



August 2, 2020 | 18<sup>th</sup> 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**.”*



*“They all ate and were satisfied.”* MATTHEW 14:20

#### SUMMER SCHEDULE (THROUGH LABOR DAY 09/07)

##### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday:** 9a at Nativity  
**Tuesday:** 9a at Nativity  
**Wednesday:** 9a at Nativity  
**Thursday:** 9a at Nativity

##### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4p at Nativity  
**Sunday:** 8a at Nativity  
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

*By Appointment*  
*Please call the Parish Office.*

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##### REGIONAL SCHOOL

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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday:** 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:30p *(or by appointment, please call the Office)*

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR 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>*



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>** **ALPHONSUS LIGUORI**

**4:00p (N) Justin Starpoli** by *The Carder Family*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>** **18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OT**

**8:00a (N) Louis Przelomiec** by *Rocky & Susan Costa*

**10:45a (N) People of the Parish**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**9:00a (N) Hannah Pio** by *The Seniff Family*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>** **JOHN MARIE VIANNEY**

**9:00a (N) William J. Morris, Sr.** by *Elaine & Bill Morris*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a (N) Jim Phillips** by *The Wright Family*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>** **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**9:00a (N) Gerry & Dan Seniff, Sr.** by *The Seniff Family*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>** **SIXTUS & CAJETAN**

*No Mass*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>** **DOMINIC**

**4:00p (N) Maria Psyk** by *Pawel & Kathy Walczak*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>** **19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT**

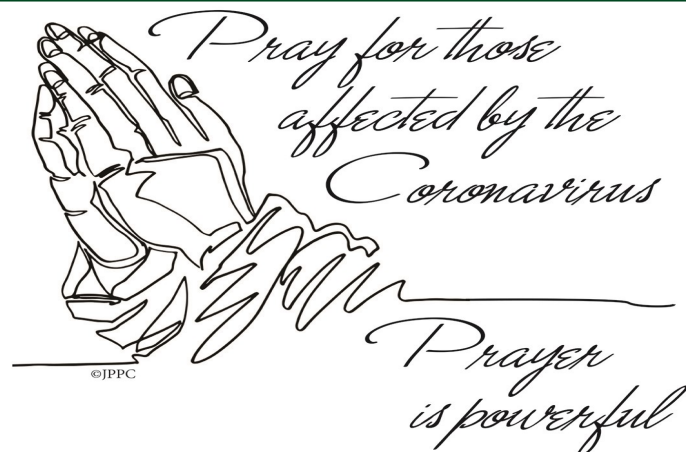
**8:00a (N) People of the Parish**

**10:45a (N) Ronald Vidovich** by *The Wielgus Family*



**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** & EM2 **William Little**

**US Marine Corps**

Gy Sgt **Brad Davis**, Cpl **Nate McAllister**, & CPT **James V. Tumolo**

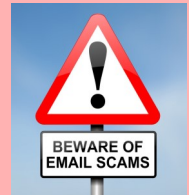
LT JG **Dominic J. Tumolo**, US Navy; US Army Medic



Brenda Adams, George Bromwell,  
Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak,  
Devon Cowell, Henry Cottelli,  
Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower,

Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Healy,  
Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman, Sherry Jeffries,  
Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord,  
John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride,  
Gerry McCloskay, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,  
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,  
Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster

**E-MAIL SCAMS**



Once again, you may have received an e-mail from Fr. Larry asking you to purchase gift cards. It is a scam! **Don't open any links it these e-mails may contain! Delete them!**

- If Fr. Larry sends you an e-mail, it will be from the Parish e-mail address or via the website. (If the e-mail address looks unfamiliar and strange ... in other words, not PSMA.Pastor@gmail.com or PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com ... **Delete it!**)
- Fr. Larry will never solicit you for anything via e-mail. (If the e-mail is asking you for anything ... **Delete it!**)
- If there is a cause Fr. Larry is endorsing on behalf of himself, the Parish, or the Diocese, he will contact you via phone, make an announcement during the announcements at the end of Mass, or speak to you face-to-face.
- If you receive an e-mail from Fr. Larry asking you to do anything which requires you to purchase anything ... **Delete it!**

Thank you! ... **Fr. Larry**

## STEWARDSHIP MULTIPLIES

*“Jesus said to them,  
‘There is no need for them to go away;  
give them some food yourselves.’”  
~ Mt 14:16 ~*

This is what Jesus said right before He fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, gifts of **Stewardship** are never too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.



