



February 20, 2022 | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

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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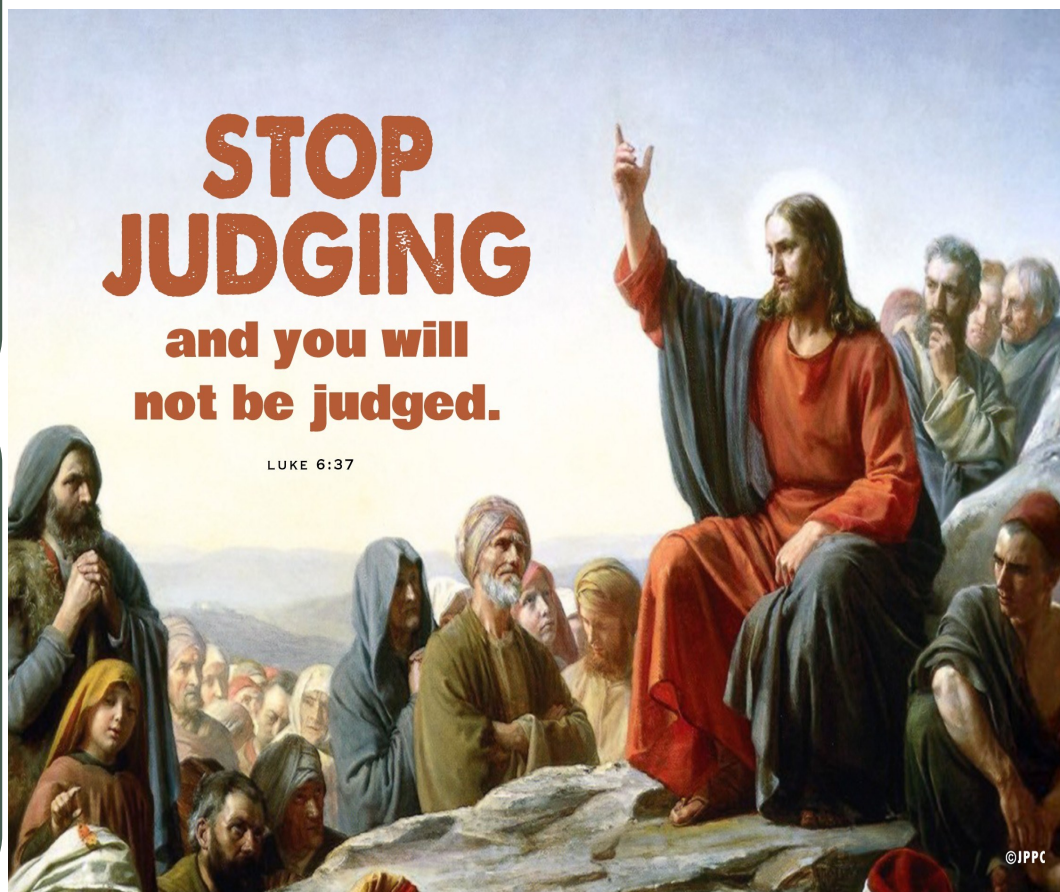
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

*"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-12:00 noon

(You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment anytime 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.pasma-nj.com>



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro by Mary Visalli
10:00a Danielle Bonner by Mom & Dad

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00a Mary Austin by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

9:00a Betty Ann Dotts by The Wielgus & Vidovich Families

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD
POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR

9:00a Lukie Biehler – 30TH ANNIVERSARY
by The Biehler Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00a Hannah Pio by The Pio Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

4:00p Dorothy Collins by Mary Lou Cuneo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH
8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a The People of the Parish
10:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro by Bob & Carole Errera



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 Nativity Burns in Memory of*

Raymond Rossi

Requested by Dan and Karen Seniff

*This Week, the Sanctuary Candle
in Saint Catherine of Siena Burns in Memory of*

Lukie Biehler – 30th Anniversary

Requested by The Biehler Family

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian,
Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena,
Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries,
Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Pat Luko,
John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey,
John Mitchell, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,
Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola & Susan Webster

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!



