



September 27, 2020 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday: 9a at Nativity
Tuesday: 9a at Nativity
Wednesday: 9a at Nativity
Thursday: 9a at Nativity

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Nativity
 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
Due to COVID-19 by Appointment
Please call the Parish Office.

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REGIONAL SCHOOL**
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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**.”*



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:30p *(or by appointment, please call the Office)*

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR 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>



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

COSMAS & DAMIAN, MARTYRS

4:00p (N) Michael Kuhns, Jr. *by The Seniff Family*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a (N) People of the Parish
10:45a (N) Dorothy Stein *by Dorothy Dietterick*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

WENCESLAUS, LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

9:00a (N) No Parish Intention

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

9:00a (N) Donald & Agnes Healy
by Don & Mary Ellen Healy

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00a (N) James Austin *by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00a (N) Ginny Hoffman *by John Ciocco*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY

4:00p (N) Ginny Hoffman *by Matt & Marie Adgie*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a (N) Ronald Vidovich *by Terry & David Allonardo*
10:45a (N) 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.

*This week, the Sanctuary Candle
 in Saint Catherine of Siena Church
 Burns in Memory of
 Viola Char
 Requested by Her Loving Family*



PRAYER REQUEST

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak, Devon Cowell, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries, 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



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 & 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



Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



PREP
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Welcome to all of our families and students for the 2020-2021 academic year! Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions it has placed on in-person learning, our PREP Program is homeschool / virtual this year. Lessons officially begin this weekend!

Registrations are still being accepted *for a limited time*. **The final deadline for registering is Friday, October 9th.**

We'd also like to remind everyone of the Diocesan guidelines which require two (2) years of formation prior to receiving a Sacrament (First Eucharist / First Penance and Confirmation).



On September 29th the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel turns 10 years old!

Please take a prayer card* as you leave this weekend to commemorate the event.

* The prayer cards were provided courtesy of a parishioner. Thank you!!!



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 ~

Due to your generosity, the parish food pantry continues to provide assistance to our neighbors here in Clayton and Franklin Township. If you would like to help by contributing nonperishable items, you may place these donations in the pantry shopping cart which is located in the entranceway of Nativity Church or, if you prefer, you may bring them directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center **From 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday Mornings**. Since we cannot allow you inside the pantry at this time, there will be a bench outside the entrance on which you may leave your donations. We will periodically come outside and retrieve the items, but feel free to honk your horn before driving away if you wish to alert us of your presence.

At this time, we especially need **1 pound or 2 pound bags or boxes of rice as well as rice mixes such as Knorr’s Rice Sides or Rice-a-Roni**. Any of the following items are also welcome: **pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, canned macaroni meals such as Chef Boyardee, canned fruit, applesauce, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, boxes or packets of instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken, cereal, peanut butter and jelly. Non-food items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and soap also make nice extras.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT!



The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

welcomes its newest member

Preston Alex Clemick

baptized on Sunday, September 27th

May he always walk as a child of the Light!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4th, in addition to being the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, is also the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi and the traditional day that household pets are blessed.

Here at the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel, the blessing of animals will be celebrated at 3:00p in the grassy area adjacent to the left of the O’Meara Conference Center. Please remember we need to keep social-distanced and to wear face masks.



STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS

“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...” ~ Philippians 2:3 ~

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, in **Stewardship**, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts!

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Ordinary Income

August 2019 \$18,947.78
August 2020 \$16,993.00

Difference (↓ 11%)



During the weekend of October 4th & 5th, we will have a second collection for Peter’s Pence.

Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

I remember growing up and my sister telling my parents she was going to be staying out late one Saturday night and not to expect her home until midnight. My Mom and Dad both told her to be home by ten, to which she replied, *“Whatever.”* Later that night, around five minutes to ten, she came home. My parents were a bit puzzled and said, *“Home already?”* She replied, *“Well, you said to be home by ten.”* There is difference between saying and doing, as is reflected in this weekend’s Gospel.

The parable (Mt 21:22, 45) Jesus tells us today is in the Jerusalem temple in the context of a dialogue, or verbal jousting match really, between Jesus and the chief priests and the elders of the people. In the story, we are approaching Holy Week, though liturgically, we are in the twenty-sixth week of Ordinary Time. This section of the Gospel is the first of three parables, which we will read liturgically this weekend and in the coming weeks ... The Two Sons, The Evil Tenants, and The Royal Wedding Feast.

