



September 15, 2019 | 24th 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 of Siena

Tuesday: 9a at Nativity

Wednesday: 9a at Nativity

Thursday: 7p at Saint Catherine of Siena

Friday: 9a at Saint Catherine of Siena

Saturday: 9a at Nativity

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity

Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine of Siena
10:45a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7p evening before at Saint Catherine

Holy Day: 9a at Nativity

7p at Nativity

(Please confirm with the Mass Intention Schedule.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday: Immediately following the 7p Mass
at Saint Catherine of Siena

Saturday: 3 – 3:30p at Nativity
or by appointment.

Please call the Parish Office.

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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

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*"There will be more joy in heaven over
one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine people
who have no need of repentance."
~ Lk 15:7b ~*

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 12 - 4p; Tuesday & Wednesday 8a - 4:30p; Thursday 8a - 12 noon; **CLOSED ON FRIDAY**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION: *Please contact the Parish Office.*

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please stop by the Parish Office or call to register.

Parishioners requesting sponsor eligibility certificates for Baptism or Confirmation need to visit the Parish Office.

Please visit our website at www.psma-nj.com

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00a **No Intention**
 4:00p **Dawn Williams** by Dennis & Annamarie Dittmar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 24RD SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a The People of the Parish
 10:45a Deacon Matthew J. Hanrahan

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

9:00a **Sr. Dorothy Aloisio, FMIHM**
 by Fr. Larry & Fran Carder

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH ROBERT BELLARMINE

9:00a **No Intention**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

9:00a **No Intention**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH JANUARIUS

7:00p **Evelyn Parmer** by Sally & Ron Bonner

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH ANDREW KIM TAEONG & PAUL CHONG

9:00a **Timothy Parker** by Kay & Lloyd Tanner

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST MATTHEW

9:00a **No Intention**
 4:00p **Michael Rossi** by Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND 25TH SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a **Joan Lang** by Hugh Dillon & Family
 10:45a 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.

*For the week of
 September 15th through September 22nd,
 the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity
 Burns for the Special Intentions of
 Matthew Healy*

STEWARDSHIP BRINGS LASTING VALUES

*"Everything I have is yours."
 ~ LUKE 15:31 ~*

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on **Stewardship** and all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

Stewardship in Action

Ordinary Income – Weekend of 08/31 & 09/01 \$6,395.45
 Online Giving – Weekend of 08/31 & 09/01 \$475.00

Ordinary Income – Weekend of 09/07 & 09/08 \$4,140.00
 Online Giving – Weekend of 09/07 & 09/08 \$370.00

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish!



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

If you have a family member who you would like to see added to the Prayer List, please ask their permission (due to the HIPAA Privacy Act) and contact the Parish Office 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,
 1st Sgt Shane W. McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller,
 CPT Graham Miller

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, MA2 Joshua Colbert, 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

A Gentle Reminder ...

Dressing for Mass is an act of love and honor for God, a wonderful outward sign of the awareness of the priceless grace of our baptismal garment. Let us remember our main focus while we are in church should be the honor and glory of God through our full, active, and conscious participation in the sacrifice of the Mass and other devotions. As we prepare to come to Mass each week, let us choose our clothing in a spirit of modesty and respect for our Lord and for one another.

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*"Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, who himself said,
'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"* (Acts 20:35)

As individuals, we may not feel that we can make much of a difference in this world. However, working together as a community of faith, we may be able to make a world of difference in the life of someone right here in Clayton or Franklin Township. **Donations of pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, tuna, canned chicken and, especially, soups of all kinds would be very welcome at this time.** In addition, a monetary donation or gift card placed in an envelope marked "For the Food Pantry" and dropped into the collection basket at mass or delivered to the Rectory Office would also be greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY
WHICH DOES MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!**

YOU'RE INVITED

WHAT: PSMA Feast Day Social

WHEN: September 28th from 7-11p

WHERE: SMARS Gym

Tickets are available in the Rectory for our Fall Social being held on Saturday, September 28th from 7-11p in the Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School Gym. Catering by Villa Deli. BYOB. Tickets are \$25 per person. **The deadline for purchasing tickets is Wednesday, September 18th.**

Got music?



Our Saint Michael the Archangel Music Ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, and inspiration for our liturgies and festive parish celebrations through the musical gift, generosity, and commitment of our members. If you can carry a tune, want to learn, and have a desire to sing with us, please see Sally Bonner, Music Director, after Mass or call her at 856-243-2036 or 609-805-8183.

PreK through 8th Grade

Rigorous Curriculum

21st Century Learning

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Challenging Minds, Building Faith



Men's Spirituality Conference (the Largest in South Jersey)
November 9, 2019

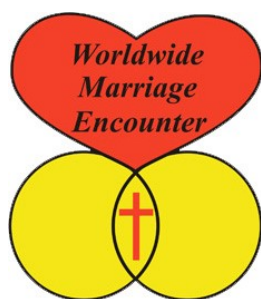
Paul VI High School Conference Center

For more information: www.manupsouthjersey.com

Peace of Soul Workshop – September 28th

All Saints Parish, 621 Dock Street, in Millville, invites you to a Peace of Soul Workshop on Saturday, September 28, from 8a to 1p. Susan Brinkmann, award-winning author and speaker, will present this interactive workshop.

The day will begin with 8a Mass, and includes a continental breakfast, and a light lunch. The Workshop Fee: \$10 per person. To register, please call Sharon at (856) 825-0021 or email Sue at suehec1@verizon.net.



Pope Saint 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.

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 emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

The next weekend dates are October 25-27 and December 13-15, 2019. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.



