

July 31, 2022 | 18th 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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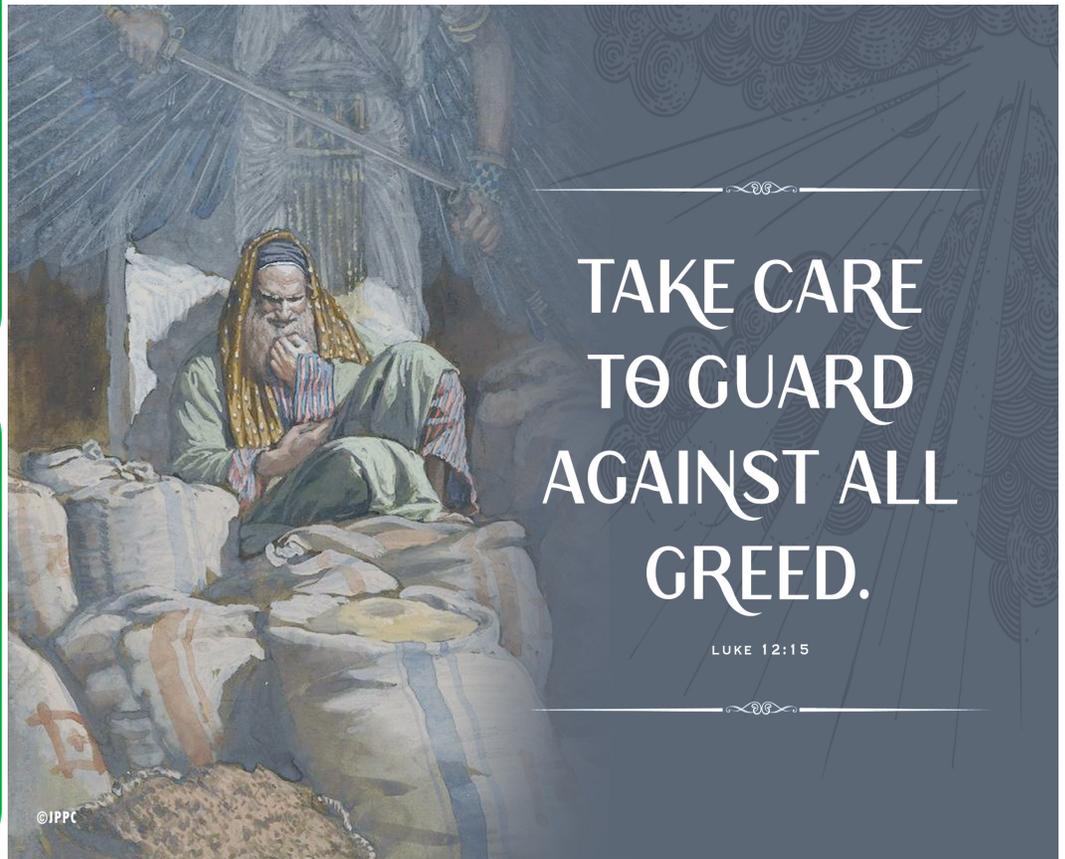
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REGIONAL SCHOOL

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PARISH OFFICE: 49 W North St, Clayton, NJ 08312-1114 **PHONE:** 856-881-9155 **FAX:** 856-881-9166

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p

(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

*Please visit our website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>
or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PSMAinDoC>*



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

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

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



Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Harriet Bajewicz, George Bromwell,
Nicholas & Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak,
Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy
Dutton, Anne Ellena, 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. Thank you!

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 Sanctuary Candle in Nativity Church
Burns in
Loving Support for Our Priests and Deacons*

Requested by Dan and Karen Seniff

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH
PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

4:00p Bernard Kolodziej *by Sisters, Pat Love & Eleanor Kearns*

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Grace Visalli *by Jimmy & Kelly Visalli*

10:00a The People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST
ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00a Helen Bottyansky *by Daughter, Ronnie Vanaman*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND
EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP AND PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST

9:00a Nick Avellins *by Dan & Karen Seniff*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

9:00a John Mitchell *by The Wielgus Family*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH
JOHN MARIE VIANNEY, PRIEST

9:00a John & Mary Polansky *by Grandson, Larry*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH
THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

9:00a No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Thomas Longo *by Joe & Vicki Nichols*

10:00a Elsie McCullough
by Elaine Vidovich & Lainie Mikelionis

STEWARDSHIP JOY

*"Take care to guard against all greed,
for though one may be rich,
one's life does not consist of possessions."
~ Luke 12:15 ~*

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from **Stewardship**, using our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."



