

August 7, 2022 | 19<sup>th</sup> 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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**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>*



**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,  
1<sup>st</sup> 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



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!*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
*TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD*

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
*19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**8:00a Thomas Longo** by Joe & Vicki Nichols  
**10:00a Elsie McCullough**  
by Elaine Vidovich & Lainie Mikelionis

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
*DOMINIC, PRIEST*

**9:00a Andrea Logan** by Dan & Karen Seniff

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
*TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN & MARTYR*

**9:00a Jeff Hoffman** by Rocky & Susan Costa

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
*LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR*

**9:00a Zoia Galazka** by Pawel & Kathy Walczak

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
*CLARE, VIRGIN*

**9:00a Thomas Longo** by Joe & Vicki Nichols

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
*JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS*

**9:00a No Parish Mass**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
*PONTIAN, POPE AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST – MARTYRS*

**4:00p Vincent J. Williams** by Dominica Kronberger

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
*20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**8:00a The People of the Parish**  
**10:00a Pauline Locicero** by The Wielgus Family

**STEWARDSHIP HEARTS**

*“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”  
~ Luke 12:34 ~*

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must live **Stewardship** and let go of some of the things of this world.

**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 Well Being of Matt Healy*

*Requested by Dan and Karen Seniff*



Dear Parishioners,

We all dream of finding treasures. Usually our “treasure” is money, a special heirloom, or a cherished memory. Ordinarily we don’t think of “treasure” as a person. Yes, we do speak of two people being deeply in love as treasuring each other. Parents treasure their children. People can be treasures. This weekend’s Gospel speaks of treasure, a very special one. This treasure is Life. This treasure is the Master. This treasure is the Messiah. This treasure is the Son of God.

What, really, does the Father give us? What is the treasure that is to claim our hearts? The “inexhaustible treasure in heaven” the Father gives us is the Son (the Master). Our hearts must lie with the Son, for He is our treasure. Those servants who are formed by this Treasure abide by the Son’s expectations and seek to carry them out. Faithful servants do as the Son would do – their actions follow their heart. When our hearts lie where our treasure is, it is not overly difficult to do what the Son would do.

Jesus admonishes His disciples to be vigilant for the “master’s return,” to be eager to learn and to do the “master’s will,” and be “faithful” though the master’s coming is delayed. Though much will be required of them, more will be given to them: “your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.” In the Gospel, the kingdom we seek is not a place, but it is a divine Presence. It is manifested when we followers of Jesus are faithful to our Master’s will. God’s kingdom is present when we are engaged in an activity of “doing God.” That is, when our doing is God-like: when it is creating and loving, merciful and forgiving, faithful and prudent.

What helps us in our doing “doing God” is vigilant preparation. This preparation is not about busyness, but it is about keeping ourselves focused on God who entrusts us with much: preparing ourselves for the coming of the “Son of Man.” Receiving this inexhaustible treasure depends upon our readiness. Delay does not matter. Seeking God does.

There are many treasures found in this life, for example, family, home, community, friendship, integrity, to name a few. Good as these are, they are nonetheless exhaustible. What the Father offers us is an inexhaustible Treasure: the fullness of the Life of the Risen Lord. Possessing this divine Life is possessing the Spirit of the Risen Son who dwells with those of us who are faithful stewards.

We live according to where our treasure is. This is why the way we live as disciples is so critical. This is why being a disciple is not something we slot into our already too busy schedules: one hour a week for Mass, only so much money in the collection basket, or another hour a week doing some volunteer work. Being a disciple is just that – being. It is much more a matter of the surrender of our whole selves to the “Master’s will” which means, first, being true to making present the kingdom which is already within and among us. This is the “much” with which we have been entrusted: who we are and how we live makes present God’s kingdom.

The way we live, therefore, witnesses to where our treasure is. Our very living challenges others to prioritize their treasures. Clearly, God must have priority in our lives. We make this apparent when religion is not so much practices we do as a loving relationship we develop as we encounter God and then extend that life we are given to others.

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](mailto: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 ~

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!***



- Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** Ez 2:8 – 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
- Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 – 19:1
- Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; 16:1-2; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53





August 7, 2022 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12 | Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

I remember the first time I moved: A suitcase or two fit in the back of my dad's lime-green Delta 88 as my parents dropped me off at college. Four years later, it took that plus a large black chest. The next move required a U-Haul; then came marriage, a family, and a moving van. I may not store my treasure in barns like the man in last week's readings, but at times it feels that way. It's natural to accumulate more "stuff" as we grow older. But in today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we won't take any of it with us when we make the move to our final destination. Rather than focus on our possessions, he encourages us to be vigilant, remain faithful, and live in service to others. In doing so, we will store up "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."



