



August 28, 2022 | 22nd 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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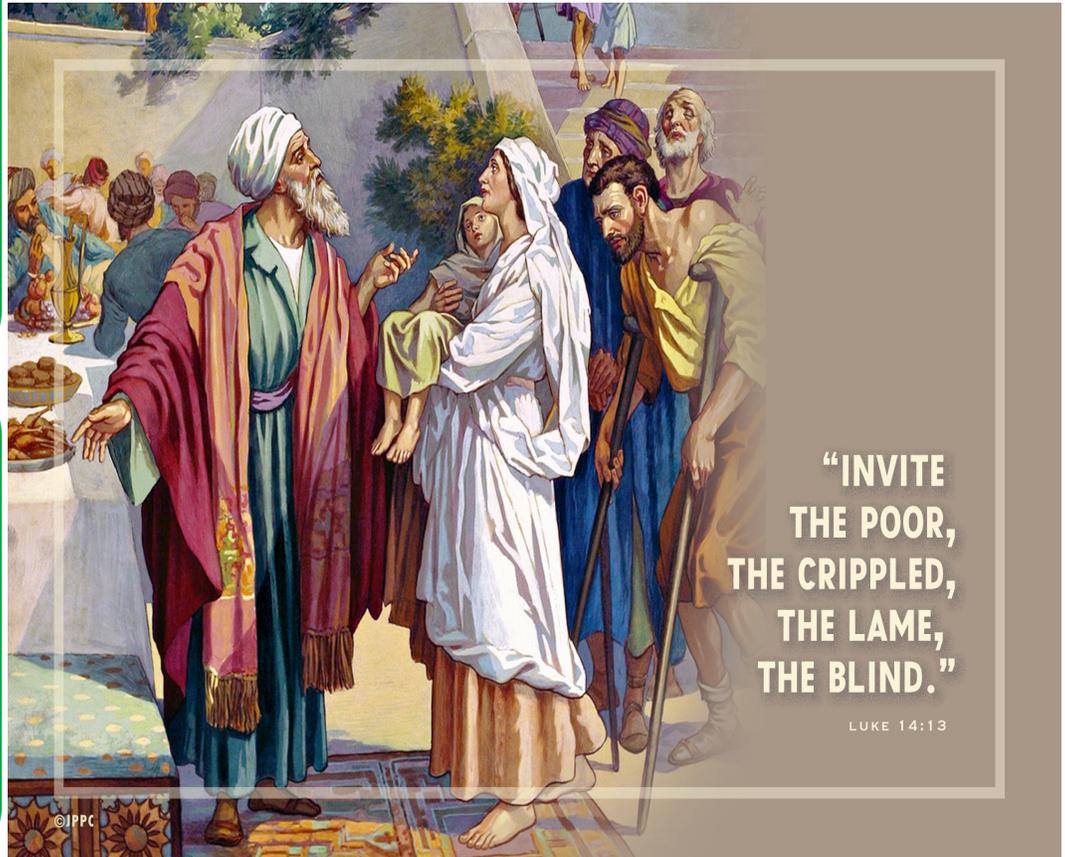
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**“INVITE
THE POOR,
THE CRIPPLED,
THE LAME,
THE BLIND.”**

LUKE 14:13

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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>**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH
MONICA

4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Nicholas Granato by Bob & Dona Sandelier

10:00a Joseph P. Gianfortune
by The Faculty & Staff of Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School

MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH
THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

9:00a Joe Costa by Rocky & Susan Costa

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

9:00a The Health & Well Being of Jim Cesanek
by Dan & Karen Seniff

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST

9:00a Janusz Wozniak by Pawel & Kathy Walczak

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

9:00a The Health & Well Being of Candy Coulbourn
by Rocky & Susan Costa

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

9:00a No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

4:00p Esther Berdini by Joe & Vicki Nichols

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a The People of the Parish

10:00a John C. Woodell, Jr. by The Tanner Family



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 for the Health and Welfare of*

Robert Ploucher

Requested by Dan and Karen Seniff

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!*

STEWARDSHIP GIVING

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;
blessed indeed will you be
because of their inability to repay you."
~ Luke 14:13-14 ~*

One of the main principles of living a **Stewardship** lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.