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

COW3 Brad Davis, Stg Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, US Navy; US Army Medic

COMPASSIONATE STEWARDSHIP

*"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them,
and lend without expecting anything back ..."*
~ Luke 6:35~

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us as Stewards on the path to holiness.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

A classic device when children are called upon to share something is to have one of them divide it and then the other choose which half is theirs. This can happen with a piece of cake, a cookie, a slice of pizza, or some other food. Rarely does one child say to the other, *"You can have it all."* The purpose of this exercise is to share something in an equitable manner. And while it sometimes works for children, perhaps it works for adults at times, too!

The advice Jesus gives in this weekend's Gospel couldn't be more different. He is calling us to a higher standard. It's as though we are asked to divvy up the treat and instead we say, *"You can have it all."* Even more, the way of sharing a cookie between children assumes they are friendly. But Jesus speaks here of "enemies." This is an entirely different category. Jesus assumes His ancient listeners have enemies. That is something that transcends culture and time. Enemies are not limited to the ancient world!

Christians are to love their enemies, blessing them, and praying for them. The Christian standard is one higher than what we would expect from the world with its transactional view of relationships. As Jesus Himself notes, it's fairly easy to love those who love us, and to do good to those who do good to us. But it's another thing entirely to love those who are our enemies, to pray for them, and to bless them.

We Christians are to be this way because God is this way. God is *"kind to the ungrateful and the wicked."* ***Should we be any different?*** We are to be merciful as God the Father is merciful. And here we see in our time the example of mercy given to us by Pope Francis. It is said that the word "mercy" is the key theme or idea to his papacy. It is the way to understand and make sense of his actions. Pope Francis chose mercy because mercy is of God, and acting in this way demonstrates that we are followers of His Son, Jesus Christ.

When faced with the extraordinary demands of the Gospel outlined in this weekend's reading, one person said, *"How can I do that? I'd end up with nothing?"* (And maybe you think / feel the same way.) Then we look to the example of Jesus who enfleshed the words He preached. Jesus Himself loved His enemies and prayed for those who persecuted Him. In the Gospel of Saint Luke, we will hear Jesus from the cross pray for their forgiveness *"Father; forgive them, for they know not what they do ..."* *What did He end up with?* **Nothing.** He died on the cross. Only by Jesus giving Himself completely and without reservation to the point of death is He ultimately raised up to the glory of the Father. The words that form the conclusion of this weekend's Gospel are especially appropriate; *"Forgive and you will be forgiven ... For the measure with which you measure / will in return be measured out to you."* We forgive not so much for their sake, but for our own.

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

Fr. Larry



KoC COUNCIL 6890 SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to our continue success of our fund raisers the Knights of Columbus will again award two onetime scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year.

- The first scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded to ANY high school graduate with a 2.5 grade average or above who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, and community and who will be attending ANY four-year or two-year accredited college or university.
- The 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 the application. **Applications are due by April 25, 2020.** Please contact John Ryder at 856-307-9997 with any questions.



Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel 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 ~

Would you like to donate to our parish food pantry but don't know what to buy? Although any **nonperishable** food item would be welcome, here are some suggestions: **mac & cheese, canned macaroni meals (such as Chef Boyardee), canned vegetables, ramen noodles, tuna, rice, pudding, peanut butter and jelly. Soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also appreciated.

You may leave your nonperishable items in the shopping carts located in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or, you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings**. There will be a bench outside the pantry on which you may leave your donations. You may honk your car horn before driving away to alert us of your presence so that we may retrieve the items. **Please, leave your food donations outside the pantry on Wednesday mornings only.**

Prefer not to shop? Monetary donations are always welcome.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



LOVE

YOUR ENEMIES AND
DO GOOD FOR THEM;
STOP JUDGING; STOP
CONDEMNING; GIVE.

February 20, 2022 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | 1 Cor 15:45-49 | Lk 6:27-38

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Have you heard about the *Civilize It!* initiative? The U.S. bishops launched a campaign to encourage civil dialogue during the contentious 2020 election. Unfortunately, the divisiveness in our nation, and even within the Church, has shown no signs of subsiding, leading the bishops to reboot the campaign last fall. The bishops encourage every Catholic to pledge to be a force for charity, clarity, and creativity in our divided world. Today's Gospel shows us how to do that, starting with the Golden Rule. What strikes me – and challenges me – are the specific examples that remain relevant 2,000 years later: *Love your enemies and do good for them; stop judging; stop condemning; give.* Building on last Sunday's account of the beatitudes, Luke provides us a prescription for how to live a moral and happy life, one that reflects those who "bear the image of the heavenly one."



GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I am thankful to have people in my life who bring out the best in others, and certainly bring out the best in me. I would guess we can each point to others who have guided and encouraged us: A teacher, a dear friend, a favorite aunt, a neighbor or coach. Today's readings encourage us to be that person for others, even when it's hard. Nobody said being a witness to Christ would be a cake walk! Fortunately, we can turn to prayer and the Scriptures for encouragement. For me, it may begin with small steps, such as listening to those with whom I disagree, not getting drawn into social media debates, and being more generous with my time. As we reflect on today's readings, perhaps we can each choose one change we would like to make or challenge we want to accept as we move into the week and ask God to help us put it into practice.

ACT Praise God each day this coming week. And then challenge yourself to offer a compliment to one person every day as well. Praising God and others puts us in right relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters.

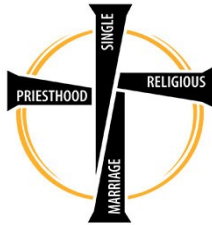


FROM MANY ...One Body



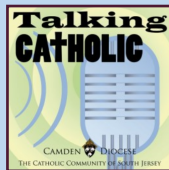
iRace4Vocations

Everyone has one... Which is your road?



On Sunday, April 3, 2022, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many people from throughout the Diocese at Cooper River Park (Jack Curtis Stadium | 5300 North Park Drive | Pennsauken) for our annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1:00p followed by our 5K run/1 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese.

For more information and to register for the event, visit camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations.



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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We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us.
make Yourself at home in our hearts.
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in you our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son.
forever and ever.
Amen.

The Diocesan, & Parish Offices, &
Saint Michael the Archangel
Regional School
will be closed
Monday, February 21st
Presidents' Day

We will reopen Tuesday,
February 22nd.

PARISH OFFICE
Closed



Pope Saint John Paul II said *"I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter."* Worldwide Marriage Encounter is being supported by Bishop Sullivan for support of Catholic married couples.

A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE ...

Sunday and Wednesday Evenings Beginning March 6th and concluding March 30th

This is a great opportunity to spend time improving your communication in the comfort of your own home.

Each session begins at 6:30p and runs approximately 2.5 hours.

For more information please contact: Marge and Michael Walsh at 609-741-8012.

wwwmejerseylovers@gmail.com

A Reflection on the Parts of the Mass ... (continued)

✦ Silence

SEVERAL TIMES during the Mass, the liturgical texts invite us to observe silence.

It makes you wonder if the folks who wrote those instructions had any idea how noisy a typical pew can be. Kneelers, hymnals, kids, and coughing make it hard for anyone to remember what silence sounds like.

Still, the liturgy soldiers on, suggesting that at certain moments we just keep quiet.

For example, when the priest says, "Let us pray," he really means what he says. How do you normally pray? Hands folded? Eyes closed? Calming yourself down so you can concentrate on the presence of God? Keeping silent? He's inviting us to assume our prayer position. But sometimes he's busy signaling the server, flipping pages and adjusting his glasses. Sometimes we're whispering, looking at the bulletin, or just wishing he'd get on with it so we can sit down again. Silence here is an invitation to pray, not to squirm.

Another occasion for silent prayer is near the end of the Communion Rite. The liturgy bids us all to be quiet for a while to thank God for the wondrous

sacrament we have received. Sometimes people want their silence during Communion; they don't want to be disturbed by singing. Others can't stand the silence after Communion because they want to get out to the parking lot before everyone else.

But silence follows Communion. Communion itself is one of the most important times to sing. It gathers us as the Body of Christ and wraps us in joyful song, since spoken words or silent thought can't express what music can. Then, after all have received the mystery, we pause together to meditate on its splendor. Singing followed by silence helps the whole assembly celebrate Communion together.

Sometimes we observe silence after the readings or after the homily. The first Eucharistic Prayer invites us to silence when it prays for the living and the dead."

Silence is hard in our culture. Most of us habitually turn on a TV or radio. But we also know the benefits of being in silence once in a while outside, enjoying nature, getting some quiet time alone at home or in our room. Silence is golden. And the liturgy yearns for us to have some.

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

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11;
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20;
Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58;
Lk 6:39-45

