March 3, 2019 | 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

Clayton & Franklinville

Rev Lawrence E Polansky, Pastor

Deacon Matthew Hanrahan, Retired
Deacon James N Hogan, Retired
Permanent Deacons

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 of Siena
Tuesday: 9a at Nativity
Wednesday: 9a at Nativity
Thursday: 7p at Saint Catherine of Siena
Friday: 9a at Nativity
Saturday: 9a at Saint Catherine of Siena

Weekend Mass Schedule

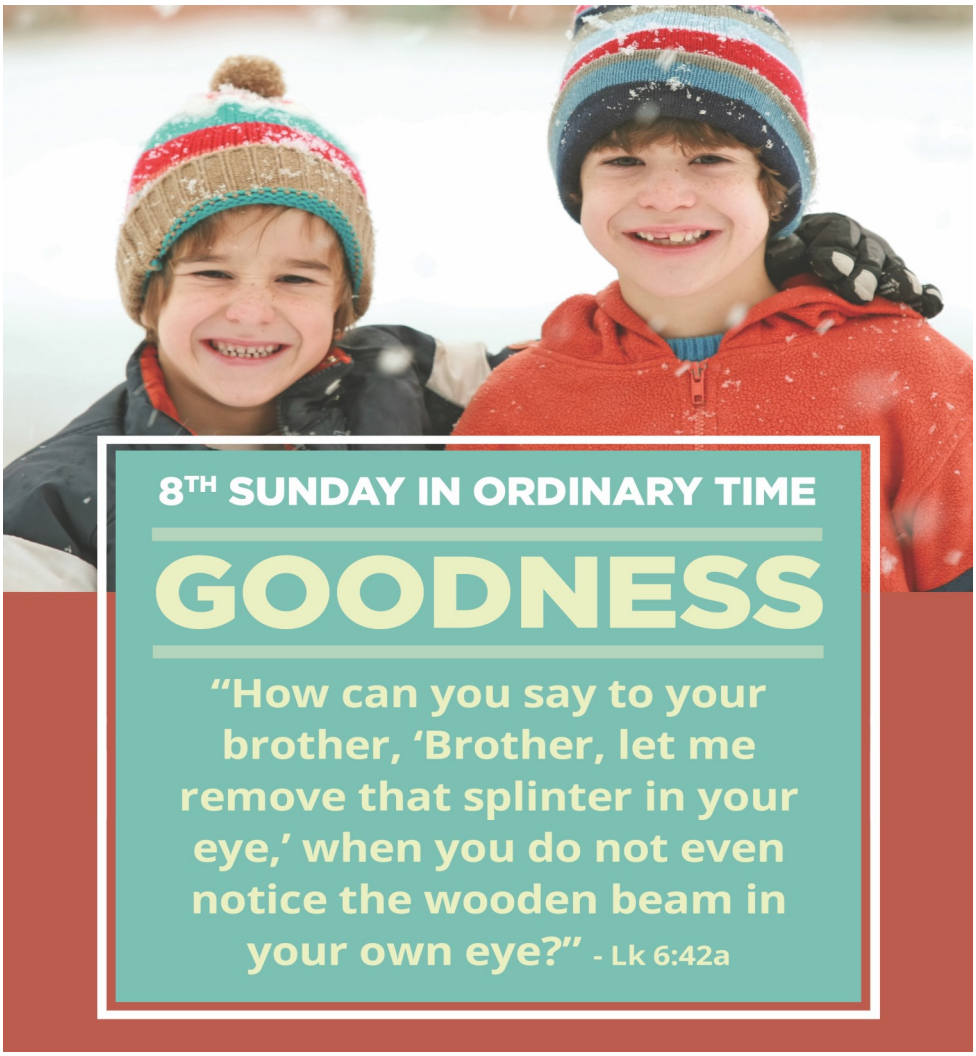
Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine of Siena
10:45a at Nativity

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil: 7p evening before at Saint Catherine
Holy Day: 9a at Nativity
7p at Nativity

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:30 – 10a at Saint Catherine of Siena
3 – 3:30p at Nativity
or by appointment.
Please call the Rectory Office



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Sacrament Preparation: Please contact the Parish Office.