Dear Parishioners,

At formal dinners such as wedding receptions, seats of honor are assigned and a place at the table is limited only to invited guests. How disrespectful someone would be to dare breach this protocol and come to a wedding banquet uninvited or take a seat assigned to someone else! Certain occasions require certain protocols. And protocols are for the benefit of right relationships. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus challenges both the guests and the host at a dinner. But in this circumstance, the issue isn't one of protocol. Much more is at stake.

Jesus calls the guests to let go of seeking places of honor and to choose seats that lead to being called "*to a higher position.*" Jesus calls the host to invite as his guests those who have themselves to give in return, for which he will be repaid at the "*resurrection of the righteous.*" Ultimately this Gospel is about relationships. Relationships among ourselves that build upon true humility and unreciprocated generosity deepen our relationship with the Divine Host who desires our presence at the everlasting wedding Banquet where we will be the honored guests. Jesus in this weekend's Gospel brings us to a longer vision – not to be concerned with our immediate honor or satisfaction, but to put first what has eternal value.

While at table, Jesus' eye is on the "wedding banquet" in God's kingdom where human expectations are reversed ... the humble are exalted and the exalted are humbled. At that same heavenly Table, service to those who cannot repay ("*the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind*") is repaid by God in "*the resurrection of the righteous.*" Acts of earthly humility and generosity are met with heavenly exaltation and God's generosity. Humility is, in part, knowing one's strengths and weaknesses (see the First Reading) and one's place (Gospel). But it is more. Humility is the virtue by which we acknowledge our status before God: we are "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" who come to God's table because of God's invitation and generosity.

Thus Jesus' remarks in this Gospel remind us about our truest identity in relation to God. As deeply humble people, we come to God empty and open ourselves to God's filling us with what is lasting. This reward – everlasting life at God's messianic Banquet – is ours if we but treat others as God treats us – we ourselves must bestow dignity and generosity on others. It is God who exalts us, not our own choosing or actions. It is God who repays us with the most unimaginable gift of all – everlasting life. Humility helps us shift our limited vision and relationship to an enduring perspective which keeps our focus on God.

Jesus is calling the disciples back to the authentic Jewish tradition of caring for the "widow, orphan, and sojourner" (see, for example, Exodus 22:21 and Zechariah 7:10). These three groups in Israelite society were symbolic of those who were in a position of needing others to look after their well-being. Israel's care for them reflected God's care for Israel. Jesus is calling us to authentic relationship with God by caring for those who cannot care for themselves. The surprise: total self-giving to the lowly and needy means reward in heaven – eternal glory with God!

The lowly are those who need food, clothing, and shelter. Our cities are full of these kinds of dispossessed people. The lowly are also the children in our midst ... the physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually challenged ... the elderly. We do not need to look very far to put Jesus' teaching this week into practice!

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Prison Ministry's
UNDERWEAR & SOCK DRIVE



Catholic Charities' Prison Ministry is collecting items for inmates in the Camden Diocese who are in need of clothing. Some correctional facilities only supply jumpsuits, and many inmates have no means to buy clothing to wear under the jumpsuits.

The following is greatly needed in all sizes (new and unused only):

- MALES:** white tee-shirts and white boxers
- FEMALES:** white sports bras and white cotton briefs
- MALES & FEMALES:** white crew socks

DROP OFF/MAILING ADDRESS:

Catholic Charities' Camden office
1845 Haddon Avenue,
Camden NJ, 08103
Anytime Monday - Friday
between 8:30 AM & 4:00 PM.

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Sister Mary Cronin,
Prison Ministry Coordinator
Mary.Cronin@CamdenDiocese.org
856-342-4106

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40



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!



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!





