January 17, 2021 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

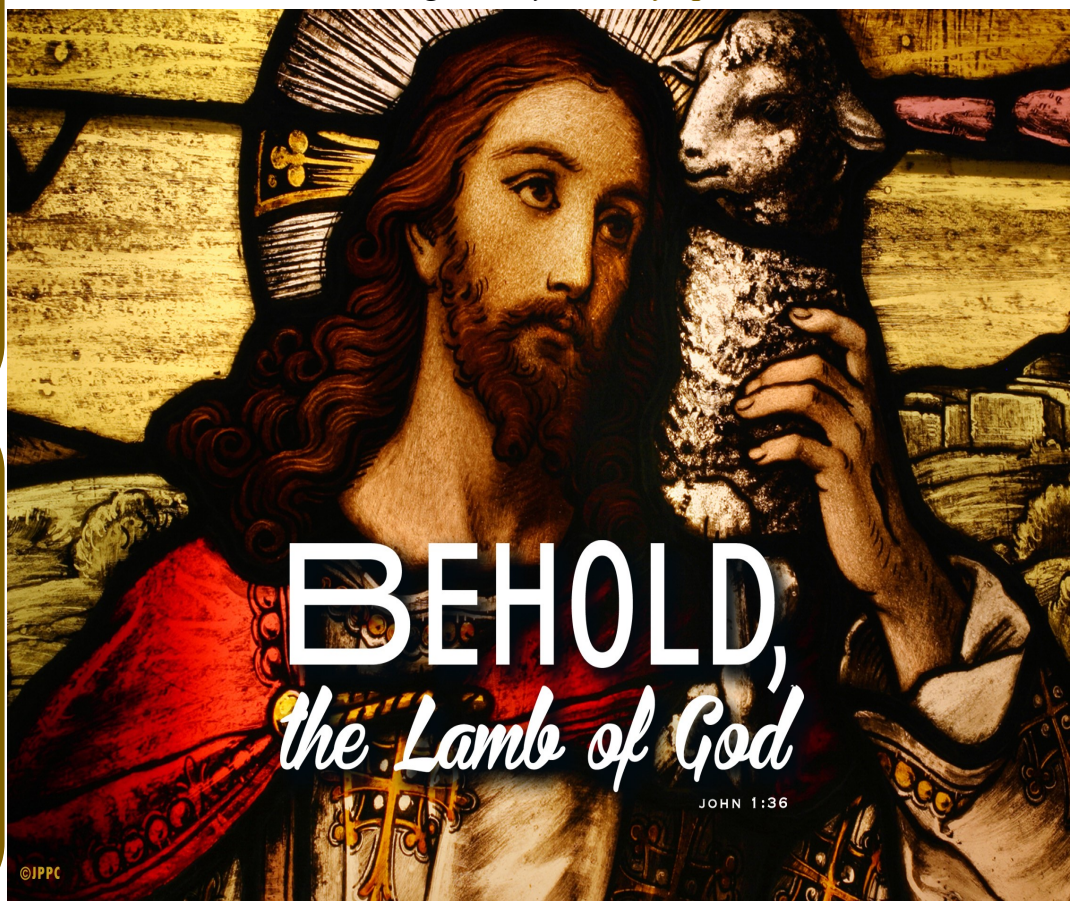
The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

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
10a 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)*

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

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH

4:00p (N) People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a (N) Dante Napoli *by Carin Haabak*
10:00a (N) Tracy Windrum *by DeeDee & Bob Weeks*

MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH

9:00a (N) Betty Ann Ziemba *by Ronnie Vanaman*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH
FABIAN, PRIEST & MARTYR & SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

9:00a (N) Michael Reim *by The Seniff Family*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST
AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR

9:00a (N) JoAnn Jones *by The Seniff Family*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22ND
DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

9:00a (N) ***No Parish Mass***

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD
MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN & VINCENT, DEACON & MARTYR

4:00p (N) William Mikelionis *by The Wielgus Family*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a (N) The People of the Parish
10:00a (N) The Health & Welfare of Debbie Fazzio
by Fr. Larry & Fran Carder

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.

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas Christian, 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 McCloskay, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,

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**, 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, January 18, 2021 is Martin Luther King, Jr Day and a National and Diocesan Holiday.

The Parish Office will be closed.

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

Pasta, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, soup, rice, baked beans, peanut butter, oatmeal and pancake mix are just some of the items needed at the pantry at his time. **Soap, toilet tissue, toothpaste and toothbrushes** would also be appreciated. These and any other nonperishable items may be placed in the shopping cart in the Gathering Space of Nativity Church, or, you may deliver 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 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**. We are sorry, but, food left out in the elements for an unknown number of hours or days when we are not present at the pantry or when the church is not open cannot be used safely and must be discarded.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Prefer not to shop?
Monetary donations are always welcome.

