



February 23, 2020 | 7th 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: 7p at Saint Catherine
Friday: 9a at Saint Catherine

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine
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

Thursday immediately following
the 7p Mass at Saint Catherine

Saturday 3-3:30p at Nativity
or by appointment.

Please call the Parish Office.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday – 8a - 4:30p; Thursday & Friday – *By Appointment*

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY: *Please contact the Parish Office.*

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome!* Please stop by the Parish Office, take a look at our website, or call to register

Please visit our website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

4:00p William Hanna by Maryellen & Don Healy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD 7TH SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a James McCann by His Wife & Children
10:45a The People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00a Julia M. Russell by John & Kathy Rebar

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

9:00a Curt Matias by Dan & Karen Seniff

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00a (N) – No Intention
12:00p (N) – Service with Ashes Only
4:00p (SCS) – Service with Ashes Only
7:00p (N) – No Intention

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

7:00p Holy Souls in Purgatory by Nancy Wright

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

9:00a Sam & Ethel Wright by The Wright Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

4:00p People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a Michael & Sophie Lachowicz
by The Lachowicz Family
10:45a Anne Marie Polansky by Joan & Wil Carmona



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, LS2 Alex Hirst, 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, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
 Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein,
 Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman,
 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

Lenten Reflection Prayer

STEWARDS PRAY

*“But I say to you, love your enemies
 and pray for those who persecute you...”
 ~ Mt 5:44 ~*

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of **Stewardship** is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy”. When we pray for others, even “our enemies”, maybe it softens their hearts as well.

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 Candles
 in Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena
 burn this week in Loving Memory of*

Lukie Biehler

Requested by His Family

**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)

Saint Mother Teresa once said, “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” You can make a difference in someone’s life right here in our local community by donating any nonperishable food item of your choice to our pantry.

Suggested items include, but are definitely not limited to, **pasta sauce, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, oatmeal, pancake mix, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly.**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!



Your support of the 2020 *House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal* ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the healing, teaching and redemptive Presence of Jesus Christ throughout Southern New Jersey. It allows us to help our neighbors.

Your gift matters to your neighbor.

“Who is my Neighbor?”

Support the 2020 **House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal**
www.camdendiocese.org/hoc



Stewardship in Action

Weekend of 02/15 & 02/16

Ordinary Income
\$3,767.00

Online Giving 02/15 & 02/16

\$295.00

**Thank you for your continued generosity
to our Parish!**

Something to consider ...

“An eye for an eye” may sound like a barbaric form of justice, but it was ahead of its time (Mt 5:38). While most ancient cultures had laws that favored the wealthy, Hebrew law limited the punishment to “a tooth for a tooth” (and no more), regardless of one’s social status. Jesus took this concept one step further. Rather than limiting retaliation, He wanted to eliminate it all together. Jesus’ priority is reconciliation, not retaliation. Is that something you can do?

iRace4Vocations
Everyone has one... Which is your road?



**The In’s & Out’s of
Missionary Discipleship**

**Join us for a day of prayer,
worship and conversation!**



Sunday, March 15th 2020
12:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Mass at 6:00 pm with Bishop Sullivan)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Agnes Church;
701 Little Gloucester Rd.
Blackwood NJ 08012

House Band: Forgotten Truth Ministry

The cost is \$25 per person or group rate of \$85 for four people. Please contact your parish youth minister or DRE for registrations. For more information please call Martha A. Scutte at 856-583-2909.



Keynote/presenter:
Jimmy Spilker



“Filled with the love of Christ, young people are called to be witnesses of the Gospel wherever they find themselves, by the way they live. Saint Alberto Hurtado once said that “being an apostle does not mean wearing a lapel pin; it is not about speaking about the truth but living it, embodying it, being transformed in Christ.” – Pope Francis Christus Vivit 175

Dear Parishioners,

In the first part of 2019, I was quite taken aback after allowing several viewings to occur in both Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Clayton and Nativity Church in Franklinville. During one of these viewings, the family brought coolers of food, soda, and other beverages into the main body of the church. During another, all kinds of beverages were brought in and individuals were allowed to play cards in the Chapel / cry area while the rest of the family was in the main part of the church. I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't witnessed it myself. Perhaps those sorts of behaviors are permitted in a Funeral Home, but in a church? Jesus Christ is present in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle in the Sanctuary of the church and granted, people might not be able to see that with the casket open in the front of the altar, but our Lord is present, nonetheless. After several of those viewings, I personally also had to spend 1-2 hours cleaning up all of the stuff that was left behind. In my opinion, these behaviors were unacceptable for inside a church building.

