



February 2, 2020

| Presentation 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 Nativity

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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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

Philip J. Gianfortune, Principal
856-881-0067



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PARISH OFFICE: 49 W North St, Clayton, NJ 08312-1114 **PHONE:** 856-881-9155 **FAX:** 856-881-9166

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, FEBRUARY 1ST****4:00p Special Intention** by Fran Carder**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND****PRESENTATION OF THE LORD****8:00a Hannah Pio****10:45a The People of the Parish****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD****BLAISE & ANSGAR****9:00a No Intention****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH****9:00a Intentions of Stephanie Granato**

by Jim Cesanek

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH**AGATHA****9:00a Health & Welfare of Sandy, Anna, & Aime Cafurello**

by Jim Cesanek

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH**PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS****7:00p Danielle Bonner** by Mom & Dad**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH****9:00a Betty Cortelyou – Birthday Remembrance**

by Ronnie Vanaman

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH**4:00p The People of the Parish****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH****5TH SUNDAY IN OT****8:00a Marie Napoli** by Carin Haabak & Family**10:45a No Intention****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.

*The Sanctuary Candle in Nativity
burns in Memory of*

No Intention

*and the Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena
burns in Memory of*

Don Miller

Requested by His Family

**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

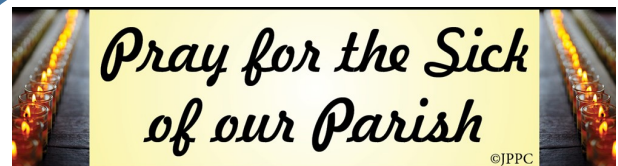
US Navy

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 PRESENTATION

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ..."
~ Luke 2:22 ~

*How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is
"being Catholic" something I just do when I attend
Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's
easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when
I am out in the world. Would someone recognize your
Catholic Stewardship by the way you act, dress and
talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to
others?*

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)

Saint Mother Teresa once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." You can make a difference in someone's life right here in our local community by donating any nonperishable food item of your choice to our pantry.

Suggested items include, but are definitely not limited to, **pasta sauce, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, oatmeal, pancake mix, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly.**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!



"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission."
- Saint John Henry Newman



OCT 20	This is Just What Priests Do!
NOV 10	Signs of a Vocation to the Priesthood
DEC 08	The Blessed Virgin Mary and Discernment Fears
JAN 12	What is Seminary Like? A Perspective from our Seminarians
FEB 09	How Do I Tell My Parents That I Want To Be A Priest?
MAR 15	My Path To The Priesthood: When Do I Start?
APR 26	Developing A Spiritual Plan of Life
MAY 17	The Importance of A Spiritual Director

Priesthood Discernment Group | Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices
32 Carroll Ave • Williamstown | 2:00pm-3:30pm | Office of Vocations | camdenPRIEST.org

Stewardship in Action

Weekend of 01/25 & 01/26

Ordinary Income
\$4,601.00

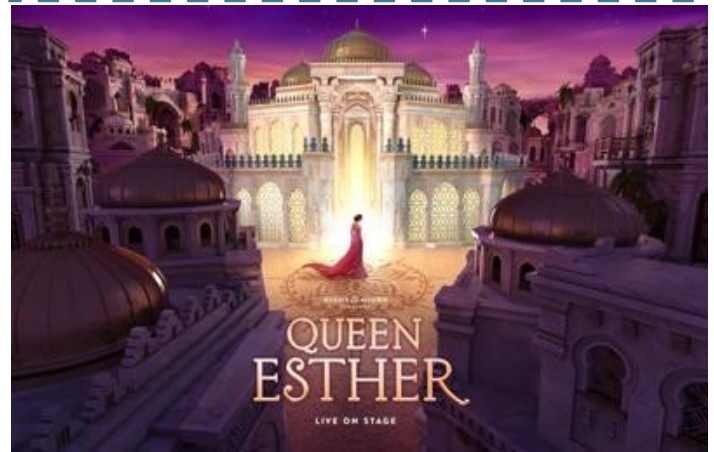
~ Special Collection ~
Earthquake Victims of Puerto Rico
\$760.72

*Thank you for your continued generosity
to our Parish!*

Something to consider ...

