



September 11, 2022 | 24th 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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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

856-881-0067



my son,
YOU ARE HERE
WITH ME ALWAYS;
EVERYTHING I
HAVE IS YOURS.

LUKE 15:31

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

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 10TH

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a **Catherine Walsh** by The Flynn Family
10:00a **The People of the Parish**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH – THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

9:00a **June Costa** by Rocky & Susan Costa

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH – JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

9:00a **Bereavement**
– John C. Woodell, Jr.
– Kathleen Brentari

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH – EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00a **Health & Well-Being of Patricia Kuhns**
by Dan & Karen Seniff

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH – OUR LADY OF SORROWS

9:00a **Lex Altemus** by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH – CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

9:00a **No Parish Mass**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH – ROBERT BELLARMIN

4:00p **The People of the Parish**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a **Liz Plum** by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara
10:00a **Joseph P. Gianfortune** by Fr. Larry




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

Kevin Hogan

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, 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 Rectory by calling 856-881-9155 or e-mailing PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com. Thank you!



STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

"Everything I have is yours."
~ Luke 15:31 ~

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we as **Stewards** really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend's Gospel unravels for us the movement of repentance, from overture through to the coda. Repentance begins with being lost, moves through a sonata of straying and wandering and dissolution, and ends (hopefully) with being found and feasting. Jesus uses not one but three parables to sound for us the mighty music of how much God seeks us when we are lost and how much God (and all of heaven) rejoices when we are found. The shepherd man, the housekeeper woman, and the prodigal father have in common losing, searching and finding, and feasting. This is a glorious feast – the only one that brings us from death to life. This is the feast of repentance ... the only source of everlasting joy. This feast only happens through encounter with Jesus Christ who knows when we are lost, ever seeks us and desires that we be found, and offers the lavish feast of Himself for our celebrating and rejoicing.

Jesus uses three situations (a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son) to dramatize that whenever we stray from God's steadfast compassion and love (become lost), God always seeks to find us and to show us divine mercy. For our part, we must realize that we are lost, we must recognize our need for God, and we must begin the journey home to be embraced by divine mercy. When God's offer of mercy is met with repentance, all in heaven rejoice. God's feast is about rejoicing over us humans who stray from God but repent and are welcomed back.

Tax collectors and sinners are "*drawing near to listen to Jesus.*" Pharisees and scribes, on the other hand, observe what is happening and complain to Jesus. He answers their complaint with the three parables that turn the table on their belief about who is really saved ... not the Pharisees and scribes who are self-righteous and unrelenting, but the sinners who are self-aware and repent. Jesus invites everyone to His table – His feast of mercy. But not everyone chooses to come. Only those who recognize their need to be found come. God always knows when we are lost and gives us every means to be found. God desires that no one be lost, but that we repent and return to the Source of our Life. For this we rejoice and feast.

God's response to our being lost (choosing sinfulness) is always one of mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God always seeks the lost (even when it includes an intentional turning away from God). God is always faithful in giving us all we need to choose life over death.

If God is so compassionate and loving with us, then as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, we must risk being compassionate and loving with others. First of all, this means we don't judge whether the other is worth our mercy and love. God shows us that all of us are worthy – even outcasts and sinners. Second, we ourselves don't do anything to earn mercy and love. Since they are free gifts of God to us, they are gifts we should freely give to others. We don't have to wait until someone wrongs us to show mercy and love – we need to offer these gifts simply because the other is also a beloved child of God.

It is much easier for us to be merciful and loving when the end situation ... the result ... is better for us. For example, we might forgive a family member some wrong-doing because we want peace in the family. It is far riskier to be merciful when there is no immediate gain for us personally in sight. As those who follow Jesus Christ, we are called to be merciful simply because this is the way that He was. Living the Paschal Mystery means that we feast well and often because we realize that God unfailingly extends His mercy and love without calculating whether we deserve it or not. All we need to do is repent. All we need to do is be willing to be found.

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.

Saint Joseph’s Polish Apostolate
 St. Joseph Church
 1010 Liberty Camden, NJ 08102

Will celebrate the 130th Anniversary
 of its Founding

October 23, 2022

Mass of Thanksgiving
 Concelebrated by Bishop Dennis Sullivan
 and Father Adam Cichoski

Sunday, October 23, 2022, 10 a.m.

Luncheon to follow at
 Adelpia Restaurant
 Deptford, New Jersey

For more information
 and/or reservations
 Contact John Uecker at 856-428-4836

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 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 and generosity!





September 11, 2022 | Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 | 1 Tm 1:12-17 | Lk 15:1-32 or Lk 15:1-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I think I lose more things than the average person. Car keys. That magic security card that gets me into my office. My son’s birth certificate (the night before the driver’s test). And my wedding ring, more often than I care to admit. I can’t rest until I find them. Oh, the elation when the missing item turns up! So this is one parable I think I “get.” Of course, these items pale in comparison to our value as human beings – sons and daughters of God. Even – or perhaps especially – us sinners. As Jesus tells us, “There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” What good news for all of us! Rather than wallow in our failures or close ourselves off to God, we are challenged to follow Paul’s example and turn to God for our strength – we can turn to him knowing we are loved, valued, and cherished.



GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I confess I sometimes feel unworthy to become very active in my parish. I’ve made more mistakes than I can count; so, no, I’ll pass on volunteering to be a lector or a catechist. That’s a job for the “good Catholics.” As we see time and again in Scripture, ours is a Church of sinners. As was the case with Paul, “once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant,” the Lord has mercy upon us, and his grace is abundant. Just as he considered Paul trustworthy to lead the Church, he trusts us; we need only trust ourselves. Gaining our strength from God, we can share our gifts through ministry and service. What’s more, we can actively reach out to those on the fringes of our parish or those who have left the Church feeling as though they don’t belong. Jesus reminds us that all are welcome at his table.



ENGAGE At Sunday Mass, make a point of welcoming newcomers and strangers with a smile or greeting. Consider getting involved in a parish ministry.

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 CHURCH

FOR BUS INFORMATION:
 Contact your local parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

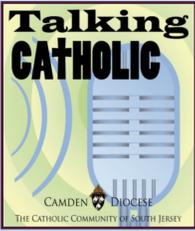
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

PRAY FOR

UKRAINE



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:](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLK-2e35CrjDzJlprO6s4Q)

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

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Pope 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.

HOT, HOT, HOT! Don't take a summer vacation from caring for your marriage. Bring a breath of fresh air to your relationship. The next weekend dates are October 14-16 and December 2-4, 2022. Please call 609-741-8012 for more information or please email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. You can also visit our website at wwme-southjersey.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

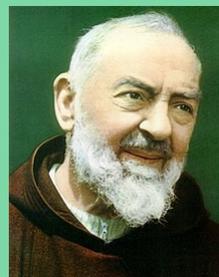
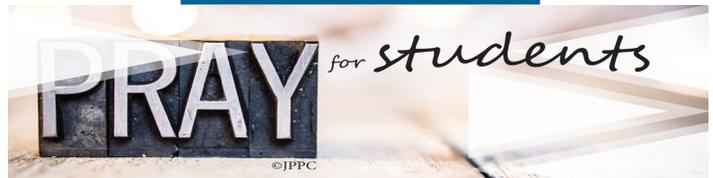


Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry.

A special toll-free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.

THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN



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