



August 21, 2022 | 21st 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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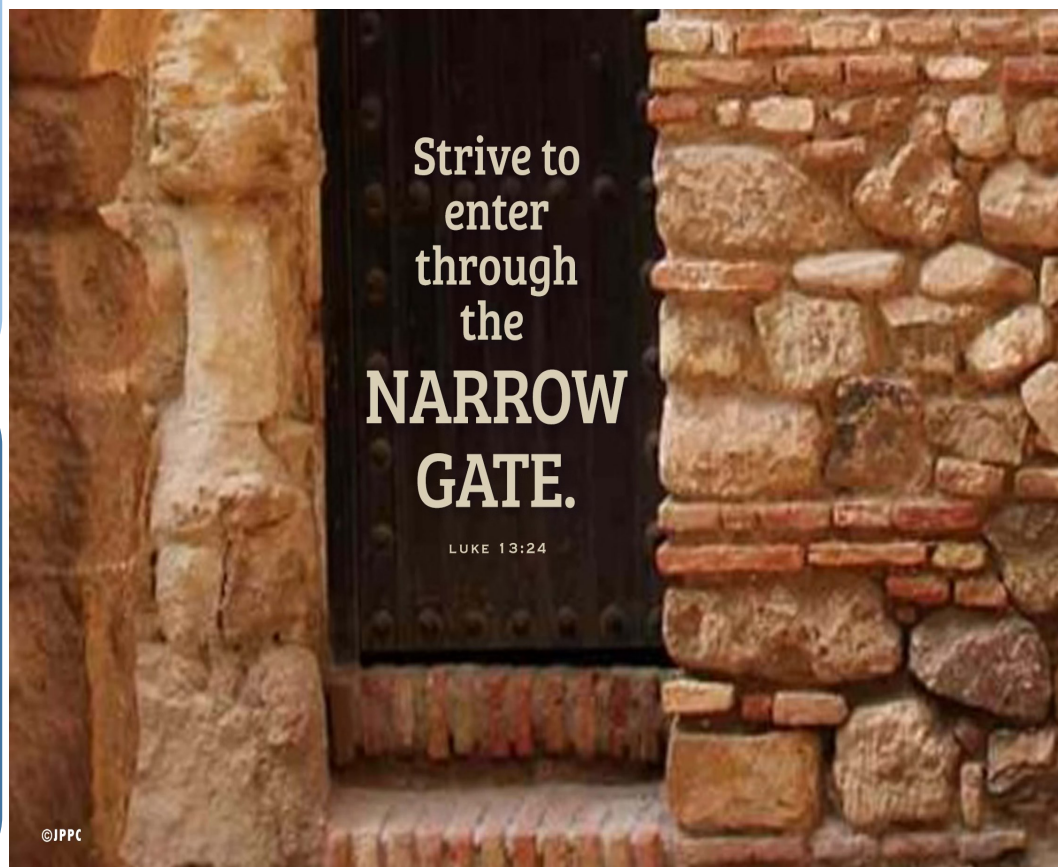
REGIONAL SCHOOL

856-881-0067

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**."*



NATIVITY: 2677 Delsea Dr, Franklinville **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA:** 700 N Delsea Dr, Clayton

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

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, AUGUST 20TH***BERNARD, ABBOTT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH***4:00p Special Intentions of the Robert J. Carder Family**
*by the Cichoski Family***SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST***21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***8:00a Laurie Betts** *by Michael & Sharon Grochowski***10:00a The People of the Parish****MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND***THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***9:00a Joseph P. Gianfortune***by Fran Carder, Cindy Simpson, & Fr. Larry***TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD***ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN***9:00a Intentions of Olivia Wright on Her Birthday***by Her Loving Parents***WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH***BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE***9:00a Jim Austin** *by Kathy O'Hara***THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH***LOUIS AND JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST***9:00a Paul Garofolo** *by Rocky & Susan Costa***FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH****9:00a No Parish Mass****SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH***MONICA***4:00p The People of the Parish****SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST***21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***8:00a Nicholas Granato** *by Bob & Dona Sandelier***10:00a Joseph P. Gianfortune***by The Faculty & Staff of Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School***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*

