



September 18, 2022 | 25th 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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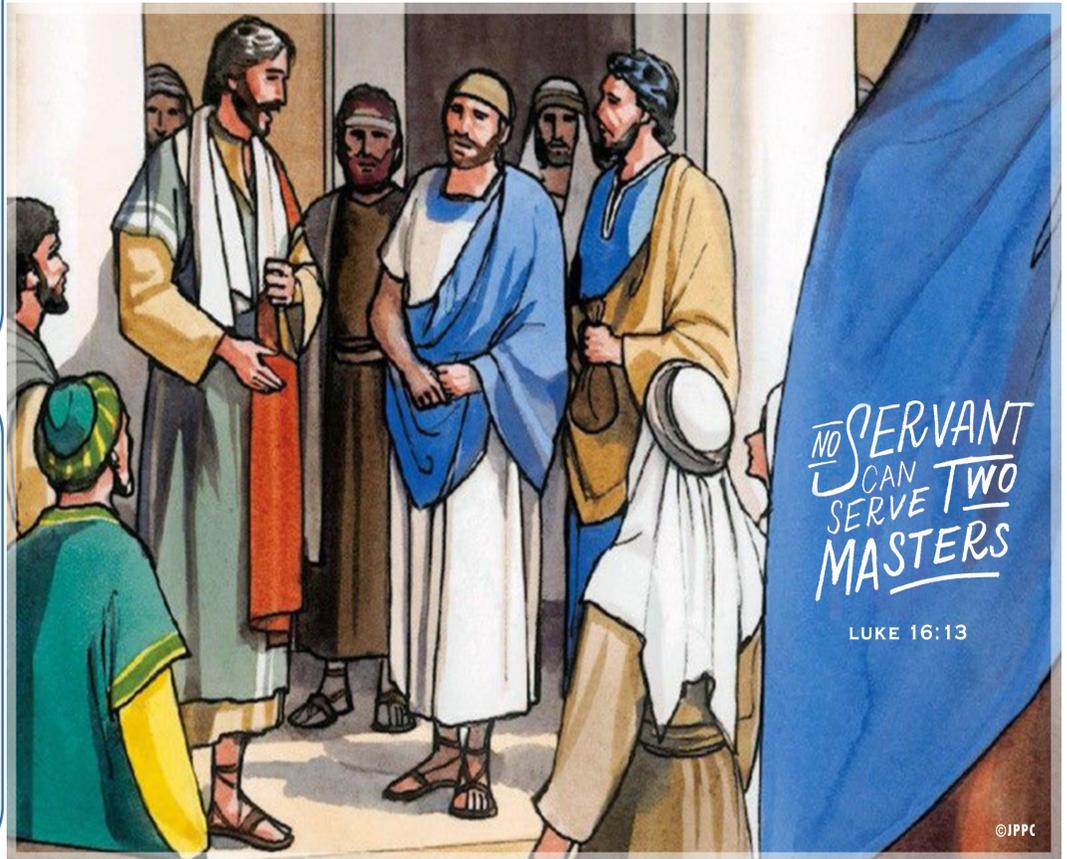
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p; **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:00 noon
(You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment any time outside of these hours.)

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 17TH – ROBERT BELLARMI

4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Liz Plum by *The O'Hara Family*

10:00a Joseph P. Gianfortune by *Fr. Larry*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH – JANUARIUS

9:00a The Health & Well-Being of Pat Luko
by *Dan & Karen Seniff*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH – ANDREW KIM TAEGON & COMPANIONS

9:00a Joseph Loiseau, Jr. by *Pauly & Kathy Walczak*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST – MATTHEW

9:00a Lynda Bancroft by *Jimmy & Kelly Visalli*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD – PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

9:00a *No Parish Mass*

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*



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.

Living Stewardship

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)."
~ Luke 16:13 ~

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Living Stewardship by giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.



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



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,

This weekend's Gospel presents us with a familiar and basic question: **Whom do we serve?** We have heard all our lives (hopefully) that we *"cannot serve both God and mammon."* This is such a common Gospel saying we are probably very familiar with it. We interpret the "mammon" as money, wealth, or possessions. The basic question nudges us to think of serving "mammon" in another way ... in terms of serving self. We are our own greatest wealth, our own greatest possession. But even we ourselves can get in the way of Gospel living. The challenge is to pay attention to how we are living and to sincerely ask ourselves the basic question ... **Whom do we serve?** Our answer might surprise us at times.

The wily steward is clearly self-serving and decisive in doing what he thinks is necessary for his own immediate well-being. But by acting in this way, he risks squandering his eternal well-being ("eternal dwellings"). To secure this, he needed to choose to serve God rather than self. Serving self keeps us mired in our immediate concerns, wants, and needs. Serving God frees us to be decisive in doing what is necessary to secure the best for both this life and the next. The irony is that had the wily steward chosen to serve God and God alone, he would, in fact, chosen to serve himself in the best way possible. By serving God and God alone, he would have secured the only future worth having – eternal Life. So, the question for us remains, **"Whom do we serve?"** It is a critical and ongoing question for us.

Only by serving God alone can we ever secure for ourselves a sure future ... being *"welcomed into eternal dwellings."* We must handle the things of this world and our daily actions in relation to what is eternal and with prudent decisiveness. Prudent decisiveness about our future means that we grow in our relationship with God and that relationship is witnessed by the simple choices of our daily living. To put it simply, prudent decisiveness about our future means that God is truly at the center of our lives. Truly, we serve God and God alone.

