



# 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 First Fridays: 9a at Saint Catherine First Saturdays: 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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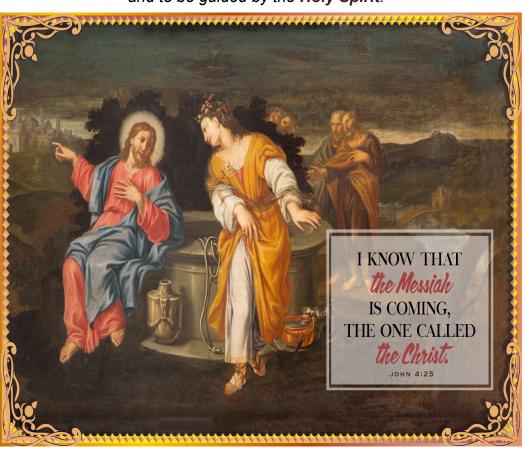
### PRINCIPAL

Mr. Ronald Ferraro

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 OFFICE Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p; Thursday: 10:00a-12:00 noon (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.psma-nj.com or on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/PSMAinDoC

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 12, 2023



### SATURDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>

4:00p Health & Well-Being of Frank & Sharon Cichoski
By Dan & Karen Seniff

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a The People of the Parish

10:00a Deceased Members of the Meyer Family

by Ronnie Vanaman

Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00a No Parish Intention - No Public Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH

9:00a BEREAVEMENT MASS

- Florence Checchia

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH

9:00a Health & Well Being of John, JR, and Katie Luko
by Dan & Karen Seniff

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH

9:00a Francis Nichols by Joseph & Victoria Nichols

FRIDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> - PATRICK

7:00p (N) Stations of the Cross with Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> - CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

**4:00p** Lawrence & Dolores Tankelewicz by John & Anna Contrevo

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a Fr. John Edward Bruni by The Sandelier Family 10:00a The People of the Parish



Saint Patrick's Day is <u>Friday</u>, <u>March 17<sup>th</sup></u>. Bishop Sullivan has dispensed all Catholics in the Diocese from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on that day.

Nevertheless, in order to maintain the solemn spirit of the Holy Season of Lent, Catholics in the Diocese who utilize this dispensation are asked to make another appropriate sacrifice on the day itself (March 17<sup>th</sup>) or to abstain from eating meat on another day during the week leading up to Saint Patrick's Day.



### 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 \$15. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

The Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena Church burns in Memory of

Thomas Austin, Sr.

Requested by Kathy O'Hara

### JOYFUL STEWARDSHIP

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." ~ John 4:13 ~

Jesus reminds His <u>Stewards</u> that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus – when we become more "Godcentered" and less "self-centered."

### PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Harriet Bajewicz, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena, Mimi Hall, Don & Matt Healy, 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!

### **OUR MILITARY HERO PRAYER LIST**

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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, & Kurt Reinhold, US Navy

### **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



### Dear Parishioners,

Conversations can be life-giving. They can bring about new insights. They can call forth a new self-understanding. This weekend's Gospel conversation begins with a Jewish man who is thirsty, a well, and a bucket. It leads to something much deeper that brought the Samaritan woman to new insight ... a new self-understanding. This conversation came to be life-giving for her ... and for us. Indeed, the whole Gospel unfolds as an insight into who / what is life-giving ... encountering Another who takes the time to speak to us ... having to face the truth of one's way of living ... doing God's will – the most satisfying "food" ... proclaiming the excitement of discovering Jesus as the "Savior of the world" ... coming to belief upon hearing the Word ... and desiring with all our heart for Jesus to "stay with us."

The conversation that unfolds between Jesus and the Samaritan woman reveals what happens when we drink the life-giving water that Jesus offers ...we come face-to-face with the Savior of the world ... we admit the truth of our own lives ... we run to proclaim Jesus' presence and message to all who will hear. Encounter ... truth ... proclamation – this is the movement of our Lenten journey toward transformation and new life.

Jesus promises the Samaritan woman living water and promises the disciples food that satisfies beyond mere hunger. What is this living water that Jesus gives? It is Himself as "Savior" ... the "love of God ... poured into our hearts" (Second Reading) as the gift of the Spirit. Jesus helps the woman at the well go from a literal understanding of water to His gift of living water (the Spirit) by telling her everything that she had done. He helps her come to a new understanding that enables her to witness to Jesus as the Messiah. She began her "Lenten journey" at the well with an encounter with Jesus, faced the truth about herself that she needed to change, and eagerly proclaimed her newfound lease on life. She models for us what happens when we drink the life-giving water Jesus offers. She models for us insight and new understanding of a depth only God can give.

Coming to know Jesus as the Savior of the world requires a constant deepening of faith, a faith that comes from the "gift of God." Our lives constantly play out the struggle to deepen our faith and get to know Jesus better. The journey of all disciples is to come to deeper belief, which leads to a deeper self-understanding as those who follow Jesus faithfully.

One way to deepen our faith and come to know Jesus better is by spending more time with Him as a friend. Lent is an opportune time to become more attentive to Jesus' presence – especially in prayer – and encounter Him who loves us, teaches us, and gives us life-giving water. Another way is to enumerate the blessings God has already given us and to remember that these truly are gifts from God. Yet another way to deepen our faith and come to know Jesus is to increase our self-understanding as Body of Christ and to make concrete efforts to act like Christ's Body. Things like saying "thank you" and smiling at another who looks sad or depressed are simple acts, but they remind us of who we are ... Christ for others. These kinds of everyday acts remind us that, like the Samaritan woman, we proclaim Jesus' presence by the truth of our own lives.

