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also appreciated. No time for shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome.

**Thank you for your continued support
and generosity!**

National March for Life

The 50th annual March for Life, the first post-Roe March, will be held as planned on January 20, 2023, after a Rally on the Mall beginning at noon. For more information, visit the March for Life’s website: <https://marchforlife.org/>.

Even with the wonderful blessing of Roe v. Wade being overturned, which allows more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life at the national level is not finished. Rather, it is focused differently. Many national legislative battles loom, including even keeping longstanding Hyde protections, which limit government funding for abortion on annual appropriation bills. The Hyde Amendment has saved over 2 million lives and is arguably the most impactful pro-life policy in our nation’s history, but that cannot be taken for granted.

National Prayer Vigil for Life

The next National Prayer Vigil for Life will take place Thursday evening, January 19, to Friday morning, January 20, 2023. The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities will once again co-sponsor and coordinate the event with the Catholic University of America and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.



**Annual Life Chain
Sunday, October 2, 2022**

Join local churches to peacefully and prayerfully stand before God on behalf of preborn children.

Absecon: White Horse Pike (Rt 30) at Mill Rd in front of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 2:30 -3: 30 p.m.
Gary Sehrer at (609) 703-2197

Egg Harbor Township: West Jersey Ave at English Creek in front of St. Katherine Drexel sign, 2-3 p.m.
Nancy Van Velson at (609) 457-2256

Glassboro: Rt. 322 in front of Rowan University Library, 1-2 p.m., parish office 856-881-2753

Lindenwold: 135 N White Horse Pike (Rt 30) at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Shrine, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Mary Ann Chezik at machezik@gmail.com

Northfield: 1421 New Rd at Northfield Ave St. Gianna Parish, 2-3 p.m. Eleonora Vespertino 609-841-7854

Pennsville: Rt 40 at Riverview Beach Park, 2-3 p.m. Bill Schell 609-202-2125

Rio Grande: Route 47 at Route 9 South, 2-3 p.m. Marie Pratt 609-602-9480

Somers Point: 19 MacArthur Blvd. 2-3 p.m. Marie Pratt 609-602-9480

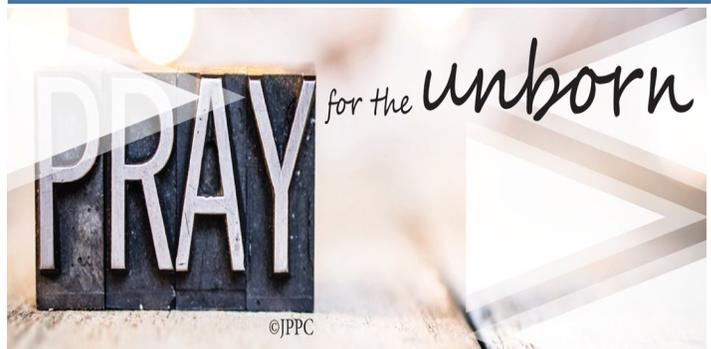


**A PRAYER FOR
PREGNANT MOTHERS**

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust.
Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our Parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need.
Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together will all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.
Amen.





October 2, 2022 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 | 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 | Lk 17:5-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

The prophet Habakkuk lived seven centuries before Christ, yet his words could well be ours today: “I cry out to you, ‘Violence!’ but you do not intervene.” Do we sometimes feel as though strife in our communities, and even within our own families, is more than we can handle? Like the prophet, we may ask, “How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen.” Indeed, we may feel our prayers are not being answered. Perhaps it is simply that they are not “answered” in the manner and timeframe in which we wish they would be. Although “God’s time” and his plan for our lives may seem mysterious or discouraging, it is by continuing to bring our concerns to God in prayer that we can actually help our faith grow and mature. We see countless examples of people who remain faithful in spite of hardship, misfortune and loss. Let us take time today, as the disciples did, to pray and ask Jesus to “increase our faith.” In simply turning to the Lord, we exhibit faith that, like a tiny mustard seed, has great power and can be a source of strength to ourselves and those around us. It is in faith in Christ that we find hope.

