



February 16, 2020 | 6th 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: 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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REGIONAL SCHOOL

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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.pasma-nj.com>

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH****4:00p Joe & Eric Curran** *by Their Loving Family***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH****6TH SUNDAY IN OT****8:00a The People of the Parish****10:45a Scott A. Brown** *by His Son & Family***MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH****7 HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER****9:00a Lillian Pampanin** *by John & Kathy Rebar***TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH****9:00a Scott A. Brown** *by His Son & Family***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH****9:00a Scott A. Brown** *by His Son & Family***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH****7:00p Health & Welfare of Dan & Karen Seniff**
*by Jim Cesanek***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST****9:00a Lukie Biehler** *by The Biehler Family***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND****4:00p William Hanna** *by Maryellen & Don Healy***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD****7TH SUNDAY IN OT****8:00a James McCann** *by His Wife & Children***10:45a The People of the Parish****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

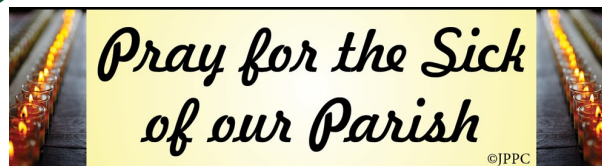
US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, 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 McCloskey, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,
Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster

**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 Memory of*

Mary Austin

Requested by Katherine O'Hara

*and the Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena
burns this week in Memory of*

Anne Marie Polansky

Requested by Larry, Ed, & Kathy

TRUE STEWARDSHIP

*"For I tell you, unless your righteousness
exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
~ Matt 5:20 ~*

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – true **Stewardship** is about the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following Church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of a modern-day Pharisee.

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!



who is my
Neighbor?



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



Stewardship in Action

Weekend of 02/08 & 02/09

Ordinary Income
\$4,267.00

Online Giving 02/08 & 02/09

\$225.00

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

Something to consider ...

This weekend's First & Second Readings teach about wisdom. In the Second Reading, Saint Paul speaks of God's wisdom as being mysterious and often hidden from those who consider themselves wise. This is because pride can prevent us from listening to God. But because only God can see the future, only God really knows what is best for us.

**Marianist Family
Retreat Center**
417 Yale Ave Cape May Point, NJ 08212

Spirituality of Knitting & Needle-Crafting Retreat **March 27-29**

Come and explore how the work of your hands is also the work of our Creator's hands! Through shared prayer services, presentations, daily Mass, and plenty of time to craft in community, we will explore the Spirituality of Knitting. All who knit, crochet, or needle-craft with some experience are welcome!

Cost: \$140 per person (includes program, lodging, & meals)

Sign-Up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or **please call** 609-884-3829 for more information.

**A Person's a Person,
No Matter how Small**
—Dr. Seuss

"Christians have a duty to be politically active, to register and vote, to lobby and educate candidates and elected officials, and to speak up about the issues that affect the common good. The Church does not set up the voting booths, but when we go into the voting booths, we don't cease to be members of the Church! If we don't shape public policy according to moral truths, why do we believe that moral truth at all?"



Dear Parishioners,

We are sometimes more like the scribes and the Pharisees of Jesus' time than we sometimes care or like to admit ... that is, we fulfill the law perfectly, but have little regard for what the law is calling us to actually do. One easy example ... many cities have erected speed and red light cameras at critical intersections that have caused serious accidents in the past. The law gives us a speed limit and asks us to stop (or slow down) when the light is red or yellow. The reason for this law is to save injury and lives. Yet, so many of us disregard the law. We step on the gas when we see a traffic light turning yellow and we regularly exceed the posted speed limits. However, if we know the camera is at a particular intersection, we slow down and stop ... and then when we hit an intersection without the camera, we stomp on the gas. Yes, we keep the law. But our heart isn't in it ... our wallet is.

In this weekend's Gospel selection is a continuation of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and is a blueprint for faithful Christian living. In it, Jesus is speaking about laws and human behavior. He doesn't make His hearers' lives easier by relaxing the law. He does, however, give a better reason for keeping the law rather than the consequences of breaking them ... and that is deepening the relationship with those around us. He has not come to abolish the law. He has come to show us what its fulfillment looks like.

What does it mean for Jesus to fulfill the law? Jesus sees in the law the means to fulfillment of time (*"until all things have taken place"*) ... when the law will be replaced by righteous relationships within the kingdom of heaven. The fundamental law is gift of self to others. When self-giving is lacking in any act of keeping the law, the law in fact is not kept. We are to keep the law as the way to enter a manner of caring for and relating to others that leads to fullness of Life. Our model for doing so is Jesus.


Each example given in this weekend's Gospel points to typical human behaviors that every one of us experience at one time or another in our lives: anger with those close to us ... the need for reconciliation ... repayment of just debts ... faithfulness in relationships ... temptation ... doing what we mean to do. As human beings, we can expect to have difficulties with one another. Jesus is not asking us to be perfect. He is asking us to pay attention to how we deal with one another and strive for a "righteousness" (that is, right relationships) that surpasses what we need to do minimally to get along with each other.

Practically, this means we don't say a mechanical ***"I'm sorry"*** when we've hurt another. If we say it, we mean it. We need to say it from the heart and strive to do whatever we can to restore the rupture in the relationship. It means that we need to look at the root of our anger with others and perhaps discover what needs to change in us. It means that when we are unfaithful in relationships, we question whether we are demanding too much of others or whether our own selfishness is getting in the way of growing in love for others. It means that we follow through on our commitments.

