



February 24, 2019 | 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

**REV LAWRENCE E POLANSKY, PASTOR**

DEACON MATTHEW HANRAHAN, RETIRED

DEACON JAMES N HOGAN, RETIRED

PERMANENT DEACONS

**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 of Siena

**Tuesday:** 9a at Nativity

**Wednesday:** 9a at Nativity

**Thursday:** 7p at Saint Catherine of Siena

**Friday:** 9a at Nativity

**Saturday:** 9a at Saint Catherine of Siena

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4p at Nativity

**Sunday:** 8a at Saint Catherine of Siena

10:45a at Nativity

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Vigil:** 7p evening before at Saint Catherine

**Holy Day:** 9a at Nativity

7p at Nativity

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday:** 9:30 – 10a at Saint Catherine of Siena

3 – 3:30p at Nativity

or by appointment.

Please call the Rectory Office

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### SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

#### REGIONAL SCHOOL

Janice Bruni, Principal

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7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# MERCIFUL

*"Be merciful, just  
as your Father  
is merciful."*

- Lk 6:36

**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 12 - 4 PM; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM; **CLOSED ON FRIDAY**

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION:** Please contact the Parish Office.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** *Welcome!* Please stop by the Rectory Office or call to register.

Parishioners requesting sponsor eligibility certificates for Baptism or Confirmation need to visit the Rectory Office.

*Please visit our website and sign-up for our newsletter at [www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com](http://www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com)*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

9:00a Lukie Biehler by The Biehler Family  
 4:00p Stephen Eric Curran by His Loving Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>** 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a The People of the Parish  
 10:45a James McCann by the Kiefer Family

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00a For the Victims of Abuse

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00a Regina "Jean" Ochal by Bob & Betty Briles

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00a Elizabeth Collins by Maureen Uritis

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

7:00p Margaret Hoffman by Dennis & Anne Ellena

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>** WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

9:00a For the Intentions of Janice Bruni

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

9:00a William "Bill" Yacob by Alan & Anne Parmelee  
 4:00p Kevin Hogan by His Loving Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>** 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a Hannah Pio by Joe & Grace Pio  
 10:45a The People of the Parish

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

If you've been thinking about having the Sanctuary Candles burn in the memory of your loved one, envelopes are available at the entrance of both the Franklinville & Clayton churches for your intention and offering of \$10. And you can contact the Rectory Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

**Stewardship in Action**

Ordinary Income – Weekend of February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> ..... \$7,854.01  
 Electronic Giving – Weekend of February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> ..... \$330.00

***May God bless you for your  
 Stewardship of our Parish!***

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

*"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them,  
 and lend without expecting anything back." (Lk 6:35)*

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, live in **Stewardship** by saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

**OUR MILITARY HERO PRAYER LIST**

If you have a family member serving in one of the branches of the military, please email their name, rank and branch of service to [PSMA.rectory@comcast.net](mailto:PSMA.rectory@comcast.net) or call the Rectory office at 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, 1st Sgt. Shane W. McLaughlin,  
 MAJ Eric Miller, CPT Graham Miller

***US Navy***

AWR Daniel Carr, MA2 Joshua Colbert,  
 LS3 Alex Hirst, EM2 William Little,  
 Airman Dennis R. Marchei

***US Marine Corps***

GySgt. Brad Davis, Cpl Nate McAllister,  
 CPT James V. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, U.S. Navy; U.S. Army Medic