Teachers Needed for Special Needs Children for Religious Education Instruction

The Religion Education Program for Special Needs Children in the Vineland, Millville, Bridgeton, Newfield, Clayton, and Franklinville areas will continue this school year. The instructions are held at Saint Mary's School, 735 Union Road in East Vineland with classes on Tuesdays after school. The teacher does not have to have a teaching degree nor special needs training. Orientation and training with a certified special needs educator will be provided. If you are willing to share your love with Jesus and give some of your time to these children, please contact Cathy DiAntonio at 609-442-0475 or cdiantonio@pv.eagles who is the coordinator for this program or Felicia Navarro, Director of Life Long Faith Formation, at 516-606-2222 or llffvineland@comcast.net.

NEW JERSEY INDEPENDENT VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Diocese of Camden – along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey – has established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest of the Diocese.

The IVCP is independently administered by experienced victim compensation experts Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution. The administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Bishop Sullivan strongly encourages anyone who was sexually victimized by a priest of the Diocese to participate in the IVCP, and has asked that anyone who knows of someone who was abused to contact them so that they are aware of the IVCP and can participate in it.



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

Your Catholic Cemetery ... An Essential Component of Catholic Life

As Catholics we are blessed with the promise of life everlasting. To be with our Lord in Heaven, we are baptized, we follow the Holy Scripture, and we keep the Lord in our hearts throughout our earthly journey. Death is not the end but rather the next step. During life our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. At death we present our bodies to a sacred Catholic funeral and burial, to be prepared for the Resurrection. Just as you have chosen to be a part of a Christian community, you will want the burial of your remains to reflect that same Christian faith while choosing to rest in peace with other Christians in a Catholic cemetery. Choosing a final resting place on consecrated grounds is your choice, your privilege and the right of every Catholic, as well as a confirmation of faith in our everlasting union with our Lord. For more information visit our website at SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) and a member of our staff will gladly help you.

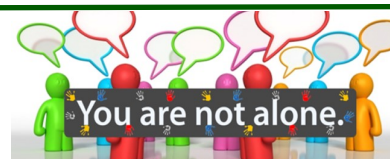
"For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first." 1 Thess 4:16

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If your child is in a special education class in school we are offering Religious Education classes for these children from both English and Spanish speaking families. They are small classes so that the child can get more individual instruction. Classes are held at Saint Mary's School, 735 Union Road in East Vineland on Tuesdays after school. This building is handicap accessible. Please contact Cathy DiAntonio at 609-442-0475 or cdiantonio@pv.eagles who is the coordinator for this program, or Felicia Navarro, Director of Life Long Faith Formation, at 516-606-2222 or llffvineland@comcast.net.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Loving someone struggling with addiction can be very difficult, painful, and chaotic. A community support group can help by offering peer support for anyone affected by drug addiction. Please join us on Saturday mornings at 9:30a at The Church of the Incarnation, 240 Main Street in Mantua. All are welcome to attend, including those suffering from addiction / alcoholism, family members, and those who have experienced a loss from the disease. For more information, please call 609-617-9959.



Prodigality / Recklessness is evident in all three parables this weekend. But there are two sides to the kind of excess that the characters in the parables exhibit. On the one hand, the shepherd is unbelievably caring when he leaves the ninety-nine sheep to find one and tenderly carries it back to the fold on his own shoulders. The woman unrealistically wastes oil to light a lamp and time to sweep the house to find a single lost coin. The father lavishly bestows “the finest robe,” a ring and sandals, and a “fattened calf” on his irresponsible son to welcome him back home.

In these three characters, prodigality / recklessness leads to rejoicing and celebrating new life. On the other hand, the younger son totally wastes his inheritance. The older son is abundantly angry, resentful, and jealous of his brother. But in spite of the younger son’s wastefulness, his decision to return home and beg his father for forgiveness brings him life. The older son, however, refuses to celebrate life. He chooses death.

What the shepherd, the woman, and the father all have in common is having lost something dear to them. When they find what they have lost, they rejoice extravagantly. In the parable of the prodigal son, he is found because he chooses to return to his father’s house. He chooses life. By contrast, the older son – in his anger, resentment, and jealousy – is truly the one who is lost because he refuses to rejoice in his father’s mercy and goodness. He chooses death. The extravagant mercy and goodness of our divine Father urges us to choose life over death. The challenge of this weekend’s Gospel is to let go of being lost and choose to be found. It is to let go of death and choose life.

God’s response to our being lost (choosing sinfulness) is always one of mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God always seeks the lost (even when it includes an intentional turning away from God). God is always faithful in giving us all we need to choose life over death.

Being a faithful disciple does not mean always doing the logical thing, nor does it mean always doing the most practical thing. Like God in the First Reading – who relented in punishing Israel for unfaithfulness because God “brought them out of the land of Egypt” – we, too, must put aside our short-sightedness and be merciful and forgiving. If we find this difficult, we only need to remember God’s utter fidelity and compassion toward us.

Forgiveness is never easy and it is so much more difficult when the other seems to hurt us intentionally. Perhaps one way to approach this is to consider the good in the other who needs our forgiveness. When we are angry, recite a litany of positive virtues. When we want to strike back, think of the dignity of the other because he or she is a baptized son or daughter of God. Maybe we also need to consider our own goodness!

If we allow anger, resentment, or jealousy to fester in us (as did the older son in the Gospel), we are blocking our ability to grow. We are limiting our openness to being found when we are lost. What may help us let go of choosing death is to remember God’s mercy and compassion so faithfully shown to us throughout history. We don’t know the next chapter in the prodigal son’s family saga, but we do know the father’s response. He welcomed his son back home with great rejoicing. Such is also so very true for our heavenly Father.

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

Fr. Larry