



March 8, 2020 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

# 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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**PARISH OFFICE:** 49 W North St, Clayton, NJ 08312-1114 **PHONE:** 856-881-9155 **FAX:** 856-881-9166

**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, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>** **PERPETUA & FELICITY**

**4:00p Frances Cesanek** *by Her Loving Husband, Jim*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>** **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8:00a The People of the Parish**

**10:45a Ada Reardon** *by Jim & Renee Reardon*

**MONDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>** **FRANCES OF ROME**

**9:00a Janice Bunn** *by The Cosenza Family*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a Bereavement Mass**  
– **David Patrick Dougherty**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a Arthur W. Jacobs** *by Caitlyn Arrighetta*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:00p Dorothy Stubbins** *by Ronnie Vanaman*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a Health & Well-Being of Dave Baca**  
*by Ronnie Vanaman*

**7:00p Stations of the Cross** – *Saint Catherine, Clayton*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00p Anne Marie Polansky** *by Joan & Wil Carmona*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>** **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8:00a Lori Luisi** *by Linda & Bill Fahy*

**10:45a 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.

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

*Christopher Boyle*

*Requested by Michelle Camardo*



**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,  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 McCloskay, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,  
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,  
Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster

**FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP**

*“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk  
and from your father’s house  
to a land that I will show you.”  
~ GENESIS 12:1 ~*

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way when we live **Stewardship** as a way of life. Remember what Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

**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](http://www.camdendiocese.org/hoc)

*As of March 2, 2020 ...*

You have donated **\$41,725.00** ...  
... or **50.8%** of our goal of **\$82,061.00.**

*Thank you for your generosity  
to the House of Charity!*

**Stewardship in Action**

**Weekend of 02/29 & 03/01**

Ordinary Income  
**\$4773.00**

**Ash Wednesday 02/26 – The Church in Europe**

**\$617.62**

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

**Something to consider ...**

Sometimes we need to take time to be quiet to hear God’s voice. This means turning off the TV or computer or our cell phones for a while so that we can pay attention to how God may be speaking to us.

**Private Family Estates Now Available At  
Gate of Heaven Cemetery & All Saints Cemetery**



Private family estates are an excellent choice for families wishing to maintain an everlasting link amidst many generations. Family members are laid to rest together in a prominently and beautifully landscaped area designated specifically for them. Each estate is bordered by landscaping that outlines three quarters of the plot area. Family estates allow between two and eight full body burials with the option to purchase reuse burial rights for cremated remains. Families are able to bury up to 12 family members in our private family estates. Private family estates are now available at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Berlin and All Saints Cemetery in Newfield. Please visit [www.SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://www.SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org) or call 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) to speak with a member of our staff to learn more about private family estates.



**SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
*Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right*



**Homebound? ... Sick? ...  
In the Hospital? ... Having Surgery?**

If one of these conditions applies to you and you would like to have a visit from Fr. Larry, please call the Parish Office to arrange a visit to receive Holy Communion, Confession, or Anointing of the Sick. Please remember, that due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), only you or family member can share your medical status / information. Even, if you are going into the hospital for elective surgery, you can receive the Sacrament of Anointing to strengthen you for your procedure. Also, please let the hospital staff know that you are Catholic so that the Chaplain or Eucharistic Ministers assigned to the hospital can bring you Holy Communion during your stay.

## Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

We've all met individuals in our lives who we could say are a stick-in-the-mud. Earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, or twenty-foot waves couldn't move them. Content and satisfied, they stay put doing the same things, eating the same foods, and / or watching the same TV shows. Often these individuals have few friends. However, for most of us, our natural instinct is to move on ... searching for new experiences, new possibilities, and new challenges. Peter, in this weekend's Gospel, is acting like a stick-in-the-mud. His first response to Jesus' transfigured glory is to simply stay put. "*Lord, it is good that we are here.*" He wants to erect tents and he wants to stay on the mountain top. Jesus, quite simply, has other plans.

Yes, when Jesus takes His three closest disciple friends "*up a high mountain*" and is "*transfigured before them,*" the disciples are eager to stay. But when the voice from heaven announces who Jesus is and commands them to "*listen to Him,*" their mood shifts ... they become afraid. Why are they afraid? Because listening to Jesus means not staying put. It means moving onward into the unknown (see this weekend's First Reading – Gn 12:1-4a). The destiny is Transfiguration, but the journey is a costly one.