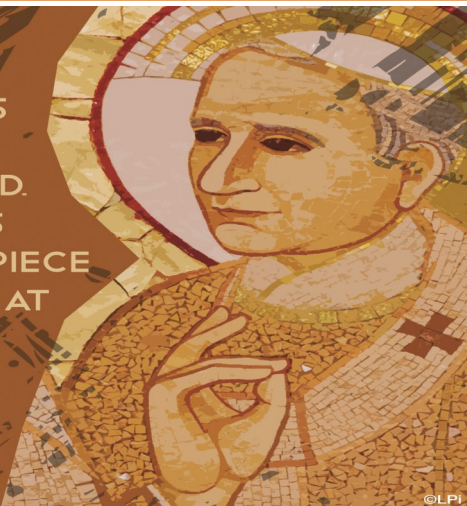


Brenda Adams,  
 George Bromwell, Rob Christian,  
 Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,  
 Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton,  
 Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Hanrahan, Matt Healy,  
 Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman, Lorraine Kreiner,  
 Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Gerry McCloskey,  
 Eileen Mullholland, Dot Myers, Jean Myers, Jack Nelson,  
 Timothy Parker, Cheryl Pinto, Grace Pio, Michele Resavage,  
 Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola,  
 & Susan Webster.

*If you have a family member who you would like to see added to the Prayer List, please ask their permission (due to the HIPPA Privacy Act) and contact the Rectory by calling 856-881-9155 or e-mailing [PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com](mailto:PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com). Thank you!*

NONE OF US  
 IS ALONE IN  
 THIS WORLD.  
 EACH OF US  
 IS A VITAL PIECE  
 OF THE GREAT  
 MOSAIC.

—ST. JOHN PAUL II



Dear Parishioners,

A classic device when children are called upon to share something is to have one of them divide it and then the other choose which half is theirs. This can happen with a piece of cake, a cookie, a slice of pizza, or some other food. Rarely does one child say to the other, *"You can have it all."* The purpose of this exercise is to share something in an equitable manner. And while it sometimes works for children, perhaps it works for adults at times, too!

The advice Jesus gives in this weekend's Gospel couldn't be more different. He is calling us to a higher standard. It's as though we are asked to divvy up the treat and instead we say, *"You can have it all."* Even more, the way of sharing a cookie between children assumes they are friendly. But Jesus speaks here of "enemies." This is an entirely different category. Jesus assumes His ancient listeners have enemies. That is something that transcends culture and time. Enemies are not limited to the ancient world!

Christians are to love their enemies, blessing them, and praying for them. The Christian standard is one higher than what we would expect from the world with its transactional view of relationships. As Jesus Himself notes, it's fairly easy to love those who love us, and to do good to those who do good to us. But it's another thing entirely to love those who are our enemies, to pray for them, and to bless them.

We Christians are to be this way because God is this way. God is *"kind to the ungrateful and the wicked."* ***Should we be any different?*** We are to be merciful as God the Father is merciful. And here we see in our time the example of mercy given to us by Pope Francis. It is said that the word "mercy" is the key theme or idea to his papacy. It is the way to understand and make sense of his actions. Pope Francis chose mercy because mercy is of God, and acting in this way demonstrates that we are followers of His Son, Jesus Christ.

When faced with the extraordinary demands of the Gospel outlined in this weekend's reading, one person said, *"How can I do that? I'd end up with nothing?"* (And maybe you think / feel the same way.) Then we look to the example of Jesus who enfleshed the words He preached. Jesus Himself loved His enemies and prayed for those who persecuted Him. In the Gospel of Saint Luke, we will hear Jesus from the cross pray for their forgiveness ***"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do ..."*** ***What did He end up with?*** Nothing. He died on the cross. Only by Jesus giving Himself completely and without reservation to the point of death is he ultimately raised up to the glory of the Father. The words that form the conclusion of this weekend's Gospel are especially appropriate; **"Forgive and you will be forgiven ... For the measure with which you measure / will in return be measured out to you."** We forgive not so much for their sake, but for our own.

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

Fr. Larry



## School NEWS

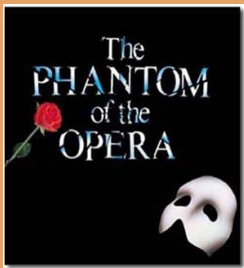
### DESIGNER BAG BINGO

**Designer Bag Bingo** will be held **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Doors Open at 5p. Your \$35 per person ticket includes: 12-page Bingo Booklet, coffee, and dessert. For more information, contact Jackie Pepe at [jmboylan@comcast.net](mailto:jmboylan@comcast.net) or 609-220-3734.

