October 18, 2020 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

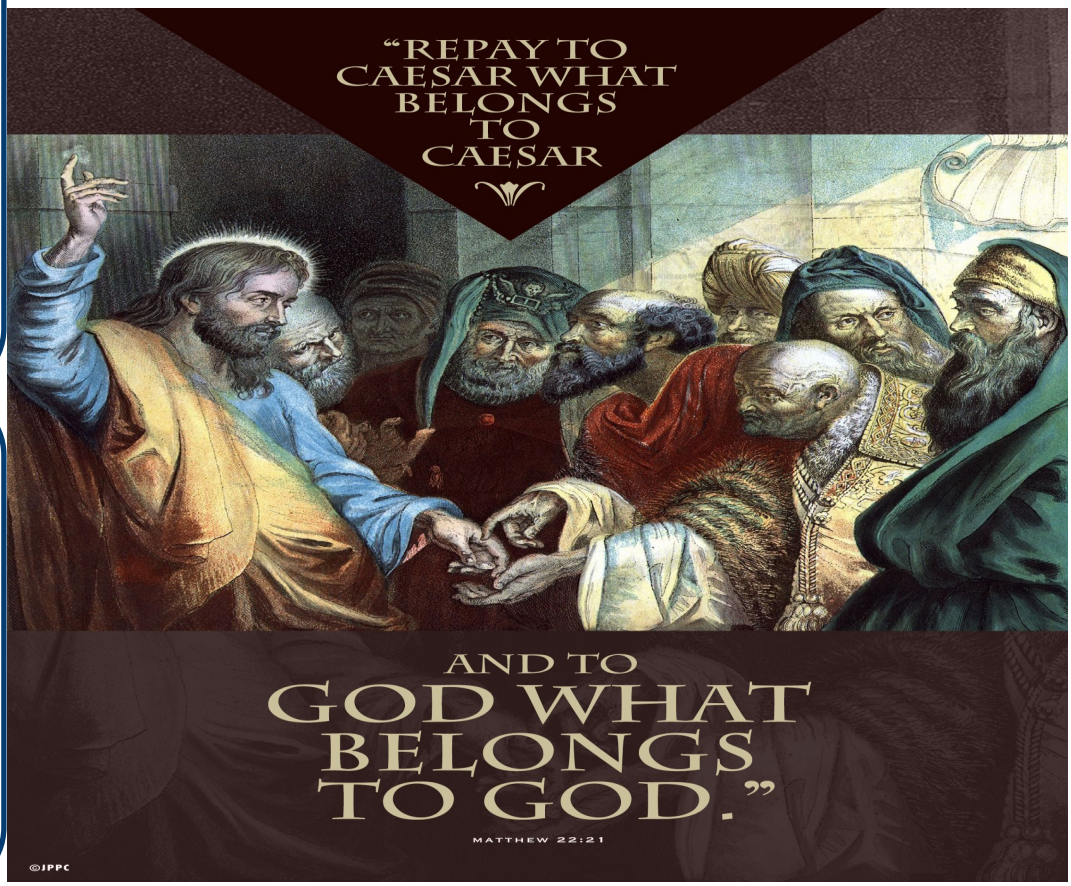
# The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

## 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.psma-nj.com***

# Mass INTENTIONS

**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*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**
*NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS*

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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**
*PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST*

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST**

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND**
*JOHN PAUL II, POPE*

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD**
*JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST*

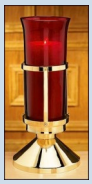
***No Mass***

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**
*ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP*

**4:00p (N) Ginny Hoffman** *by Matt & Marie Adgie*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**
*30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**8:00a (N) People of the Parish**
**10:45a (N) Deceased Members of KoC Council 6890**



## 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.

*The Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena Church*
*Burns this Week in Memory of*
*Leon and Mabel Chadwick*

*The Sanctuary Candle in Nativity Church*
*Burns this Week in Memory of*
*Ginny Hoffman*
*Requested by Her Children*

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 McCloskay, 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**: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday**: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday**: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday**: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday**: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday**: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday**: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