Raymond Rossi

Requested by Dan and 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, 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!*

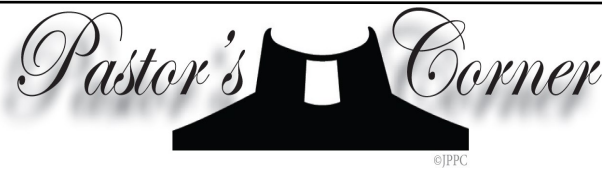
STEWARDSHIP LIVING

*"For behold, some are last who will be first
and some are first who will be last."*

~ Luke 13:30 ~

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you: How have you lived **Stewardship**? What have you done with the gifts I have given you? How will you respond?





Dear Parishioners,

God has promised salvation to all from that first fateful fall of humanity made by Adam and Eve. God has never forsaken us. While salvation is a gift freely given to us by God, we must choose it, work at it, desire it with all our hearts. This weekend's Gospel uses two (2) images that indicate to us that we have our work cut out for us: a "narrow gate" and a locked door. We must squeeze out any weakness that leads us astray. We must push anything aside that gets between God and us. To squeeze and push our way to salvation, we must be strong.

What strength is needed to enter "*through the narrow gate*" or "*through the locked door*?" The strength comes from living so that the "master of the house" knows us and opens to us. The strength that comes from faithfully living in the "Kingdom of God." The strength of conviction in following Jesus and seeking His Way over our own way. This strength only comes from God who offers it to everyone, those "from the east and the west / and from the north and the south." Because of this strength, we choose to journey to Jerusalem with Jesus ... we choose to pass through death to Eternal Life ... ***we choose salvation!*** Only this strength is truly "strong enough," for it is God's very Self ... God's very Life. Yes, God desires that each and every one of us be saved. The door of salvation is open to all who have chosen to pass through the "narrow gate" of self-surrender and the locked door of curbed passions and false desires. ***So, why would we choose this journey?*** Because the immediate destination (Jerusalem, with its promised death) is the way to a greater destination (new and Eternal Life).

By "making His way to Jerusalem," Jesus is being faithful to His own mission. By going to Jerusalem, He fulfills His Father's Will, even when that means He must suffer and die. Jesus walks the journey with us and shows us the way to what we should desire most in our lives – salvation. Our salvation is a great gift from God, but it is not without its cost. We must pass through the "narrow gate" of conforming ourselves to Jesus Christ and participating in His dying and rising. Being disciples of Jesus, then, demands more than being in Jesus' company (for example, being faithful to personal prayer or celebrating liturgy). It means we must take up the mission of Jesus to die and rise, that is, we must be on the way to Jerusalem.

What limits the scope of salvation is not God's reach (which is to east, west, north, and south – that is, salvation is offered to all people), but as beings with free will, our response limits the scope of salvation. We gain eternal salvation by choosing the difficult and demanding path of following Jesus Christ on His way to Jerusalem. We do this by dying to self and being His faithful disciples.

We might all claim to know Jesus. After all, we are, for the most part, faithful church-goers who weekly eat and drink in His company. This weekend's Gospel warns us that this isn't enough. There is an urgency about our Paschal Mystery living. We don't have forever to make up our minds to respond to God's offer of salvation. Each day we must take up our own cross, die to self, and live for the sake of others. This is how we enter the narrow gate and this is how we get to know Jesus intimately enough to receive salvation. We must all live and act like Jesus. Becoming least is a metaphor for dying to self. This is what Jesus asks of us: that the first will become last. What limits the scope of salvation is not God's reach, but our weak response. We must beg God for the strength to respond fully. Our strength and our hope comes from God.