### 400 CLUB AND SOCIAL EVENT

Get your tickets now for the SMRS 400 Club and Social! Numbers are going fast! The tickets are numbered 1 to 400 and you can select your number (based on availability) at the time of purchase. **Tickets are \$50 per number selected.** You do not need to be present to win. Join us for the drawing which will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-10:30p in the school social hall. **The cost to attend is \$15 per person.** Ticket includes dinner, dessert, live music, dancing, and other raffles. Every ½ hour, starting at 6:30p, a portion of the numbers will be eliminated. The top 10 prizes will be called during the final drawing at 10:30p. If all 400 numbers are sold, the top prize will be \$5,000! For more information, please contact Vida Friel at 609-707-5402 or [vidafriel@verizon.net](mailto:vidafriel@verizon.net).

*Challenging Minds, Building Faith!*



*The Parish of  
Saint Michael the Archangel  
presents its 8th Trip ...*

*New York City  
featuring PHANTOM OF THE OPERA*

**Thursday, June 6, 2019  
\$170 per person**

#### Package Includes:

- Broadway Show – “Phantom of the Opera”
- Dinner – *Dallas BBQ*
- Taxes & Meal Gratuities
- Motorcoach Transportation

Only 50 tickets are available for this trip. An \$25 non-refundable deposit for tickets is due as soon as possible so get your seats now! Please contact Fran in the Parish Office.

## Lent



*Lent is just around the corner ...*

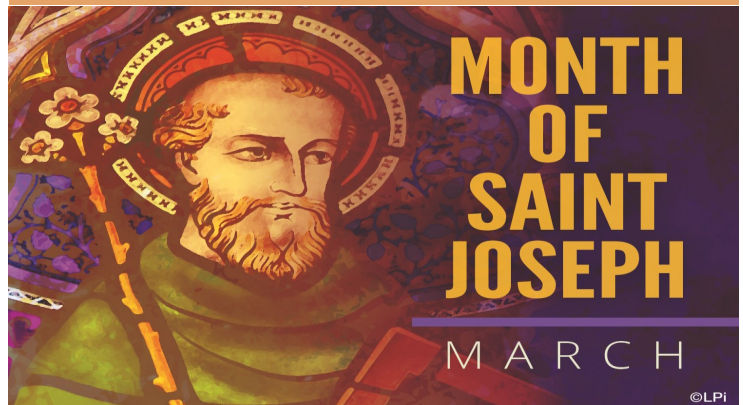
Please bring your old palms to be burned to either Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton or Nativity Church, Franklinville, **no later than Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the 10:45a Mass.**

## PSMA MINISTRY HAPPENINGS ...



*... for the Week of February 24<sup>th</sup>*

- ♦ **Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** – *PREP* (Religious Education) will meet in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, Clayton from 9-10:15a.
- ♦ **Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10:15a.
- ♦ **Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** – The *Share Your Faith Discussion Group* will meet in the Nativity Conference Center, Franklinville, to talk about ways to enrich your faith life.
- ♦ **Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** – Got Music? *The Contemporary Choir* will meet in Nativity Church, Franklinville from 7-8:30p.



## THE 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*

As individuals, we may not feel we can make much of a difference in this world. However, we may be able to make a difference in the life of someone right here at home. Every item donated to our parish pantry may be the very item to let an individual realize that someone cares.

Currently, the Pantry could use such items as **tuna, canned chicken, ramen noodles, canned pasta (such as Chef Boyardee), packets of rice or pasta sides (such as Knorr’s), or any nonperishable food item of your choice.** Monetary donations are also welcome!

