



October 11, 2020 | 28th 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 Nativity
Tuesday: 9a at Nativity
Wednesday: 9a at Nativity
Thursday: 9a at Nativity

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Nativity
10:45a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7p at Nativity
Holy Day: 9a & 7p at Nativity
*(Please confirm with
Mass Intention Schedule.)*

RECONCILIATION

*Due to COVID-19, by Appointment
Please call the Parish Office.*

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:30p *(or by appointment, please call the Office)*

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR 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>

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH***BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY***4:00p (N) Virginia Hoffman** *by The Lachowicz Family***SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH***28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***8:00a (N) Dante Napoli** *by Carin Haabak & Family*
10:45a (N) People of the Parish**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH****9:00a (N) Joseph & William Hanna**
*by Don & Mary Ellen Healy***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH****9:00a (N) Bereavement Mass**
– **Lena Ann Bricker**
– **Anna Chamberlin****WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH***CALLISTUS, POPE & MARTYR***9:00a (N) Edward & Wanda Polansky**
*by The Seniff Family***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH***TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH***9:00a (N) Autumn Pascale** *by The Seniff Family***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH***HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS & MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN***No Mass****SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH***IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR***4:00p (N) People of the Parish****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH***29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***8:00a (N) Ginny Hoffman** *by Rose Yacob*
10:45a (N) Joseph W. Catani *by Fr. Larry***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 Saint Catherine of Siena Church
Burns in Memory of
Leon and Mabel Chadwick*



Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein, 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

**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,
1st Sgt Shane W. McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, &
CPT Graham Miller

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr & 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



Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48;
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

There will be no daily Mass
Monday, October 19th
through
Friday, October 23rd

The Parish Office **will be closed**
 Thursday, October 22nd & Friday, October 23rd.

*Our normal Mass schedule **will resume**
 with 4:00p Mass on Saturday, October 24th.*

October Parish Bulletin Announcement

A Time to Remember & Pray for All Souls

Light Up the Cemetery

"Let light shine out of darkness" 2 Corinthians 4:6



November is Catholic Cemetery Month, a time when we remember, honor and pray for all of the faithful departed. Given the COVID-19 pandemic and hardship felt by all, we are happy to announce the temporary suspension of our restriction on solar lights. Hence, we invite families to place a solar light at their loved one's grave or outside of the mausoleum for those entombed indoors to honor them in a special way during the month of November. We want to particularly recognize those lost this year, notably those lost during the time of state-mandated restricted gatherings. Additionally, we pray for those who died alone and for their families who, because of the pandemic, were not allowed to be with their loved ones at the time of their passing. We ask that you please remove the solar lights by December 1, 2020.

We encourage our families to visit our cemeteries and mausoleums and to pray for their dearly departed loved ones and all souls who have gone before us. In honor of All Souls Day, all diocesan managed chapel mausoleums will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Monday, November 2, 2020.



LIVING STEWARDSHIP

"My God will supply whatever you need..."

~ PHILIPPIANS 4:19 ~

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a **Stewardship** lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a **Stewardship** lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

OCTOBER IS ...

... DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

LISTEN.BELIEVE.REFER. Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. **If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence visit: <https://catholiccharitiescamden.org/counseling/domestic-violence/> or contact Catholic Charities at 866-682-2166.**

Society for the Propagation of the Faith



During the weekend of
October 17th & 18th,
we will have a second
collection
for
World Mission Sunday.



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

Due to your generosity, the parish food pantry continues to provide assistance to our neighbors here in Clayton and Franklin Township. If you would like to help by contributing nonperishable items, you may place these donations in the pantry shopping cart which is located in the entranceway of Nativity Church or, if you prefer, you may bring them directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center **From 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday Mornings.** Since we cannot allow you inside the pantry at this time, there will be a bench outside the entrance on which you may leave your donations. We will periodically come outside and retrieve the items, but feel free to honk your horn before driving away if you wish to alert us of your presence.