The "righteousness" that Jesus asks of us is not concerned with minimums – even of keeping the law – but is concerned with caring for others as He did. It means loving as He did. Jesus lives the supreme act of love: giving self totally. To follow Jesus faithfully, we must also develop a daily habit of giving self to others – for their good and for our own. For a life habit of self-giving love is the only way we "enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Fr. Larry



Saturday, March 14, 2020

"Burnout"
Presented by Mary Neary

Sacred Heart Center, Vineland
from 10a-3p, cost \$25
**Deadline to register
Monday, March 9**

Call 856-583-2906 or email
Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org

This is open to everyone!

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 14th, 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.

DIVORCE AND BEYOND

Divorce and Beyond helps those already divorced or who have filed for divorce to understand the processes and emotions of divorce and annulment, and offers hope through pathways to growth. St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, 12 Wednesday sessions, from 7-9 p.m., starting March 4, 2020. Contact: Charlotte at charlottesmary12@yahoo.com or (609) 221-7759 or Tina at (856) 404-1013.

03/4/2020 REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INTRODUCTION:

- A fee of \$20.00 for the class and book will be collected.
- Support Group Guidelines will be outlined.
- Each participant will have a chance to share.
- Group will end by 9:00 p.m. each evening.

03/11	Session One-The Process of Divorce
03/18	Session Two-Self Image
03/25	Session Three-Stress
04/01	Session Four-Anger
04/08	Session Five-More on Anger
04/15	Session Six-Blame and Guilt
04/22	Session Seven-Loneliness
05/29	Session Eight-Forgiveness
05/06	Session Nine-Happiness
05/13	Annulment Process (Father Mike Matveenko)
05/20	Session Ten-Pathways to Growth (Rituals and Refreshments)

This weekend, Jesus focuses on the precepts of human relationships and offers insight into how God would have us act toward one another. Reflect on how Christ fortifies us for more faithful adherence to these laws by encouraging us to seek a deeper relationship and conversion toward the heart of God. By seeking this relationship with God, we encounter the dignity within each other.



- ◆ **Sunday, February 16th** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Monday, February 17th** – **Presidents' Day - Parish Office Closed**
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 19th** – The *KoC Council #6890* will meet from 6:30-10p in the Saint Catherine of Siena Church Basement, Clayton.
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 19th** – Got Music? *The Contemporary Choir* will practice from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Thursday, February 20th** – *Confession* will be held immediately following the 7p Mass in Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton.
- ◆ **Saturday, February 22nd** – *PREP (Grade 8)* Confirmation Formation and Retreat from 9a-1:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Saturday, February 22nd** – *Confession* will be held from 3-3:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.



JERRY BLAVAT "THE GEATOR WITH THE HEATER" OLDIES SPRING FLING DANCE PARTY

Saturday, March 28, 2020 ~ 7-11p

Saint Padre Pio
Our Lady of Pompeii Rosary Hall
4680 Dante Ave, Vineland

Admission \$40pp includes buffet, salad, beer, coffee, & dessert (BYOB)
Doors open 6:30p / Food served 7p
Donation of desserts appreciated.

For tickets or more info, please call Janice at 856-305-4177, or mail check to Saint Padre Pio Parish, 4680 Dante Ave, Vineland 08361, Attention: Janice. Tickets will be mailed to you.

2019 Contribution Statements

Tax time is just around the corner and it's time to collect all those necessary papers to file. If you would like to receive a copy of your 2019 Contribution Statement, please 1) E-Mail PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com, including the information below **OR** 2) Fill out the form below, place it in an envelope, and drop it into the collection basket or at the Rectory during normal office hours **OR** 3) call the Parish Office 856-881-9155 and provide the information below.

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2019 Contribution Statement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

I would like my statement ☐ Regular Mail **OR** ☐ E-Mail.



Sunday, March 29th
Washington Lake Park
Sewell

iRace4Vocations

5K Run / 1 Mile Walk

iRace4Vocations is an annual event that welcomes people of all ages to run / walk in our 5K both praying for and promoting vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Camden. iRace4Vocations begins with Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, DD and concludes with a free picnic and free family entertainment.

iRace4Vocations is a “faith-raiser” that encourages each participant to come with prayer pledges for vocations to our Diocese. Instead of seeking monetary donations from others, iRace4Vocations participants seek to obtain prayers per kilometer for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact John Kalitz, Digital Media Manager, at 856-583-6193 or john.kalitz@camdendiocese.org ... Fr. Adam Cichoski, Director of Vocations, at 856-583-2864 or Adam.Cichoski@camdendiocese.org ... or contact us online at www.camdenPRIEST.org, facebook.com/camdenpriest/, or instagram.com/camdenpriest/

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!

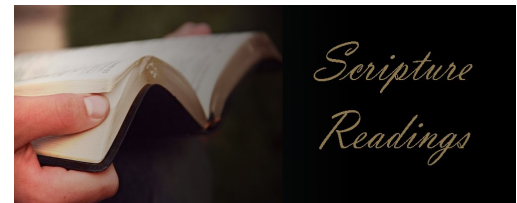
WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING



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



Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

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

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

Gardening Permit Program

Now Available

Spring Is Just Around the Corner ...

Gardening – The Healing Power of Nature

Research shows that digging in the earth's soil is soothing, comforting, and peaceful. When planting seedlings, cultivating the ground, and nurturing flowers, we experience happiness from our fruitful labor. Each year we plant gardens knowing when the first frost comes, the flowers will die. However, we have hope because in the spring we will once again plant flowers. The cycle of life mimics the cycle of nature. Although grief may never go away, gardening may be a therapeutic option that provides hope.

The mission of South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries is not only to bury and pray for the dead, but also to comfort and console those grieving. Consequently, we are happy to announce our Garden Permit Program will be available at all Diocesan-run cemeteries beginning March 21st. To learn more, please visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 800-594-4980 and a member of our staff will gladly help you.

*"He loves justice and right.
The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord."
~ Ps 33:5 ~*