New Parishioners: ***Welcome!*** Please stop by the Rectory Office or call to register.
Parishioners requesting sponsor eligibility certificates for Baptism or Confirmation need to visit the Rectory Office.

Please visit our website and sign-up for our newsletter at **www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com**

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

9:00a **William "Bill" Yacob** by Alan & Anne Parmelee
4:00p **Kevin Hogan** by His Loving Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD — 8TH SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a **Hannah Pio** by Joe & Grace Pio
10:45a **The People of the Parish**

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH — CASIMIR

9:00a **Bruno Melchionni**

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH — SHROVE TUESDAY - MARDI GRAS

9:00a **Doris Santangelo** by Zana Rabenberg

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH — ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00a **Mass with Distribution of Ashes – Special Intention**
12:00 noon **Service with Distribution of Ashes**
4:00p **Service with Distribution of Ashes**
7:00p **Mass with Distribution of Ashes – Walter Fagan** by Kathy & Pauly Walczak

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH — PERPETUA & FELICITY

7:00p **Mary Anne Szymanski** by The Fiocco Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH — JOHN OF GOD

9:00a **Grace Higgerson** by Ted & Lorraine Kiefer

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH — FRANCES OF ROME

9:00a **Roger Sorino**
4:00p **The People of the Parish**

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH — 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a **Beatrice Aliberti** by Her Loving Husband
10:45a **Regina Grochowski Grasso & Marie Grochowski** by The Kiefer Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you've been thinking about having the Sanctuary Candles burn in the memory of your loved one, envelopes are available at the entrance of both the Franklinville & Clayton churches for your intention and offering of $10. And you can contact the Rectory Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

Stewardship in Action

Ordinary Income – Weekend of February 23rd & 24th ……. **$4,257.00**
Electronic Giving – Weekend of February 23rd & 24th ……. **$490.00**

May God bless you for your Stewardship of our Parish!

STEWARDS BEAR FRUIT

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (Lk 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? In ***Stewardship*** God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

OUR MILITARY HERO PRAYER LIST

If you have a family member serving in one of the branches of the military, please email their name, rank and branch of service to PSMA.rectory@comcast.net or call the Rectory office at 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,** 1st Sgt. **Shane W. McLaughlin,** MAJ **Eric Miller,** CPT **Graham Miller**

US Navy

AWR **Daniel Carr**, MA2 **Joshua Colbert**, LS3 **Alex Hirst,** EM2 **William Little,** Airman **Dennis R. Marchei**

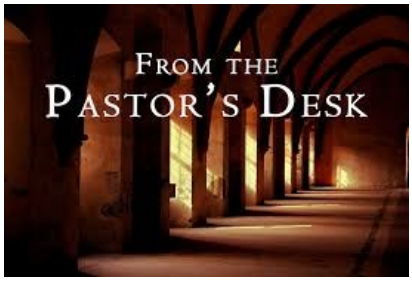
US Marine Corps

GySgt. **Brad Davis**, Cpl **Nate McAllister,** CPT **James V. Tumolo**

LT JG **Dominic J. Tumolo,** U.S. Navy; U.S. Army Medic

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Rob Christian, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Hanrahan, Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman, Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Gerry McCloskay, Eileen Mullholland, Dot Myers, Jean Myers, Jack Nelson, Timothy Parker, Cheryl Pinto, Grace Pio, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster.

If you have a family member who you would like to see added to the Prayer List, please ask their permission (due to the HIPPA Privacy Act) and contact the Rectory by calling 856-881-9155 or e-mailing PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com. Thank you!



Churchy people can often and easily be caught up in churchy things. What colors are we displaying for the season? What song is most appropriate at this time? What is the second reading and how does it connect to the first? But today we are reminded by Jesus that there are many things broader and perhaps more important than church or even religious identity. We are told not to be hypocritical, finding fault in others while overlooking our own. We are reminded to consider how one acts as an indication of one's true character.