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!



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
REGIONAL SCHOOL

2022
2023
SCHOOL YEAR

The Educational
Experience Your
Child Will Thrive In

- ✓ Traditional Values
- ✓ Rigorous Curriculum
- ✓ Faith & Family Focus

Limited Seats Available. Inquire Now.
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**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 ~

Summer – time for swimming, gardening, vacationing and shopping for the pantry! Yes, the pantry will be open throughout the summer. As always, we appreciate your generous donations of nonperishable food items of all kinds, including **ramen noodles, instant potatoes, pasta, rice, canned chicken, canned meals such as Chef Boyardee, canned tomatoes, cereal, peanut butter and jelly.** Nonfood items such as **soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also welcome. 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 11:30a on Wednesday mornings.** 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.**

Many thanks for your ongoing generosity!





A Ministry of the Diocese of Camden

Cremation and Proper Handling of Cremated Remains ...

... Your Choices Don't Stop with Cremation

While you may have chosen to be cremated, remember to choose your final resting place. Although the Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching. Cremated remains are the body of the deceased in a changed form. We should honor them as we honor the body. They must be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. When choosing cremation, there are many choices available including:

- † Private Family Cremation Estates † Granite or Glass Niches †
- † Ground Burial † Addition to Family Lot or Crypt †

Visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) and a member of our staff will gladly assist you.

*"And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."*



Samuel Group is a spiritual formation program designed to help you go deeper in your prayer life and receive formation on discerning God's voice in your life.

Ages 18-39

1:30PM – 5:30PM

Oct. 9 / Nov. 13 / Dec. 11
Jan. 8 / Feb. 12 / Mar. 12 / Apr. 23

Our Lady of the Lakes Church

19 Malaga Rd
Collings Lakes, NJ 08094

Obligations

- Interview with a member of the leadership team over the phone.
- Full participation and attendance at **all** meetings.
- Meet monthly with a Spiritual Director (we can help you find one).
- Commitment to daily prayer.

Registration is open from Aug. 1 – Oct. 1

To learn more and register, go to:
www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael OR
www.camdendiocese.org/samuelgroup



Scan here for direct access
to the registration form.

Contact

Sr. Ann Kateri
609-343-1545

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REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming weekend programs will be held August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or please call 215-766-3944 or 800-4702230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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.

Married Couples: Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive!

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

The next weekend dates are October 14-16 and December 2-4. Please call 609-741-8012 for more information or e-mail applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Please visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



Attention: All Centenarians and Nonagenarians!

Our good Lord has blessed many among us with the gift of many years. If you are one of those who has been blessed with 90 years or more, VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services wants to know who you are so that we can recognize you and invite you to a special Mass which will be celebrated for all of our Diocesan Centenarians and Nonagenarians on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Details will be forthcoming. If you or a family member would send us your name, address, phone number, Parish, age, and birthdate, on or before August 19th, we would be most grateful.

Please send your information to:
VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services
Diocese of Camden
631 Market St
Camden, NJ 08102
Attn: Karen Fisher

or please send your information in an e-mail to
karen.fisher@camdendiocese.org.

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

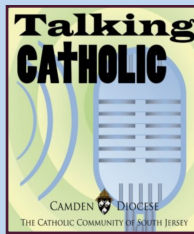
DROP OFF/MAILING ADDRESS:

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



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:

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

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www.youtube.com/channel/UCKPigUnilpN77DldUfyweow



DIOCESAN HOLY HOUR



ANDRÉS ARANGO, BISHOP'S DELEGATE FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY AND DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION FOR THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN, WILL LEAD BILINGUAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION.
AFTER HOLY HOUR REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OFFERED AND THERE WILL BE TIME TO SHARE IN COMMUNITY.

AUGUST 23, 2022 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

**SACRED HEART CHURCH | CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
1010 E. LANDIS AVENUE, VINELAND, NJ**