



October 16, 2022 | 29th 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: 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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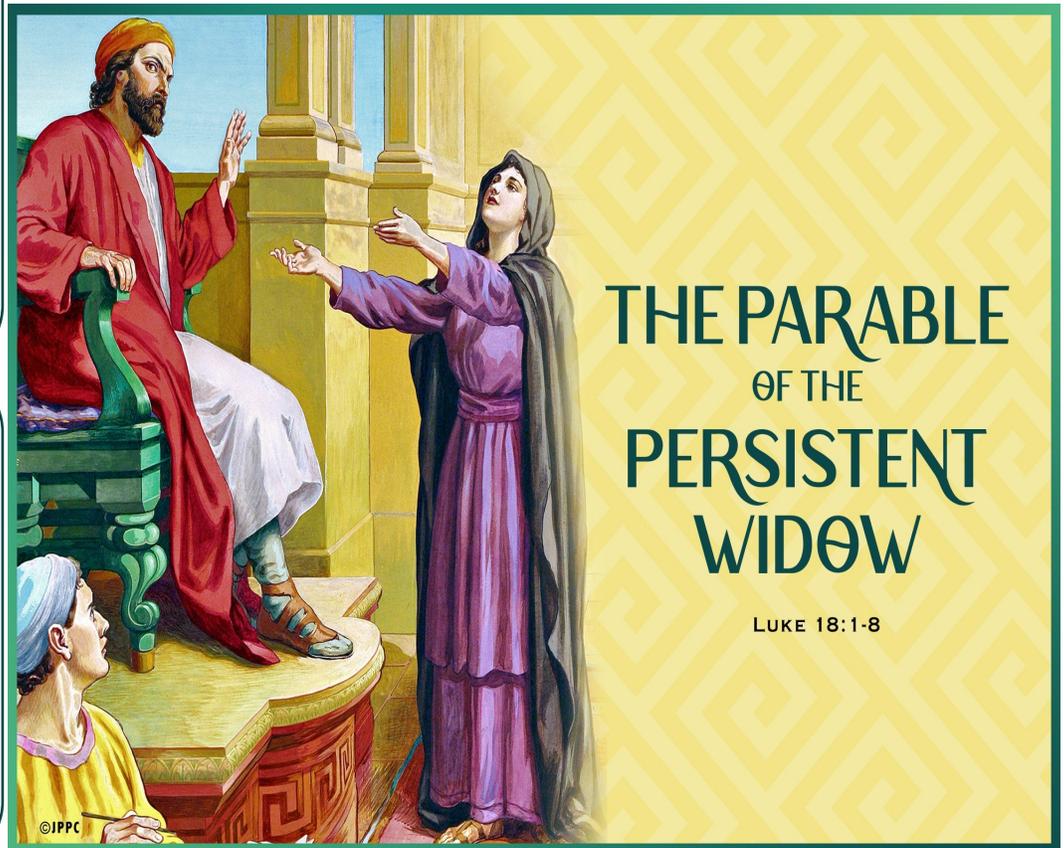
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p; **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:00 noon
(You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment any time outside of these hours.)

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

**Please visit our website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>
or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PSMAinDoC>**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH – TERESA OF AVILA

4:00p William & Joseph Hanna by Don & Mary Ellen Healy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a The People of the Parish

10:00a Bl. Jerzey Popieluszko by Joe & Vicki Nichols

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH – IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

9:00a A Special Intention

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH – LUKE

9:00a No Mass – Presbyteral Convocation

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH – NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

9:00a No Mass – Presbyteral Convocation

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH – PAUL OF THE CROSS

9:00a No Mass – Presbyteral Convocation

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

9:00a No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

4:00p Edward & Wanda Polansky by Loving Son, Larry

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a James Smith by The Sandelier Family

10:00a The 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.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

“...proclaim the Word,
be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient ...”

~ 2 TIMOTHY 4:2 ~

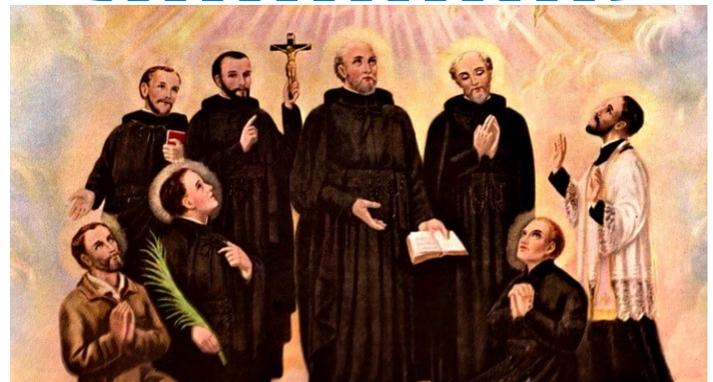
It is not always convenient to be a good **Steward**, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a **Stewardship** lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Harriet Bajewicz, George Bromwell, Brian Checkley, 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, 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!



