



December 11, 2022 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

# 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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### 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**.”*



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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

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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

4:00p **The People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00a **Lynda Bancroft** by Mary Visalli

10:00a **Robert Barcus** by Ron & Sally Bonner

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

9:00a **Carmen Visalli** by His Loving Wife, Mary

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – LUCY**

9:00a **BEREAVEMENT MASS**  
– June Lamb

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> – JOHN OF THE CROSS**

9:00a **Autumn Pasquale** by Dan & Karen Seniff

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00a **Mary Hafer** by The McCann Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

~ No Parish Mass ~

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

4:00p **Kenny Lamb** by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

10:00a **The Deceased Members of the Cottelli & Doyle Families** by The Family



**Monday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18B-23

**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Lk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

**Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**STEWARDSHIP PATIENCE**

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."*

~ JAMES 5:8 ~

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves through **Stewardship** with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

**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, Mimi Hall, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

WO3 Brad Davis, SGT Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

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

**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 \$15. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

## Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

When we limit what we are looking for, we limit what we might find. If we are only looking for coins with a metal detector, we might miss finding a primitive tool from the Iron Age. If we are only looking for a six-figure-salary job, we might miss the job that can be at hand to pay our immediate bills. If we are looking for a movie-star type Mr. or Mrs. Right, we may miss an opportunity to spend a lifetime with someone who loves deeply and faithfully. Life is limitless when our horizon of vision is expanded to include the unexpected and the extraordinary.

This weekend's Gospel has two central characters – John the Baptist and Jesus. The Gospel says marvelous things about both ... Jesus works to reverse the sad plight of humanity ... John is a prophet privileged to announce the coming of the Messiah. With this third Sunday of Advent, our attention is turned explicitly toward the Christmas mystery, but rather than an infant, we encounter the adult Jesus who is already about His saving ministry. If we are only looking for a baby in a manger, we will not be able to recognize what the Gospel is truly asking us to see ... Jesus the Messiah ... who brings about a reversal of the human plight. We who see and acknowledge this Jesus are blessed as John the Baptist was blessed.

Israel was patiently awaiting a conquering Messiah who would be their earthly king. The surprise of the Gospel is who the Messiah truly is – the tender and merciful servant who reaches out to those in need. In Jesus, the **whole** vision of God for a world of peace and harmony comes to fruition. An alternative world is present in the coming of this Jesus Messiah, a world far surpassing the wealth and might and power of earthly expectations. The world Jesus brings is a world in which all are blessed beyond what we look for or see – even beyond imagination.

The crowds went out in the desert to see a prophet. Jesus assures them they saw even more, and he extols John's greatness. Now, here is the real shock of the Gospel and the blessing: as great as John is – the one who follows Jesus – even the very least of these is still greater than John! **We** are those blessed ones who inherit the "kingdom of heaven," those of us who take up Jesus' tender and merciful servant ministry and continue to bring sight and healing and proclaim the Good News to all those **we** meet. Now it is our ministry to reverse the sad plight of humanity by helping others see in Jesus the One who brings blessing.

Let us see John for who he really is – the messenger pointing to the Messiah. Let us see Jesus for who He really is – the Messiah-king whose power is in His being the tender, merciful servant. Let us see ourselves for who we really are – God's blessed and beloved who, when we minister as Jesus did, are even greater than John the Baptist. Yes, seeing is believing – but only when we look beyond to the blessedness breaking upon us.

The patience admonished in the Second Reading is needed for us to look beyond our limited vision and to see what God offers us in Christ Jesus. If we limit our expectations to a baby born long ago in a manger, we will not be able to see Jesus as the "glory" and "splendor" of our God who is present among us – and **within** us – and whose presence continues to save. Through patience – first, with ourselves – we gradually learn to look beyond the immediate demands of the cares of our everyday lives to see the possibilities for change in our lives and in the lives of others.

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

Fr. Larry



December 11, 2022 | Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 | Jas 5:7-10 | Mt 11:2-11

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Today many of us light a rose Advent candle as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means “rejoice,” and today’s readings hint at the joy of Christ’s coming. Who among us can’t relate to the concrete examples from the prophet Isaiah that give us many reasons for hope and joy as we anticipate Christ’s birth. Those of us who have experienced fear or doubt find reassurance: “Be strong, fear not!” During the holidays when many will grieve those who have died this past year, we hear that “sorrow and mourning will flee.” In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist points us to the source of our joy in the person of Jesus Christ. As we continue to prepare for his coming, we can take comfort knowing that God is with us now and for eternity. As we hear in today’s Psalm, “The Lord God keeps faith forever.”



**ACTION** Need something to brighten your living area during the deep of winter? You can find amaryllis “bulbs in a box” online. They bloom inside and can be moved outside when spring comes, serving as a visible reminder that patience pays off. This can also be a nice gift for a friend or perhaps an elderly relative who does not have access to a garden.

**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.”***

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

I am not a patient person. Waiting in the slow grocery line raises my heart rate, and I have to use cruise control in 35 mph zones (it works!). Despite my impatience, I’ve grown to love planting a vegetable garden in the spring and never cease to be amazed at the rich harvest of tomatoes in July or August. As St. James reminds us, we can learn from the farmer who patiently waits for the rains. “You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” Whether we have patient personalities or not, we can rest assured that the Lord is with us for the long game. Just as the rains help our tomatoes to come in – a miracle that still surprises me each summer – our faithfulness, prayer and good works can nurture our hearts and our souls. They also remind us of the true joy of the season: Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has taken on our humanity for our salvation. “Lord, come and save us.”

