



December 22, 2019 | 4th Sunday of Advent

**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: 7p at Saint Catherine
Friday: 9a at Saint Catherine

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

RECONCILIATION

Thursday immediately following
the 7p Mass at Saint Catherine
Saturday 3-3:30p at Nativity
or by appointment.
Please call the Parish Office.

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REGIONAL SCHOOL

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PARISH OFFICE: 49 W North St, Clayton, NJ 08312-1114 **PHONE:** 856-881-9155 **FAX:** 856-881-9166

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 12 - 4p; Tuesday & Wednesday 8a - 4:30p; Thursday 8a - 12 noon; **CLOSED ON FRIDAY**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY: *Please contact the Parish Office.*

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome!* Please stop by the Parish Office, take a look at our website, or call to register

Please visit our new website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST**4:00p **Stella Bassano** by Pat Pannullo**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND** 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT8:00a **Joseph Coyle** by Jim & Norene Hirst10:45a **The People of the Parish****MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD**9:00a **Deceased Members of the Meyer Family**
by Ronnie Vanaman**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**9:00a **Deceased Members of the Vanaman Family**
by Ronnie Vanaman4:00p (N) **Michael John Farley** by His Mother & Brothers9:00p (SCS) **Polansky, Kratson, Schiffer, & Sinclair Families**
by Fr. Larry11:00p (SCS) **The People of the Parish****WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH** NATIVITY OF THE LORD10:00a (N) **The Carder & Szumowski Families**
by Bob & Fran Carder**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH** STEPHEN7:00p **Deceased Members of the Trotter Family**
by Ronnie Vanaman**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH** JOHN9:00a **Deceased Members of the Cortelyou Family**
by Ronnie Vanaman**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH** HOLY INNOCENTS4:00p **The People of the Parish****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH** HOLY FAMILY8:00a **Mary Austin** by Sandelier Family10:45a **Aidan Parigen** by Fred & Donna Ruberti**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.

**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

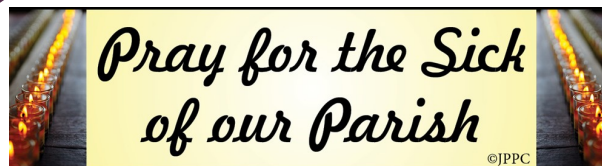
US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, LS2 Alex Hirst, 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



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

**Stewardship Disciples**

*"When Joseph awoke,
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him
and took his wife into his home."
~ Matthew 1:24 ~*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. **Stewards** strive to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Winston Churchill once said, *"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."* So, what can we give? Well, a donation to our parish food pantry would certainly be appreciated. **Ramen noodles, mac & cheese, canned vegetables, tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce and pancake mix** are examples of items needed at the pantry. Too busy to shop? **Monetary donations are always welcome!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING
GENEROSITY AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A
"CHEERFUL GIVER"!**

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Challenging Minds, Building Faith

Stewardship in Action

Because of the printing deadlines due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Holidays, collection totals for 12/15 & 12/16 were not available for this bulletin

They will appear in an upcoming bulletin.

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, December 23rd through Sunday, January 5th.

During this time,
if you need anything from the Parish Office,
please call 856-881-9155
to schedule an appointment.

May you and your families have a Blessed Christmas
Season and a Happy, Holy New Year!



- ◆ **Sunday, December 22nd** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, December 22nd** – *Adult Faith Formation* will meet from 9-10:15a in the Saint Catherine of Siena Church Basement, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, December 22nd** – *PREP* will meet in the Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School from 9-10:15a.

Pastor's Corner



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Dear Parishioners,

Some events are so momentous that they effect immediate and dramatic change. Hurricane Sandy changed the New Jersey coastline all the way up to New York City forever and Hurricane Katrina did the same to New Orleans. Both changed the way FEMA responds to disasters. Tuesday, September 11, 2001 changed our sense of national security, brought about a new cabinet position, and the eroding of an absolute right to privacy. Death physically separates us from loved ones and calls us to spiritual love and memory. Marriage ends being single and unites a man and woman as one. The birth of a child creates a new family and brings untold responsibility and joy to the parents. ***Who in the world would ever solely trust a dream to guide a momentous event? ... Joseph does!*** His life is about to change immediately and dramatically. Rather than taking Mary *"into his home"* to lead a quiet life ... to look forward to having children to enter into old age with his beloved, Joseph must make an unselfish and mystery-laden decision.

