



September 25, 2022 | 26th 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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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 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>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

4:00p Lillian Bowers by Karen Kozachyn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a The People of the Parish

10:00a Brian W. Powers by The Wielgus Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH – COSMAS & DAMIAN9:00a **No Parish Intention – No Public Mass**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH – VINCENT DE PAUL9:00a **No Parish Intention – No Public Mass**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH – WENCESLAUS AND LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMP9:00a **No Parish Intention – No Public Mass**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH – MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS9:00a **No Parish Intention – No Public Mass**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH – JEROME9:00a **No Parish Mass**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST – TERESE OF LISIEUX

4:00p Joseph Loiseau, Jr. by Fran Carder

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Virginia Hoffman by Rocky & Susan Costa

10:00a 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.

STEWARDS BRIDGE THE GAP

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established ..."
~ Luke 16:25-26 ~

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we as **Stewards** must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



**THE FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS
MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAFAEL
CELEBRATING OUR PARISH
FEAST DAY**

A Parish patron's or title's feast day and the Parish church's anniversary of dedication are celebrated as solemnities in the parish. The anniversary of the church's dedication and the solemnity of the patron or title of a church **may be transferred to all Masses of a Sunday if: the Sunday is in Ordinary Time.**

So, while our Parish patron, Saint Michael the Archangel, is celebrated on Thursday, September 29th, we as a Parish can celebrate and will celebrate our patron **the weekend of October 1st and 2nd.**

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

PRAY for the SICK

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, Don & 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!

Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

Before speaking of the “great chasm” that divides the saved from the punished after death, this weekend’s Gospel hints at two other chasms. There is a “great chasm” between the rich man who wears fine clothes and eats “sumptuously each day” and the poor man, Lazarus, whose body is covered not with rich clothes but festering sores and who longs to eat “the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table.” The other “great chasm” is between sinners and those who are righteous. Lazarus is a supporting character in this weekend’s Gospel who reveals the rich man’s sinfulness.

The rich man in the Gospel can neither see nor hear. He does not see Lazarus in need at his door. He does not listen to Moses and the prophets who guide him in right ways. The rich man is not in *“the netherworld, where he was in torment”* simply because of the good he received during his lifetime, but because his self-contained, self-satisfied lifestyle was not faithful to the teaching and practice of the Mosaic covenant. This is the rich man’s sinfulness. He was so wrapped up in himself and his riches that he failed to pay attention to just relationships among those who are bound together in covenant with God.

We who live today have even a further revelation beyond Moses and the prophets ... we are to hear and to put into practice the truth of the Gospel affirmed by Jesus who rose from the dead. By so doing, we choose now on which side of the chasm we will be on in the next life. The chasm which separated the rich man and Lazarus after death is already present while they are living. This chasm – much more than the breach between rich and poor – is a gulf of uncaring. During his earthly life, the rich man could have chosen to act differently and close the chasm. This weekend’s Gospel is a call to us ... NOW is the time to act. Once we enter the next life, the chasm and the results of our choices, will remain forever.

The Gospel uses the metaphor “great chasm” and paints a clear picture of what happens on each side ... rich / poor ... dined sumptuously / ate scraps ... netherworld / bosom of Abraham ... received good / received bad ... torment / comforted ... place of torment / rise from the dead. Although the wealth and comfort of this life are attractive, in the face of eternity they are too fleeting to choose. What really counts is living faithfully now so we are on the right side of the chasm in eternity!

Although the “great chasm” metaphor in the Gospel leads us to compare the two possibilities of the afterlife (heaven or hell), the metaphor also applies to this life and how we are living today, for how we are living now is how we will be living for all eternity. The present moment is amplified in eternity. Ultimately, how we live both now and in eternity is our choice. God makes good (or bad) on our choice! What guides us in this choice is the Gospel. Jesus made with us a new covenant, the heart of which is love of God and of each other.

The problem is not that we do not know how to live our lives. The problem is, we tend to talk about the poor and those in need of our care globally and in abstract terms. In this weekend’s Gospel, the poor and needy one is presented as an individual with a name, lying on a nearby doorstep. Besides Moses and the prophets, we also have Jesus to teach us. We, too, only need to listen. Jesus teaches us how to see those in need around us and to reach out in concern.

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

Fr. Larry



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 ~

As we look forward to the cooler days of autumn, please remember that our parish food pantry is in need of your continued generous donations of nonperishable food items. 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 11:30 on Wednesday mornings**. Suggested items include such things as **pasta, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, canned chicken, rice, instant potatoes, cereal, pudding, crackers, peanut butter and jelly**. Nonfood items such as **soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also appreciated. No time for shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome.

***Thank you for your continued support
and generosity!***



2022 Knights of Columbus Annual Youth Soccer Challenge Competition

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate. The local competition will be held Saturday, October 1st at 1:00p at the Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School soccer fields in Clayton, NJ.

Please register for this event by contacting Marc Mignano at agahigs1@msn.com with the subject line KOCSC.

Please include your child's name, grade, age, your Parish, and your name.

In the event of inclement weather, a rain date is set for October 8th at 1:00p.