Dear Parishioners,

What small child doesn't dream of growing up to be rich so he or she can have everything he or she wants? What adult doesn't dream of having sufficient resources put aside to assure a secure retirement? Dreaming of having enough isn't so bad! Focusing all our energy, relationships, and our whole life only on acquiring possessions or wealth is another story. This weekend's Gospel is going far beyond "*you can't take it with you.*" It pointedly reminds us that wealth isn't everything. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges the crowd to "*guard against all greed.*" The rich man in the parable judges he has stored up enough possessions to guarantee a good life without worries – or so he thinks. Any reliance on wealth and possessions is pure folly – both worldly possessions and this life are fleeting ... temporary. What truly matters is the inheritance that only God can give ... the fullness of eternal life. What "matters to God" is spending our life dispossessing ourselves of anything which hinders us from growing into the fullness of life.

On God's scale of values, the man in the Gospel is foolish because the things of this world are fleeting (see First Reading). The First Reading describes in even greater detail the misfortune which befalls the man in the Gospel parable. According to Qoheleth, laboring for wealth and possessions is not only foolish but results in sorrow, grief, and anxiety. Jesus teaches us that the only things worth acquiring are those that are "*rich in what matters to God.*" Clearly, in things, possessions, there is no lasting profit. There is only lasting profit in that which leads us to "seek what is above" (Second Reading) because we recognize that "Christ is all in all." Thus, what really matters to God is that we learn a new set of priorities. The Readings and the Psalm give us a lot of suggestions: wisdom of heart, kindness, joy, gladness, gracious care, putting to death what is "*earthly, putting on a new self ... living in the image of our Creator, opening ourselves to the Christ [who] is all and in all.*" In these ways, we are invited to shift to priorities to what matters most: growing into the fullness of life.

It is no wonder that we tend to lose ourselves in possessions – this is so much so easier than pursuing only what matters to God! When we make the effort to reorganize our priorities and keep our sight on God, then we gain what the man in the Gospel never achieved – absolute security in the future. This is a future which is not in barns filled with grain and other earthly goods. This is a future in God! This future is eternal life!

Discipleship requires self-emptying. Dying to our own needs and wants and desires and pleasures is what God wants (see Second Reading). When we so die, we come to see things as God sees them. And when that happens, our needs and desires gradually change as our practical, everyday choices begin to square up with "*what matters to God.*"

This is not to say that discipleship means that we must give up all our possessions. That is neither practical nor necessary. There is nothing wrong with possessions in themselves and there is everything wrong with poverty, no matter what its cause. All of us have a right to whatever material things we need to pursue a wholesome life. The problem arises when our concern for our possessions or the drive to have more and more is our highest priority. The issue is valuing things appropriately, and then making choices so that our priorities remain clear and are never compromised. Possessions must take second place to "what matters to God." Emptying ourselves of whatever stands in the way of that value is much more difficult than building bigger barns – but more lasting. Self-emptying leads to eternal glory with God.

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

Fr. Larry



PREP Registration for the 2022-2023 Academic Year is now open [through September 30, 2022](#). Forms are available in the back of both churches, in the Parish Office, and online.

There will be two (2) parent meetings on September 20 and September 27 at 7:00p in Nativity Church, Franklinville. Families need to attend either one (1) of the session to pick-up materials and learn a bit more about this year's program.

Our Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL), Ms. Kathy Slusarz will also be in her office, located in the O'Meara Conference Center in Franklinville, on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00p to allow you to register in-person, to drop off your forms, or for questions.

All those preparing for First Reconciliation, First Penance, and Confirmation, please note: Diocesan protocols require two (2) years of instruction proximate to receiving the Sacrament.

Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel Food Pantry



***"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have;
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind."***
~ Hebrews 13:16 ~

Summer – time for swimming, gardening, vacationing and shopping for the pantry! Yes, the pantry will be open throughout the summer. As always, we appreciate your generous donations of nonperishable food items of all kinds, including **ramen noodles, instant potatoes, pasta, rice, canned chicken, canned meals such as Chef Boyardee, canned tomatoes, cereal, peanut butter and jelly.** Nonfood items such as **soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also welcome. These donations may be left in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or they may be delivered directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings.** 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.**

Many thanks for your ongoing generosity!



