



February 13, 2022 | 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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

## 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

## OFFICE MANAGER

Fran Carder

PSMA.FranC@gmail.com

## BOOKKEEPER

Cindy Simpson

PSMA.CSimpson@gmail.com

## PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS

PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com

## PREP E-MAIL

religioussmap@gmail.com

## SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## REGIONAL SCHOOL

Philip J. Gianfortune, Principal  
856-881-0067

## 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 anytime 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.pasma-nj.com>*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>****4:00p Debbie Fazzio** *by Fran Carder & Fr. Larry***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>***6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***8:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro** *by The Lachowicz Family***10:00a The People of the Parish****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>***CYRIL, MONK & METHIDIUS, BISHOP***9:00a John Collins** *by Mary Lou Cuneo***TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>****9:00a Peter Laquitara** *by Judi Guzy***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>****9:00a Tom & Lucille Nerney****THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>***THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER***9:00a Deceased Members of the O'Hara Family**  
*by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>*****No Parish Mass*****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>****4:00p The People of the Parish****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>***6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***8:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro** *by Mary Visalli***10:00a Danielle Bonner** *by Mom & Dad***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.

*This Week, the Sanctuary Candle  
in Nativity Church  
Burns in Memory of*

*Anne Marie Polansky*

## The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian,  
Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,  
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena,  
Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries,  
Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord,  
John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey,  
John Mitchell, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,  
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,  
Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola & Susan Webster

*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**

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**

COW3 Brad Davis, Stg Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, US Navy; US Army Medic

**STEWARDS PROCLAIM FAITH**

*"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
exclude and insult you, and denounce your name ...  
on account of the Son of Man."  
~ Luke 6:22 ~*

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our faithful **Stewardship**. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time. The Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

# Pastor's Corner



©JPPC

Dear Parishioners,

I remember when my nephew Erik was about to “graduate” from preschool. He proudly put his paper mortarboard on his head and marched with his schoolmates to the stage. As he received his diploma, Erik solemnly shook hands with the principal. After the ceremony, we all rushed to him and each of us said, **“Congratulations.”** He smiled and said thank you and then looked at my sister and brother-in-law (his Mom & Dad) and asked, *“What does that big word mean?”* to which they answered, **“Good job!”** While this answer works in this and many other situations, sometimes something much deeper is intended, closer to the original meaning of congratulations. From the Latin, “congratulations” actually means *“to be pleased with”* or *“graced with.”* When we offer our congratulations, we are staying that we rejoice with the accomplishment of the other, which “enlarges” both of us and expresses a relationship. The Beatitudes of this weekend’s Gospel express something of the same thing. They announce God’s pleasure in and relationship to the poor, hungry, sorrowful, those who are hated, excluded, and insulted.

The Greek word used in the Bible for the word *“blessed”* functions or works as a kind of congratulatory note. It means someone is fortunate because he or she is the recipient of divine favor. Blessedness, by its very nature, bears the fruit of the Kingdom of God because it is of God. With the Beatitudes, Saint Luke highlights God’s generosity. Blessedness isn’t a matter of social status, satisfaction, possessions, or respect, etc. It is a matter of keeping our eyes glued on Jesus.

Saint Luke seems in this Gospel to be exalting the downtrodden simply because they are downtrodden, and cursing the comfortable simply because they are comfortable. While it is true that God has special care for the poor and downtrodden, it is equally true that having possessions is not in itself cause for condemnation. What is really at the heart of this weekend’s Gospel is the manner of life that makes present the Kingdom and assures us that our *“reward will be great in heaven.”* The model of this manner of life and the source of the blessedness it brings is Jesus Christ Himself.

All are blessed who open themselves to the favor God grants. First, then, comes God’s grace, favor, and graciousness. From this comes a relationship with God and our acknowledgment that we have been chosen by God ... blessed by God. Then comes a manner of living that is consistent with our relationship. The “Kingdom of God” is ours when our living is in line with Jesus, when all of our actions are “on account of the Son of Man.” Our reward, indeed, is great – because it is God who blesses.

Most of us live just barely getting by – we never have enough time, enough money, or enough energy. We tend to keep our focus on now and, to a large extent, this is necessary. The Beatitudes, however, invite another stance. Even in being caught up in the cares of everyday living, we can still keep our eyes on Jesus Christ and what we should really be seeking – everlasting glory with Him in the time to come. We Christians are not so much as now people as future people. This is why social status, or what people think of us, or possessions, lead to woes – they turn our eyes from the future glory that awaits us when we keep our eyes on Christ. It is our relationship to God that motivates us to live the blessing that is given us. It is our relationship with God that motivates us to reach out to others with good “on account of the Son of Man.”

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

Fr. Larry





February 13, 2022 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8 | 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 | Lk 6:17, 20-26

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

Luke's account of the Beatitudes pulls no punches. Blessed are you ... who are poor, hungry, weeping, when people hate you. These admonitions bear little resemblance to the pursuit of happiness as most of us know it: Striving for wealth (or at least stability), enjoying a good meal, sharing a laugh with friends, and being well-liked. These are things of this world, and Jesus tells us that pursuing them alone will not make us truly happy. I don't think that means we need to wear sackcloth and ashes, or refuse to enjoy the great gifts with which God has endowed his Creation. However, Jesus' words remind us that we won't find lasting happiness even in the finest meal or the most lavish vacation, but rather in placing our lives in God's hands. For the desire for happiness "is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw us to the One who alone can fulfill it." (CCC 1718)



**STUDY** Read the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount and reflect on how Jesus' teachings draw us ever more to himself and highlight our baptismal vocation: holiness. What one thing can you bring to prayer and the sacrament of reconciliation this week to purify your heart?

### 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 ~

Would you like to donate to our parish food pantry but don't know what to buy? Although any **nonperishable** food item would be welcome, here are some suggestions: **mac & cheese, canned macaroni meals (such as Chef Boyardee), canned vegetables, ramen noodles, tuna, rice, pudding, peanut butter and jelly. Soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also appreciated.

You may leave your nonperishable items in the shopping carts located in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or, you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings**. There will be a bench outside the pantry on which you may leave your donations. 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.**

Prefer not to shop? Monetary donations are always welcome.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*

**GO EVANGELIZE****PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

It's a little ironic that I am writing a reflection entitled "GROW and GO." Few plants have survived my black thumb. That's why I love the image of the tree in the reading from Jeremiah. One who trusts in the Lord "is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream; it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit." These words from Jeremiah are a prophecy of hope, and hope allows us to accompany one another through the hills and valleys (and occasional dead plants) of our lives. We can become a source of hope to others by praying for and with one another and encouraging them on their own journeys of faith. In doing so, we help one another tap into the ultimate source of hope – the God who loves us.

## PARISH MASSES LIVE STREAMING



<https://camdendiocese.org/livestreammass/>

You can use the above link to for live-stream Masses in the Diocese, outside the Diocese, or on the radio.



**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:** Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



# FROM MANY ...One Body



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.

## A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE ...

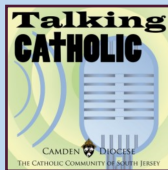
Sunday and Wednesday Evenings Beginning March 6<sup>th</sup> and concluding March 30<sup>th</sup>

This is a great opportunity to spend time improving your communication in the comfort of your own home.

Each session begins at 6:30p and runs approximately 2.5 hours.

**For more information please contact: Marge and Michael Walsh at 609-741-8012**

[wwmejerseyllovers@gmail.com](mailto:wwmejerseyllovers@gmail.com)



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/)

Subscribe to these YouTube channels to view all videos:

Subscribe to the Catholic Star Herald YouTube channel:

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

Subscribe to the Talking Catholic YouTube channel:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCKPigUniIpN77DldUfyweow](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKPigUniIpN77DldUfyweow)



We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us.  
make Yourself at home in our hearts.  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in you our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son.  
forever and ever.  
Amen.