This weekend's Gospel describes events that lead to *"the birth of Jesus Christ"* at the time of a whole new in-breaking of God into human history. This clearly would be no ordinary son of Joseph. This child would be different from all others. This Child, from the moment of His conception, effected immediate and dramatic change. The Virgin Mary *"conceived by the Holy Spirit"* and the reassured Joseph *"took his wife into his home."* Mary and Joseph say "yes" to God – and Emmanuel, ***"God is with us."*** But the immediate and dramatic change effected by the birth of Emmanuel has to do with others besides Mary and Joseph.

From the beginning, this Child was not theirs, but was of God and belonged to the whole world. Mary and Joseph typify how we ourselves give "birth" to Jesus in our own time. By opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit and cooperating with God's plan for our own lives, we, like Mary and Joseph, usher in a whole new in-breaking of God into human history. Truly, Emmanuel, ***"God is with us."***

This story, which begins with the "yes" of Joseph and Mary, continues through history with our "yes" to opening ourselves to God's dwelling among us. The birth of this Child isn't simply a historical event that happened long ago but is a present experience of ***"God is with us."*** Though unnamed in the Gospels, we are to be the Josephs who dream dreams and the Marys who give birth to this Child who saves. *"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ [comes] about"* ... we say "yes" to God, even when we don't understand what God is asking of us. We give birth to Emmanuel in our homes, communities, cities, and nations. We are to be the risen Presence of Christ in our world. We are to make His Gospel known. We are to do all that God commands us, too. This is how ***"God is with us."*** We are to give birth to Emmanuel, ***"God is with us"*** by what we say, by what we do, and by how we treat others.

Christmas – the mystery of Emmanuel – ***"God is with us"*** – can't be simply a day or a season on our calendars. It is the eternal mystery of making incarnate through the goodness of our own lives the God who loves us and saves us. Emmanuel is given birth through our being obedient to God's will and encountering the Presence of this Savior all year long. Each of us is God's betrothed overshadowed with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Each of us carries within ourselves this ***"God is with us"*** who is Savior. Each of us has the capacity to embrace divine indwelling and to make that Presence known to all the world.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families have a Blessed Christmas and Christmas Season!

Fr. Larry

Something to consider ...

Sometimes God asks difficult things of us. When that happens, we might be afraid that we are not strong enough, or smart enough, or good enough. Joseph and Mary must have had similar fears, but they had faith that God would give them the grace they needed. Their fears turned to joy when Jesus was born. The time when we will celebrate is very close now. Christmas is almost here!

Mothers' Retreat

at Our Lady of Peace Parish

Saturday, January 18, 2020 8AM – 1PM

Our Lady of Peace Parish, 32 Carroll Ave, Williamstown, NJ 08094

Please join us to spend time with the Lord in a day of prayerful reflection. The retreat, led by Fr. Mazzarella, will begin with Mass in the main church and will include Adoration, Confession, spiritual talks, and time for discussion. Lunch will be provided. Nursing/lap babies are welcome.

Cost: \$30 if registration is received by 12/18/19. After this date, the cost will be \$35.

Please mail the registration form below along with cash or check. Any questions, please contact Allegra Viola at allegra.m.viola@gmail.com.

Mothers' Retreat Registration Form

Your name: _____ Enclosed: Cash _____ Check _____

Your email: _____ Cost is \$30 by 12/18 or \$35 after

Checks made payable to Our Lady of Peace Parish.
In the memo line, please note **Mothers' Retreat**.

Mail to: Our Lady of Peace Parish
Attn: Allegra Viola
32 Carroll Ave
Williamstown, NJ 08094



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Loving someone struggling with addiction can be very difficult, painful, and chaotic. A community support group can help by offering peer support for anyone affected by drug addiction. Please join us on Saturday mornings at 9:30a at The Church of the Incarnation, 240 Main Street in Mantua. All are welcome to attend, including those suffering from addiction / alcoholism, family members, and those who have experienced a loss from the disease. For more information, please call 609-617-9959.



NEW JERSEY INDEPENDENT VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Diocese of Camden – along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey – has established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest of the Diocese.

The IVCP is independently administered by experienced victim compensation experts Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution. The administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesessivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Bishop Sullivan strongly encourages anyone who was sexually victimized by a priest of the Diocese to participate in the IVCP, and has asked that anyone who knows of someone who was abused to contact them so that they are aware of the IVCP and can participate in it.



Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley offers hope for married couples experiencing loneliness, boredom, misery, or frustration in their marriage. Couples learn valuable communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Our next program starts February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, please call 215-766-3944 or 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

God's presence – His grace – brings us great freedom, harmony, and joy. As the Church and secular society prepare for Christmas, it can be quite hectic. How might you be still and recognize that God is with you during this chaotic time? How might you lead others to embrace this grace? This has been the purpose of Advent. Let us not lose sight of God's presence as we enter Christmas Time. Remember ... **Jesus is the Reason for the Season!**



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE DIOCESE

Church Ministry Institute of Camden Courses:

Cape May Court House, CMIC Intro. to Lay Ministry & Catechetical Skills Course: January 6 to February 10 (for 6 weeks) 4-6:30p. Please e-mail: Joanne Kelly, joanne@ourladyoftheangels.net

Collingswood, Eucharist Course: January 15 to February 19 (for 6 weeks) 7 to 9:30p. Please e-mail: Cheryl Venafrá, cvenafra@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

Cherry Hill, CMIC Christology Course: Tuesdays, January 21 to February 13 (6 weeks) 7-9:30p. Please e-mail: Cathy Johnson, cjohnson@christourlight.net

Mays Landing - CMIC Introduction to Lay Ministry & Catechesis Skills Course: Wednesdays, 6:30-9p, January 8 to February 12 (6 weeks). Please e-mail: Kathy Mattson stvincentdepaulmayslanding@verizon.net

Workshops:

Saturday, January 11, 2020

“Conflict Resolution -Without Casualties” – Sr. Kathy Burton, SSJ
Sacred Heart Center, Vineland 10a to 3p, cost \$25. To register please call 856-583-2906 or please e-mail Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org

Thursday, February 6, 2020

“Fostering Collaboration in Ministry” – Joanne Hall
Sacred Heart Center, Vineland 9a to 2:30p, cost \$25. To register please call 856-583-2906 or please e-mail Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org

Saturday, March 14, 2020

“A Christian’s Guide through Stress and Burnout” – Mary Neary
Sacred Heart Center, Vineland 10a to 3p, cost \$25. To register please call 856-583-2906 or please e-mail Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org



Catholic Charities Vehicle Donation Program and Tax Deduction for 2019

It is now close to the end of 2019, and Catholic Charities is asking you to check your garage, yard or other areas around your house for unused, old vehicles. Please donate your unused vehicle to the Catholic Charities (Diocese of Camden) Charitable Auto Resources for Services (CARS) vehicle donation program. The CARS program accepts any type of vehicle, running or non-running, including cars, vans, SUVs, trucks, boats, mobile homes, motorcycles, golf carts, scooters, etc.

Free towing and a IRS tax deduction form will be provided for your vehicle donation. To donate your vehicle, call toll free: 1-877-586-9227, and PLEASE MENTION YOU ARE DONATING YOUR VEHICLE TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF CAMDEN. You can also donate your used vehicle online at: <http://catholiccharitiescamden.careasy.org/HOME.html>

There is still time for you to receive a tax deduction on your 2019 tax return, if you donate your unused vehicle to Catholic Charities by December 31, 2019. All proceeds from the Catholic Charities CARS program benefit needy individuals and families in parishes, and throughout the six counties of South Jersey. Thank you very much for helping the needy in our Diocese.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact John Marcantuono, MSW, Director, Office of Community Support and Planning at Catholic Charities: 856-342-8786 | john.marcantuono@camdendiocese.org

PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th

9:00a – Advent Weekday – Nativity Church, Franklinville

Masses of Christmas

4:00p – Nativity, Franklinville (Family Mass)

9:00p – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton

11:00p – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton

Wednesday, December 25th

10:00a – Nativity, Franklinville

**Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**
(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31st (Vigil)

5:00p – Nativity, Franklinville

Tuesday, January 1st

10:00a – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton

With much Appreciation and Thanks!

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and thanks to all of the wonderful parishioners who volunteered their time, talent, and treasure to make our Parish an extra-special place to spend time during this Advent and Christmas Season!

Thank you to the students in the Religious Education Program who created the Prayer Intention garland on our Jesse tree and for the catechists and choir members who helped them with the awesome Christmas Pageant! Thank you to the Confirmation Candidates who spruced up our churches, switched out the missalettes for the new liturgical year and helped to decorate both churches for the Christmas Season!

Thank you to the Sally Bonner and the Music Ministry, to all of the Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers for always making our Masses so beautiful! May you all have a wonderful Christmas and Christmas Season!

~ Fr. Larry