As a result, in July 2019, I stopped allowing viewings in church. Since then, I have received a lot of push-back from families who have wanted to have viewings for their loved ones in church. There has been a lot of anger and a lot of comments have been made asking why I'm punishing everyone for the simple reason that a few did not know how to behave in church.

I have prayed long and hard about this issue. And so, effective March 1, 2020, I will once again allow viewings / visitations prior to a Funeral Mass in the churches of the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel. With that being said, I am also asking the assistance of the families who wish to use either church for a Viewing prior to a Funeral Mass for the following:

- For families wishing to have a Viewing / Visitation in church and while having the Viewing / Visitation in church, please be mindful of the need for reverence and respect inside the church building and for the Church and the Catholic faith. The Blessed Sacrament, our Lord Jesus Christ, is reserved in the Tabernacle as evidenced by the red Presence Candle.
- Cell phone use in church should be kept to a minimum. All cell phones should be on silent or vibrate in the main body of the church. Any business on a cell phone should be conducted in the Gathering Space or outside.
- The only beverage permitted in the main body of the church is water for the family. No coffee, soda, or other beverages are permitted. Please do not bring coffee cups or other beverages into the main body of the church.
- No food is permitted in the main body of the church.
- The Chapel / cry area will be locked and unavailable for the duration of the viewing.
- If music is to be played during the viewing, please select instrumental pieces that are appropriate for inside church. Secular songs are not permitted in Church celebrations and should be reserved to the reception that follows the Funeral / Committal.
- With regard to cremains, a visitation in church or a Funeral Mass cannot be scheduled at the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel without specification that the arrangements for a proper Christian burial have been made. This includes Viewings and Funeral Masses where the deceased is to be cremated after the Mass has concluded.

I think you will agree that having a Viewing / Visitation (also known as a "Vigil" or a "Vigil Service") in a Funeral Home is not the same as having one in church. I think in today's society, many individuals have lost sight of that. It also seems that quite often, viewings have become a social outlet where people who have not seen one another in years have the opportunity to catch up. However, family and friends of the deceased, when paying their respects in a church, need to be reminded and need to remember they are in church. Perhaps, if the family anticipates a lot of "catching up" between friends and relatives of the deceased, it would be better to suggest the Viewing / Visitation occur in the Funeral Home. As a Vigil, it should be celebrated in the evening, the evening before the Funeral Mass. The Vigil is the proper time to share stories about the deceased, and therefore, it is also the appropriate time to offer a eulogy or words of remembrance. The Vigil is likewise the proper place for families to display pictures or those things that symbolize the life of the deceased.

The website (www.psmaj.com) has been updated with a complete set of Funeral Guidelines. (Click on the "How Do I?" question at the end of menu bar, then select "Arrange for a Funeral.") I ask you to take few moments to read them. My deepest apologies for the families affected by this policy. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Fr. Larry



UPCOMING HOLY HOURS IN THE DIOCESE

Wednesday, March 4

Deanery #1
7:00-8:00p
Saint Joseph the Worker Parish
Haddon Township

Thursday, March 5

Deanery #5
7:00-8:00p
Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Marmora

Saturday, March 7

Deanery #2
3:00-4:00p
Christ the Redeemer Parish
Atco

Wednesday, March 25

Deanery #4
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Absecon



- ◆ **Sunday, February 23rd** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Sunday, February 23rd** – *Adult Faith Formation* will meet from 9-10:15a in the Rectory Conference Room (Ramp door, garage-side of building), Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, February 23rd** – *PREP* will meet in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, Clayton from 9-10:15a.
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 26th** – *Ash Wednesday* – please see our schedules for services.
- ◆ **Thursday, February 27th** – *Confession* will be held immediately following the 7p Mass in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Friday, February 26th** – *Stations of the Cross with Benediction* at 7p in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Saturday, February 29th** – *Confession* will be held from 3-3:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.