Who can endure the day of God's coming? Who wishes to face the refiner's fire? How do you prepare to meet Him? The Lord is coming, we learn, but before we meet Him, He will burn away everything in our lives that would keep us from experiencing Him fully.

Today's feast recognizes that the Lord has come before us. We now wait to see Him in our coming into heaven. While we wait, we are able to help others know that the Lord has come.



The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel
presents its 11th Trip

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
featuring

Queen Esther

at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre

Thursday, May 7, 2020

\$150 per person

Package Includes:

- **Lunch at Shady Maple** where you will select from 140 feet of delicious smorgasbord options, all prepared in the traditional Pennsylvania Dutch way. (You will have time for shopping at Shady Maple after your meal.)
- **"Queen Esther" at Sight & Sound** ... the nation's largest professional Christian theatrical company, where audiences have been captivated by the scope of the creativity that goes into the productions.
- **"Queen Esther"** is set in the opulent, yet perilous, Persian Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects, and live animals!

Cost includes meal, taxes, & gratuities, ticket for "Queen Esther," and motor coach transportation. **There are only 40 tickets available for this trip. A \$25 deposit is due as soon as possible, with final \$125 payment due by March 2nd.** Please contact Fran in the Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

I remember when my brother and sister-in-law announced they were expecting. Waiting on the first grandchild is an exciting event for grandparents. It is almost as good as waiting for their own first child. And my parents were doubly-blessed when on their wedding anniversary, they were presented with twin granddaughters. In this weekend's Gospel, we might consider Simeon and Anna as "grandparents" in the Jewish faith tradition of Jesus. How long have they patiently waited for this Child! Yet both recognized that this Child did not belong to them alone, but to all peoples. This Child was not theirs to coddle and spoil, but theirs to announce that redemption is at hand. This Child came to fulfill all law and promises.

Mary and Joseph were faithful to the law when they came to present their forty-day-old Son in the Temple and offer the prescribed sacrifice. The Hebrew Scriptures stipulated that all first-born males were consecrated to the Lord (see Ex 13:2, 12) and must be "redeemed" (see Num 18:15). Jesus was brought to the Temple according to this law. But what happened in His life went far beyond the expectations of the law and keeping it. *"The Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon Him"* (Lk 2:40). This same sentiment is expressed once again in Saint Luke's Gospel when Jesus was found by His parents in the Temple when He was 12 years old: *"And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man"* (Lk 2:52). Jesus grew in the Spirit ... so must we ... as the rest of this Gospel suggests.

Simeon and Anna show us that more is necessary than obedience to the law in order to grow in the Spirit and recognize the presence of the Son-Messiah. Filled with expectation, they were actively awaiting and looking for *"the Christ of the Lord"* and the *"redemption of Jerusalem."* Their very expectation and waiting was the work of the Holy Spirit within them. As with Simeon and Anna, our own lives must be filled with expectation and waiting that is truly the work of the Holy Spirit within us. Only then will we see and recognize the Messiah in our midst.

Nor is it even enough to see and recognize the Messiah in our midst. We must be a *"Light of revelation"* for all those we meet. We must be the Presence of the risen Christ for others. Active waiting and expectation lead to active living of the Gospel, announcing that Gospel to all by the goodness of our lives, and offering the hope and confidence that fulfilled expectation can bring. The time is now.

Simeon and Anna might symbolize Paschal Mystery living for us. They both long awaited the revelation of the Messiah, their enduring fidelity was rewarded by seeing the Christ, and they both were holy. Our lives, too, are to be characterized by awaiting the revelation of Christ's Presence. Our enduring fidelity will be rewarded, too, by seeing Christ. The link between this expectation and fulfillment is to live lives that are holy.

