



July 19, 2020 | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

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
By Appointment
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REGIONAL SCHOOL**
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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.”*



"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED THAT A PERSON TOOK AND SOWED IN A FIELD. IT IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL THE SEEDS, YET WHEN FULL-GROWN IT IS THE LARGEST OF PLANTS."
MATTHEW 13:31-32

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-12:30p (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, JULY 18TH **CAMILLUS DE LELLIS**

4:00p (N) People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH **16TH SUNDAY OT**

8:00a (N) Constance A. Chalow *by Fr. Larry*
 10:45a (N) Francine Castrataro *by The Wielgus Family*

MONDAY, JULY 20TH **APOLLINARIS**

9:00a (N) Betty Cortelyou *by Ronnie Vanaman*

TUESDAY, JULY 21ST **LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI**

9:00a (N) Souls of the Faithful Departed

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND **MARY MAGDALENE**

9:00a (N) *No Parish Intention*

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD **BRIDGET**

9:00a (N) Paul Meyer *by Granddaughter, Ronnie*

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH **SHARBEL MAKHLUF**

No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH **JAMES**

4:00p (N) People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH **17TH SUNDAY IN OT**

8:00a (N) Tony & Betty Governale
 10:45a (N) Joseph Austin, Sr. *by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara*

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 & 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, Ginny Hoffman, Sherry Jeffries,
- Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord,
- John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride,
- Gerry McCloskay, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,
- Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,
- Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster

KINDNESS
always the right choice

Become a PSMA Ambassador!



We need your help! We need individuals at each Mass to help us to guide parishioners to their seats, to social-distance, to guide during Holy Communion and with exiting the church afterwards, and to help disinfect in between Masses. If you have a few moments, would you please consider helping us? Please see Fr. Larry or call the Parish Office.



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 Church Burns in Loving Memory for Ann Craig.



Fear does not control me.
 I have the Lord, Jesus on my side.
 My peace is in Him.

GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field ... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.”
 ~ Mt 13:24, 37-38 ~

As children of God, we are all “good seeds”. We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our **Stewardship** of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Ordinary Income

June 2019 – \$21,936.75

June 2020 – \$17,646.00

Difference (↓ 11.6%)

Thank you to those who supported our Parish during COVID-19!



Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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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)

If you would like to contribute nonperishable groceries to the Pantry, you may place your donations in the Pantry shopping cart which is located in the Gathering Space of Nativity Church or, if you prefer, you may bring them directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center **FROM 10:15-11:30A 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.

Items needed include, but are not limited to, **pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, Chef Boyardee, canned fruit, applesauce, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, boxes or packets of instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken, cereal, bags or boxes of rice, peanut butter and jelly. Non-food items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and soap are also welcome.**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!



Due to COVID, the summer, and several other factors, beginning **July 20th**, the Parish Office will be open **10:00a until 2:00p Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday** and from **10:00a to 12:30p on Thursday**. **If you are unable to come during these hours, please call the Office 856-881-9155 to schedule an appointment.** Thank you for your understanding.

Does kindness characterize your life? Biblical justice calls us to treat our neighbor with the same forgiving love that God shows to all people. In what ways can we demonstrate that kindness in our Parish, in our neighborhood communities, and especially in our family? Are you conspicuously kind even to those who do not believe or behave as you do?

Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we continue reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew, specifically Chapter 13, the chapter on parables. This is the primary chapter in the Gospel of Saint Matthew where Jesus speaks in parables, and He speaks seven (7) of them. That alone should tell us that we are dealing with Saint Matthew's evangelical hand in editing and placing these parables where he does in his story about Jesus.

If we were to read only the shorter Gospel, we'd hear just about the weeds and the wheat. This weekend's longer Gospel however, contains several parables. The parable of the weeds and the wheat occurs only in Matthew. No other Gospel includes this parable. Biblical scholars have wondered whether Matthew had access to a special source the other Gospel writers didn't, or perhaps he composed it himself. Even if that's true, the passage is still Scriptural, still inspired by God, and still authoritative. One reason Scripture scholars wonder whether Matthew composed it is because so many of the stories that are unique to him fit a pattern of judgment followed by a fiery end. This parable certainly falls into that category.

The good sower expects a harvest of wheat but is unaware that his enemy cast weeds into the field. The precise term for the weed is "darnel," which is a plant that looks like wheat. Darnel is sometimes called "false wheat." Rather than uproot the darnel, a process that would harm the wheat, both are allowed to grow together. In the end there will be a sorting, and the darnel is destined for the fire.