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

~ Fr. Larry

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## Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel Food Pantry



"Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, who Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" ~ Acts 20:35 ~

REGISTER FOR FREE:

We would like to thank everyone from our parish and local community who generously supports our parish food pantry throughout the year. As individuals, we may not feel we can make much of a difference in this world. However, the items you donate may be the very items that let an individual right here in our community realize that someone cares.

Currently, the pantry is especially in need of **ramen noodles**, **pasta**, **instant potatoes**, **canned chicken**, **peanut butter and jelly.** Of course, <u>any</u> nonperishable food item of your choice is always welcome.

Your nonperishable food 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 <a href="from">from</a>
10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings.

Once again, thank you for your continued generosity!



Have you been suffering following an abortion whether it was recent or years ago? Project Rachel, the post-abortion healing ministry of the Diocese of Camden, is starting a nine-week healing support group that will start on the evening of *Monday March 20, 2023* in the Galloway Twp area. Groups will explore the spiritual and emotional impact of abortion in a judgement-free environment. All services are completely confidential.

For more information, please call Sylvia Loumeau at 856-342-4164 or email at Sylvia.Loumeau@camdendiocese.org.



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.

#### Live Your Best Life In LOVE!

Restore, Rekindle and Renew your relationship this Easter season!

Register For A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Parish Experience Sunday and Wednesday Evenings beginning April 16<sup>th</sup> and concluding May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish 362 Ganttown Road Turnersville, NJ 08012

For more information and / or to register, please go to wwme-southjersey.org or call 609-741-8012.



Your *Catholic Ministries Appeal* gift helps our Catholic Schools give our children gifts for life, including a strong faith foundation, academic excellence, an understanding of what it truly means to serve others, a sense of self respect, values that build great leaders, educators who celebrate each and every unique child of God, and a supportive, caring community of parents, students, faculty, administrators and staff as they grow and learn.

Support the 2023 South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma



### KoC Council 6890 Scholarship Opportunity

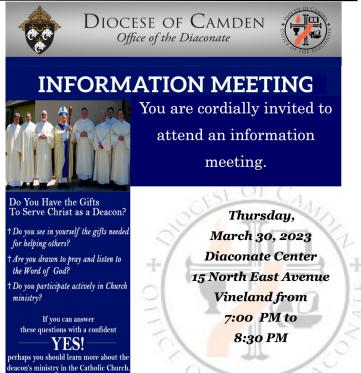
The Knights of Columbus Council 6890 have developed a \$1,500 one-time scholarship for the school year 2023-2024 to be awarded to any high school graduate with a 2.5 grade average or above, who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, and community and who will be attending any four-year accredited college, university or an accredited two- year college. The deadline for applications will be **April 21, 2023**. Applications, copy of most recent transcript and recommendation letters can be mailed collectively by your school or individually to: John Ryder at 5 Downs Street, Clayton, NJ 08312.

The winner will be determined by the Scholarship Committee and the scholarship check will be made out to the college listed on the application. Please contact John Ryder for any questions at 856-307-9997 or firetrain@comcast.net .

Canned and Hearty SoupsDried Mashed Potato and Stuffing Mixes







"The vocation of the permanent deacon is a great gift of God to the Church"

Pope Saint John Paul II

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

Contact: Linda Decosta - 856.583.2858 - linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org

OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE

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We are grateful for the support of the House of Charity Bishop's Annual Appeal



The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel is planning our 12<sup>th</sup> trip to see <u>Moses</u> at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA on <u>Wednesday</u>, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The trip will cost \$180 and includes lunch at the Shady Maple Buffet with some time for shopping in their downstairs shop before heading to Sight and Sound for the show.

A \$50 deposit is needed by Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please contact the Parish Office by calling 856-881-9155 or e-mailing PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com.

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Join us at the first-of-its-kind Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, the showcase event of the first year of the National Eucharistic Revival, a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

The billingual congress will feature presentations by national Eucharistic preachers Father Patrick Hyde of the Dominicans (Province of St. Albert the Great) and Father Joseph Jean-Louis from the Archdiocese of Miami, witness talks by local lay Catholics, and a concluding Mass celebrated by Bishop Dennis Sullivan.

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March 12, 2023 | Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Even St. Teresa of Calcutta experienced a period of "spiritual dryness." We pray, we go to Mass faithfully, we serve others – yet at times God's presence may seem elusive. Like the Israelites, we may ask, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" As we enter the third Sunday of Lent, today's readings assure us that God remains with us even during those times we may feel spiritually parched. In Exodus, water flows from a rock to satisfy the people. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman at the well: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman, a sinner and an outcast, recognizes Jesus as Messiah, and it changes her life. Even when we don't "feel" God's presence, we can rest assured that Jesus stands beside us. He is our redemption and our Hope, and "Hope does not disappoint."

### GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus breaks with custom by talking to a woman – a Samaritan woman, no less. He "sees" her – knowing she has been married five times before and is living with a man not her husband. Yet he chooses to reveal to her his identity as the Messiah and offers her "living water." But it doesn't end there. The woman at the well goes forth and shares her experience with others. Many more came to believe in the Messiah based on her testimony. What an unlikely disciple! We may feel that we, too, are unlikely disciples: We are sinners, we've made mistakes, perhaps we feel we are unworthy to "represent" Jesus to others. But nothing is further from the truth. Jesus invites us not only to partake of the living water but to share it with others so that all may believe.

**ACTION** Put a note on your mirror or bedside: "Hope does not disappoint." Each morning, remind yourself that Jesus is the source of our hope, and try to think of ways to share this hope with others.