**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

**Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

**Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Hab 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

## 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)*

If you would like to contribute nonperishable groceries to the Pantry, you may place your donations in the Pantry shopping cart which is located in the Gathering Space of Nativity Church or, if you prefer, you may bring them directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center **FROM 10:15-11:30A ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**. Since we cannot allow you inside the pantry at this time, there will be a bench outside the entrance on which you may leave your donations. We will periodically come outside and retrieve the items, but, feel free to honk your horn before driving away if you wish to alert us of your presence.

Items needed include, but are not limited to, **pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, Chef Boyardee, canned fruit, applesauce, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, boxes or packets of instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken, cereal, bags or boxes of rice, peanut butter and jelly. Non-food items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and soap are also welcome.**

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!*



A HEALTHCARE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Do you or someone you love need care at home?

Contact VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services  
of the Diocese of Camden  
Resource and Referral Help Line

**1 -888-26 VITALity  
(1-888-268-4825)**

*A free and simple Gateway to Help at Home for Seniors and  
Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe  
and secure in their homes.*

*God cares for us with love that will never end.  
Nothing will ever separate us from His love. Are  
we amazed by His love? If we feel neither wonder,  
nor awe, do we ask “why not?” Do we believe that  
God loves us? This is the time to ask for this gift!*

Dear Parishioners,

During the summer months while in the seminary, we were often assigned to different parishes in the Diocese. Quite often, one of my responsibilities would be to assist the Eucharistic Ministers by going to the nursing homes within the parish boundaries and bringing the residents Holy Communion. Several of these facilities had wings for the patients with Alzheimer's. Many no longer knew their families or those around them, could not feed or dress themselves, and in some cases, could barely speak or see. On a personal level, I would barely get a reaction from them. However, as soon as I began to say the "*Our Father*," there was an immediate and profound change. I could see the recognition in their eyes as they began to recite the prayer they probably knew from childhood. That was one point with reality that these patients somehow managed to maintain and it was a truly wonderful experience to share the Body and Blood of our Lord with them. I truly believe that they knew and understood the gift they were about to receive.

Perhaps the hungry crowd in today's Gospel didn't quite understand the gift they were being given as the disciples distributed the blessed bread and fish. What the disciples were able to give them through the power and compassion of Jesus, however, was much more than food to satisfy their physical hunger. They were given a share in the abundance and fullness of life only Jesus can offer. Jesus opens the disciples' and the crowd's hopes to a fullness they do not expect ... the *future* banquet of eternal life.

To the disciples' concern about the isolated place, the late hour, and the crowd's hunger, Jesus replies, "*give them some food yourselves.*" Hampered by the scarcity of food they have at hand, the disciples are unable to feed the hungry crowd. Jesus takes and blesses the loaves and the fish ... the disciples themselves do feed the crowd ... and "*all ate and were satisfied.*" This miracle is essentially a sign of God's kingdom. In that kingdom there is never scarcity or lack of power to respond to others. There is always the superabundance of God's nourishing and satisfying presence among and within us. There were twelve (12) baskets left over ... and the number twelve (12) has special significance in Jewish tradition ... it is an image of the abundance God gives us and the fullness of life that we are offered.

The Gospel tells us that those in the crowd "*were satisfied.*" Jesus' compassion not only filled their immediate need, but also gave them a glimpse of what truly satisfies ... eternal life. In the crowd's seeking Jesus, they "*were satisfied.*" In our continually seeking Jesus, we too will be satisfied ... one day ... with eternal life. This weekend's Gospel prepares us and orients us to a most satisfying future!

Jesus' response to the crowd's needs was an in-breaking of God's kingdom, embodied by the very person and presence of Jesus whom the crowd sought. If we are the presence of the risen Christ today, then we too are an in-breaking of God's kingdom when we reach out in compassion to satisfy the needs of others.

One challenge of our everyday living of the Paschal Mystery is to see the self-sacrificing dying we embrace for the sake of others as an in-breaking of God's presence and kingdom. In other words, our compassion and care for others is more than simply satisfying another's need (as important even as that is in itself). Like Jesus, our compassion carries with it the foretaste of eternal life. This places our everyday self-sacrificing in a whole different context. We should be better able to see how our dying to self leads to rising and eternal life.