FINDING STEWARDSHIP

*"Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, **'What are you looking for?'**"*
~ Jn 1:38 ~

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, to live your ***Stewardship***, by asking the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

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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January 17, 2021 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | Jn 1:35-42

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Have you ever seen *The Good Place?* While clearly not theologically accurate, it is a thought-provoking Netflix comedy that focuses on four good but flawed characters who meet in the afterlife. I can relate to the character of Chidi, who strives to live a moral life but is crippled by indecisiveness. Do I buy the brown shoes or the black ones? Should I order the salad or the salmon? And I still can't decide on a career! So I'm amazed at John and the disciples in today's Gospel. John immediately recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God. Hearing this, do the disciples ask for a second opinion or draw up a pros and cons list? Nope. They follow him. They recognize the Messiah and act. Their response of faith challenges me to think less and do more, to worry less and pray more. We may not see Jesus in his human form walking by, but we can see his image in others, and hear him through the Scriptures and at Mass. Let us pray for the grace to respond wholeheartedly.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Everyone loves an invitation, though perhaps we've forgotten what those are like during these months of pandemic. Today's readings remind me that, pandemic notwithstanding, we all have a standing invitation from God; it's up to us to respond. When Samuel heard God's voice in the night, he listened. In today's responsorial psalm, we hear, "Here I am Lord; I come to do your will." And the Gospel tells us how the disciples dropped everything to follow Jesus. Through prayer, we, too can listen for God's voice and respond. And, just as Eli realized God was calling Samuel and John encouraged the disciples, we can accompany others. By sharing our experience and inviting others to share the way Jesus has spoken to them, we can encourage one another as we seek to turn our lives over to God.

STUDY Many of us slow down a bit during these wintry months after the holidays. Why not use our "down time" to listen to God's word, not only by attending Mass in-person or online, but through popular apps like iMissal and Word on Fire. Invite friends to do the same and then hold each other accountable by initiating an online group to discuss each week's readings.

Dear Parishioners,

So much of agriculture these days has been taken over by agribusiness. Family farms are being threatened and it is more and more difficult for the small farmer to compete with huge corporate farming enterprises. In spite of this shift in size and ownership of farms, farming still evokes in our minds and our hearts images of lush fields, tidy gardens behind the farmhouse, and animals so well known by the owners that they are given names. Daisy Duck is a beloved Disney cartoon character. Betsy is a common cow's name. For those of you who remember, Shari Lewis' puppet Lamb Chop entertained children on TV for many years. A bit of trivia for you ... lambs are mentioned over two hundred (200) times in the Bible. Shepherding was a common livelihood for the nomadic people of biblical times. They were used for their wool and their meat. They were a staple of life. They were valuable and prized possessions, and so were also used in religious sacrifice. The Gospel this weekend names a very unique Lamb ... the *"Lamb of God."* Lambs sacrificed for God are replaced by the *"Lamb of God,"* a human-divine person whose sacrifice is once and for all.

This weekend's Gospel opens with the words, *"John was standing with two of his disciples."* These two disciples would have interpreted John the Baptist's cry, *"Behold, the Lamb of God,"* within the Passover and the Temple tradition of sacrifice of lambs. What is startling about John's cry is that he uses this sacrificial reference, not for a lamb, an animal, but for a human being who was walking by – Jesus. John the Baptist is pointing to Jesus as the One who will be sacrificed. Little did they know at this point that the core of following Jesus is sacrifice – is total self-giving. Still, they followed Him. As with all disciples, it took a time of rubbing shoulders with Jesus, hearing Him teach and preach, observing His interactions with people, observing Him pray, experiencing His determination about His mission, for them to begin to know Jesus, grasp His mission, and absorb the strength and courage to live His total self-giving life. Growing in total self-giving takes a lot of time.

Self-giving is absolutely essential for anyone who claims to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. None of us would choose the sacrifice that following Jesus requires. We are able to follow Jesus' example of total self-sacrifice only when we ***"Behold"*** Him ... when we keep our eyes focused on Him and His Good News of salvation. We need to "stay" with Jesus, abide with Him, and never be parted from Him in order for our self-giving to grow toward His total self-giving.