**ACTION** Today's psalm response is: "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own." Count your blessings and write a few of them down, giving thanks to God for each of them.

*There is hope.*  
*There is hope.*  
*There is hope.*  
*There is hope.*

**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**

On July 16, 2022, the U.S. transitioned the 10-digit National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to 988 – an easy-to-remember three-digit number for 24/7 crisis care. The lifeline, which also links to the Veterans Crisis Line, follows a three-year joint effort by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to put crisis care more in reach for people in need.

For those who are having thoughts of suicide or experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis, 988 provides 24/7 connection to confidential support. Simply calling or texting 988 or chatting 988Lifeline.org will connect you, or someone you know, to compassionate care and support for mental health-related distress. There is Hope.

For More Info, please contact: [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Few things throw me into a panic like unexpected company. I have taken to at least cleaning the kitchen counter and bathrooms before going on a trip so the house will look presentable should something befall me and others have to come in with food or aid! We truly do not know the day or the hour, and the Gospel today encourages us to apply a little of that spring cleaning to our souls. Each day presents a new opportunity to prepare for the day we meet Jesus. If we've been out of touch, we can get reacquainted through prayer. If we feel weighed down by things we've done or said, we can bring them to the Lord through the sacrament of reconciliation. We can witness to our belief in God's promise of eternal life by putting people above possessions and supporting one another as we seek to live as Jesus taught us.

**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](mailto: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





### 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](mailto:karen.fisher@camdendiocese.org).

## Fall Registration is now Open

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services Parish Nursing Ministry is proud to support the role of Faith Community Nurses within our parishes by once again offering our fully online Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course.

The course will be held virtually over a 4-week period beginning Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and ending Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Continuing education credits will be awarded after attendance and completion of all course requirements. The cost is \$400, however full scholarships are available for Registered Nurses that are parishioners within the Diocese of Camden and who satisfy scholarship requirements.

Registered nurses interested in learning more about this nursing specialty practice and scholarship process should contact: Nicole Keefer, RN, Director Parish Nursing via email at: [Nicole.Keefer@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Nicole.Keefer@camdendiocese.org); call 856-583-6120; or visit our website to download the flyer for dates, times, and more information at <https://vitality.camdendiocese.org/foundations-of-faith-community-nursing/>.

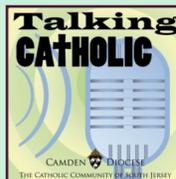
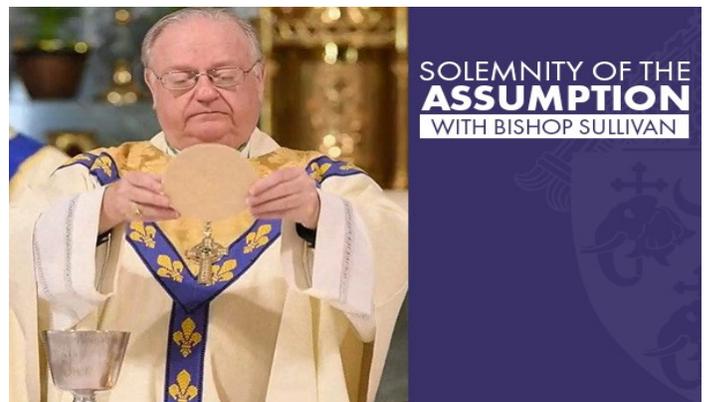


All are welcome to **Notre Dame de la Mer Parish (Saint Ann Church) in Wildwood on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, as Bishop Dennis Sullivan celebrates the Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by the Procession down to the beach and the Wedding of the Sea ceremony.

**Music preludes by the Parish's Music Ministry and orchestra will begin at 4p, with the Mass beginning at 4:30p.**

Immediately following the Mass, all are invited to join the procession of Mary and her Mysteries of the Rosary through the streets of Wildwood and down to the ocean for the Wedding of the Sea.

Bishop Sullivan will celebrate **Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 12:00 noon on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Parish of Saint Monica (Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Church)** followed by a procession to the beach for the Blessing of the Sea. All are welcome!



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/](http://talking.catholicstarherald.org/)

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