



January 30, 2022 | 4th 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

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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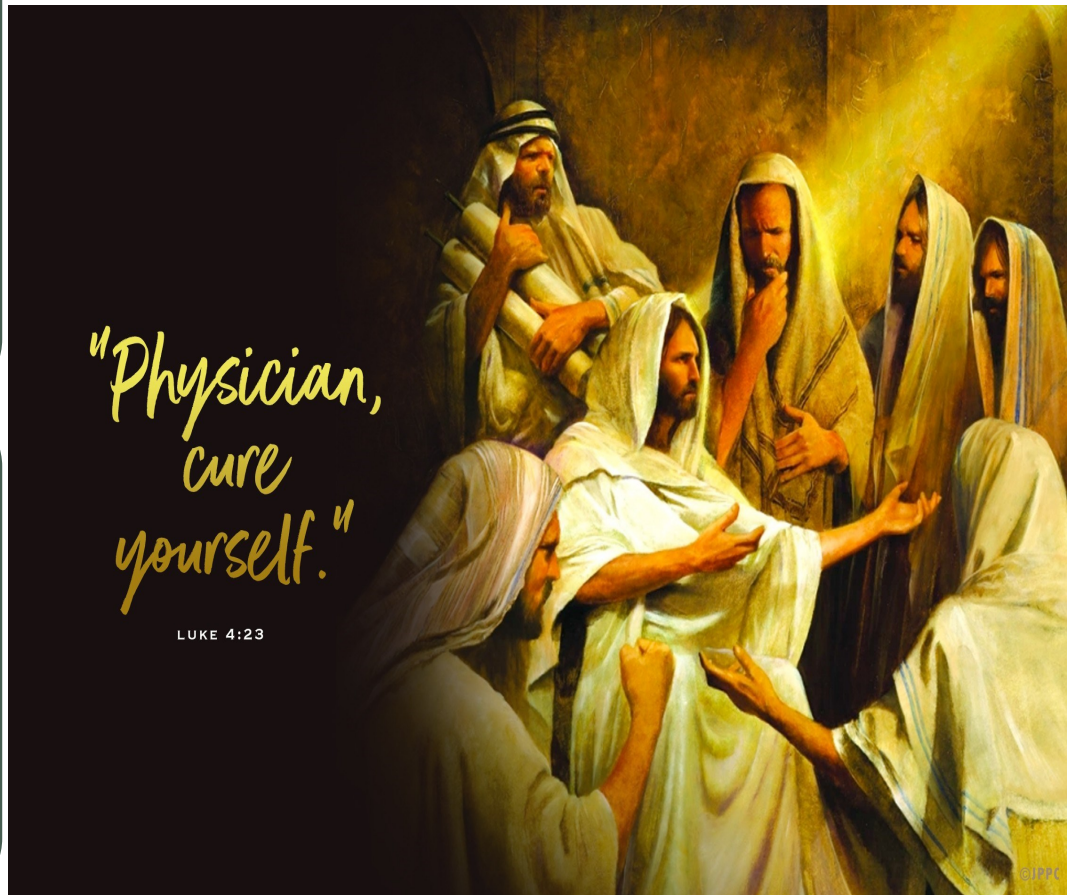
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:00 noon

(You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment 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, JANUARY 29TH

4:00p People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro *by The Kozachyn Family*
10:00a Rev. Msgr. James P. McIntyre

MONDAY, JANUARY 31ST
JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

9:00a Bruno Melchionni

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9:00a Kevin Hogan *by The Hogan Family*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR AND ANSGAR, BISHOP

9:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro *by Susan & Kathy Sandelier*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

4:00p Stanley & Anna Merook

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a The People of the Parish
10:00a Maria "Connie" Dente *by Steve & Jodi Coates*

STEWARDSHIP HUMILITY

*"Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, it is not pompous ..."*
~ 1 Corinthians 13:4 ~

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for Stewardship with humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.