PRAY Even the prophet Habakkuk and the disciples experienced “off” days where faith eluded them. But the psalmist reminds us to keep showing up in prayer: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Especially in moments of despair, bring your concerns to God in prayer.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I find today’s Gospel reading so reassuring. Even just a tiny speck of faith can move mountains. Or, in this case, uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea! Working for a Catholic magazine, I’m privileged to write about people with a deep and abiding faith, one they freely share with others through their example and by sharing their stories. I bet we can all point to a friend or family member who exhibits the kind of faith so strong that it rubs off on others they encounter. Jesus reminds us that even a little faith can have a huge impact – not only on our lives but on others. We can share it by offering to pray for those facing a challenge, talking to God when we feel overwhelmed, and opening our hearts to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and in the faces of the people we encounter each day.



WHY THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS REAL.

**OCT
4
7:00 PM**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Father Mark Matthias

Presented in English

Saint Peter’s Church

43 W Maple Ave
Merchantville, NJ 08109



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For more info, please visit:

<https://eucharisticrevivalsouthjersey.org/event/why-the-real-presence-of-christ-in-the-holy-eucharist-is-real-english/>

School News and Happenings



SMRS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School is hosting a Catholic High School Night on **Tuesday, October 4th**, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM, in the school Gym.

Students in 7th and 8th Grades are welcome to attend with their parents/guardians and visit with representatives from:

- Bishop Eustace Preparatory School
- Camden Catholic High School
- Gloucester Catholic High School
- Our Lady of Mercy Academy
- Paul VI High School

Join us and learn how these Catholic high schools can provide your child with a faith-based education in an environment that empowers them to achieve their full potential while becoming more active in their faith and service to their community.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP requested to advancement@smrsonline.com

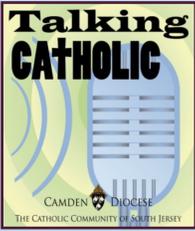
Middle School Tours

Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School has seats available in our Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year. On High School Night, our Advancement Director will be available to provide tours to Middle School students and their families, as well as answer questions about our curriculum and the transfer process.

Please call 856-881-0067x207 or e-mail advancement@smrsonline.com to schedule your tour today!

Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School
51 W. North St, Clayton





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In anticipation of the upcoming General Election, the New Jersey Catholic Conference is pleased to offer our newly updated Faithful Citizenship webpage <https://www.njcatholic.org/overview>, which includes guidance for forming consciences, candidate information, registration and voting information, parish resources, and advice on how to engage in civil and respectful public policy dialogue.

Our hope is that you will find value in these resources as you prepare to exercise your civic responsibility on Election Day, November 8, 2022.

Please check out our Faithful Citizen webpage for these resources and other election information.

Follow on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/>



Pope Saint 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.

Married 1 year? Married 40 years? Fall in love all over again! Experience a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

The next weekend dates are October 14-16 and December 2-4. Please call 609-741-8012 for more information or e-mail applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Please visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.



Attend the ManUp South Jersey Men's Spirituality Conference November 12, 2022

To Purchase Tickets and For More Information: www.manupsouthjersey.com

Become The Man God Created You To Be!

PAUL VI CONFERENCE CENTER
901 HOPKINS RD B, HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033
MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

NOV 12 | **DOORS OPEN - 7:30 AM**
SATURDAY | **CONFERENCE ENDS - 3:15 PM**

MANUP SOUTH JERSEY Todos Están Invitados. Un traductor de español y dispositivos de traducción estarán disponibles.

 FATHER LARRY RICHARDS NEXT BISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHOENIX AND HEAD OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHOENIX	 DR. HOSEFMAN OSPINO PHYSICIAN AND THEOLOGICAL SCHOLAR	 ED WADE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL EXECUTIVE	 TOM JONES, PHD SCIENTIST, AUTHOR, PILOT AND VETERAN NASA ASTRONAUT
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