At this time, we especially need **1 pound or 2 pound bags or boxes of rice as well as rice mixes such as Knorr's Rice Sides or Rice-a-Roni.** Any of the following items are also welcome: **pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, canned macaroni meals such as Chef Boyardee, canned fruit, applesauce, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, boxes or packets of instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken, cereal, peanut butter and jelly. Non-food items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and soap also make nice extras.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE
 AND SUPPORT!**

Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

What child can refuse a dare? Maybe a few. How about a double-dare? Perhaps even fewer. But what about a triple-dog-dare? My guess is none. Often a great deal of bravado accompanies a dare, but by the time the goading gets to a triple-dog-dare, there can be no backing down. For the third weekend in a row, Jesus seems to be purposely goading “the chief priests and elders of the people” into angry retaliation in the message of these parables because of what is at stake ... living in the “Kingdom of Heaven,” receiving a judgment for fullness of Life, and sharing in the divine wedding feast. Actually, Jesus is purposely goading all of us – not to angry retaliation in response to His judgment, but to change our lives so that we might embrace Life itself. **“Many are invited.”** Only those who respond appropriately *“are chosen.”* Our very Life depends on it.

Jesus issues each of us a triple-dog-dare. This dare we cannot refuse. We are to embrace conversion of life and choose to believe in Him and come to His wedding feast. We are all invited guests. Sometimes, though, we do refuse the invitation like those in the parable invited to the wedding feast of the king’s son. Despite Jesus’ goading, we sometimes refuse the dare and say no to the invitation.

The scandal of the refusal of our King’s invitation indicates why sin (the refused invitation is a metaphor for sin) is so damaging (both the sin of those to whom Jesus is speaking in the Gospel and our own sin). We, too, are invited to God’s feast because we share a special, loving, covenantal relationship with God. Sin is our refusal to share in God’s feast and Life, and this refusal damages our own relationship with God as well as with one another. A refused invitation is not simply a missed opportunity for a fine banquet. A refused invitation is a weakening in the relationship between host and guest. Like the wedding feast the king puts on for his son, God’s banquet will be served, too, and places are reserved for us. Will we accept the invitation and come? Will we accept the divine triple-dog-dare to live in such a way that one day we will share in the fullness of Life that God offers and sit forever at the eternal wedding banquet of love?

Even when we refuse to come, our King continually sends out invitations to us. God is relentless in calling us to live in the “Kingdom of Heaven” and to participate in the divine wedding feast. This reminds us of how much God wants to share divine Life and salvation with us. God sent His only Son to live among us and to bring us salvation ... even at the risk of His Son being killed. God’s banquet of Life is worth any cost to God. It ought to be worth any cost to each of us as well.

While I hope none of us would be so foolish as to refuse, for example, an invitation to a state dinner at the White House or an invitation for an audience with the Pope, we do often refuse God’s many invitations that are far more important. We are invited, for example, to the Eucharistic feast (Mass) every Sunday. ***Do we go?*** And if we do go, do we truly participate in this banquet or are we on auto-pilot and only go through the motions? We are invited to a feast of generosity through our many opportunities to use our time, our talents, and our treasures with others less fortunate than ourselves. ***Do we willingly donate time, talent, and treasure when invited?*** We are invited to a feast of relationships within family, workplace, parish, and neighborhood. ***Do we share our values and our spirituality with others? Which is the feast we choose? When invited, will we go?***

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe! Have a great week!

~ Fr. Larry



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School News and Happenings



ROSARY CLUB

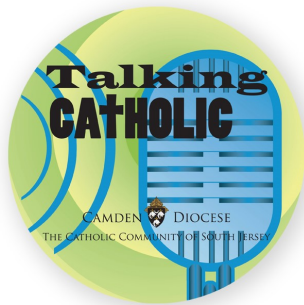
The Rosary Club with Sr. Bianca will be held on Wednesday, October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th of this month. This will be held in school during recess and unfortunately will not be virtual. ***We are accepting intentions for each rosary prayer session. If your family has an intention that they would like to have mentioned, please send it to advancement@smrsonline.com by the Monday prior.***

