



January 8, 2023 | The Epiphany of the Lord

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
First Fridays: 9a at Saint Catherine
First Saturdays: 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

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or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PSMAinDoC>**



SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH – RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT

9:00a (SCS) Jerome & Magdalene Blickley
 4:00p Nancy Kerr by Michael & Terri Burns

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00a The People of the Parish
 10:00a John Wesley Joseph Lewis by the Lewis Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00a Rev. Anthony Catauldo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH

9:00a Bereavement Mass
 – Carmela P. Hyde

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

9:00a Mary Burns by Michael & Terri Burns

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH

9:00a Deacon Adam Crowe

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH – HILARY

~ No Parish Mass ~

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH

4:00p Thomas & Elizabeth Lubatty by John & Anna Contrevo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Janine Hee by The Fallon Family
 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 \$15. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

*The Sanctuary Candle in Nativity Church
 burns this week in Memory of*

Robert Carder, Jr.

Requested by His Loving Family

*The Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena Church
 burns this week for the Intentions of*

Rev. Lawrence E. Polansky



STEWARDSHIP GIVERS

*"Then they opened their treasures
 and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
 ~ Matthew 2:11 ~*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we as Christian **Stewards** are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Harriet Bajewicz, George Bromwell, Brian Checkley, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena, Mimi Hall, 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!

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,
 & Kurt Reinhold, US Navy

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

Dear Parishioners,

I remember growing up and having the Epiphany, come around. There are many good memories. In the Byzantine-Ruthenian Church, the church / Rite I grew up in, today is a major feast day. In the tradition of this day, lots of water is blessed and our Pastor would begin his annual visits to every home in the Parish, blessing each one with some of that Holy Water. We would anticipate his arrival in our home in Marlton sometime around January 13th. We would sometimes call today *“Little Christmas”* because today is the day the Orthodox celebrate Christmas ... many traditions still do. And if you’re counting ... according to the song, we are just a couple of days beyond January 6th, the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Over the past few years, people have calculated what the 12 gifts would cost ... and it has gotten more and more expensive ... *or should I say lavish?* ... because many of those gifts are pretty extravagant.

Today gives us reason to pause and to think about how awesome and generous God truly is. Today we consider God’s generosity in offering us His Divine Presence. Think about it ... twelve days ago, we received a gift so lavish, that our response should be just as lavish ... maybe on the order of the gifts of the Wise Men ... the Magi ... gifts of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. We all know that God has given each one of us many great treasures ... however, today we ponder two which are also profound mysteries of our faith ... the gift of the only begotten Son as the Divine Presence that dwells among us ... God Incarnate. The other gift is that each one of us are *“members of the same body”* ... as we hear today from the letter of the Ephesians. The awesome part of that is that by doing so, God gave us the power to manifest the Divine Presence for others. That’s why our response can be and should be no less lavish ... that response should be the total gift of ourselves as we make the story real in our relationships with others. We make God present for those around us by how we act ... by what we say ... and by what we do.

At our Baptism, each one of us became *“coheirs”* and *“copartners”* in Christ. We were given an awesome gift and responsibility ... we are copartners in Jesus’ saving ministry. Clearly, seeing the revelation of Christ among us requires of us a unique kind of seeing. We do not “look at” the light ... we become the Light. We do not simply “see” the glory of the Divine Presence ... we become the glory of that Divine Presence. The challenge each of us possesses is to live our lives each day so that all of our actions and decisions reflect the goodness of the revelation that has been given to us. Bottom line: we must consistently cooperate with God’s revelation of Divine Presence ... and as a result, *“WWJD”* or *“What Would Jesus Do?”* takes on a whole new level of meaning.

May Saint Michael the Archangel continue to bless, guide, and protect us in the New Year and always!

~ Fr. Larry



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Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

It’s easy to stay inside and cozy up on the couch these winter months. Having just gotten through the winter solstice, many of us crave light and warmth. The language of Isaiah may resonate with us even more deeply this time of year: “See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.” In today’s Gospel, in the dark of night, the Magi follow a bright star to pay homage to Jesus, whom they recognize as the newborn king of the Jews. On the Epiphany, which means “manifestation,” we celebrate this moment when Christ’s light shone forth to the world. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote in *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*: “The key point is this: The wise men from the east are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ.”