Advent

Our Lord  
Jesus,  
Light in the  
Darkness



***Thank You ...***

As our Giving Tree Project concludes this weekend, I’d like to say “**Thank You**” to all of you for your generosity to our seminarians and the young boys and girls who will have a wonderful Christmas opening their gifts.

Thank you for making the holidays brighter for so many!  
Please keep them in your prayers as well!

## Our Lady of Guadalupe

EACH DECEMBER 12 the Catholic Church honors Our Lady of Guadalupe. The feast recalls the day in 1531 when the Mexican peasant Juan Diego Cuahtlatoatzin, having seen a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Tepeyac, yet having been rebuffed by the local bishop, obeyed Mary’s command to pluck the roses that were impossibly growing in the rocky land during December. Bundling the flowers within his outer garment, Juan Diego returned to the bishop and opened his tilma to show the miracle of the roses. Then, to the wonderment of them both, the roses falling to the floor revealed an imprint of Our Lady on the very garment that bore the miraculous flowers.

Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has spread throughout Mexico, Latin America, North America, and the world. Her image adorns churches, homes, meeting rooms, places of business, cars, and clothes. The tilma itself remains on display at a basilica in Mexico City, where it is the object of intense devotion. Although the date is not a holyday of obligation on the Church’s calendar, it is practically observed that way among the Hispanic population.

Ceremonies in parishes typically include a Mass, a serenade of devotional music addressed to the Virgin, a theatrical presentation of the story of Juan Diego, and the lively dancing of matachines to the loud accompaniment of drums, all honoring the power and love of Mary, especially her concern for the poor and the lowly.

In years when December 12 falls on a Sunday, the Mass is that of the Third Sunday of Advent, but it is still appropriate for those devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe to include music, devotions, petitions, and preaching that commemorate this important day.

*Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish: Mary, the Saints, and Angels*  
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## A Brief Examination of Conscience Based on the Ten Commandments

**I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before Me.** *Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?*

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.** *Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?*

**Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.** *Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord’s Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?*

**Honor your father and your mother.** *Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?*

**You shall not kill.** *Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?*

**You shall not commit adultery.** *Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?*

**You shall not steal.** *Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?*

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.** *Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?*

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s spouse.** *Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?*

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.** *Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?*

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### CHRISTMASTIDE MASSES

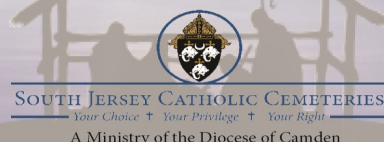
SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES  
 would like to invite you to celebrate  
 the Christmas season in our Mausoleum Chapels.

*Masses will be held at the following chapels at 10AM.  
 Please see below for dates and locations.*

- 12/27 All Saints Cemetery | Newfield
- 12/27 New St. Mary Cemetery | Bellmawr
- 12/28 Sacred Heart Cemetery | Vineland
- 01/04 Calvary Cemetery | Cherry Hill

We at South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries Wish You and Your  
 Loved Ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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# PRAY FOR UKRAINE

*Celebrate Your Milestone Anniversary!*  
*Weddings and Engagement Edition*  
Feb. 10, 2023



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## CATHOLIC STAR HERALD

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*Prison Ministry's*

# UNDERWEAR & SOCK DRIVE



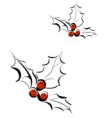
Catholic Charities' Prison Ministry is collecting items for inmates in the Camden Diocese who are in need of clothing. Some correctional facilities only supply jumpsuits, and many inmates have no means to buy clothing to wear under the jumpsuits.  
The following is greatly needed in all sizes (new and unused only):

**MALES:** white tee-shirts and white boxers  
**FEMALES:** white sports bras and white cotton briefs  
**MALES & FEMALES:** white crew socks

**DROP OFF/MAILING ADDRESS:**  
Catholic Charities' Camden office  
1845 Haddon Avenue,  
Camden NJ, 08103  
Anytime Monday - Friday  
between 8:30 AM & 4:00 PM.

**FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:**  
Sister Mary Cronin,  
Prison Ministry Coordinator  
Mary.Cronin@CamdenDiocese.org  
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"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."  
Matthew 25:40

## St. Bridget's Parish

proudly presents  
A Bella Canta Production  
**A Celestial Celebration**  
**for Christmas**

under the direction of  
**Paula Ann DiGianivittorio ~Soprano**  
A Complimentary Advent ~ Christmas Concert  
Sunday December 18, 2022 - 3pm  
St. Bridget's Parish - Glassboro, NJ

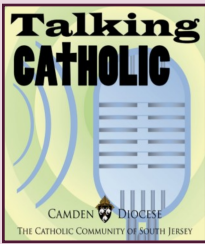
Donations to St. Bridget's Parish will kindly and graciously be accepted at the performance  
Suggested Minimal Donation \$25



**Guest Vocalist**  
Gina Rongone-Haring, Soprano  
**Musicians**  
Cathy Sonnenberg - Accompanist  
Members of the Philharmonic of Southern NJ &  
Beck's Philadelphia Brigade Band  
Members of Washington Township High School Chorale  
& All State  
Bella Canta Vocal Studio



The Cathedral Clothing Ministry is in need of size 34 and 36 men's long pants and jeans. Women and Men's winter **CASUAL** clothing is also needed. Items may be dropped off at 128 Broadway in Camden NJ 08102 Wednesdays from 10a to 1p, when the clothing center is open. For more information contact Tom Fisher at: 856-952-0837. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF CLOTHING OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OR RECTORY.



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