When it comes to Paschal Mystery living, we often squander opportunities to gain "true wealth." The thrust of the Gospel is that we act prudently in this life in order to *"be welcomed into eternal dwellings."* Prudence demands that we not squander opportunities to be charitable and just toward others. Prudence demands that we not squander opportunities to die to self. Prudence demands that we not squander opportunities to be trustworthy with the ministry of discipleship which we take on each time we say yes to our Baptismal commitment.

Most of us are serious about our Paschal Mystery living. We honestly try to live good lives. When opportunities present themselves to act in a Christian way, most of us respond appropriately most of the time. This weekend's Gospel challenges us to take this one step further. Paschal Mystery living isn't simply a matter of surrendering to the self-sacrificing possibilities that come our way simply in the normal course of daily living. With an eye to the future, we must also surrender ourselves to actually searching out opportunities to live the Paschal Mystery. There is an urgency about discipleship and proclaiming the Good News of salvation that we cannot be passive in any way. Ultimately, any kind of passivity is self-serving. This Gospel calls us to be God-serving. Only by serving God do we gain everything for this life, and assure our place in "eternal dwellings."

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.

Saint Joseph's Polish Apostolate
St. Joseph Church
1010 Liberty Camden, NJ 08102

Will celebrate the 130th Anniversary
of its Founding

October 23, 2022

Mass of Thanksgiving
Concelebrated by Bishop Dennis Sullivan
and Father Adam Cichoski

Sunday, October 23, 2022, 10 a.m.

Luncheon to follow at
Adelphia Restaurant
Deptford, New Jersey

For more information
and/or reservations
Contact John Uecker at 856-428-4836

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!

**PRAY FOR
UKRAINE**



Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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



FOR BUS INFORMATION:
 Contact your local parish



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Am 8:4-7 | 1 Tm 2:1-8 | Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE
 PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

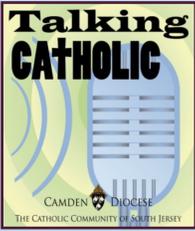
Our body language says a lot. Crossed arms can signal anger or defensiveness, while arms outstretched imply openness. It's unlikely Timothy researched nonverbal cues, but his encouragement to pray while "lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument" is good advice. I think this posture can carry into other areas of our life, including our relationship with money and/or possessions. If we cling to these, we risk closing ourselves off to life's true riches: our faith and our relationships, for example. As we learn in today's Gospel, we cannot serve both God and mammon. In our culture, it's easy to get caught up in accumulating more possessions or holding tight to what we have. Jesus challenges us to place our trust in God rather than the ups and downs of the stock market or our bank account. Let us, instead, approach Jesus in prayer, arms wide open.



ACT Think about your daily routine. What small change can you make to enhance your relationship with God? It may be as simple as saying a good-morning prayer or beginning a list of people and things for which you are grateful.

GO EVANGELIZE
 PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I rarely miss a planned morning workout. I carefully lay out my clothes, go to bed early, and set my alarm. It helps to meet up with a friend for that added layer of accountability. These are all "small things," but they indicate my investment in the activity and help me build trust in myself and within my friendships. I wonder if we can't do the same when it comes to staying spiritually fit. For me, being "trustworthy in very small matters" is a bit like my workout routine. We don't need grand gestures to keep our relationship with Jesus strong: setting aside time in the morning to focus on prayer; going to Mass even when we don't feel like it; talking with a friend about ways to grow spiritually. In his letter, Timothy reminds his followers that prayer and devotion are "good and pleasing to God our savior." Should we become discouraged, we can find comfort in knowing that God wills everyone to be saved. Through prayer and seemingly small changes in our routine, we can challenge ourselves and encourage each other to make our relationship with Jesus our first priority.



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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"YOU ARE DOING GOD'S WORK, BECAUSE YOU ARE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE."
DEACON DAVID HARKINS | CHIEF OF THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

JOIN THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN IN HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS AT THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 | 10:30 AM

ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
701 LITTLE GLOUCESTER ROAD
BLACKWOOD, NEW JERSEY 08012

Rowan University?
Check out Rowan Catholic Campus Ministry

Rowan Catholic Campus Ministry is a group of University students who are seeking to know, love, and serve God in their everyday lives. Through weekly fellowship meetings, weekend Masses, retreats, and opportunities to grow deeper in the faith. Rowan Catholic strives to bring the love of God to every part of campus.

We can't wait to meet you!

Newman Night is the main event of the week! Join us every Wednesday night during the semester at 6pm for free dinner and social hour followed by a talk and prayer at 7pm.

OTHER Ministry offerings:

- Book study
- Bible study
- Men's and Women's small groups
- Retreats once a semester
- Community Rosary
- Service Opportunities



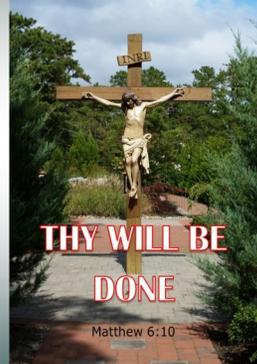
Scan for the Fall 2022 Semester schedule

Mass takes place at
St. Bridget University Parish
125 Church St. Glassboro
(2 blocks from the Newman House)
Saturday Vigil Mass/Student Mass
4:30 PM
Sunday Masses
9 am & 11 am
Daily Mass
9am (Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri)
No Mass on Tuesdays



The Newman House is located at 1 Redmond Ave. (behind Chickie's & Pete's)

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

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(609) 652-7729



Attend the ManUp South Jersey Men's Spirituality Conference
November 12, 2022

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MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE



NOV 12
SATURDAY

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

Todos Están Invitados. Un traductor de español y dispositivos de traducción estarán disponibles.



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