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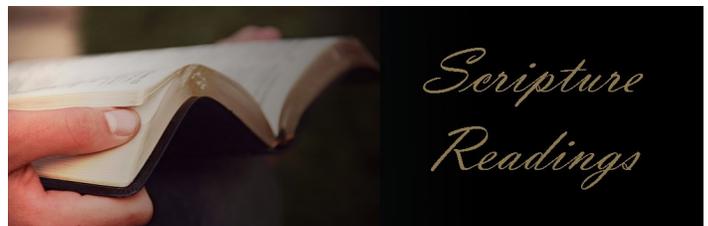
All Centenarians and Nonagenarians!

Our good Lord has blessed many among us with the gift of many years. If you are one of those who has been blessed with 90 years or more, VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services wants to know who you are so that we can recognize you and invite you to a special Mass which will be celebrated for all of our Diocesan Centenarians and Nonagenarians on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Details will be forthcoming. If you or a family member would send us your name, address, phone number, Parish, age, and birthdate, on or before August 19th, we would be most grateful.

Please send your information to:

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
Diocese of Camden
631 Market St
Camden, NJ 08102
Attn: Karen Fisher

or please send your information in an e-mail to karen.fisher@camdendiocese.org.



Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102;
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41;
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Lk 9:28b-36

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22;
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48



*The Parish of
Saint Michael
the Archangel*
welcomes its newest
members

Elijah Alexander Simmons

Arlis John Robert Mlkvy

baptized on Saturday, July 30, 2022
and

Jack Henry LaFalce

baptized on Sunday, July 31, 2022

May they always walk as children of the Light!



**Is Christ calling you to
serve as a Deacon?**

**Do you have questions
about the Diaconate?**

Calling all men age 30-55! The next class is scheduled to begin in 2023. Please contact the Diaconate Office for additional information at 856-583-2858 or please e-mail Linda DeCosta at linda.decostacamdendiocese.org.



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

*Are you thinking of becoming a
Catholic?*

*Do you know of someone who
has been thinking about it?*

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) class at the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel is now forming the 2022-2023 class. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or you haven't received all of your Sacraments ... if you need the Sacrament of Baptism ... or if you were baptized in another Christian tradition ... or if you were baptized Catholic and are in need of the Sacrament(s) of Eucharist and / or Confirmation ... RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for you. Please contact the Parish Office at 856-881-9155 or e-mail PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com. We look forward to helping you on your spiritual journey!

**PRAY FOR
UKRAINE**



July 31, 2022 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Is it me, or does every popular waiting-room magazine feature an article on "how to declutter" in six easy steps? I always read those first, then add them to the unsightly pile of magazines on the end table. The constant, if futile, quest to declutter comes from a deeper place than a desire for a clean house. It feels so liberating to let go of those things that we no longer need. Today's readings challenge us to look not just outward, but inward, at what distracts us from what really matters. Paul exhorts us to "seek what is above," letting go of earthly concerns or habits that get in the way of our relationship with God. By putting on a "new self" through prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we will become "rich in what matters to God."



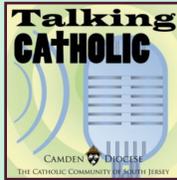
ACTION Take a look around your house and donate items in good condition to a charity in your community. And then ask the organization if they need any help with a summer yard cleanup or simple tasks around the facility - these are easy ways to involve the whole family in serving others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Personal-finance writers often divide people into two camps: Savers or spenders. I'm definitely a saver! I dutifully contribute to my 401K, stash unexpected windfalls into my savings account, and carefully budget. On the rare occasions when I go out to dinner, I struggle with choosing what to order: It's a high-stakes decision! Fiscal responsibility is a good thing, but today's parable challenges me to be just as diligent about investing in my relationship with God, my family, and the people I encounter. We are blessed with so many opportunities to "seek what is above": It may mean spending the first 30 minutes of the day in prayer, reading books or articles that help us grow spiritually, or joining a parish Bible study. Or even taking a friend to dinner and picking up the tab! In doing so, we are investing in this life - and the next.

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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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION WITH BISHOP SULLIVAN

All are welcome to **Notre Dame de la Mer Parish (Saint Ann Church)** in Wildwood on Sunday, **August 14th**, as Bishop Dennis Sullivan celebrates the Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by the Procession down to the beach and the Wedding of the Sea ceremony.

Music preludes by the Parish's Music Ministry and orchestra will begin at 4p, with the Mass beginning at 4:30p.

Immediately following the Mass, all are invited to join the procession of Mary and her Mysteries of the Rosary through the streets of Wildwood and down to the ocean for the Wedding of the Sea.

Bishop Sullivan will celebrate **Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** at 12:00 noon on **August 15th** at the Parish of Saint Monica (Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Church) followed by a procession to the beach for the Blessing of the Sea. All are welcome!

WEDDING OF THE SEA



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