At the same time, sometimes, we must hold out our hands to accept the gift of Jesus. We must be willing to receive the life that divine presence brings ... whether that comes from the Mass and prayer or through the goodness and kindness of others. And always, we are given life in abundance.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe! Have a great week!

Fr. Larry



### 75th Anniversary of Hiroshima & Nagasaki

Join other Catholics and people of good will as we approach the solemn occasion of the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 & 9, 1945, with prayers and solidarity. Find resources like a prayer card and background information at [www.usccb.org/nuclear](http://www.usccb.org/nuclear). Let's pray and act for peace in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world, but especially in Japan.

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*In solidarity with the Church in Japan, let's pray with the words that Pope Saint John Paul II shared at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima on February 25, 1981 ...*

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To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty, I pray:

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations;

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war;

Hear my voice when I beg You to instill into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship;

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace;

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto Your world Your everlasting peace. Amen.

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**HOT, HOT, HOT!**

Don't take a summer vacation from caring for your marriage. Bring a breath of fresh air to your relationship. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is October 23-25, 2020.**

Please call 609-741-8012 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Please visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org) for more information



## We have a question for you ...

With the COVID-19 pandemic and reopening guidelines in place, we can't leave the Missalettes in the pews ...

- We can distribute them to families for you to use for the remainder of the year. They will be your copy. If they are left behind in the church, we will have to throw them away.
- You can also subscribe to a publication such as *The Word Among Us*, *Give Us This Day*, or *Magnificat*, for your own personal worship aid.
- We need to place our order for next year's missalettes shortly. Would you be interested in purchasing a family copy or two? They will cost \$5 per copy. (They actually cost more, but the parish will subsidize the difference.) You will need to take them with you after each Mass. If left behind, we will need to dispose of them.

The current missalettes will be made available on the tables as you leave church beginning the weekend of Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

### To Order Your Missalettes for the 2020 - 2021 Liturgical Year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the 2020-2021 Missalette.

**Each copy is \$5.** Please cut out this form and submit in an envelope marked "Missalette." If using a check, please also indicating "Missalette" on your check. They will be made available for distribution a week or so prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (11/29/2020). We'll let you know when and where you can pick them up. They will be yours and you'll need to bring them with you to Mass and take them with you afterward.

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# Prayer for Spiritual Communion

BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

MY JESUS,

I BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE, AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

AMEN.



## Something to consider ...

Jesus looked upon His followers with love, healed their sick, and fed them with loaves and fishes. How do we identify Christ's loving care in our lives? Where are we cured? How are our hungers being fed? How do we, Christ's Body, keep reaching out to our neighbor? In what ways does our Parish continue Jesus' ministry to the needy? Can we keep examining our lives to find Christ present?

## THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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### PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS



THOSE WHO ARE AT A HIGHER RISK FOR COVID-19 (I.E., THOSE WHO ARE OLDER THAN 65 OR WHO HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS) ARE URGED NOT TO COME TO CHURCH FOR MASS.



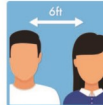
THOSE WHO FEEL IN ANY WAY SICK OR WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT ATTENDING MASS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.



IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT STATE POLICY, THE FAITHFUL (OVER 2 YEARS OLD) MUST WEAR CLOTH FACE COVERINGS WHEN IN PUBLIC, INCLUDING WHEN THEY COME TO CHURCH.



ATTENDEES SHOULD SANITIZE THEIR HANDS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH VIA SANITIZER STATIONS.



ALL PRESENT AT MASS SHOULD SIT 6 FEET OR MORE AWAY FROM OTHERS. FAMILIES MAY SIT TOGETHER.



THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND MASS MAY BE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND TIME DAILY READING THE SCRIPTURES, PRAYING WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WATCHING A BROADCAST OR LIVESTREAMED MASS, AND MAKING AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.



Please check out <https://www.camdendiocese.org/live-stream-mass/> for Parishes in the Diocese and sites throughout the country that are live-streaming the Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass, but would like to continue watch it, this is for you!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Please remove everything you brought with you and any literature you may have picked up while here. ©JPC



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## Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Amen.