PRAY “Dear Jesus, as you led the Wise Men to you by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to you by the light of faith. Help us to desire you as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from you. May we, like them, have something to give you when we appear before you. Amen.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like the Wise Men who traveled a long distance to pay homage to the Christ Child, each of us journeys every day toward a fuller life in Christ. Just as the Magi followed the light to discover Christ, so does the light of Christ serve as our constant beacon, reorienting us toward God and his holy path. After worshiping the Christ Child at Christmas, let us move forward and pay homage to the Savior through our words and actions. Although Epiphany signifies the official “end” of the Christmas season, it is fitting that it falls at the beginning of a new calendar year because it allows us to reexamine, among our traditional “New Year’s resolutions,” how we live our lives in the light of Christ. “The wise men from the east are a new beginning,” the pope said. May their journey and experience inspire us to “begin anew” however we must, and offer Jesus our gifts of love and devotion, considering how his light may shine through us to others.



Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9;
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34




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 ~

As we look forward to another new year, we would like to thank everyone from our parish and local community who so generously supported our parish food pantry throughout this past year. As individuals, we may not feel we can make much of a difference in this world. However, the items you donated may have been the very items that let an individual right here in our community realize that someone cares.

Currently, the pantry is especially in need of **ramen noodles, pasta, instant potatoes, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly**. Of course, any nonperishable food item of your choice is always welcome.

Your nonperishable food 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.**

Once again, thank you for your continued generosity and may this be a happy and healthy New Year for everyone!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2023 Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on January 14, 2023 at Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School Gymnasium, 51 W North Street, Clayton, from 10a to 1p.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through the local, district, and jurisdictional competitions International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters in New Haven, CT, based on scores from the jurisdiction-level competitions.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact:

Joe Williams Grand Knight
Email: jwilliams5150@comcast.net

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Parish Hall
2001 Springdale Rd
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Join us as we celebrate a Mass for the
Sanctity of Life
Monday, January 23, 2023
12:15pm



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Dear Parishioner:

Father Lawrence E. Polansky will be completing his six-year term as Pastor of the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel, Clayton / Franklinville. It is the practice of the Diocese of Camden to conduct an evaluation of the Pastor before the Priest Personnel Board makes a recommendation to Bishop Sullivan for possibly renewing the Pastor's term for an additional six years.

The results of the evaluation will be shared with your Pastor by the local Dean and a member of the Priest Personnel Board, so that he can hear about the fruits of his labors and / or to see areas where growth is needed.

We invite all members of the Parish community to participate in this evaluation in a spirit of prayer, asking you to be honest and charitable. All surveys **must be completed by January 28, 2023**, which is three weeks after first appearing in your Parish bulletin. To complete the evaluation, please go to the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FrPolansky>

Thank you for your willingness to participate in this important ministry.

Sincerely,

Reverend Nicholas Dudo

Vicar for Clergy

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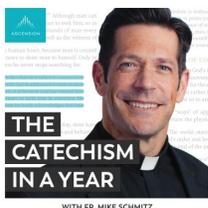
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For more information, or to register, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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 Feb. 10, 2023

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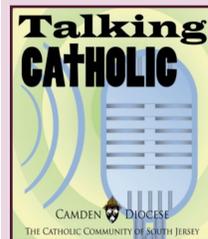
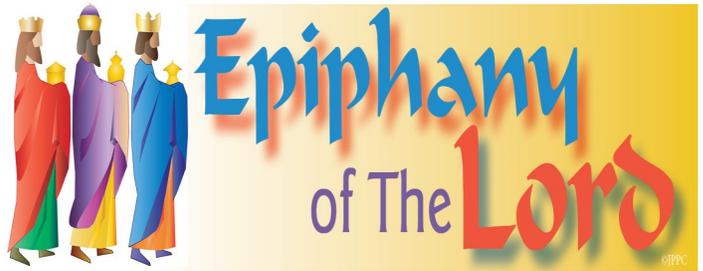
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Be More Prepared

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Please visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) and a member of our staff will gladly assist you.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."
 ~ Jeremiah 29:11 ~



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