August 28, 2022 | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a | Lk 14:1, 7-14

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Pope St. John XXIII, one of the most influential figures of the 20th century, had a wonderful sense of humor. In stories recalled by Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM, Good Pope John would say, “God knew from all eternity I was going to be pope. Couldn’t God have made me more handsome?” He also had a deep devotion to St. Joseph. In his writings, he talks about the humble and overlooked role that Joseph played in the life of Christ. He promoted an increased devotion to the humble, loyal saint who stayed quietly in the background and provided a home for Christ and his mother. St. Joseph is a model for the humility that our readings speak of today. Being humble doesn’t mean being embarrassed or ashamed of the talents and abilities we have. It means acknowledging that these are gifts from God. God does not give us these gifts so we can place ourselves above others, as Jesus observed people doing at the home of the Pharisee. They are to be used to glorify God. By being humble, we “will be loved more than a giver of gifts ... and find favor with God.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

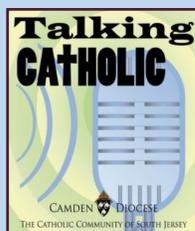
I always remember what I was told in a volunteer training when preparing to serve hospice patients and their families: sit at eye level or lower when meeting with the patient or their family members. Being “at the same level” not only “lifted up” the patient but also brought the volunteer “down” to their level. This not only made listening easier and showed respect for the dignity of the patient; it also helped the volunteer see things from the patient’s perspective. Jesus tells us in the Gospel today that being his disciples is not about elevating ourselves, but about lowering ourselves. He calls us to invite, welcome, and accept those who are least able to repay us. When we forget about ourselves and our place in the world and instead lift up others, he tells us we “will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



ACT One of the greatest acts of humility is to acknowledge when we are wrong, apologize, and ask forgiveness. Is there someone you can reconcile with by admitting you were wrong? Allowing God to forgive you in the sacrament of reconciliation will help you grow in humility.



- Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Mk 6:17-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phmn 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



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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The Separated and Divorced Ministry at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish, Glassboro, will begin its fall session on **Wednesday, September 14th, at 7p** in Mercy Hall (500 Greentree Road, Glassboro). The fall session will run for twelve (12) weeks. This ministry provides spiritual guidance, support, and comfort for those dealing with separation and divorce, regardless of religious affiliation. Study materials will also be used to help with recovery. For more information and registration, please contact Denise Ciocco at 856-404-7009 or Jean Carson at 609-504-0416.

Chicken BBQ & Family Fun Day!

Our Lady of the Lakes Church
19 Malaga Road, Collings Lakes

Saturday, September 10, 2022

11a – 4p

(Rain or Shine)

Chicken platters include: 1/2 BBQ chicken, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, watermelon, roll
(sides subject to change)

\$12 per person

Pre-sale dinner tickets **only \$10** until 4p on September 2nd.

Also available for purchase:

pulled pork, hamburgers, hot dogs, cheese fries, nachos with cheese, and homemade goodies

Eat indoors in air-conditioned comfort
or outside in the picnic area!

Take-outs available

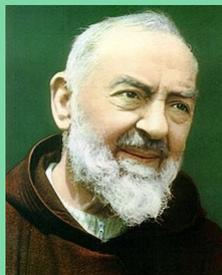
New this year ~ Corn Hole Competition

Sign-up by contacting Sherry Scarpelli at 609-339-0151 or by
e-mail at sscarpelli@comcast.net

\$30 per 2-person team

**Come out for good food and good fun!
Games for all ages, children's contests, and more!**

For more information and for tickets, please call



20th Annual Padre Pio Festival

Church of Our Lady of Pompeii
4680 Dante Avenue, Vineland
856-691-7526
www.pppnj.org

Sunday, September 25, 2022

11a – 5p

Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry

Mass Schedule:

English Mass & Procession: 11a

Italian Mass: 2p

Food & Activities

Music All Day • 50/50 Tickets • Take Out Chicken Platters
Porchetta Sandwiches • Sausage & Peppers • Hamburgers
Hot Dogs • Meatball Sandwiches • Clams & Shrimp
Eggplant Parmesan • Café Pio (Coffee, Cakes, & Cookies)
Funnel Cake

Why do we celebrate Labor Day?

Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters.

In the late 1800's, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories, and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.

People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities, and breaks.

As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the famous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: on September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. History.

The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives

On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified.

Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder to the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday.

Labor Day is still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks, and other public gatherings. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the end of summer and the start of the back-to-school season.

The Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 changed several holidays to ensure they would always be observed on Mondays so that federal employees could have more three-day weekends. The Act, signed into law on June 28, 1968 moved Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Columbus Day to fixed Mondays each year.

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