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 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, John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey, John Mitchell, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Mary Visalli, 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,
1st 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



**Catholic Schools
Week 2022**
January 30–February 5

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Pastor's Corner



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Dear Parishioners,

Water coolers have achieved something of an iconic status as gathering places. Around them are shared anecdotes of life and love, good times and bad, frivolous gossip and serious information. Whether something is true or not depends largely on the speaker's integrity. In unimportant tales and consequential descriptions alike, we desire the truth. This weekend's Gospel continues Jesus' teaching in the synagogue, and He speaks words of truth. The Gospel challenges us to stand pat on the truth of God's Word, even to stake our life on it, just as Jesus did. God is clear on the divine purpose: salvation for all at all costs, even if this means the life of the divine Son.

As long as Jesus announces glad tidings, the crowd responds positively. But when Jesus challenges their narrowness with the examples of Elijah's and Elisha's outreach to Gentiles (Sidon and Syria), they grow furious. The response of the crowd registers increasing resistance – from amazement (at His “gracious words”) to skepticism (“Isn't this the son of Joseph?”) to fury (they wanted “to hurl Him down headlong” “from the brow of the hill”). Jesus challenged the crowd because the Good News is always broader than selective preferences or limited understanding – yes, salvation would be for Gentiles as well as Jews. While the Gospel is always Good News, it is not always comfortable, because it ever stretches us beyond where we are now. The Prophets of the Old Testament and Jesus in the New Testament comfort the afflicted and afflict the comforted.

The demise of the prophets came about because they forced choices. The challenge of the Gospel is that it also forces choices. The comforting thing about God's Word is that we have always had the reassurance that God will protect and deliver us (from the First Reading). The disturbing thing is that the protection and deliverance don't always come as quickly as we might like or in the end in the manner we might like.

Jeremiah ended up in a cistern, and some of the prophets were killed. Jesus ended up on the cross. Prophets may be rejected and destroyed, but God's Word is always enduring. One symbol of this is that Jesus does escape the crowd in this Gospel, demonstrating that, like God's Word, the Gospel will prevail. And what is our response to the challenge of the Gospel? Amazement ... skepticism ... or fury? Welcoming Jesus or expelling Him from our midst? Growing in discipleship or stagnating in narrowness?

If we ever meet doubt or opposition over values in our daily living, then we must examine how committed to the Gospel we really are. Most of us aren't called to preach the Good News “professionally.” All of us, however, because of our Baptism are committed to living it. Living the Gospel is what must shape our everyday choices and responses. This means, for example, that the chatter around the water cooler at work grows uncharitable or coarse, we have the courage to simply walk away. If prejudice exists among our friends and acquaintances, we have the courage to extol the dignity of the minority. Dying to oneself means that we place Gospel values before any others and are willing to stake our lives on them. We might not always concretely experience God's protection and deliverance in the given moment, but we know from Jesus' life that it is there when it really counts – leading us to life everlasting.

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

Fr. Larry



January 30, 2022 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 | 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 | Lk 4:21-30

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

Wait, what? One moment the people of Nazareth embrace Jesus, but as soon as he challenges them the crowd turns on a dime, and moves toward throwing him off a cliff. The Son of God, also the son of a carpenter, goes from hometown hero to *persona non grata* just like that, prefiguring his death on the cross and giving credence to his admonition that “no prophet is accepted in his own native place.” From the earliest moments of his public ministry as recorded in Luke, Jesus’ love for us is prominent. He never faltered. He never wavered. He moved forward to continue his mission of fulfilling God’s will for him, and be a sacrifice once and for all for our sins. Perhaps we have had a similar experience of being the “hero” for someone, only to somehow end up the goat. It is not easy to remain steadfast in our daily mission to love as Jesus loved. Today’s readings assure us that God will give us the grace to do so.



PRAY Although our love for one another is imperfect, we must strive to love as Jesus loved each day, and there is no better place to start than prayer. Ask a friend or family member this week if they have any concerns you can include in your prayers. Or request a Mass for someone who is going through a tough time or who has recently died.

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!

