



September 4, 2022 | 23rd 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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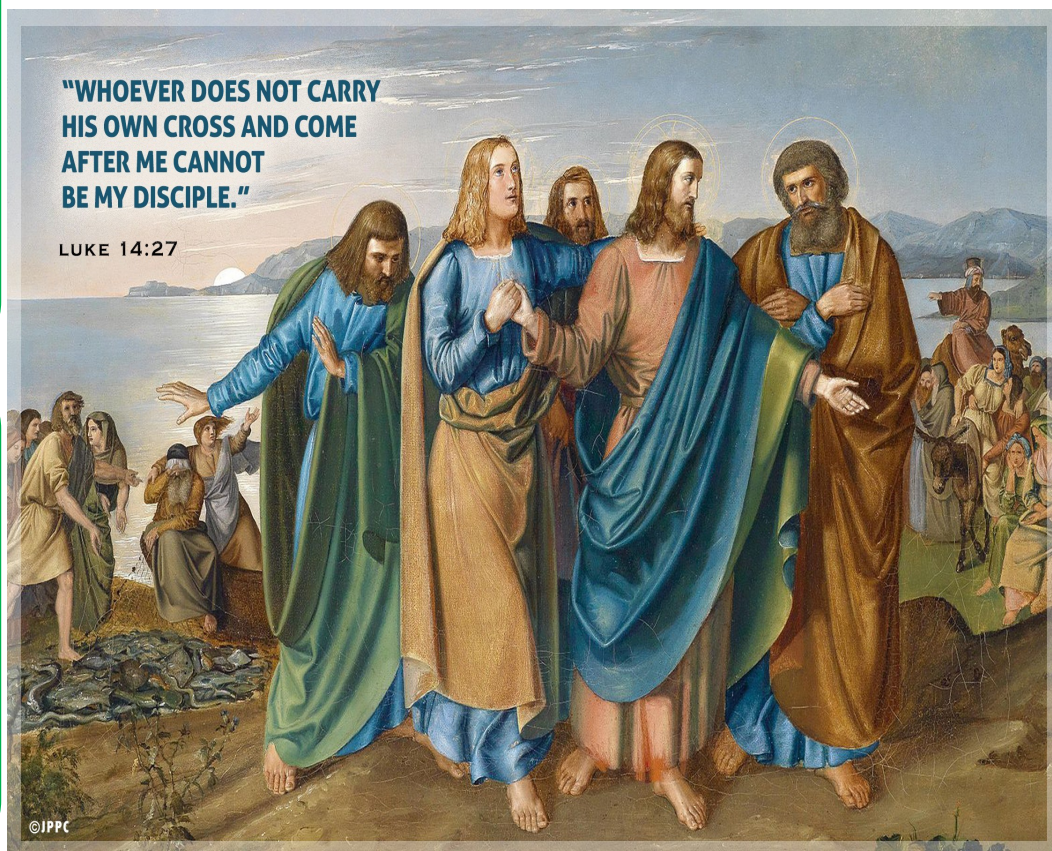
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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

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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, SEPTEMBER 3RD**

GREGORY THE GREAT. POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

4:00p Esther Berdini by Joe & Vicki Nichols

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a The People of the Parish

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

LABOR DAY

9:00a The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

9:00a Lynda Bancroft by Rod & Louise Burgess

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

9:00a Tim Luko by Dan & Karen Seniff

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00a Paul Garofolo by Rocky & Susan Costa

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

9:00a **No Parish Mass****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

4:00p Robert & Ellen Hanna by Don & Mary Ellen Healy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Catherine Walsh by The Flynn Family

10:00a 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 Church
Burns for the Health and Welfare of*

Andrea Logan

Requested by Dan & 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 Parish Office by calling 856-881-9155 or e-mailing PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com.

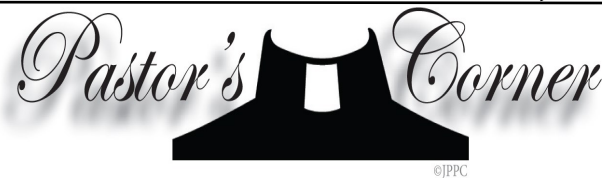
Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP POSSESSIONS

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce
all his possessions cannot be My disciple."*

~ Luke 14:33 ~

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, we as **Stewards** must renounce the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



Dear Parishioners,

Noah was enjoying his fourth birthday. It was a great party and time to open gifts and cards. One card had four one-dollar bills in it, and he was delighted. Four was a big number. He was rich! He could buy a new computer game he wanted. The adults were smiling – they knew that he was not old enough yet to calculate the cost of real things. They knew he would have to open lots of cards with dollar bills and probably sacrifice some other thing he would like to have before he would have enough money to buy the new game. As is typical with a child, however, Noah soon became lost in opening his other gifts and forgot the four dollars and what he wanted to buy with them. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus challenges those following Him to "calculate the cost" of discipleship. This cost is steep.

Discipleship requires both renunciation and calculation. Those who wish to follow Jesus must renounce everyone and everything that gets in the way of a single-minded response to Jesus' invitation to be His disciple. At the same time, disciples are not naively to follow Jesus. They must calculate and consent to the cost – the price of giving their all ... even perhaps their own life. What the One who calls gives disciples in return, however, is beyond calculation – the fullness of new and eternal Life.

Jesus is using pretty radical language about renunciation and calculation in order to give us a chance to consider carefully what we do when we say "yes" to discipleship. Like so many things about life, we might enter into following Jesus with great enthusiasm and energy. But the cost of discipleship might soon dampen our spirits and lead us to lose sight of the gift of new Life Jesus offers us.