The First Reading is about venturing forth and the cost to Abram – kinsfolk and homeland. Abram is commanded by God to leave his homeland and to live on a promise of future blessing. Abram lives on a promise. So do we. This promise does more than better the condition of humankind. It offers us a share in divine life. It does have its cost. We must **listen** to Jesus. We must **follow** Him. We must carry forth His saving mission, even when it leads to Jerusalem. The radiance of the Transfiguration of Jesus overwhelms the disciples and even makes the greatness of Moses and Elijah – symbols for the law and the prophets – pale in comparison. Yet the call of God to us is the same as that to Abram and to Peter, James, and John ... be willing to leave everything to go where God wills. Be willing **to listen** to Jesus. Be willing **to learn** His ways. Be willing **to embrace** His journey.

Our journey as disciples leads us to eternal glory – foreshadowed by Jesus' Transfiguration. This is worth any cost. In comparison to the glory that God offers us in Christ, the offering of our lives as disciples is puny in comparison. All we need to do is listen to Jesus.

Jesus commands the disciples to "*Rise, and do not be afraid.*" The journey of discipleship has its dangers (temptations), but we still venture forth on the journey to eternal glory. We trust in God's guidance (given through the law, the prophets, the teaching of Jesus, Gospel-living modeled by others, etc.) and surrender ourselves into God's hands. All we need to do is **listen**.

***Listening*** to God can come through the readings and homily given on Sunday. It can come through our practice of taking some time every day to read God's Word in Scripture. It might come through the good modeling of discipleship by another. It might come through the guidance we seek in spiritual direction. It might come through the disciplines we choose for Lent. There are many ways God makes known the divine will for us. ***Listening*** means all of these things but, most important, it means that we keep our eyes focused on the vision of Jesus transfigured and know that God, in His great love and His divine mercy, intends that we share in that same glory. We must never lose sight of Jesus Himself.

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

Fr. Larry



## UPCOMING HOLY HOUR IN THE DIOCESE

**Wednesday, March 25**

Deanery #4  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
Absecon



- ◆ **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** – *Parish Office is closed.* Diocesan In-Service. The Office will reopen Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8a.
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Got Music? The Contemporary Choir* will meet from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** – *Confession* will be held immediately following the 7p Mass in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** – *Stations of the Cross with Benediction* at 7p in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** – *Confession* will be held from 3-3:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** – *Got Music? The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** – *Adult Faith Formation* will meet from 9-10:15a in the Rectory Conference Room (Ramp door, garage -side of building), Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** – *PREP* will meet in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, Clayton from 9-10:15a.



Recently, the Diocese updated the computer program all parishes use to keep track of their parishioners ... demographics info, sacramental info, etc.

All parishes now need to attend a workshop to learn about the new features and protocols involved with the new system.

Because of this, the Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** to attend this workshop. We will reopen at 8a on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. *We thank you for your understanding and we are sorry for the inconvenience!*



In addition to a number of books which are available in the Gathering Spaces of both churches, there are a number of online resources you can use this Lent. **Check them out!**

**Carmelite Friars:** hozana.org

**Catholic Apostolate Center:** <https://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/lenten-resources.html>

**Creighton University:** <https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

**Dynamic Catholic:** [www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever)

**EWTN:** <https://www.ewtn.com/>

**Lovola Press:** <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent>

**Relevant Radio:** [relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com)

Jesus brought Peter, James, and John to the mountain top so that He could reveal to them who He really was. This helped to prepare them for the difficult days ahead. We are blessed to know who Jesus is and how He gives us strength and courage when times are hard.



## Knights of Columbus Council 6890 Scholarships

Due to the continued success of our fund-raisers, the KoC Council 6890 will again award two (2) one-time scholarships to any high school graduate with a 2.5 grade-point-average or above who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, or community and who will be attending any four-year or two-year accredited college or university.

A second scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to any eighth-grade student who plans to attend a Catholic high school.

Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. Applications are due by Monday, April 27, 2020. Please contact Ed Waligore at 856-881-2484 or 609-313-8680 for any questions you may have.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Embark on a Spiritual Journey during Lent

- Learn more about the Bible
- Acquire new prayer practices
- Nurture your spirituality and strengthen your religious life
- Build a culture of faith in your home
- Connect with your community

Adult Faith Formation

Sundays, 9-10 AM in Rectory Conference Room (Side Entrance)

Step in, Step out ~ Flexible Engagement. All are welcome.

Text, call or email Bernadette Fiocco for additional information.

267-346-3012 ~ [ionabern@comcast.net](mailto:ionabern@comcast.net)



*Jesus knocks  
on the door of your heart.  
There is no handle.  
Only you can let Him in.*

Every person is precious to the Good Shepherd

“... I come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”  
~John 10:10

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](http://CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL)**



# LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

*Daily Mass Readings – 2nd Week of Lent*

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Lenten Reflection Almsgiving

Lenten

Regulations

- 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).