GO EVANGELIZE**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

It can be challenging to square Paul’s eulogy of love with the reality of day-to-day living with a spouse, family members, and friends. Love is patient ... *except when I’m late getting out to the car for church again.* Love is kind ... *except between crabby siblings who want to watch different shows on Netflix.* It is not quick-tempered ... *unless you thoughtlessly back into my car in the driveway.* It occurs to me that perhaps Paul’s words aren’t entirely about us, but about the perfect love of God. It’s pretty amazing to think that God loves us in all the ways Paul describes. As we open our hearts to God’s love and deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer, we may find that love spilling over into our daily interactions. For when we are kind, we love; when we are patient, we love; when we are not quick-tempered, we love.

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.



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: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 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 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11



Rediscover the love in your marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and learn to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us.
make Yourself at home in our hearts.
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in you our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son.
forever and ever.
Amen.

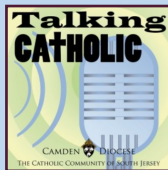


"WHENEVER THE DIVINE FAVOR CHOOSES SOMEONE TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL GRACE, OR TO ACCEPT A LOFTY VOCATION, GOD ADORNS THE PERSON CHOSEN WITH ALL THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT NEEDED TO FULFILL THE TASK AT HAND." SAINT BERNARDINO OF SIENNA

FEB 20 GOD SAID GO, AND I SAID NO

MAR 20 SIGNS OF A VOCATION

MAY 22 MY PATH TO THE PRIESTHOOD: WHEN DO I START?



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/

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www.youtube.com/channel/UCLK-2e35CrjDzJlprO6s4Q

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2021 Contribution Statements

Tax time will be approaching sooner than you think and its time to collect all those necessary papers to file.

Contribution Statements will be available **beginning Monday, January 24, 2022.**

If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 Contribution Statement, **PLEASE:**

- 1) **E-Mail** PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com including the information below.
- 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.
- 3) **Call the Parish Office** at 856-881-9155 and provide the info below.

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2021 Contribution Statement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I prefer an e-mail ☐

E-Mail Address: _____



Beginning this week, and as space allows, we will begin including explanations for the different parts of the Mass ...

✦ Order of Mass

THE ORDER of Mass is the script we follow for every celebration of the Eucharist. It contains the words and movements that are repeated at every Mass, from the Sign of the Cross to the Dismissal. It does not include the readings nor any of the hymns. It is the parts of the Mass that stay the same.

The Order of Mass is located in the middle of *The Roman Missal*—the big red book that rests on the altar or in the hands of a server. The Order of Mass also appears in many books and pamphlets that people use to participate at Mass. Most Catholics know their lines very well, though sometimes they consult the Order of Mass for long texts, such as the Glory to God and the Creed. Visitors find the Order of Mass helpful to figure out what is happening when, what words to say, and what postures to adopt.

In the year 2002, the Vatican issued a revised edition of *The Roman Missal*. Although the Order of Mass did not change very much, the publication of this volume in Latin prompted a new English translation of its contents.

New words always cause some initial confusion and frustration. But it is hoped that this new translation and any future adaptations from Rome will help Catholics pray with more attention and understanding.

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✦ Introductory Rites

THE INTRODUCTORY Rites help the assembly become a worshipping community. They also prepare us to hear God's word and celebrate the Eucharist.

There are several elements to the Introductory Rites of Mass. The cantor or another minister may introduce the liturgy. We sing the Entrance Song and make the Sign of the Cross. The presider greets us. The Penitential Act or the blessing and sprinkling with holy water follow. We sing the Glory to God. Finally, the presider offers the Collect. A lot happens in just a few minutes.

The cantor's introduction may tell us about the music, the special nature of the celebration or the ministers of the day. Some communities invite members to greet one another.

The Entrance Song sets the tone of the celebration. We may sing a seasonal hymn or one that refers to the Scriptures of the day.

We sign ourselves with the Cross, and the presider greets us with a phrase such as, "The Lord be with you." Christians can trace that gesture and those words to the earliest days of the Church.

The Penitential Act or the sprinkling of water symbolizes our desire to enter this celebration in purity of heart.

On most Sundays, we sing or recite the Glory to God in praise of the Trinity. This hymn comes immediately after the Penitential Act, causing us to shift moods rather quickly.

The Introductory Rites all lead to the Collect. When the presider says, "Let us pray," we pause in silence to pray. This prayer explains why we come for this Mass and gives God praise. It brings the Introductory Rites to a fitting close.

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