Proof of age (copy of birth certificate) is required at the time of the competition.



***Are you thinking of
becoming a Catholic?***

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



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) class at the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel is now forming for 2022-2023. 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!



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 a parent meeting on September 27 at 7:00p in Nativity Church, Franklinville. Families who did not attend September 20, need to attend 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.



September 25, 2022 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7 | 1 Tm 6:11-16 | Lk 16:19-31

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE**GROW AS A DISCIPLE**

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Don't let the purple garments and fine linen throw you. We who are fortunate enough to not have to think about our daily needs being met don't have to be dressed in fancy clothing. But it would not hurt to reflect for a moment on the unsettling parable of Lazarus and the rich man. Why? As Amos reminds us in the first reading, complacency isn't an option. Perhaps one of the simplest elements of this teaching of Jesus is the fact that the name Lazarus comes from the Hebrew name Eleazar, which means "God is my helper," or "God will help." Lazarus had no one on earth to help him and so he trusted in God completely. Although this may not be easy for us to do, it is what God asks of us. This coming week, seek to know the Lord better through studying his word and seeking him in prayer more often. Allow him to walk beside you.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Who is "Lazarus" today? He could be the homeless person who smells of cigarettes and hasn't bathed in a while, or the mentally ill woman who shouts at us as we walk by. Today's readings challenge us to move out of complacency and judgment and, instead, see the poor as human beings deserving of dignity and care. Unlike the rich man in today's parable, we still have time to reorder our priorities and find ways to close the "chasm" between rich and poor. As Pope Francis said during the Mass for the World Day of the Poor in 2021, indifference is not an option. The Church "asks us not to turn aside, not to be afraid to take a close look at the suffering of those most vulnerable." Then, act. Today's psalm tells us all we need to know: "Blessed he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry."



ACT If you encounter someone in need on the street, consider giving away socks, a gift card to an area restaurant, or simply offer a nod and a smile. Then perhaps seek volunteer opportunities near you.

WHY THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS REAL.

OCT
4
7:00 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Father Mark Matthias

Presented in English

Saint Peter's Church

43 W Maple Ave
Merchantville, NJ 08109



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For more info, please visit:

<https://eucharisticrevivalsouthjersey.org/event/why-the-real-presence-of-christ-in-the-holy-eucharist-is-real-english/>



DIocese of CAMDEN
Office of the Diaconate

**INFORMATION MEETING**

You are cordially invited to
attend an information
meeting.



Do You Have the Gifts
To Serve Christ as a Deacon?

† Do you see in yourself the gifts needed
for helping others?

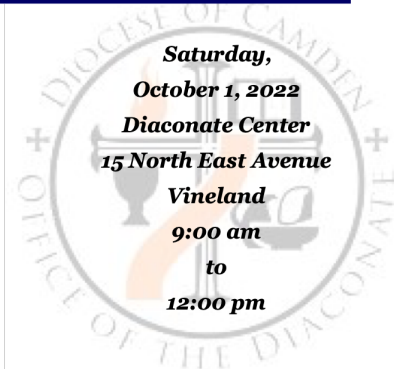
† Are you drawn to pray and listen to
the Word of God?

† Do you participate actively in Church
ministry?

If you can answer
these questions with a confident

YES!

perhaps you should learn more about the
deacon's ministry in the Catholic Church.



**Saturday,
October 1, 2022
Diaconate Center
15 North East Avenue
Vineland
9:00 am
to
12:00 pm**

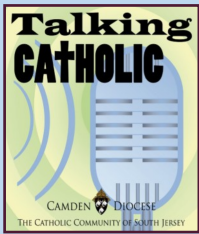
"The vocation of the permanent deacon is a great gift of God to the Church"
Pope Saint John Paul II

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:
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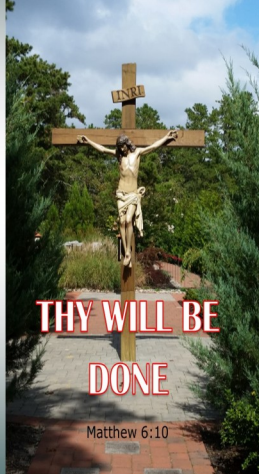
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CAMDEN DIOCESE CATHOLIC RENEWAL



Save the Date October 8, 2022

Join Us For This Full 1 Day Event
9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Speakers: Fr. Rene Canales, Fr. Franklin Opara and Fr. Damian Anumba
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Healing Service, Rosary, Mass, Eucharistic Procession & Benediction.
Music by Tommy Doyle.
Confession and Adoration during the day.

Location: Saint John Paul II Regional School
55 Warwick Road, Stratford, NJ 08084

TICKETS: PRE-REGISTRATION - \$40.00
WALK IN TICKETS AT THE DOOR - \$50.00

www.CamdenDioceseCatholicRenewal.org
(609) 652-7729

DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Join the Bishop for:

CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC
PROCESSION OF PARISHES
THE HOLY ROSARY
SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
HOLY MASS IN THE
GREAT UPPER CHURCH



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NOV 12
SATURDAY

DOORS OPEN - 7:30 AM
CONFERENCE ENDS - 3:15 PM

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