Such an image of the end times requires little imagination. This is hardly the sort of parable whose meaning is difficult to figure out. Instead, we see clearly that the followers of Jesus, the "Church" (*Saint Matthew is the only Gospel that uses that term*), is a field of wheat and weeds, the good and the bad. The Church does not (or should not) play God and determine who will be uprooted. Instead, uprooting is God's role and He will perform it ... in the end.

For anyone whose life is bound up in the Church (or any institution composed of human beings), today's Gospel rings true. There are weeds in the Church in every time and in every place. But it is not our role to uproot. At harvest time, God will separate the weeds from the wheat. Our role is simply to produce for the harvest.

How many of us would like to be in charge, deciding what's best for everybody ... what's best for the Church? When enemies get in the way, we would have the authority to uproot and be rid of them. Even if we are not the ones to be "in charge," how many of us would like someone else to do the uprooting or weeding? But such is not the way it is with God and with the Church. In this weekend's Gospel passage found only in Saint Matthew, we learn from Jesus that God is aware that there are weeds growing within the wheat. God is content to let them grow together, only to be separated later, at harvest time.

It is our task to simply let go and to let God be God while we grow into the harvest we are meant to be. Our lives are not to be filled with judgmentalism but with mercy. Consider Jesus' own words in the Gospel of Saint John, "*Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone.*" This gentle reminder for us as disciples, followers of the Son of God, is that we should be content to allow God to act in His own time.

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

DIAPER DRIVE

FOR FAMILIES IN NEED ACROSS THE CAMDEN DIOCESE

Drop-off times & locations by county

ATLANTIC

Tuesdays; 9 AM - 3 PM
9 N. Georgia Ave., Atlantic City, NJ

CAMDEN

2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month
9 AM - 12 PM
1845 Haddon Ave., Camden, NJ

CAPE MAY

Thursdays; 9 AM - 3 PM
1304 Rt. 47 S, Unit C1,
Rio Grande, NJ

CUMBERLAND

2nd & 4th Fridays of the Month
8:30 AM - 12 PM
810 Montrose St., Vineland NJ

GLOUCESTER

Tuesdays; 8 AM - 1 PM
1200 N Delsea Dr., Suite 1
Westville NJ

SALEM

2nd & 4th Fridays of the Month
8:30 AM - 12 PM
114 State St. Penns Grove NJ



Help Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden support families and babies in need of diapers!

We are collecting diapers of all sizes, and we welcome you to drop off diapers during the days/times listed for each county in our Diocese.

We thank you for your generosity!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/diaper-drive



We have a question for you ...

With the COVID-19 pandemic and reopening guidelines in place, we can't leave the Missalettes in the pews ...

- We can distribute them to families for you to use for the remainder of the year. They will be your copy. If they are left behind in the church, we will have to throw them away.
- You can also subscribe to a publication such as *The Word Among Us*, *Give Us This Day*, or *Magnificat*, for your own personal worship aid.
- We need to place our order for next year's missalettes shortly. Would you be interested in purchasing a family copy or two? They will cost \$5 per copy. (They actually cost more, but the parish will subsidize the difference.) You will need to take them with you after each Mass. If left behind, we will need to dispose of them.

The current missalettes will be made available on the tables as you leave church beginning the weekend of Saturday, July 11th & Sunday, July 12th.



Need help with your ELECTRIC BILLS?

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden has been awarded a grant from Atlantic City Electric Helping Hands and can financially assist those in need of assistance with their electric bills.

Contact Us!

If you use Atlantic City Electric and need help paying your bills, call your local Catholic Charities office:

Atlantic County
609-345-3448

Cape May County
609-886-2662

Camden County
856-342-4193

Cumberland County
856-691-1841

Gloucester County
856-845-9200

Salem County
856-299-1296



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
catholiccharitiescamden.org/electric-bill-assistance



To Order Your Missalettes for the 2020 - 2021 Liturgical Year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

We would like to order _____ copies of the 2020-2021 Missalette.

Each copy is \$5. Please cut out this form and submit in an envelope marked "Missalette." If using a check, please also indicating "Missalette" on your check. They will be made available for distribution a week or so prior to the 1st Sunday of Advent (11/29/2020). We'll let you know when and where you can pick them up. They will be yours and you'll need to bring them with you to Mass and take them with you afterward.

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 ...

We know that there are things in our world that are hurtful to others. Maybe it would be good to think of those things as weeds. Our task as Catholics and Christians is to be like good seed and to do what helps to build up God's Kingdom on earth. Just as the seed has a power within to help it to grow, God's grace is in each of us and can help us to grow and become the people God calls us to be.

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG

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.



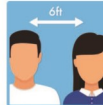
THOSE WHO FEEL IN ANY WAY SICK OR WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT ATTENDING MASS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.



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.



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

Please remove everything you brought with you and any literature you may have picked up while here. ©JPC



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

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.