We are *"refined," "purified,"* and *"tested"* (see First Reading) when we allow Christ to "help" us – when we listen to His Word and come to the Altar to be nourished. We are reminded, however, that Church (Temple) and life (*"grew and became strong"*) are related. The Paschal Mystery celebrated with Word and Sacrament is the very same mystery lived in the dying and rising of our everyday Christian living. Like Simeon and Anna, our very lives exude the expectation of Christ's redemption and its fulfillment in the here and now when we allow the Spirit to act within us.

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

Fr. Larry



Relationship Skills Workshop - Human Formation

Fostering Collaboration in Ministry

Presenter: Joanne Hall

How does a commitment to collaboration in ministry foster the work of the Body of Christ? During this workshop we will identify the obstacles to collaboration and explore ways to enhance relationships, build trust and strengthen our communities as we live out our call to mission and deeper spirituality.

This workshop is open to the public.
It is strongly recommended for all in ministry.
DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Location:
Sacred Heart Center
(formerly Sacred Heart High School)
15 N. East Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08360

Time: 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Cost: \$25 (Checks payable to Diocese of Camden)
Bring a lunch. Beverages and a continental breakfast will be provided.

For information, contact Colleen Mayhew, Secretary, Lay Ministry Formation
(856) 583-2906 or Colleen.Mayhew@CamdenDiocese.org

DETACH AND MAIL WITH CHECK TO: Diocese of Camden – Office of Lay Ministry Formation
631 Market St., Camden, NJ 08102

Fostering Collaboration in Ministry – February 6, 2020

NAME _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PARISH NAME _____ TOWN _____

DIVORCE AND BEYOND

Divorce and Beyond helps those already divorced or who have filed for divorce to understand the processes and emotions of divorce and annulment, and offers hope through pathways to growth. St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, 12 Wednesday sessions, from 7-9 p.m., starting March 4, 2020. Contact: Charlotte at charlottemary12@yahoo.com or (609) 221-7759 or Tina at (856) 404-1013.

03/4/2020 REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INTRODUCTION:

- A fee of \$20.00 for the class and book will be collected.
- Support Group Guidelines will be outlined.
- Each participant will have a chance to share.
- Group will end by 9:00 p.m. each evening.

03/11	Session One-The Process of Divorce
03/18	Session Two-Self Image
03/25	Session Three-Stress
04/01	Session Four-Anger
04/08	Session Five-More on Anger
04/15	Session Six-Blame and Guilt
04/22	Session Seven-Loneliness
05/29	Session Eight-Forgiveness
05/06	Session Nine-Happiness
05/13	Annulment Process (Father Mike Matveenko)
05/20	Session Ten-Pathways to Growth (Rituals and Refreshments)

Imagine if we did not have light. We would not know where we were going. In the same way, without Jesus as the Light, we would not know how to live good and holy lives.

Simeon and Anna waited and prayed for many years to see the Messiah. Prayer helps us to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior.



- ◆ **Sunday, February 2nd** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, February 2nd** – *PREP* (Religious Education) for all students will take place from 9-10:15a in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School.
- ◆ **Sunday, February 2nd** – *Adult Faith Formation* will meet in the PSMA Rectory Conference Room (Ramp door, garage-side of building), Clayton from 9-10a.
- ◆ **Monday, February 3rd** – The *Evangelization Committee* will meet from 7-9p in the O'Meara Conference Room, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Tuesday, February 4th** – The *Knit & Crochet Ministry* will meet in the O'Meara Conference Center, Franklinville, from 9:30-11a
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 5th** – The *KoC Council 6890* will meet from 6:30-10p in the Saint Catherine of Siena Church Basement, Clayton.
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 5th** – Got Music? The *Contemporary Choir* will meet from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Thursday, February 6th** – *Confession* will be held immediately following the 7p Mass in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Saturday, February 8th** – *1st Penance* for all PREP (Religious Education) students prepared for the Sacrament beginning at 10:30a in Nativity Church, Franklinville
- ◆ **Saturday, February 8th** – *Confession* will be held from 3-3:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.

