



February 27, 2022 | 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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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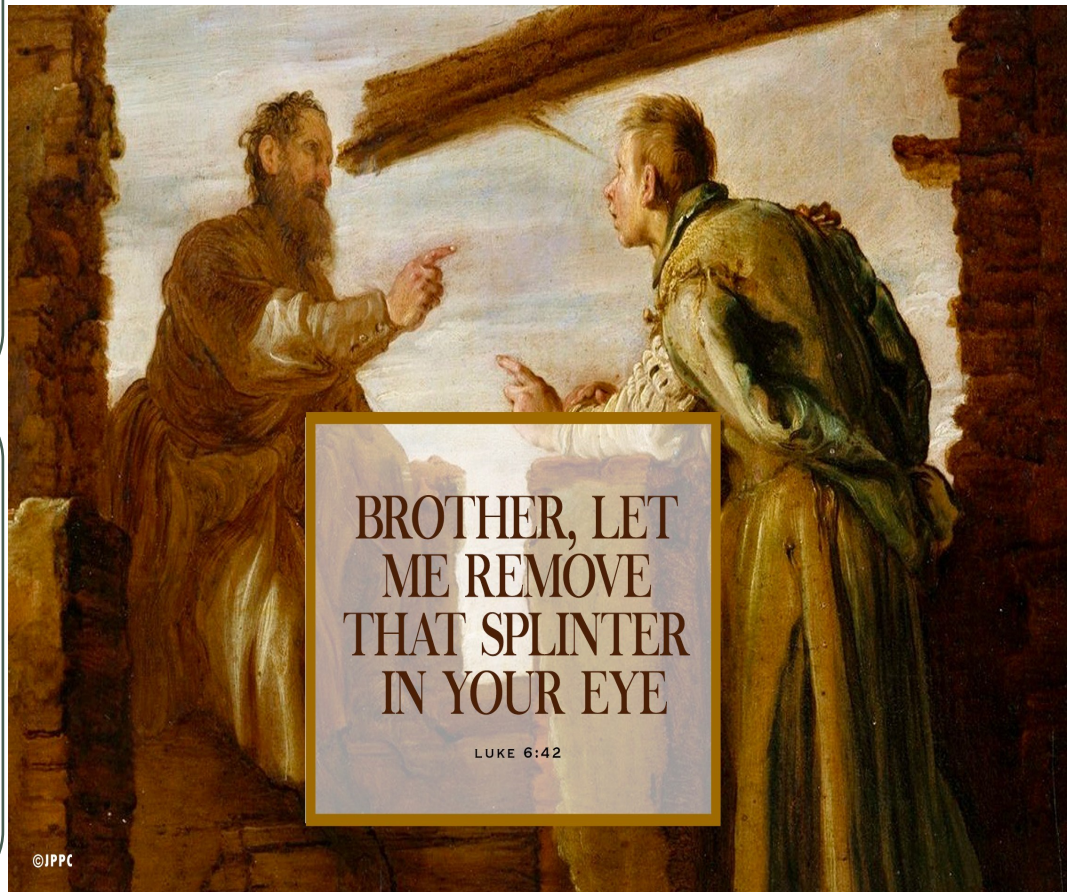
### REGIONAL SCHOOL

Philip J. Gianfortune, Principal  
856-881-0067

## 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**."*



BROTHER, LET  
ME REMOVE  
THAT SPLINTER  
IN YOUR EYE

LUKE 6:42

**NATIVITY:** 2677 Delsea Dr, Franklinville **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA:** 700 N Delsea Dr, Clayton

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

### **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 anytime 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>*



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00p Dorothy Collins** by Mary Lou Cuneo

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:00a The People of the Parish**

**10:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro** by Bob & Carole Errera

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a Frances Albert** by Mary Ann Yurkonis

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**9:00a William J. Morris, Sr.** by The Morris Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
ASH WEDNESDAY

**9:00a (N) – George & Virginia Polansky**

**4:00p (SCS) – Service**

**7:00p (N) – Deceased Members of the Austin Family**  
by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**9:00a Gene Cuneo** by Mary Lou Cuneo

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:00p (SCS) – Stations of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00p Roman Cwik** by Judy Guzy

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**8:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro** by Bob & Dona Sandelier

**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.

*This Week, the Sanctuary Candle  
in Nativity Burns in Memory of*

*Mary Austin*

*Requested by Katherine O'Hara*

*The power of prayer!*  
PRAY FOR HEALING

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian,  
Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,  
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena,  
Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries,  
Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Pat Luko,  
John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey,  
John Mitchell, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,  
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,  
Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola & Susan Webster

*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,  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

COW3 Brad Davis, Stg Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

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

### STEWARDSHIP FRUITFULNESS

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,  
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit."*

~ Luke 6:43 ~

Are you living Stewardship by using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? 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.



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

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





## KoC COUNCIL 6890 SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to our continue success of our fund raisers the Knights of Columbus will again award two onetime scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year.

- The first scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded to ANY high school graduate with a 2.5 grade average or above who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, and community and who will be attending ANY four-year or two-year accredited college or university.
- The second scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to any eighth-grade student who plans to attend a Catholic high school.

Please see your school guidance counselor for the application. **Applications are due by April 25, 2020.** Please contact John Ryder at 856-307-9997 with any questions.



## 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 ~

Would you like to donate to our parish food pantry but don't know what to buy? Although any **nonperishable** food item would be welcome, here are some suggestions: **mac & cheese, canned macaroni meals (such as Chef Boyardee), canned vegetables, ramen noodles, tuna, rice, pudding, peanut butter and jelly. Soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also appreciated.