Jesus' teaching and preaching was fundamental to His ministry. He was considered a sage and a prophet. His understanding of human beings moved the crowds. His insight into how we behave versus how we ought to behave, was often captured in brief, forceful, to-the-point, and quite often memorable sayings that were profound. And certainly after His Death and Resurrection, His teaching carried new meaning. In light of His undergoing the Paschal Mystery, He is the Son of God raised to new life. His words are more than homespun wisdom. They are light and life.

On Wednesday, we will enter into the season of Lent. As we think about what practice of penance we will embrace, it is often easier to come up with penances for our spouse, our children, our colleagues or friends than it is for ourselves. Jesus knew the human tendency to point out other people's faults. He counseled, *"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."*

We must take care that we don't live these next six (6) weeks like the other weeks of the year. Now begins a special kind of "training" – we should be redoubling our efforts to learn what Gospel-living means. Extra time faithfully spent in prayer, emptying ourselves through fasting so we hunger for God, being attentive to others – this is how we die to ourselves and live faithfully the Gospel.

Because our own transformation deepens our relationships, good choices for Lenten practices are those that really change us, and not just during Lent. In other words, simply "giving up" something and forgetting about the practice when Lent is over doesn't really help us to do what the Gospel is asking of us. Perhaps this year, you might invite a trusted friend or family member to help you in choosing a Lenten practice. Receive the feedback with an open mind and then ask God to help you discern what will be the most fruitful practice for you this Lenten season and beyond. Our Lenten penance must be directed to transformation (conversion) of self that is beyond Lent. Transformation makes a difference in our lives and in our relationships.

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

Fr. Larry

LENTEN CALENDAR

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 6th

Mass with Distribution of Ashes
9a – Saint Catherine of Siena

Service with Distribution of Ashes
12 noon – Nativity

Service with Distribution of Ashes
4p – Saint Catherine of Siena

Mass with Distribution of Ashes
7p – Nativity

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION

Fridays of Lent at 7p

March 8th – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton
March 15th – Nativity, Franklinville
March 22nd – Saint Catherine of Siena
March 29th – Nativity
April 5th – Saint Catherine of Siena
April 12th – Nativity
April 19th – Saint Catherine of Siena (no Benediction)
Confession to follow Stations on Good Friday

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES*

Saturdays of Lent

March 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

9:30-10a – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton
3-3:30p – Nativity, Franklinville

April 6th & 13th

9:30-10:30 AM – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton
2:30-3:30 PM – Nativity, Franklinville

No Confession on Holy Saturday, April 20th

Sundays in Lent

April 7th & 14th

9:15-9:45a – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton
12:00-12:30p – Nativity, Franklinville

* (or by appointment)

PSMA MINISTRY HAPPENINGS …

… for the Week of March 3rd

- **Sunday, March 3rd** – ***PREP*** (Religious Education) will meet in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, Clayton from 9-10:15a.
- **Sunday, March 3rd** – Got Music? ***The Traditional Choir*** will practice from 9-10:15a at Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton
- **Tuesday, March 5th** – ***Knit & Crochet Ministry*** will meet in the Nativity Conference Center, Franklinville from 9:30-10:30a.
- **Tuesday, March 5th** – ***Liturgical Ministers' Meeting*** at 7p in Saint Catherine of Siena Church Basement, Clayton
- **Wednesday, March 6th** – Ash Wednesday … a day of Fast and Abstinence.
- **Thursday, March 7th** – The ***Stewardship & Evangelization Ministry*** will meet in the Nativity Conference Center, Franklinville from 7-10p.

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FOOD PANTRY

"Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, who Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
Acts 20:35

As individuals, we may not feel we can make much of a difference in this world. However, we may be able to make a difference in the life of someone right here at home. Every item donated to our parish pantry may be the very item to let an individual realize that someone cares.

Currently, the Pantry could use such items as **tuna, canned chicken, ramen noodles, canned pasta (such as Chef Boyardee), packets of rice or pasta sides (such as Knorr's), or any nonperishable food item of your choice. Monetary donations are also welcome!**

As always, thank you for your continued help and generosity!