The North American Martyrs – October 19th

René Goupil, Isaac Jogues, John Lalande, Anthony Daniel, John de Brébeuf, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, and Noel Chabanel

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

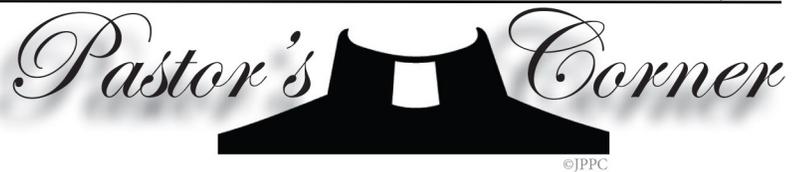
US Air Force

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



Dear Parishioners,

There are two traits that came to my mind when I looked at and thought about this weekend's Gospel: **Persistence** and **Stubbornness**. And as I thought more and more about it, persistence is different from stubbornness. Persistence is about ongoing attitudes and / or actions that lead to a good outcome. Stubbornness is really about us and self-willfulness, often for selfish gains. Persistence is often about justice. Stubbornness is often about injustice. The persistence of the widow in this weekend's Gospel is not a matter of stubbornness. The unjust judge grows weary and is annoyed with the widow. He fails to grasp the deeper meaning of her persistence: an injustice is being done and the widow seeks to change that.

In this weekend's parable, the widow's persistence in petitioning the judge is directed toward changing his mind so that he will act and render a just decision. Consider when we pray about something ... when we "storm the heavens" for a positive outcome to a not so good situation. Our own prayer is not a matter of trying to change God's mind. Persistent prayer is about faithful relationship to God that expands us and our expectations of how God is to act. God always acts justly. The challenge of the Gospel is to keep on praying to a God who wills only good for us, who wills that we receive salvation and eternal life. Sometimes it is required that we must change our minds about what we pray for or about our perception of how God answers our prayer.

Whether the response to our own prayer is delayed or speedily given, faith and hope uphold our efforts to "pray always." Persistence requires discipline, and it rests on the hope that the desired outcome of our efforts will be achieved. For example, we are persistent in exercise routines, athletic training, or music practice. So, it should be with prayer. We persist because of our hope that God will hear us and that our petition is just. This hope, nonetheless, is not merely future-oriented, concerned only with receiving what we request. This hope rests on the conviction of our steadfast relationship to the God who has always been faithful and who always listens to our prayer. If faith seeks justice and salvation, then hope spawns the confidence that our prayer will be heard and one day we will share everlasting life.

Will God "find faith on earth?" God does find faith in those who persist in prayer. But what about those of us who feel like we are praying persistently for our needs, but God does not seem to be answering us?

This raises the important issue about what we pray for. If our prayer is simply about getting what we want, then our focus may only be upon ourselves. If, instead, our focus is on "justice being done ... speedily," then persistence will get us that justice and, ultimately, salvation. The key is to remember that the answer to our prayers is not getting what we want now, but justice, that is, right relationship with God that leads to eternal life. Ultimately, then, our persistence in prayer leads to receiving more than we could possibly want or imagine. It leads to favorable judgment when Christ comes and we enter into eternal glory with Him.

This is not to say that we forgo praying for our own needs. For example, for the good of our family, secure employment, good health, or sufficiency in retirement, etc. These needs, however immediate, are always prayed for within the larger picture ... what we need in order to secure right relationship with God and salvation. In this, we are always assured that our prayer will be heard.

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

Fr. Larry



October 16, 2022 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13 | 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 | Lk 18:1-8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

We're all familiar with the refrain to pray without ceasing. It starts with Moses, who keeps his hands raised with the staff of God while war waged against Israel. It carries over to the Apostles, and St. Paul gives Timothy the exhortation to "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." Jesus affirms in the parable of the persistent widow how important it is "to pray always without becoming weary." As Christians, we understand the importance of prayer, but to pray always and constantly? Especially in today's world filled with distractions, this seems like an impossible task. Even Moses grew weary! But persistence is the name of the game in prayer. When prayer becomes difficult and no longer flows, we, like Moses receiving support to keep his hands steady until the battle was won, can receive support from the Holy Spirit. We simply must push forward and ask for help because Christ assures us God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night."

PRAY Choose an action that will serve as a trigger to encourage you to pray. Do you hear sirens as you're heading to work? Say a "Hail Mary" for those who may be in harm's way. Are you scrolling through social media and find a friend sharing their struggle? Offer a quick prayer for their need. Train yourself to pray – something as simple as, "Lord Jesus have mercy on (N.);" or "Lord look graciously upon their need" – and you'll find yourself praying without even thinking about it.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Prayer does not only consist of mental or vocal pleas to God; rather, it includes praise and thanksgiving and petition, all of which can be offered through simply living. We can consecrate our daily actions and offer them up to God as a living prayer: dropping the kids off at school with a special blessing in Christ's name to conquer the day; biting our tongue and inviting the Holy Spirit into a situation when dealing with a difficult person; or sitting at the dinner table filled with thanksgiving for our food and family. Prayer then isn't something we simply *do*, it is something we *live*.