As with all of Jesus’ parables, the meaning of the “Two Sons” parable today is polyvalent ... there could be many interpretations or meanings. We can understand it in numerous ways, and this is precisely why the device of “parable” is so effective as a teaching tool. One apparent meaning is the favorite Matthean theme of doing versus saying (see Mt 7:21-23; 12:50; 23:3-4). Saint Matthew’s contention throughout the Gospel is that not everyone who says *“Lord, Lord”* will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do the will of the Father, which is to act mercifully particularly to those in need.

It’s unfortunate that throughout history and even into the present day, there are many followers of religion (this is not limited to Jews or Christians) who will talk a good game, but their actions indicate something else. We have many phrases in English that speak to this: *“Actions speak louder than words,” “By their actions you shall know them,” “I don’t believe what you say. I believe what you do,”* or *“People lie, actions don’t.”* All of these maxims get at one of the fundamental meanings of this parable.

True, our words and actions should match one another. But as Jesus makes clear, our actions – most especially how we care for those on the margins – matter much more than our good intentions.

Have you ever met a flatterer, or people-pleaser? Those who say what you want to hear but have no intention of following through? Or those who over-promise and under-deliver? It can be challenging to hear the words of Jesus in the parable concerning such behaviors. Despite our best intentions, it is our actions that truly mean more than our words. Without actions, our words are a “clanging gong” to use a term from Saint Paul. There are many reasons why we might over-promise, but we are reminded of another saying in the Gospels: *“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’”* (Mt 5:37). At some level, this is simply good advice from Jesus the Teacher.

As we go about our lives, we should try to make an extra effort to think carefully before we commit ourselves or say we will do something. Simply modifying a commitment with the words *“I intend to ...”* or *“I’ll make my best effort to ...”* may be all we need to temper expectations. By avoiding the trap of being a people-pleaser, flatterer, or one who over-promises, and instead being a person of action and doing on behalf of others, we will be closer to living this weekend’s Gospel message.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe! Have a great week!

~ Fr. Larry

Annual Life Chain Sunday, October 4, 2020

Join local churches to peacefully and prayerfully stand before God on behalf of preborn children.

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Absecon: White Horse Pike (Rt 30) at Mill Rd in front of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 2:30 -3: 30 p.m. Gary Sehrer at (609) 703-2197
Egg Harbor Twp: 2235 Ocean Heights Avenue near Praise Tabernacle Church, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Pastor Steve Rahter at (609) 927-4560
Egg Harbor Twp: West Jersey Ave at English Creek in front of St. Katherine Drexel sign, 2-3 p.m. Nancy Van Velson at (609) 485-0059
Galloway: Pitney Road in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Help/Assumption Church, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Raymond Farrell at (609) 652-1420
Northfield: 1421 New Rd at Northfield Ave - St. Gianna Parish/St. Bernadette Church, 2-3 p.m. Teri Clark at (609) 457-9105
Somers Pt: Shore Rd at Bethel Rd/Harbor Ln, 2-3 p.m. Ray Norman at (609) 816-8970

CAMDEN COUNTY

Lindenwold: 135 N White Horse Pk (Rt 30) at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Shrine, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Mary Ann Chezik at (856) 435-1468

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Rio Grande: Route 47 at Route 9 South, 2-3 p.m. Steve Atzert at (609) 465-7765

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Millville: Rt 47 at Cumberland Crossings, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Rob Fini at (856) 213-3288

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Glassboro: Rt 322, 201 Mullica Hill Rd (Rowan University Student Cntr) 2-3 p.m. Kevin Cassidy at cassidy39@verizon.net (609) 617-4129

SALEM COUNTY

Pennsville: Rt 49 at Riverview Beach Park, 2-3:30 p.m. Irma King at (856) 299-3272



Due to concerns about COVID-19, contact the Life Chain Leader as October 4 approaches to verify the event. For additional information about Life Chains in New Jersey, please visit <http://www.lifechain.org> or contact State Director Camille Bates (908) 387-0001.