**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.*

**During the weekend of October 24th & 25th, we will have a second collection for the *Campaign for Human Development*.**

***"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!***

# 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

## *STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION*

**Ordinary Income**

**September 2019 ……. $23,861.56**
**September 2020 ……. $15,790.00**

***Difference* ( ↓ 33%)**

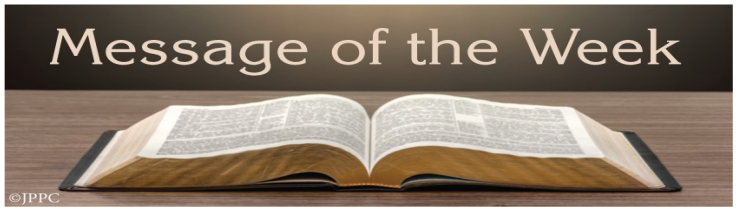
## STEWARDSHIP PRIORITY

*"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."*
*~ MATTHEW 22:21 ~*

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "**Stewards**" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of **Stewardship**. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

## *OCTOBER IS …*
## *… DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.*

**LISTEN.BELIEVE.REFER.** Domestic violence can take many forms. One form that often is used is isolation. Isolation makes it hard for the victim to see friends and family, her / his mail is read, phone-calls and texts are monitored, car keys are taken away, etc. 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, Diocese of Camden at 866-682-2166.**




Dear Parishioners,

There are many deep divisions between "Caesar" and God ... between earthly kingdoms and the Kingdom of Heaven. In this weekend's Gospel, the Pharisees' disciples and the Herodians (a Jewish sect / political party that was opposed to Jesus) raise what amounts to a minor division when they raise the question of paying "the census tax to Caesar." Seeing through their ruse, Jesus turns the tables and entraps them "with the truth." The "way of God" is not found in opposing civil and religious realms, but in acting as Jesus would in both areas of life ... responding appropriately in each "kingdom." Like Jesus, we are to give ourselves for the good of others in all areas of life. Giving ourselves first to God, we will know the "way" and the "truth" of all other loyalties, and our choices and behaviors will further God's plan of salvation.

Jesus quickly dispatches this false divide between realms in which we live, commanding His hearers to give each realm what properly belongs to it. This is actually the easy part of life. The deepest divide to which we must attend is between insincere hearts living a lie and transparent hearts living *"in accordance with the truth."* This deepest divide is what Jesus came to heal – for those who wish to be healed. It would seem that the religious leaders – who ought to be the very ones who model for the people how undivided hearts live and act – are the very ones who choose not to be healed. They seem to be turned toward God through their strict religious observances, but in effect are turned toward themselves. They pretend to be deeply religious, but in effect are shallowly self-promoting.

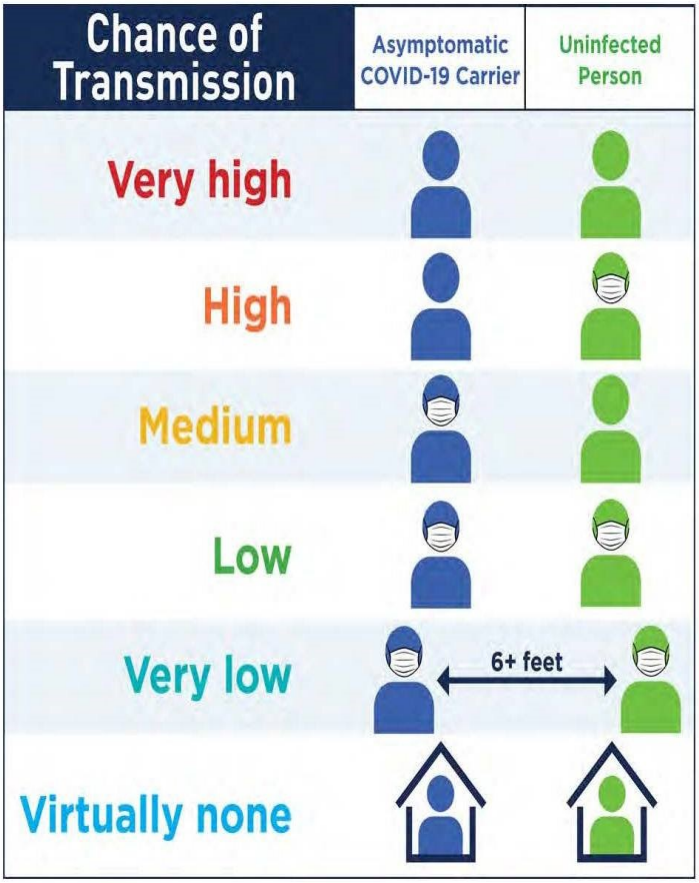
In trying to entrap Jesus, these corrupt religious leaders are actually putting "Caesar" (that is, their own will and agenda ... their own fears and obstinacy) ahead of God. Their own actions have betrayed that they themselves do anything but *"teach the way of God in accordance with the truth."* Their own lifestyle and way of relating to others betray who and what is first in their lives.

