

August 14, 2022 | 20<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



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 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
*PONTIAN, POPE AND HIPPLYTUS, 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*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
*THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

**9:00a The People of the Parish**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
*STEPHEN OF HUNGARY*

**9:00a Jane Burdalski** by *Kevin & Kathy O'Hara*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a Don & Mary Ellen Healy**  
– *55th Wedding Anniversary*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a Rachel Brown** by *Dan & Karen Seniff*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
*JOHN EUDES, PRIEST*

**9:00a No Parish Mass**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
*BERNARD, ABBOTT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH*

**4:00p Special Intentions of the Robert Carder Family**  
by *The Cichoski Family*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
*21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**8:00a Laurie Betts** by *Michael & Sharon Grochowski*  
**10:00a The People of the Parish**

**STEWARDSHIP CONSCIENCE**

*“Do you think have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”  
~ Luke 12:51 ~*

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We Don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Live in **Stewardship** by forming your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

**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 in Celebration of the 55th Wedding Anniversary of Don and Mary Ellen Healy Congratulations!*

Dear Parishioners,



Most people naturally try to avoid a fight. We all want to live our lives in peace, *right?* We pray for peace in our world, in our communities, and in our homes. But what is peace? Jesus makes clear in this weekend's Gospel that peace is not the absence of strife. In fact, He suggests that being on fire to accomplish His mission will bring serious divisions. The issue here isn't to sow division, but rather to be faithful to the saving mission for which Jesus was sent. We have the deepest peace when we ourselves take up and are faithful to Jesus' saving mission. Even in the midst of strife, we can all know peace.

In this weekend's Gospel, fire is an image referring to Divine Judgment. Jesus is clearly stating that He has come to judge the people. His own faithfulness to this task and to His saving mission led to His great anguish and ultimately to His Passion and Death. So will we, His faithful disciples, be treated. Jesus' intent here is not primarily to condemn people, but to challenge them to right living according to the covenant established with God. So right living must be our intent. Being true to the mission and being committed to the mission means that we're going to face opposition sometimes. The critical question for Jesus' disciples is whether or not we are on fire enough to continue His saving mission ... no matter what the cost.

The pivotal point is that neither Jesus nor any of us choose division and strife. Hopefully, we choose to speak God's Word and to preach the values consistent with God's reign, by what we say, by what we do, and by how we act. Divisions occur simply by being faithful to God's message. This is the real shock value of the Gospel ... being a faithful disciple of Jesus will often instigate a clash of values, of principles, and of priorities. The judgment we ourselves must make each day – and more than likely, many, many times each day – is whether or not we are faithful to the Gospel values and challenges Jesus has taught us.

Jesus' very message is divisive because it calls people to a radical way of living – self-giving for the good of others. And it's our God-given free will that allows us to choose. We must make a decision to follow Him *or not* ... to share His Passion ("baptism") *or not* ... to be self-giving as He is *or not*. We have the freedom to choose. We have free will. We are not God's robots. And the choice we make sometimes results in division, even within families, because all of us do not make the same choice to follow Jesus.

Jesus came to preach the Good News of radical fidelity to God. Paradoxically, being faithful to Jesus, even when this brings strife and division, is how we come to lasting peace. If we compromise the Gospel message in order to have peace now, we forfeit the everlasting peace which is promised to the faithful disciple. It's the everlasting peace which will perhaps be ours upstairs in heaven one day. The choice is ours.

Realistically, most of us do not live our discipleship this dramatically nor are we faced with such consequential choices. We are hardly called like Jeremiah in the First Reading to announce to the Israelites that their beloved Jerusalem will fall into the hands of the Babylonians – nor are we thrown into a cistern ... into a well ... to die! Nor like Jesus will we be nailed to a cross because of our preaching and teaching. Nevertheless, we are called to be faithful to God's Word in the small, everyday things as well as at times when the more serious challenges come along.

We do not seek division, but we seek consistency in living Gospel values. The very way we live our lives is a way to preach the Gospel. Sometimes strife and division are signs of our faithful commitment. Gospel living is not always easy!

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!



# 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.

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

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



## 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](http://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."  
~ John 14:3 ~*



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](http://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)



August 14, 2022 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | Heb 12:1-4 | Lk 12:49-53

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

My mom loved her Nintendo 64. We especially enjoyed “Paperboy,” a video game where a paperboy riding a bicycle attempts to deliver newspapers along Easy Street, Middle Road, or Hard Way. He has to avoid obstacles that pop up along the way – barking dogs, mailboxes, skateboarders, trash cans, you name it! Sometimes life can seem that way. We can’t predict which obstacles will pop up, but the author of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to persevere, “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.” Whether we’re riding along “Easy Street” or “Hard Way,” we can look to Jesus to help us overcome the hardships that may come our way because we are his followers. As Jesus tells the disciples, following him will not always be easy and may even result in conflicts within our families. When that happens, we can look to the example of Jesus and the great “cloud of witnesses” to whom the Letter to the Hebrews refers, knowing that peace and reconciliation await us at the finish line.



**STUDY** The *catechism* chapter 3, The Characteristics of Faith (153-165), references this passage from Hebrews on being surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Read especially #165.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I used to have great fun watching my boys at our neighborhood swim meets. Even as my then-7-year-old zig-zagged into the lane lines during the backstroke, I would yell “Go! Go! Go! You’ve got this.” (And, please, someone catch his head at the finish!) He couldn’t hear a word I said. I wonder if it’s a bit like this when it comes to the “cloud of witnesses” – the saints, known and unknown, who encourage us in our faith. We can’t see them or hear them, but we know they are there. In turn, we can become cheerleaders for others running the race alongside us: offering encouragement, prayers, and reminding one another of the joy that awaits us. Spoken or silent, our prayers can help us and others persevere in our faith and place our trust in Jesus when times are tough.



## 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/>.

### 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



## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16;  
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Deut 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,  
35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;  
Lk 13:22-30

## Solemnity of the Assumption

THE CATHOLIC Church believes that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her life. We believe in the resurrection of bodies that decay after death; Mary needed no resurrection of the body because hers was preserved from corruption. She was assumed into heaven.

This belief is a counterpart to the Catholic belief in the Immaculate Conception. To prepare a womb for the coming of the Word Made Flesh, God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception. Mary did not experience any sin—including original sin, which leads to further sin and death. Hence, sinless (immaculate) Mary also did not experience death as other mortals do. She was assumed into heaven.

The Preface for this day was composed after the Second Vatican Council. It includes these ideas about Mary, as well as this idea about the Church: We are a pilgrim people. This image had been enshrined in the council's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*. The entire Church makes a pilgrimage toward heaven. Mary, who achieved this goal, is a sign of hope and comfort for everyone else along the way. She is the beginning and the image of the Church as it comes to perfection.

The Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated in the evening of August 14 and anytime during the day on August 15. When this solemnity falls on a Sunday, it replaces the prayers and readings of Ordinary Time. August 15 is a holyday of obligation in the United States of America, except in those years when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. This allows those responsible for preparing Sunday worship to relax a bit more.