September 23 - November 1
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN SOUTH JERSEY!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

- 17,226 babies saved from abortion
- 206 abortion workers converted
- 107 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** On the sidewalk outside the Cherry Hill Women's Center 502 N. Kings Hwy, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Claire Howson 856-313-9861 or claire@helpersnj.org
- **Learn more**... get involved... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/cherryhill

Virtual Bereavement Ministry Training

Are you a good listener? Do you pray and laugh well with others? Do you have compassion for those who have lost loved ones? Join us for Bereavement Ministry Training!

Seven online sessions, held on Monday nights, October 5th through November 16th, 7 - 9 p.m. will lead to certification in the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved and a fulfilling ministry serving others. Participants must have access to a computer or tablet screen and Internet in order to use Microsoft Meetings for this training.

For more details or to register call (856) 583-2904 or email joanne.digennaro@camdendiocese.org or contact your Parish Office.



Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so too does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship.

Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. The next weekend date is **October 23-25, 2020**. (It will be a zoom virtual weekend.)

Please call 609-741-8012 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org or please visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.



September 27, 2020 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28 | Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

| Mt 21:28-32

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I've always had a bit of a recalcitrant streak. Ask me to do something, and I'll happily oblige. Order me to do something, and I'll set my jaw. So, I can relate to the first son's knee-jerk reply when told (not asked) to work in the vineyard. "I will not." Yet, despite this initial reaction, the first son obeyed his father's command. He "changed his mind and went." I didn't see it at first, but this parable is not about a clash of wills but obedience - not blind obedience, but choosing to turn over our lives to the will of the Father. The longer version of Paul's Letter to the Philippians illustrates this beautifully, challenging us to imitate Jesus: "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." As human beings, we have the freedom to choose to place God's will and the needs of others before our own. It doesn't mean being a doormat, but rather having a healthy humility and willingness to "change our minds (and hearts)" to better conform to the example of Jesus. As the *catechism* reminds us in this gem about obedience: "The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just." (1733)

PRAY Need a spiritual jump-start? Pray the Daily Examen, an ancient practice from St. Ignatius Loyola of peacefully reflecting on the events of the day in order to detect the presence of God's Spirit and discern his will for you.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Have you ever kicked a bad habit, such as eating too many sweets, falling down the social media rabbit hole, or failure to floss? I've occasionally pulled it off (well, for a few days anyway), but I find it's much tougher to change habits of my mind and heart. In today's Gospel, the first son *changes* his mind, and his heart. This is what Jesus asks of us as well: a change of heart and mind toward love and obedience, wherever it is needed in our lives. For starters, it could mean taking a few moments to pray for guidance each morning before jumping full-speed ahead into our personal agenda. We can ask God to show us how to align our lives more closely with his will for us - through prayer, reading the Scriptures, and reflecting on areas in our lives that need an overhaul. Our "yes" to working in the vineyard begins by attending to what God has shown us, and leads us to even greater freedom in Christ.



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

MY JESUS,

I BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE, AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

AMEN.



Something to consider ...

Saint Paul asks the community members of Philippi to reject “selfishness” and “vainglory” by regarding “others as more important than yourself.” In your life, who has been a model of placing others above self?

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS



THOSE WHO ARE AT A HIGHER RISK FOR COVID-19 (I.E., THOSE WHO ARE OLDER THAN 65 OR WHO HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS) ARE URGED NOT TO COME TO CHURCH FOR MASS.



THOSE WHO FEEL IN ANY WAY SICK OR WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT ATTENDING MASS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.



IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT STATE POLICY, THE FAITHFUL (OVER 2 YEARS OLD) MUST WEAR CLOTH FACE COVERINGS WHEN IN PUBLIC, INCLUDING WHEN THEY COME TO CHURCH.



ATTENDEES SHOULD SANITIZE THEIR HANDS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH VIA SANITIZER STATIONS.



ALL PRESENT AT MASS SHOULD SIT 6 FEET OR MORE AWAY FROM OTHERS. FAMILIES MAY SIT TOGETHER.



THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND MASS MAY BE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND TIME DAILY READING THE SCRIPTURES, PRAYING WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WATCHING A BROADCAST OR LIVESTREAMED MASS, AND MAKING AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.



LIVE STREAMING

Please check out <https://www.camdendiocese.org/live-stream-mass/> for Parishes in the Diocese and sites throughout the country that are live-streaming the Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass, but would like to continue watch it, this is for you!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Please remove everything you brought with you and any literature you may have picked up while here.



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Amen.