JERRY BLAVAT "THE GEATOR WITH THE HEATER" OLDIES SPRING FLING DANCE PARTY

Saturday, March 28, 2020 ~ 7-11p

Saint Padre Pio
Our Lady of Pompeii Rosary Hall
4680 Dante Ave, Vineland

Admission \$40pp includes buffet, salad, beer, coffee, & dessert (BYOB)
Doors open 6:30p / Food served 7p
Donation of desserts appreciated.

For tickets or more info, please call Janice at 856-305-4177, or mail check to Saint Padre Pio Parish, 4680 Dante Ave, Vineland 08361, Attention: Janice. Tickets will be mailed to you.



Spirituality of Knitting & Needle-Crafting Retreat March 27-29

Come and explore how the work of your hands is also the work of our Creator's hands! Through shared prayer services, presentations, daily Mass, and plenty of time to craft in community, we will explore the Spirituality of Knitting. All who knit, crochet, or needle-craft with some experience are welcome!

Cost: \$140 per person (includes program, lodging, & meals)
Sign-Up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or **please call** 609-884-3829 for more information.

Loving our enemies is perhaps the hardest of Jesus' teachings. The opposite of love is not hate. Instead, it is indifference. Think about the poor, the immigrant, the ex-offender, the recovering addict, the prostitute, the disenfranchised, and others. Are we aware of their needs and problems? Do we cast them off as problems that we don't want to deal with? Reflect on how our ignorance and indifference to others is an enemy that must be reconciled.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/2020 through 12/31/2020), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **SUNDAY, JUNE 14th, AT 3P.** at Mass in Mantua at Church of the Incarnation. Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available at all Parish Offices. Registration deadline is **May 6, 2020**. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Lent



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26th

Mass with Distribution of Ashes – 9a (Nativity)
 Service with Distribution of Ashes – 12 noon (Nativity)
 Service with Distribution of Ashes – 4p (Saint Catherine of Siena)
 Mass with Distribution of Ashes – 7p (Nativity)

Confession Opportunities*

Thursdays – Saint Catherine of Siena

February 26th, March 5th, 12th, & 19th
 immediately following the 7p Mass
 March 26th & April 2nd
 immediately following the 7p Mass until 8:30p (if necessary)

Saturdays – Nativity

February 29th, March 7th, 14th, & 21st
 3-3:30p
 March 28th & April 4th
 2:30-3:30p

No Confession on Holy Saturday, April 11th

**(or by appointment)*

Stations of the Cross with Benediction at 7p

February 28th – Saint Catherine of Siena
 March 6th – Nativity
 March 13th – Saint Catherine of Siena
 March 20th – Nativity
 March 27th – Saint Catherine of Siena
 April 3rd – Nativity



Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;
 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a,
 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,
 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6;
 Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;
 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,
 17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11



- The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those who are between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
- On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of Abstinence
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially” or as a whole is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year outside of Lent are designated as days of Penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as Penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent (March 1, 2020) to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (June 7, 2020).

Join the Seventh Annual
 DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
 FAITHFULL FOOD DRIVE

Sunday
**MARCH
 22**

*In Southern New Jersey...
 1 in 6 people are food insecure (1 in 5 are children)
 20,000 seniors must choose between food and medications
 Help us combat hunger!*

WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING



Canned Fruits & Vegetables	Canned Tuna Fish
Canned Vegetable Juice	Canned Chicken
Canned Tomato Products	Canned Beans
Canned Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Chili
Cooking Oils	Peanut Butter
Applesauce	Nuts
Canned Fruit Juice	Dried Oats
Jelly	Cereals
Canned Soup/Stews/Chili	Dry Rice
Dried Herbs & Spices	

**** NON EXPIRED FOOD ONLY ****
 Aim for 'no salt added,' 'low-sodium,' and
 'whole grain' options!

**FOOD DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 IN OUR DIOCESE ON MARCH 22! TO LEARN MORE, VISIT:
CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL**