



September 5, 2021 | Twenty-Third 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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#### REGIONAL SCHOOL

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#### **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, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:00a Grace Pio** by Pat Pannullo

**10:00a Doris Rielly** by Olivia Wright

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
LABOR DAY

**9:00a In Thanksgiving for Theresa Morris  
for Receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree**  
by The Morris Family

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a William J. Morris, Sr** by The Morris Family

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**9:00a Deceased Members of The Meyers Family**  
by Ronnie Vanaman

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

**9:00a Mary H. Burns** by The Burns Family

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a No Parish Mass**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:00a People of the Parish**

**10:00a Health & Well-Being of Ariel Moya**  
by The Wright Family

## FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

*"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world  
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom  
that He promised to those who love Him?"*

~ JAMES 2:5 ~

What is more important to a **Steward** – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize that it is better to give than to receive.

## The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries, Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey, 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

### US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman & EM2 William Little

### US Marine Corps

Gy Sgt Brad Davis, Cpl Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

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

PARISH OFFICE  
*Closed*

**Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
is Labor Day  
and a National & Diocesan Holiday.

The Parish Office will be closed and  
will reopen September 7<sup>th</sup>.



## 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  
burns in Memory of*  
**Philip Azzante, Jr.**  
*by Dan and Karen Seniff*





## The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

welcomes its newest member

**Alexander Nicholas Teti**

baptized on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

*May he always walk as a child of the Light!*



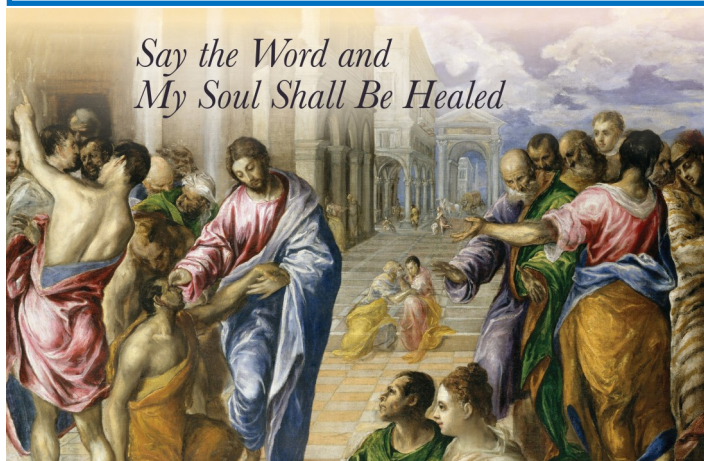
## Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel Food Pantry

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have;  
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind."  
~ Hebrews 13:16 ~*

Due to your generosity, the parish food pantry continues to provide assistance to our neighbors here in Clayton and Franklin Township. And, now that the days are growing shorter and cooler, it's time to begin looking forward to the holidays. Items such as **cranberry sauce, stuffing (such as Stove Top), canned yams or sweet potatoes, cookies, crackers, and applesauce** would help to brighten the season. Also, everyday items like **canned vegetables, ramen noodles, canned chicken, tuna, cereal, peanut butter and jelly** are always appreciated.

If you would like to contribute to the pantry, you may leave nonperishable items in the shopping carts located in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena, 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.** If you prefer not to shop, monetary donations are great, too.

*Today and every day,  
we are thankful for your generous support!*



**Catechetical Sunday** is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19<sup>th</sup>, and the theme is: *"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."*



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Is 35:4-7a | Jas 2:1-5 | Mk 7:31-37

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Our oldest son is deaf. I vividly remember watching him notice sounds for the first time in the days after his cochlear implant was activated: the "caw" of a crow, a doorbell, the low rumble of the furnace kicking in. Our job as parents was to provide a running commentary to help him understand the meaning of each sound that so many of us take for granted: "See the birds? That is a crow!" "Your dad is home." "The heat is coming on." I'm reminded of those early days when I read Mark's account of Jesus restoring hearing to the deaf man. While most of us can hear, so often we take the sounds all around us for granted or relegate them to background noise – including the Scripture we hear at Mass each week. As Bishop Robert Barron writes, "This deaf man stands for all of us who do not hear the word of God, who have grown oblivious to it." As we listen to today's readings, we can ask Jesus to open our ears and our hearts to the word of God.



**ACTIONS** Next time you take a drive, listen to the day's Scripture readings. Ask Jesus to open your ears and hearts to his words and show you how best to share them with others. And most teachers would agree: The more senses we engage, the more we take in. If you have trouble following the readings at Mass, open your missalette and read along silently.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Mark spares no detail in describing Jesus' encounter with the deaf man who had a speech impediment. Jesus places a finger in his ear and spits, touching his tongue, then utters the word *"Ephphatha!"* ("Be opened") Immediately, the man can hear and speak clearly. When listening to this reading, I often focus on the man's hearing. But Jesus also cured the man's speech impediment, which I think indicates we're not supposed to just hear God's word, we are to speak to it, and speak of it. Once we allow Jesus to open our ears and hearts to the Good News, sharing it will begin to come naturally. There may still be times when our Catholic tongues feel tied, but "Be strong, fear not!" Jesus will give us the words.





Dear Parishioners,

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus opens the ears and loosens the tongue of the deaf-mute. Both he and the crowd can't contain themselves, but proclaim what Jesus has done. *What has Jesus really done?* Healed the man? Yes, but much more. Jesus has revealed that He is far more than a miracle worker, as fascinating and as wonderful as that may be. Understood as only an external sign, however, the miracle falls short of the reality. The miracles that Jesus performs reveal His own divine power, His own compassion for the human condition, and His own mission. Jesus cares for each one of us ... He cares enough to reach out and touch us! What must be proclaimed is not the sign itself, but to that to which it points: God's Presence bringing salvation (see the First Reading). Faced with this revelation, no one can keep silent. The Word grants the power of word.

We can surmise that something very profound must have happened between Jesus and the deaf-mute man even before the miracle brought the man to an intensified insight about Jesus. Jesus must have communicated something to him that resonated deep within the man's very being and ultimately changed him. This is why he couldn't help but proclaim the miracle – his encounter with Jesus changed him. He was able to see beyond the miracle to the wholeness (salvation) that Jesus offered him.

The crowd recognized that Jesus is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy (see the First Reading) when they say, "*He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.*" Jesus' miracle points beyond Himself as a miracle worker to Himself as the One who has come to save us. The miracles are a sign of salvation – God's new Life is breaking in on humanity and changing who we are and giving us a whole new insight into our relationship with God. We now see God's mighty deeds, know that Jesus is our Savior, and can proclaim God's salvation. This Good News can't be contained.

Jesus is very personal with the man He heals: He touches his ears and tongue and He prays to His Father ("looked up to heaven") with a groan, as if His whole being were involved. Just think how much He wishes to touch us ... to heal us ... to encounter us! Like the healed man and the crowd in the Gospel, we can't (and shouldn't) keep quiet, either. An encounter with Jesus should lead us to our proclaiming His nearness, His care, and His healing. **We are never alone.** We only need to open ourselves to Jesus' touch. We only need to open ourselves to the Word who grants us all power to proclaim His nearness to the whole world.

In terms of Christian discipleship, we must come to know Jesus before we can proclaim who He is. Looking to mighty deeds that we think may be unfolding around us today – reports of miracles, etc. – is not where this Gospel leads us. Rather, the Gospel leads us to see Christ in the little things around us – the caring touch, the encouraging smile, the unexpected friendly phone call – and to interpret these as evidence of God's Presence and salvation. We ought to be "astonished" today by the many manifestations of God's Presence in and through the people around us. We ought to be astonished at how God uses us as instruments to proclaim the Good News of salvation. We ought to be so keyed into Jesus' Presence that we, too, can't contain ourselves, but rather we must proclaim God's mighty deeds to anyone who has ears to hear.

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

~ Fr. Larry





## Paul VI Class of '81 40-Year Reunion

October 2, 2021 at 4p  
at the Oaklyn Manor

For more details, please visit the PVI website Alumni page at [www.pvihs.org/alumni/alumni-reunions](http://www.pvihs.org/alumni/alumni-reunions).

# Yard Sale & Craft Show

**Saints Peter and Paul Parish** in Turnersville is holding a yard/craft fair on the Parish grounds on Saturday, October 2nd from 7a to 1p. The rain date is October 16th. \$30 includes two (2) parking spots for participants. Please call the Parish Office for more info or to reserve your space at 856-589-3366.



**Healing after Abortion:** Rachel's Vineyard Retreats, hosted by the Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office, will be held on September 10-12 (in English) and October 22-24 (in Spanish) at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Dr, Kearny. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer a supportive and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing.

## CHICKEN BBQ & FAMILY FUN DAY!

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CHURCH  
19 Malaga Road,  
Collings Lakes

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 11a – 4p  
(Rain or Shine)

Basket Auction,  
**Super 50/50:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize 25%, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 15%, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 10%

Chicken platters include ½ BBQ'd chicken,  
corn on the cob, baked beans, watermelon, roll  
(sides subject to change)  
\$12.00 each

Pre-sale dinner tickets only \$10.00 until September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Also available for purchase:  
pulled pork, hamburgers, hotdogs, cheese fries,  
nachos w/ cheese, homemade goodies.

**Eat indoors in air-conditioned comfort  
or outside in the picnic area!**

**Take-outs available**

Come out for good food and fun!  
Games for all ages, Children's Contests,  
and more!

**For more information call**



**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.**

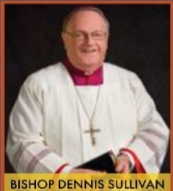
**For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.**

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**CHRISTIAN MANHOOD**  
*through Faith and Family*

**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 13, 2021**

The Mission of ManUp South Jersey is to provide men with spiritual opportunities that will lead them to encounter Christ in a special way.







**PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL**  
901 HOPKINS RD B, HADDONFIELD  
[manupsouthjersey.com](http://manupsouthjersey.com)



**Monday:** Col 1:24 – 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

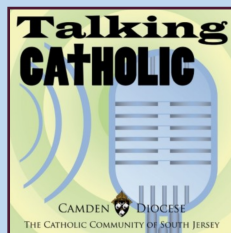
**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5, 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



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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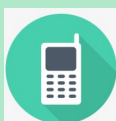
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If you or a family member is experiencing substance use / abuse issues, there is help in the Catholic Community ...

Substance Use Disorder has risen to epidemic proportions and impacts the entire family.



**Call the Catholic Charities Addictions Healing Helpline:**  
**1-856-342-4057 – 24 Hours**

Leave a message, receive a call back within 24 hours

between the hours of 9:00a and 4:00p – Monday through Friday

For more information, please contact  
[Joanne.Farrell@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Joanne.Farrell@camdendiocese.org)



**WANT TO GIVE A  
GIFT THAT KEEPS  
ON GIVING?**

Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next weekend is **October 8-10**.

Questions? Need more information? Please call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or please email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). You can also visit our website at [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).



<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.



### **Travel in the Footsteps of Saint Paul to Greece and Turkey with a 3-day Cruise**

**When?** October 22 to November 1, 2021 from Newark International Airport

**Cost?** \$4,259 per person / double occupancy

For eleven days, you will follow the footsteps of Saint Paul and experience beautiful sites throughout Greece. Visit Philippi, where Paul the Apostle delivered his first sermon and established the first Christian church in Europe, Mars Hill in Athens, where he spoke to the Athenians, Corinth and the site of Saint Paul's trials by Gallio, and more! You will even visit the House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus in Turkey where she lived until her Assumption according to Catholic Doctrine. A popular pilgrimage site, this Shrine has even received several papal visits and blessings. On your 3-day cruise, you will discover the captivating and beautiful Greek islands like Mykonos, Crete, and Santorini.

For more information and to register, please visit [www.pilgrimages/frhughes/greece](http://www.pilgrimages/frhughes/greece).