You may leave your nonperishable items in the shopping carts located in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or, you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings**. There will be a bench outside the pantry on which you may leave your donations. You may honk your car horn before driving away to alert us of your presence so that we may retrieve the items. **Please, leave your food donations outside the pantry on Wednesday mornings only.**

Prefer not to shop? Monetary donations are always welcome.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*



February 27, 2022 | Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7 | 1 Cor 15:54-58 | Lk 6:39-45

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Parenthood can be humbling. When our children are young, we celebrate even the tiniest accomplishments: "You put on your socks!" or "Wow, good job putting your dish in the dishwasher!" And rightly so. Then come the teen years, and some of us can err on the side of criticism. "Why did you put off that project until the last minute?" "Turn off the electronics by 10 p.m. or else ..." "What, another energy drink?" (We say, looking up from our own phone with a cup of tea in hand ...) The same can be said of our spiritual lives. We want our children to pray and participate in the sacraments, but we may rush through Grace before meals, skip opportunities for confession, or treat holy Mass as an afterthought. Today's Gospel reminds us why our admonitions won't work if we don't walk our talk: The blind can't lead the blind. None of us is perfect, and neither are our children or the other people in our lives. But as our second reading reminds us, Jesus has won for us victory over sin. When we ask Jesus to help us remove the "wooden beam" from our own eyes, we can see his will for us more clearly and lift up those around us.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't have to be perfect to encourage one another in our faith. Like the "good tree" Jesus describes in the parable and the tree that bears "good fruit" in Sirach, however, we need to nourish our faith before we can share it with others. It can start with something as simple as adding prayer to our morning routine. We can bring our flaws, our doubts, our bad habits to Jesus and ask him to free us from whatever might be holding us back. As we accompany others, whether it is those with whom we live, work, or worship, we can turn to Jesus to help us be a force for good. We will stumble. But as St. Paul reminds us, "Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

**PRAY** Have you prayed The Examen? This Ignatian practice, often at the end of the day, encourages reflection — on God's presence in our day and the areas where we may have fallen short. We can ask the Lord for forgiveness and the grace to do better tomorrow.



# FROM MANY ...One Body



**As of February 22<sup>nd</sup>,**

Through your generosity, we have raised  
**\$16,899** toward our goal of **\$50,700**.

We are **33.3%** there!  
Let's keep up the great work!

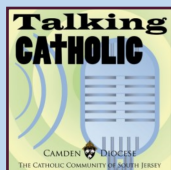
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

## PARISH MASSES LIVE STREAMING



<https://camdendiocese.org/livestreammass/>

You can use the above link to for live-stream Masses in the Diocese, outside the Diocese, or on the radio.



Please know that you can easily find Diocesan audio podcasts and YouTube resources from local Catholic experts, produced by the Office of Communications with the Catholic Star Herald, to share with others at [talking.catholicstarherald.org/](http://talking.catholicstarherald.org/)

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### Join Us for a Trip to Sight & Sound!

The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel is planning a one-day bus trip to Lancaster to the Sight & Sound Theater to see *David*. We will stop for lunch and a bit of shopping at the Shady Maple Amish Buffet before the show.

*David* has been four (4) years in the making and premieres in Lancaster this spring. "*David: a shepherd, a king, a poet, and a warrior ... this powerful yet personal story will come to life like never before.*" A 300-foot panoramic stage, massive sets, special effects, and music inspired by the Psalms will amaze and inspire!

**When: Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Total Price: \$170 with a \$50 deposit per person due March 6<sup>th</sup>. Balance due by April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Seats are limited. Please call the Parish Office at 856-881-9155 to reserve a spot today!

### iRace4Vocations

Everyone has one... Which is your road?



On Sunday, April 3, 2022, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many people from throughout the Diocese at Cooper River Park (Jack Curtis Stadium | 5300 North Park Drive | Pennsauken) for our annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1:00p 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.

For more information and to register for the event, visit [camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations](http://camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations).





**Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c;  
Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;  
2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15;  
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



## in the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mass with Distribution of Ashes – 9:00a Nativity

Service with Distribution of Ashes – 4:00p Saint Catherine of Siena

Mass with Distribution of Ashes – 7:00p Nativity

### Confession Opportunities\*

#### *SATURDAYS IN LENT*

#### *NATIVITY*

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>st</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>  
3-3:30p

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>  
2:30-3:30p

No Confession on Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022

*\* (or by appointment)*

### Stations of the Cross with Benediction

7:00p

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Saint Catherine of Siena

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Nativity

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Saint Catherine of Siena

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Nativity

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Saint Catherine of Siena

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Nativity



## LENTE REGULATIONS

- The days of both **Fast** and **Abstinence** during Lent are **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- On a day of **Fast**, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those who are between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
- On a day of **Abstinence**, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of Abstinence.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially” (in other words, as a whole) is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year outside of Lent are designated as days of Penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as Penance.
- The time for fulfilling the **Paschal Precept (your Easter Duty)** extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022** to the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022**. [The Paschal Precept is to receive Holy Communion during the Paschal Season. To receive Holy Communion, one must not be conscious of any grave sin. If you are conscious of grave sin, prior sacramental confession is needed. (Please see “Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion” in the **Breaking Bread** Missalettes in church, page 237, “For Catholics” 1996, USCCB.)



**Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry.**

**A special toll-free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.**

**For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.**