



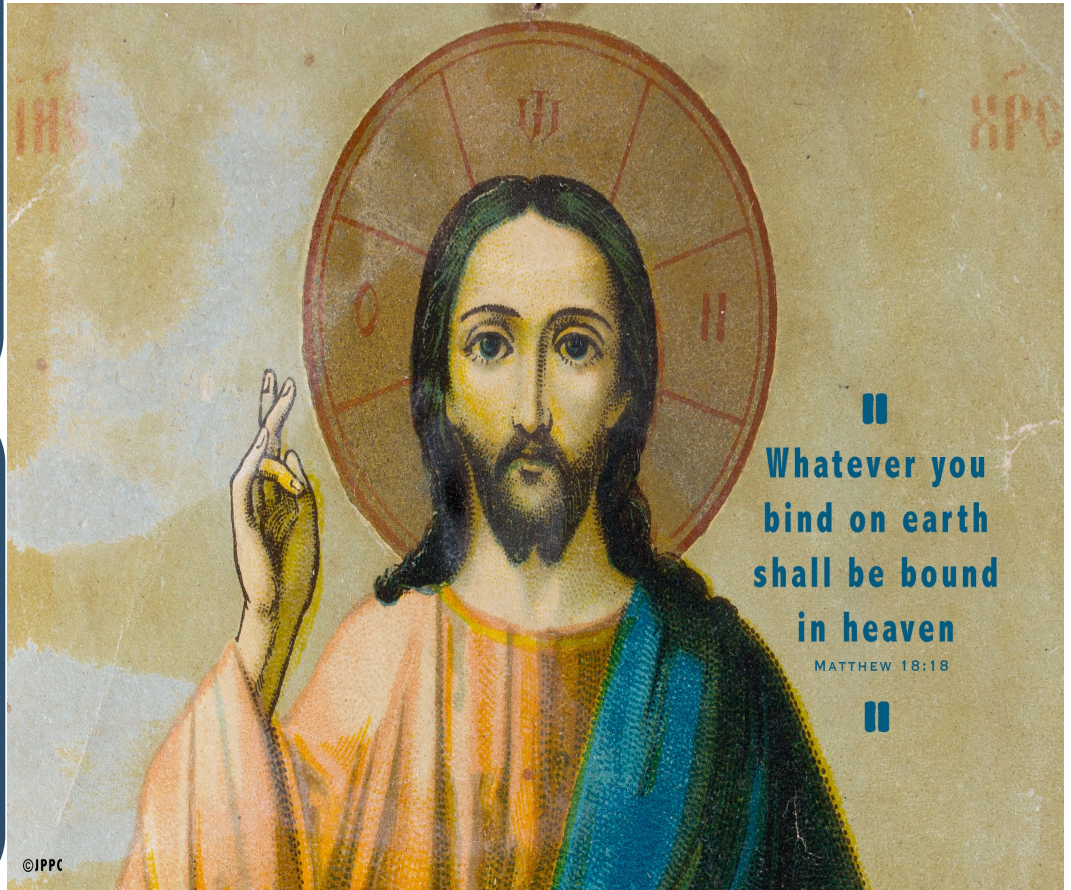
September 6, 2020 | 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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**.”*



SUMMER SCHEDULE  
(THROUGH LABOR DAY 09/07)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday:** 9a at Nativity  
**Tuesday:** 9a at Nativity  
**Wednesday:** 9a at Nativity  
**Thursday:** 9a at Nativity

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4p at Nativity  
**Sunday:** 8a at Nativity  
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

*Due to COVID-19  
by Appointment  
Please call the Parish Office.*

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday:** 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:30p *(or by appointment, please call the Office)*

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR 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, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** **TERESA OF CALCUTTA**

**4:00p (N) People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>** **23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN OT**

**8:00a (N) Rita Costa** *by Rocky & Susan Costa*

**10:45a (N) John L. Chalow** *by Fr. Larry*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>** **LABOR DAY**

**9:00a (N) William J. Morris, Sr.** *by Elaine & Bill Morris*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>** **NATIVITY BVM**

**9:00a (N) Bereavement Mass**  
 – *John Dalesandro*  
 – *Dorothy Stein*  
 – *Virginia Hoffman*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>** **PETER CLAVER**