Being a disciple is not something we can undertake half-heartedly or frivolously. It is a decision to be pondered and weighed. The cost is steep. Like Jesus, we give our lives over for the good of others. *Are we willing to pay the price? **Every day?** Do we calculate carefully?*

The radical cost of discipleship suggests that our "yes" is one that must be learned. We grow into it. As we make choices to live out discipleship, we enter more deeply into its meaning and demands. At the same time as we are faithful disciples, we also continually receive from God the strength to follow Jesus no matter what the cost.

Our "yes" to being followers of Jesus and taking up His mission is first ritualized at Baptism. Whether babies or adults makes no difference ... that "yes" is always less than perfect. There is always room in our lives to grow deeper into Christ. Our ongoing baptismal "yes" is our ongoing assessment of the self-emptying stance of discipleship. Jesus is constantly inviting us to listen to Him. We spend our whole lives bringing our fullest attention to what He is saying. This Gospel passage gives us no hint about what happens if we cannot follow through on these radical demands of discipleship. From the history of God's dealing with the Chosen People, we know God is a God of mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. Jesus lays out the radical demands of discipleship. Our human weakness begs us to call on God's mercy and forgiveness when we cannot quite measure up. In all things, God will sustain us. God never goes back on the divine promise to give new Life to those who are faithful.

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.

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 OFFICE
Closed

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.

We will reopen on Tuesday, September 6th at 10a.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is a joint project of Citizens for Life and the Pro-Life Action League.

The Catholic Daughters Court Mater Creatoris will be hosting a solemn memorial on **Saturday, September 10th at 10a at Saint Mary's Church, Our Lady of Peace Parish, Carroll Ave, Williamstown**, as part of the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Pro-Lifers are encouraged to carry on the spiritual mission of the Day of Remembrance throughout the year by visiting a gravesite (Toms River) or other memorial site to offer prayers of mourning for the victims of abortion. Saint Mary's Church is one of only three (3) such memorial sites in our Diocese. Our special guest speaker is Kim Pesotski.

Visiting these gravesites or memorials also offers hope and healing to women who have had an abortion and people who have been affected by abortion such as fathers and grandparents who were never allowed to grieve the death of a child hurt by abortion.

By spreading the word of this campaign, you are helping to humanize our aborted brothers and sisters and deepening your own commitment to ending the injustice of abortion.



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

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 CHURCHFOR BUS INFORMATION:
Contact your local parish**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;
Lk 6:12-19**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17;
Lk 6:20-26**Thursday:** Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12;
Lk 6:39-42**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49**Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;
1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

PRAY FOR

UKRAINE

September 4, 2022 | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b | Phmn 9-10, 12-17 | Lk 14:25-33

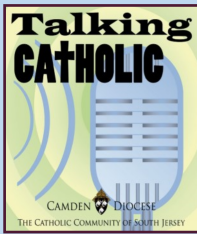
Written by
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FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE**GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Often, before writing these reflections, I take a minute to pray. I decided to add a minute of mindfulness using my new Apple Watch, which conveniently provides a meditation prompt. Today's happened to be: "Bring to mind a close relationship that can be challenging, and think about what it can teach you." Like those paper messages in fortune cookies, even this auto-generated prompt carried a grain of truth. Our thoughts may turn to our spouse, a prickly co-worker, or a moody teen. However, given today's readings, it struck me that this description can also fit our relationship with Jesus. Yes, we know that Jesus loves us, shepherds us, forgives us ... but he also challenges us! He reminds us today that being a disciple requires that we go all in, prepared to place our relationship with Jesus above all else. Easier said than done. But we can start, one minute at a time, with our prayers, priorities, and actions. We can also follow the example of saints such as Paul, imprisoned for preaching the Gospel, and the saints among us who teach us by example.

STUDY Take time to read about the lives of a few saints. What habits did they create to lead holy lives? What vices did they give up for Christ's sake to truly become his disciple?

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I bet we all know people we would consider saints, or at least well on their way: A compassionate friend, a priest or lay minister at our parish, a generous neighbor, that person who has not let suffering and loss shake their faith. Then there are the saints we Catholics celebrate each day: Francis, who threw off the cloak of privilege to live for Christ; Mother Teresa, who served others day in and day out even as she faced a spiritual drought; Paul, the one-time persecutor who built up the early Church and whose letters continue to inspire Christians. Each of them took Jesus' words at face value and laid down their lives for him. Learning how to be a disciple of Christ from studying the lives of the saints can be an ongoing pursuit throughout our lives. But perhaps we can also learn from a "living saint," if the opportunity presents itself, and ask, in so many words, "what's your secret?" It may be praying first thing in the morning, or something practical that we had not considered, such as managing their time in such a way that allows them to volunteer regularly or to be a continuous presence in the life of someone who needs them. If other priorities have gotten in the way of our relationship with Jesus, perhaps we can challenge ourselves to develop new habits. Even an incremental change – such as spending less time or money on nonessentials or reading an inspirational book – can help us reignite our faith and free up our time to focus on someone or something other than ourselves.



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/

Subscribe to these YouTube channels to view all videos:

Subscribe to the Catholic Star Herald YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCLK-2e35CrjDzJlprO6s4Q

Subscribe to the Talking Catholic YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCKPigUnilpN77DldUfyweow

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.

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



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

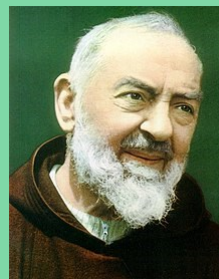
New this year ~ Corn Hole Competition

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
609-561-8313



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