The obligations to Caesar and God are radically different: to the state we pay taxes, but to God we give undivided hearts. Isaiah speaks for God in the First Reading: *"I am the LORD, there is no other."* Our ultimate loyalty and self-offering is to God so we *"give to the LORD the glory due His name!"* (Responsorial Psalm). If we keep God central in our lives, then there is no problem with giving *"to Caesar what belongs to Caesar."* Further, if we place this in the eschatological (the end times and fulfillment) context of Saint Matthew's Gospel, the controversy with which the religious leaders confront Jesus simply crumbles, for everything in this world ultimately belongs to God. There is nothing of this world that compares to who God is and how much God cares for us, and nothing of this world is worth more than what God offers us. The only thing God asks of us is the self-offering that acknowledges who God is and who we are in relation to God. In return, God gives what no emperor or state can give: a share in the divine Life.

Often our struggle with living this Gospel is not really about two "kingdoms" presenting opposing values, but rather that our own divided hearts trump everything else. The kind of self-giving that gives to God what is God's due and to society what is society's due necessitates that we think of others first. It truly is that simple ... yet sometimes so hard to live!

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




**There have been reports over the past week that COVID-19 is once again surging …**

**Please protect yourself, respect yourself, and protect and respect those around you.**

***Please social-distance and wear your face mask!***

**October 18, 2020** | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5B | Mt 22:15-21**

*Written by* THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

I took up distance running some years ago, thanks largely to a group of friends who encouraged me along the way. We'd share the peaks and valleys of our lives as we tackled rolling hills. Those long runs come to mind when I hear Paul give thanks to the Thessalonians for having "endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul here speaks of hope in Jesus – a hope that has the risen Christ as its foundation, and is central to the Christian life. When I think of what lies at the end of a long run, such as water and blissful rest, and how grateful I am for these simple pleasures, I cannot help but rejoice in the hope that St. Paul refers to today. Our catechism makes it clear: "We firmly believe, and hence we hope that, just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives forever, so after death the righteous will live forever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day." (989)

## GO EVANGELIZE

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

During a particularly challenging time, I confided in a close friend over the phone. She didn't just offer to pray for me, she actually prayed *with* me on that phone call. I don't recall her exact words, but she called on Jesus to help me trust that God would see me through. So often, it can be hard to find the words to encourage others in their faith. When that happens, why not bring Jesus into the conversation? It may seem awkward at first, but offering to pray with another person in real time can be a powerful witness and encouragement. As Christians, we don't rely on "hoping" that everything will work out in the end; instead, we know that our hope is in Christ Jesus. As the catechism says: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness." (1817) It doesn't get much more direct than that. Reflect on what "hope" looks like for us as Christians. And then tell a friend about it.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The source of our second reading today, the First Letter from Paul to the Thessalonians, contains the earliest mention within Christian literature of the three theological virtues: "faith, hope and love." Reread today's passage, and then read 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8. In prayer, we can ask God to help us grow in all three virtues and show us ways to share them with others.

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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 …*

All of life is a gift from God, and we are challenged to repay that gift with the witness of our lives.

## THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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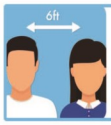
## PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

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.** ©JPPC

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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.