*As always, thank you for your continued help and generosity!*



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

## Around the Diocese ...



### Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Is your marriage going down the right road ... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Is your marriage hurting? Do you feel helpless? Hopeless? *Retrouvaille* (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer-ministry of volunteer couples who can help you re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought you together, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help heal your marriage, as it has for tens of thousands of couples throughout the world. Weekends will be held in April and August at the Family Life Center in Malvern. **For more information or to register for one of their weekends, please visit their website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230.** All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

On Sunday, March 31, 2019, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd, Sewell) for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1p 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. We need our parishioners, all ages, to say yes to this intergenerational day. We need YOU. For more information and to register for the event, visit [camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations/](http://camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations/).

**iRace4Vocations**  
Everyone has one...Which is your road?



### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/2019 through 12/31/2019), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **SUNDAY, June 16, at 3:00 p.m.** at Mass in Absecon, at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Bishop Sullivan will be the main celebrant. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available at all Parish Offices. Registration deadline is **May 6, 2019**. For more information please contact your Parish Office.

### REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

Since April 2002, the Diocese has maintained a toll-free number **1-800-964-6588** connected to Barbara Gondek, the Diocese's Victim's Assistance Coordinator, to whom allegations of abuse can be made and who, in turn, reports such allegations to the appropriate civil authorities and to the Diocese.

Ms. Gondek also informs callers of their right to contact directly County Prosecutors and / or the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). Its purpose is to remove any reporting activity from the Church directly by contracting with an independent third party, thereby insuring objectivity and accuracy. This also recognizes that civil authorities, not the Church, are best equipped to investigate these matters.

In accord with the Revised Guidelines of the Diocese of Camden for Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse, upon receipt of a complaint or allegation from any person or source claiming that someone who is a minor has been abused the Diocese will:

- take all necessary steps to see to it that the matter has been referred to the toll-free number and the designated liaison in order to ensure that all appropriate law enforcement and child protective agencies have been informed of the complaint or allegation and that there has been compliance with all applicable reporting statutes;
- In accordance with the requirements of applicable civil law, the Diocese will continue to report incidents where there is reasonable cause to believe that a minor has been subjected to abuse to the appropriate governmental authorities. Additionally, reports made to the Diocese through the toll-free number – even reports from those who are no longer minors – are referred to the appropriate county prosecutor as a matter of course. Memorandum of Understanding with the county prosecutors, to which the Diocese is a signatory, further facilitates the reporting of any act of child abuse to local law-enforcement authorities. The Diocese will fully cooperate with all investigations of abuse consistent with the law;
- formally refer the matter, through the Coordinator/Vice Chancellor, to the Bishop, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, the Vicar for Clergy and diocesan counsel;
- unless particular circumstances make it clearly unnecessary, make immediate arrangements, when the accused is under the jurisdiction of the Diocese, to remove the accused from further contact with the person making the accusation, the alleged victim, and all minors;
- refer the matter immediately to the Diocesan Review Board;
- if the accused is a religious, contact the individual's Provincial or other superior and seek compliance with the Revised Guidelines by the religious congregation, and
- implement, where appropriate, a parish outreach program so as to alleviate the impact of a situation where it is necessary to remove someone from ministry.

*Called to be Holy*

RETREAT DAY - SPIRITUAL FORMATION  
RETREAT DAY  
**CALLED TO BE HOLY**  
Presented by: **Mary Neary**

Pope Francis writes in Gaudete Et Exsultate: "Jesus wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence." Come join us as we discover how our ordinary lives provide opportunities everyday to "grow in holiness". For the Lord has chosen each one of us "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph1:4).

This workshop is open to the public  
and is strongly recommended for all in ministry  
**DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019**

**Location:**

**Sacred Heart High Center**  
(Formerly Sacred Heart High School)  
15 N. East Avenue  
Vineland, NJ 08360

**Time: 10:00:00 TO 3:00 PM**

**Cost: \$25 (Checks payable to Diocese of Camden)**  
**Bring a lunch. Drinks and light breakfast will be provided.**

For information, contact Colleen Mayhew  
Lay Ministry Formation, Secretary