**9:00a (N) Noel DeSantis** *by The McLaughlin Family*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a (N) Ginny Hoffman** *by Lillian DeMarco*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**No Mass**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>** **MOST HOLY NAME BVM**

**4:00p (N) People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>** **24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT**

**8:00a (N) Frank Panna** – *4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*by His Loving Wife, Teresa*

**10:45a (N) Theresa DeStefano** *by The Wright Family*



**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 Saint Catherine of Siena Church  
 Burns in Memory of  
 Viola Char  
 Requested by 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,  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Shane W. McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, &  
 CPT Graham Miller

**US Navy**

AWR Daniel Carr & 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,  
 Devon Cowell, Henry Cottelli,  
 Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower,

Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Healy,  
 Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries, 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



**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
 or 1:18-23

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17;  
 Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,  
 23-34; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12;  
 Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;  
 Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



**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 ~*

Due to your generosity, the parish food pantry continues to provide assistance to our neighbors here in Clayton and Franklin Township. If you would like to help by contributing nonperishable items, you may place these donations in the pantry shopping cart which is located in the entranceway of Nativity Church or, if you prefer, you may bring them directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center **From 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday Mornings**. Since we cannot allow you inside the pantry at this time, there will be a bench outside the entrance on which you may leave your donations. We will periodically come outside and retrieve the items, but feel free to honk your horn before driving away if you wish to alert us of your presence.

At this time, we especially need **1 pound or 2 pound bags or boxes of rice as well as rice mixes such as Knorr’s Rice Sides or Rice-a-Roni**. Any of the following items are also welcome: **pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, canned macaroni meals such as Chef Boyardee, canned fruit, applesauce, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, boxes or packets of instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken, cereal, peanut butter and jelly. Non-food items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and soap also make nice extras.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE  
AND SUPPORT!**



**During the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>,  
we will have a second collection  
for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.**

This year, due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Land of Jesus.

This is why Pope Francis has requested that the Church move this collection to September 13<sup>th</sup>, the closest Sunday to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (09/14), celebrated with particular solemnity in Jerusalem.

**STEWARDSHIP CALL**

*“You, son of man,  
I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel ...”  
~ EZEKIEL 33:7 ~*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to **Stewardship**, where we nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.



Immaculate Heart Media broadcasting as Relevant Radio<sup>®</sup> assists the Church in the New Evangelization by providing relevant programming through media platforms to help people bridge the gap between faith and everyday life.

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Listen online at [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com) or download the app for your smartphone.

## Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

In the TV show, *Undercover Boss*, the CEO of a company changes his or her managerial style because of direct experience with the lives of the employees. The boss adopts a disguise and works among the employees to get a feel for what they live through day-by-day. An experience of the plight of the low-person-on-the-totem-pole, in this TV series, brings the top person to have a change of mind and attitude ... to grow in appreciation of how some people work ... to do a 180-degree turn in relating to others. In a word, the boss has a conversion experience. The word “conversion” comes from the Latin meaning to turn around or to do an about-face. The heart of this weekend’s Gospel concerning reconciliation is actually about conversion and the call to build up the Church. We are called to bring ourselves and others to conversion and the on-going challenge to overcome hurts and sinfulness within the community.

To “win-over” those who “sin against” another in the Church is to bring them to turn their life around and to once again become faithful members of the community. The work of effecting reconciliation and conversion, however, is not simply the personal judgment of a single community member who has been wronged. The work is always communal, informed by humble prayer, and guided by Jesus who remains “in the midst” of His Body, the Church.

Both our human life and our life in Christ call attention to the fact that we are never totally alone nor do we ever totally act alone. We are members of our families, our neighborhoods, our sports teams, our social groups, the Body of Christ. We find our deepest identity not in ourselves but in community with God and others. Because of this communal solidarity in Christ, the sin of one member against another affects the life of the whole community of the Church. In the Church, we are accountable to and for one another because our manner of relating, reconciling, and praying together reveals both our commitment to Jesus and His living Presence among us.

What is ultimately at stake in our community relationships is the Presence of Jesus in the Church. When reconciliation takes place and where two or three gather in His name, Jesus is “in the midst of them.” The Church is nothing less than the Presence of the risen Christ in and among us. This very community of persons makes present Christ. When rifts disrupt the community, they weaken our communal capacity to make visible this risen Presence. This is no small matter that Jesus addresses in the Gospel! At stake is whether we are being true to ourselves and to the persons God has called us to be in Christ. At stake is whether we care enough about having Christ in our midst that we seek the kind of reconciliation that leads to true conversion.