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

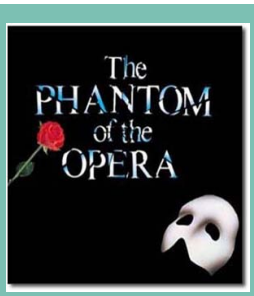
Around the Diocese ...

On **Sunday, March 31, 2019**, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd, Sewell) for our 8th annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at **1p** followed by our 5k-run / 1-mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese. We need our parishioners, all ages, to say ***yes*** to this intergenerational day. We need YOU. For more information and to register for the event, visit camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations/.

iRace4Vocations

Everyone has one...Which is your road?

Naming What's Important. T-o-T with Fr. Dan Joyce, SJ of Saint Joseph's University will explore our relationship with God, commitments to faith, community, action and prayer. **Tuesday, March 19, 2019** at Tir Na Nog, 482 E. Evesham Road, Cherry Hill from 7-9 p.m. ToT is co-sponsored by the Saint Joseph University Alumni South Jersey Chapter is a great chance for 20 & 30 somethings to hear dynamic speakers and engage in meaningful conversation in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. For more information, please e-mail gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org, or join "Theology on Tap – South Jersey" on Facebook or follow "Theology on Tap SJ" on Twitter.



The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel presents its 8th Trip …

New York City

featuring PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Thursday, June 6, 2019
$170 per person

Package Includes:

- Broadway Show – ***"Phantom of the Opera"***
- Dinner – ***Dallas BBQ***
- Taxes & Meal Gratuities
- Motorcoach Transportation

Only 50 tickets are available for this trip. An $25 non-refundable deposit for tickets is due as soon as possible so get your seats now! Please contact Fran in the Parish Office.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/2019 through 12/31/2019), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on ***SUNDAY, June 16, at 3:00 p.m.*** at Mass in Absecon, at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Bishop Sullivan will be the main celebrant. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available at all Parish Offices. Registration deadline is **May 6, 2019**. For more information please contact your Parish Office.

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

Since April 2002, the Diocese has maintained a toll-free number **1-800-964-6588** connected to Barbara Gondek, the Diocese's Victim's Assistance Coordinator, to whom allegations of abuse can be made and who, in turn, reports such allegations to the appropriate civil authorities and to the Diocese.

Ms. Gondek also informs callers of their right to contact directly County Prosecutors and / or the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). Its purpose is to remove any reporting activity from the Church directly by contracting with an independent third party, thereby insuring objectivity and accuracy. This also recognizes that civil authorities, not the Church, are best equipped to investigate these matters.

In accord with the Revised Guidelines of the Diocese of Camden for Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse, upon receipt of a complaint or allegation from any person or source claiming that someone who is a minor has been abused the Diocese will:

- take all necessary steps to see to it that the matter has been referred to the toll-free number and the designated liaison in order to ensure that all appropriate law enforcement and child protective agencies have been informed of the complaint or allegation and that there has been compliance with all applicable reporting statutes;
- In accordance with the requirements of applicable civil law, the Diocese will continue to report incidents where there is reasonable cause to believe that a minor has been subjected to abuse to the appropriate governmental authorities. Additionally, reports made to the Diocese through the toll-free number – even reports from those who are no longer minors – are referred to the appropriate county prosecutor as a matter of course. Memorandum of Understanding with the county prosecutors, to which the Diocese is a signatory, further facilitates the reporting of any act of child abuse to local law-enforcement authorities. The Diocese will fully cooperate with all investigations of abuse consistent with the law;
- formally refer the matter, through the Coordinator/Vice Chancellor, to the Bishop, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, the Vicar for Clergy and diocesan counsel;
- unless particular circumstances make it clearly unnecessary, make immediate arrangements, when the accused is under the jurisdiction of the Diocese, to remove the accused from further contact with the person making the accusation, the alleged victim, and all minors;
- refer the matter immediately to the Diocesan Review Board;
- if the accused is a religious, contact the individual's Provincial or other superior and seek compliance with the Revised Guidelines by the religious congregation, and
- implement, where appropriate, a parish outreach program so as to alleviate the impact of a situation where it is necessary to remove someone from ministry.