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

OCT 20 7:00 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Father Mark Matthias

Presented in English

Saint Joseph the Worker:
Saint Vincent Pallotti

901 Hopkins Road A
Haddonfield, NJ 08033



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Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel Food Pantry

"God loves a cheerful giver."

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7 ~

Once again the holiday season is upon us. From Thanksgiving through Christmas, there is so much to do in so little time! As you are making that mad dash through your favorite grocery store, please consider buying an item or two for our Parish Food Pantry. At this time of year, we would like to add "holiday" type items such as **stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes /yams, gravy, applesauce/canned fruit, cake / fudge mixes, cookies, crackers**, etc. to our usual bags of groceries. Of course, we continue to need such items as **instant potatoes, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, canned potatoes, tuna, canned chicken, rice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, soups and broths**. Also, we would appreciate new or clean, gently-used, reusable shopping bags. No time for shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome.

Your nonperishable food donations may be left in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity Church and Saint Catherine of Siena Church, or they may be delivered directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings.

Thank you for your continuing generosity and thank you for being a "cheerful giver."



MASS FOR ALL SOULS Cemetery Visitation

We encourage our families to visit our cemeteries and mausoleums and pray for their dearly departed loved ones and all souls who have gone before us. All Souls Day Masses will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 10a in our chapel mausoleums located in Cherry Hill, Bellmawr, Vineland, Mays Landing and Newfield. A complete listing can be found on our website. We join you in praying for the souls of all of those who have gone before us.

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

*"I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me even if they die, will live."
~ John 11:25 ~*



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Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



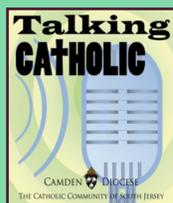
Pope John Paul II said, "I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter."

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is being supported by Bishop Sullivan for support of Catholic married couples.



Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive!

The next weekend date is December 2-4, 2022. Please call 609-741-8012 for more information or please e-mail applications@wwme-southjersey.org. You can also visit our website at wwme-southjersey.org.



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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.

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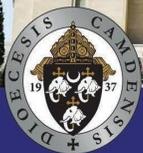
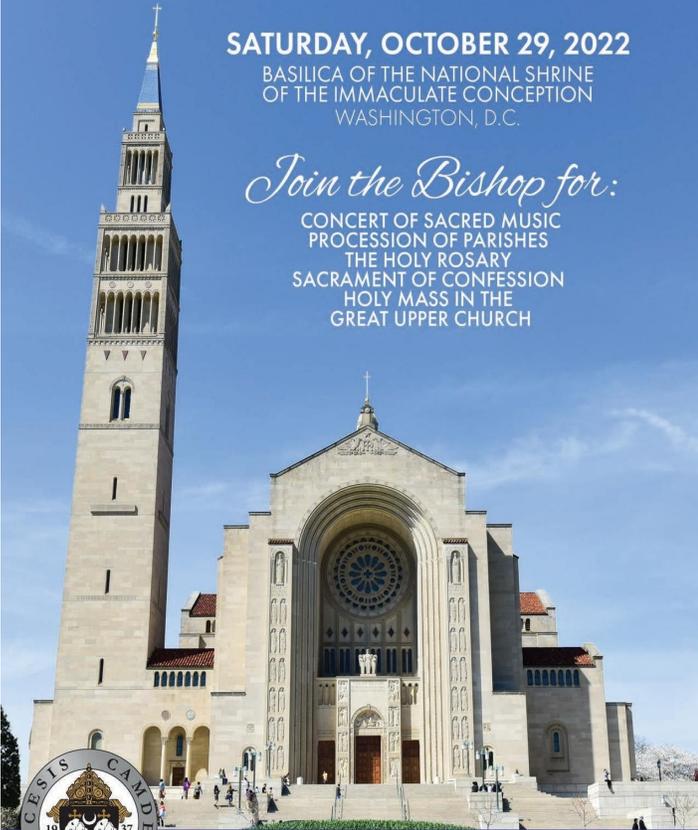
DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Join the Bishop for:

- CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC
- PROCESSION OF PARISHES
- THE HOLY ROSARY
- SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
- HOLY MASS IN THE GREAT UPPER CHURCH



FOR BUS INFORMATION:
Contact your local parish

If interested in attending the Pilgrimage, please call Our Lady of Peace Parish, Williamstown at 856-629-6242 or Infant Jesus Parish, Woodbury Heights at 856-848-0047 for more information. Thank you!

OFFICE OF FAMILY & YOUTH PRESENTS

THURSDAY November 3 | 6:30pm

MOVIE NIGHT

\$14 A TICKET

FEATURED MOVIE
FATIMA

Regal Cinema - Vineland, NJ

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION PLEASE CALL :
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