## 2021 Contribution Statements

Tax time will be approaching sooner than you think and its time to collect all those necessary papers to file.

Contribution Statements will be available **beginning Monday, January 24, 2022.**

If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 Contribution Statement, **PLEASE:**

- 1) **E-Mail** [PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com](mailto:PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com) including the information below.
- 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.
- 3) **Call the Parish Office** at 856-881-9155 and provide the info below.

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2021 Contribution Statement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

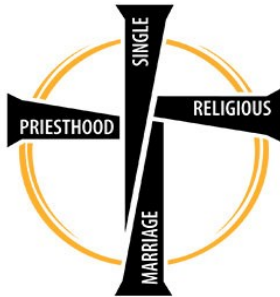
I prefer an e-mail ☐

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# iRace4Vocations

Everyone has one... Which is your road?



On Sunday, April 3, 2022, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many people from throughout the Diocese at Cooper River Park (Jack Curtis Stadium | 5300 North Park Drive | Pennsauken) for our annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1:00p followed by our 5K run/1 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese.

For more information and to register for the event, visit [camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations](http://camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations).

## A New and Improved Garden Permit Program

We are delighted to share a couple of improvements to our Garden Permit Program! First, in an effort to be more flexible and provide greater service, we have extended the Garden Permit to be a yearlong program. Additionally, we have added a new option, now called Garden Permit Prime, which gives families the option to select an enhanced landscape edging. The annual fee for the Garden Permit Prime is only \$50. The decision to offer both improvements is directly in response to feedback we have received from a number of our families.

Of course, South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries continues to offer the standard Garden Permit Program which includes black plastic landscape edging. We are happy to confirm that the annual fee for this option remains at \$35.

The Garden Permit Program allows for the planting of flowers in front of monument markers giving family members the ability to care for the final resting place of their loved one(s). These gardens are permitted under controlled circumstances and only where the spacing of the monuments allows for access of equipment. The Garden Permit Program begins every year on March 21, with the start of spring.

An application must be completed in order to participate in the 2022 program. Please note applications and payment must be received by March 15, 2022 in order to continue with the program for those who signed up in March of 2021.

To learn more visit [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org). Our staff can be reached by calling your local cemetery office or by calling 800-594-4980.



**SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

## Parts of the Mass ... ... continued

### ✠ Penitential Act

**NEAR THE** beginning of Mass, the priest leads the people in the Penitential Act, in which all acknowledge their sins and place their trust in God's mercy.

The Missal provides three options, each following the priest's invitation to acknowledge sins and a brief period of silent reflection.

The first option is commonly called the *Confiteor* because of its first word in Latin. All together confess that they have sinned, while requesting the prayers of others. Although many Catholics strike their breast three times while acknowledging their fault, the Missal calls for only one strike.

The second option is a brief dialogue between the priest and the people, drawn primarily from the Book of Psalms. Of the three options, this is the most rarely used because not many congregations have learned the responses.

In the third option the priest, deacon, cantor, or other minister leads a brief litany praising Christ for his actions, titles, or promises. After each invocation, the minister says, "Lord, have mercy" or "Christ, have mercy," and all respond with the same appeal. The Missal provides several sample formulas, but the local community may compose its own. The litany is not about how sinful we are, but about how merciful Christ is.

Each option concludes with a formula of mercy spoken by the priest. It carries the traditional title "absolution," but it lacks the force of the Sacrament of Penance.

The Kyrie is sung or recited after the first two options of the Penitential Act. It is absorbed into the third.

On certain occasions (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Rite of Acceptance, Baptisms, and weddings), the Penitential Act is omitted because of some other ceremony taking place at the beginning or later in the Mass.

*Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish: The Mass* © 2020  
Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved.  
Written by Paul Turner.