Facing another about hurts is one of the most difficult “dyings” we undertake – a dying that requires us to risk relationships, let go of self-righteousness, and perhaps face an angry reaction. From the other side, admitting that we have hurt another – even something so simple as apologizing to another for an inadvertent hurt – takes great humility and honesty. Neither facing another nor being faced ourselves about sinfulness is easy!

The good news and strength actually to be reconcilers comes from Jesus’ promise that He is in the midst of two or three gathered in His name. The challenge of this Gospel is to grow in the consciousness that we and others are the Presence of the risen Jesus for one another, and then to act accordingly.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe! Have a great week!

~ Fr. Larry

JOIN BISHOP DENNIS SULLIVAN IN HONORING  
LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS AT THE



19TH ANNUAL  
CAMDEN DIOCESAN  
**BLUE  
MASS**  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020  
10:30 AM

LIVE-STREAMED TO ALL



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SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

## CATHOLIC FUNERAL & BURIAL

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](http://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 Thes 4:16 ~

# CIVILIZE IT



DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a year-long campaign calling for civility throughout this election year. Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate invites Catholics to pledge civility, clarity, and compassion in the public square and to call on others to do so as well. As Catholics, our strong tradition of social teaching compels us to be actively engaged in the building up of our communities. And yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

Civility is different than remaining silent in the face of disagreement. Listening to opposing views is a part of seeking clarity and can be a creative process. All are invited to bring and share their values, beliefs, and questions.

What is needed is good, honest, civil dialogue. This means that we must treat everyone as worthy of being at the table, worthy of our respect, and worthy of being heard. Civilize It challenges Catholics to model love for neighbor through respect, civility, and compassion during the 2020 election cycle. Put your faith into action and make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree.

Pledge dignity beyond the debate and find these and other resources at [Civilizeit.org](http://Civilizeit.org).



I PLEDGE...

**"TO RECOGNIZE THE  
HUMAN DIGNITY OF THOSE  
WITH WHOM I DISAGREE,  
TREAT OTHERS WITH  
RESPECT, AND RISE ABOVE  
ATTACKS WHEN DIRECTED  
AT ME."**

#Civilizeit2020

CIVILIZE IT





DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

# Prayer for Spiritual Communion

BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

MY JESUS,

I BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE, AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

AMEN.



## Something to consider ...

Some people think that punishing a person who has done wrong will help that person not to do the wrong again. Yet there are times when forgiving them may be a stronger encouragement. If we know that there is someone who believes in us, we are more likely to want to live up to that trust.



# LIVE STREAMING

Please check out <https://www.camdendiocese.org/live-stream-mass/> for Parishes in the Diocese and sites throughout the country that are live-streaming the Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass, but would like to continue watch it, this is for you!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW BEFORE YOU LEAVE

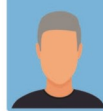
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## THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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### PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS



THOSE WHO ARE AT A HIGHER RISK FOR COVID-19 (I.E., THOSE WHO ARE OLDER THAN 65 OR WHO HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS) ARE URGED NOT TO COME TO CHURCH FOR MASS.



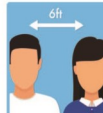
THOSE WHO FEEL IN ANY WAY SICK OR WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT ATTENDING MASS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.



IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT STATE POLICY, THE FAITHFUL (OVER 2 YEARS OLD) MUST WEAR CLOTH FACE COVERINGS WHEN IN PUBLIC, INCLUDING WHEN THEY COME TO CHURCH.



ATTENDEES SHOULD SANITIZE THEIR HANDS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH VIA SANITIZER STATIONS.



ALL PRESENT AT MASS SHOULD SIT 6 FEET OR MORE AWAY FROM OTHERS. FAMILIES MAY SIT TOGETHER.



THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND MASS MAY BE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND TIME DAILY READING THE SCRIPTURES, PRAYING WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WATCHING A BROADCAST OR LIVESTREAMED MASS, AND MAKING AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.

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## Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.  
We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Amen.