BLUE MASS RECAP

The 19th Annual Camden Diocesan Blue Mass with Bishop Sullivan was beautiful. We are so thankful that our students, faculty, and staff could celebrate the mass virtually, along with our St. Michael families. In addition to the Blue Mass on September 29th, we shared a video in all the classrooms recognizing the law enforcement officers and first responders within the Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School family. You can check the video out here: <https://youtu.be/rgHq5mrGM3s>

ENROLLMENT

The Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School enrollment remains at 133 families with 210 students in our PreK through 8th Grades to date. SMRS offers rolling enrollment throughout the school year, provided there are seats available. At this time, there are a few seats remaining in 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 8th Grades, with a couple of tours already scheduled for next week. Our PreK-3 is looking to expand with seats available for both half days and full days, with a minimum of two days per week. Thank you to all those that sent in their **MANY HEARTS, ONE SAINT MICHAEL FAMILY** hearts. They have all been scanned and will be printed and laminated for the board. The goal is to have them hung the week of October 12th.



Please know 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/

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October 11, 2020 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10A | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I would guess we've all experienced lean times along with better times. Ramen noodles and boxed mac and cheese in college, fine dining with "rich food and choice wines" once we got real jobs, then back to pizza and beer when balancing school tuition, car payments, and kids' growing feet. Paul has seen it all and much worse; after all, he is writing from a prison cell! Yet, rather than focus on his own troubles, he expresses gratitude for the support of the Philippians and assures them that God will provide. Paul is not writing about food, fine wine, or financial security, but the "glorious riches in Christ Jesus." No matter our circumstances, we, too, can trust that God will give us what we need.



GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Imagine Paul, stuck in a prison cell – hungry, thirsty, and probably in pain. And yet he seeks to bolster the Philippian Church, assuring them, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me," and *thanking them*: "Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress." What a powerful faith, and a witness to gratitude of God's gifts – including the gift of people who love us. I've been fortunate to have met people who, facing a chronic disease, the loss of a loved one, or physical challenges, still seem to be looking out for everyone else. Nearly to a person, they say they draw on their faith – and I've had the rare opportunity to hear their stories as an editor for a Catholic magazine. They inspire me to keep talking to God every day, so when that next challenge comes – and it will – I, too, can turn to my faith for strength. And it doesn't stop there. By our example, we can accompany those around us as they carry their burdens, assuring them that they don't face their trials alone.

ACTION St. Paul says: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Keep a gratitude journal and write down the ways God has provided for you. Thank God, and then reach out and thank the people who have supported you when things got tough.

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion

BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

MY JESUS,

I BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE, AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

AMEN.



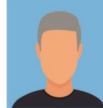
Something to consider ...

Because He loves us, God invites us to have a relationship with Him, and it is up to us to respond to that invitation. God respects our freedom to choose to want to know and love Him. The wonderful thing is that regardless of our response, God's invitation is always there.

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS



THOSE WHO ARE AT A HIGHER RISK FOR COVID-19 (I.E., THOSE WHO ARE OLDER THAN 65 OR WHO HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS) ARE URGED NOT TO COME TO CHURCH FOR MASS.



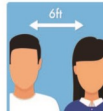
THOSE WHO FEEL IN ANY WAY SICK OR WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT ATTENDING MASS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.



IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT STATE POLICY, THE FAITHFUL (OVER 2 YEARS OLD) MUST WEAR CLOTH FACE COVERINGS WHEN IN PUBLIC, INCLUDING WHEN THEY COME TO CHURCH.



ATTENDEES SHOULD SANITIZE THEIR HANDS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH VIA SANITIZER STATIONS.



ALL PRESENT AT MASS SHOULD SIT 6 FEET OR MORE AWAY FROM OTHERS. FAMILIES MAY SIT TOGETHER.



THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND MASS MAY BE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND TIME DAILY READING THE SCRIPTURES, PRAYING WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WATCHING A BROADCAST OR LIVESTREAMED MASS, AND MAKING AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.



LIVE STREAMING

Please check out <https://www.camdendiocese.org/live-stream-mass/> for Parishes in the Diocese and sites throughout the country that are live-streaming the Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass, but would like to continue watch it, this is for you!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Please remove everything you brought with you and any literature you may have picked up while here. ©JRPC



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Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.

We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Amen.