We cannot be truly disciples of Jesus Christ unless we, too, hear God's call and respond by transforming our lives as evidenced in the simple willingness to be obedient to God's will and to take up the saving mission of Christ. This means more than keeping commandments or even simply going to Mass on Sunday. It means that our whole lives are directed to being faithful in our allegiance to Christ and identifying with Him so completely that His life is ours, His mission is ours, and His total self-giving is ours.

Identifying with Jesus Christ and continuing His self-giving work of salvation make demands on us. Like Andrew in the Gospel, we must boldly announce the presence of Christ in our midst and bring others to Jesus. We do this best by living as He did ... caring for others, bringing a healing touch, or working at developing a deeper relationship with Jesus through liturgy and prayer. The demand is surely there ... become so intimate with Jesus that we do not waver in our love for Him nor in our growing in His life-giving, total self-giving.

It is my prayer and wish that you and yours continue to have a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year! May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always!

Fr. Larry

Starting January 19, 2021, the **Church Ministry Institute of Camden (CMIC)** will launch, using ZOOM of course, a series of basic theology courses. These courses are excellent for adults seeking to learn about their faith as well as for catechists, Catholic school teachers, and parish ministers seeking diocesan certification. There are no tests or term papers – only great information, conversation, and faith sharing.

Each course is 6 classes; each class is 2 hours per week. Cost- $50.00/course.

For more information and to register, contact Mary Lou Hughes, Director of Lay Ministry Formation, email marylouhughes@camdendiocese.org .

Bereavement-Support Ministry Training:

Are you a good listener? Do you pray and laugh well with others? Do you have compassion for those who have lost loved ones? Join us for Bereavement-Support Ministry Training! Six online Zoom sessions, held on Monday nights, February 1, 2021, through March 8, 2021, 7-9p will lead to certification in the Diocese of Camden Bereavement-Support Ministry and a fulfilling ministry serving others. Space is limited, and the registration deadline is January 22, 2021. For more details or to register call (856) 583-2904 or email joanne.digennaro@camdendiocese.org or contact your Parish Office.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Bartholomew Church
751 Kaighns Avenue
Camden, NJ

APPOINTMENTS ARE PREFERRED.
To make one, call 1-800-REDCROSS
OR schedule online at: www.redcrossblood.org
and use sponsor code: MLK - St. Barts

DON'T FORGET TO HYDRATE & BRING YOUR ID!

All presenting donors this January will receive a coupon redeemable for a FREE medium Dunkin' Hot Coffee and a Classic Donut (excludes fancies & specialty donuts)!*

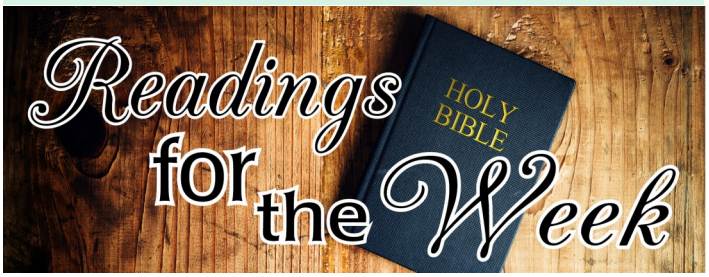
Marriage Encounter

Start the year THRIVING TOGETHER with a WWME Virtual Experience

Spend time with your spouse strengthening your relationship from the comfort of your home with a WWME Virtual Experience. Upcoming 2021 WWME Virtual Experiences include:

- Virtual Restore, Rekindle, Renew Experience (3RE) – January 20th through February 14th – Sessions on Sunday and Wednesday Evenings starting at 7p EST.
- Virtual Weekend Experience – February 12th-14th - Starting Friday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.
- Virtual Restore, Rekindle, Renew Experience (3RE) – March 1st thru March 25th – Sessions on Monday and Thursday Evenings starting at 7p EST.

For additional information or to register, visit wwme.org.



Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21

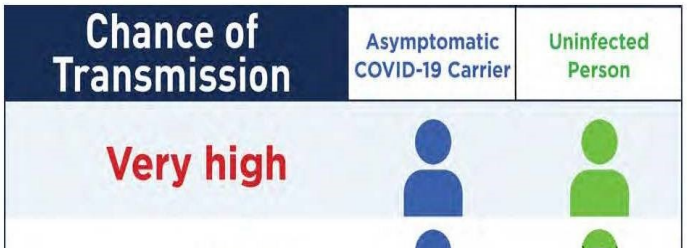
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Please Note

If you handle any bulletins, literature, prayer cards, etc., please take whatever you touched home with you.

Doing so will decrease the spread of germs through contact. ©JPPC

Thank you



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!

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

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.

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

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.