2019 Contribution Statements

Tax time is just around the corner and it's time to collect all those necessary papers to file. If you would like to receive a copy of your 2019 Contribution Statement, please 1) E-Mail PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com, including the information below **OR** 2) Fill out the form below, place it in an envelope, and drop it into the collection basket or at the Rectory during normal office hours **OR** 3) call the Parish Office 856-881-9155 and provide the information below.

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2019 Contribution Statement.

Name: _____

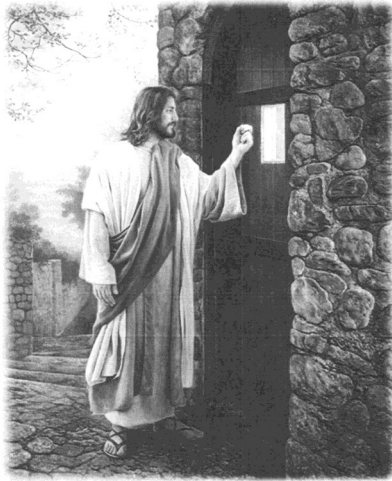
Address: _____

Phone: _____

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I would like my statement ☐ Regular Mail **OR** ☐ E-Mail.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



- ARE CHILDREN IN YOUR FAMILY ASKING YOU QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD?
- DO YOU WANT FAITH IN JESUS TO GROW IN YOUR HOME?
- DO YOU EVER WONDER WHY CATHOLICS DO THE THINGS WE DO?
- DO YOU WANT TO BRUSH UP ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS?
- DO YOU WANT A CLOSER WALK WITH THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT?
- DO YOU WANT TO FIND ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH?

Explore answers to these questions at our Adult Faith Formation meetings held on Sundays from 9-10a in the Rectory Conference Room (ramp door entrance, garage-side of building), Clayton. We will examine our faith and ways to stay connected using Michael Pennock's book, *This Is Our Faith*, various forms of prayer, and our shared experiences. Classes and materials are free. Step in, step out, no obligation to attend each week. Attend as often or as little as your schedule permits. You can learn while your child(ren) is/are in PREP. Our schedule is aligned to the PREP calendar.

Contact Bernadette Fiocco at ionabern@comcast.net or 267-346-3012 for additional information.

Join the Seventh Annual
DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
FAITHFULL FOOD DRIVE

Sunday
MARCH 22

In Southern New Jersey...
1 in 6 people are food insecure (1 in 5 are children)
20,000 seniors must choose between food and medications
Help us combat hunger!

WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING



Canned Fruits & Vegetables	Canned Tuna Fish
Canned Vegetable Juice	Canned Chicken
Canned Tomato Products	Canned Beans
Canned Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Chili
Cooking Oils	Peanut Butter
Applesauce	Nuts
Canned Fruit Juice	Dried Oats
Jelly	Cereals
Canned Soup/Stews/Chili	Dry Rice
Dried Herbs & Spices	

**** NON EXPIRED FOOD ONLY ****
Aim for 'no salt added,' 'low-sodium,' and 'whole grain' options!

FOOD DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OUR DIOCESE ON MARCH 22! TO LEARN MORE, VISIT: CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL



Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

Gardening Permit Program Now Available

Spring Is Just Around the Corner ...

Gardening – The Healing Power of Nature

Research shows that digging in the earth's soil is soothing, comforting, and peaceful. When planting seedlings, cultivating the ground, and nurturing flowers, we experience happiness from our fruitful labor. Each year we plant gardens knowing when the first frost comes, the flowers will die. However, we have hope because in the spring we will once again plant flowers. The cycle of life mimics the cycle of nature. Although grief may never go away, gardening may be a therapeutic option that provides hope.

The mission of South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries is not only to bury and pray for the dead, but also to comfort and console those grieving. Consequently, we are happy to announce our Garden Permit Program will be available at all Diocesan-run cemeteries beginning March 21st. To learn more, please visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 800-594-4980 and a member of our staff will gladly help you.

*"He loves justice and right.
The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord."
~ Ps 33:5 ~*