



November 24, 2019 | Christ the King

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
Saturday: 9a at Nativity

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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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

Philip J. Gianfortune, Principal
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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, NOVEMBER 23RD

MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO

9:00a John Cooper, Sr.

4:00p Tanner Kiefer & John Grochowski
by the Kiefer FamilySUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

CHRIST THE KING

8:00a The People of the Parish

10:45a Anthony Ranniello by Mom & Dad

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH9:00a *No Intention*TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

9:00a Anne Marie Polansky by Jim & Dot Hogan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

9:00a William "Bill" Yacob by His Loving Wife, Rosie

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

THANKSGIVING

(N) 9:00a The People of the Parish

*There is **NO** 7p Mass or Confessions on Thanksgiving*FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

9:00a Anne Marie Polansky by Fran Carder

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

ANDREW

4:00p Frances Cesanek by Her Loving Husband, Jim

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00a Thomas Austin by the Sandelier Family

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 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.

*For the week of
November 24th through November 30th,*

*the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity
Burns in Memory of*

Anna Craig

the Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena

No Intention



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



PRAYER REQUEST

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, Dennis Revelli,
Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola,
& Susan Webster



STEWARDSHIP JOY

*"... giving thanks to the Father,
who has made you fit to share in the inheritance
of the holy ones in light."*

~ Col 1:12 ~

God wants His *Stewards* to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things." Try putting God first in all things instead. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



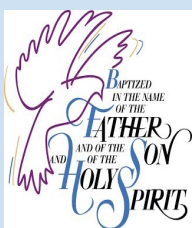
“God Loves a Cheerful Giver”
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

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”!**

Winter is fast approaching!

For weather-related cancellations or delays, please check out the **“PSMA Alerts”** section at the top of homepage on our website: www.PSMA-NJ.com or check the Parish Calendar which can also be found on our website under the “Events” tab.



*The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel
welcomes its
newest members:*

***Ava Elise Coulter
Decker Michael Davis***

*May they always walk as
children of the Light!*

Congratulations!

Stewardship in Action

Weekend of 11/16 & 11/17

Ordinary Income **\$4,167.01**
Online Giving **\$545.00**

***Thank you for your continued generosity
to our Parish!***



***It's that time
of year once
again ...***

The Giving Tree Project is going to be a bit different this year as we focus on specific groups of individuals and bring them some holiday cheer throughout the season of Advent.

Each Sunday, over the next couple of weeks, we will be gathering gifts for those in thought and prayer. No tags ... just bring an unwrapped gift for someone on our list.

November 18th through December 1st – We're collecting for our local **Toys for Tots** campaign. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child four-years-old and up. We need your gifts by **December 1st** so that we can give them to our local retired Marines for distribution to children in the area.

December 2nd through December 15th – We're collecting **baby goods** ... diapers, wipes, formula, onesies, clothing, etc. for the Acenda Integrated Health in Glassboro and the assistance they provide to new Moms who need it. We need your unwrapped gifts by **December 15th** so that we can get them to Acenda and the individuals who will benefit from them.

Your gifts can be placed in or near the bins in the Gathering Spaces of both churches or you can drop them off at the Parish Office in Clayton during normal business hours. **Thank you for your generosity!**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Connect



- ◆ **Sunday, November 24th** – Got Music? ***The Traditional Choir*** will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, November 24th** – ***PREP*** will meet in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School from 9-10:15a.
- ◆ **Sunday, November 24th** – ***Adult Faith Formation*** will meet from 9-10:15a in the Saint Catherine of Siena Church Basement, Clayton
- ◆ **Wednesday, November 27th** – Share Your Faith will meet in the O'Meara Conference Room, Franklinville from 7-8:30p
- ◆ **Wednesday, November 27th** – Got Music? ***The Contemporary Choir*** will meet from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.



Illness tends to make people feel grumpy. When we don't feel good, we naturally turn inward upon ourselves. We want this to be all over. We want to feel good again and to get on with the tasks and challenges at hand. Prolonged illness keeps some people grumpy all the time, while a surprising number of other people seem to be able to rise above their pain and distress and, sometimes even because of it, reach out to others. I know individuals in both situations and while I keep the first group in prayer, the second group often amazes me. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus is hanging on the cross. He was scourged, beaten, and crowned with thorns. It's pretty safe to say that He is in pain and distress. He's being "*sneered at*." He's being "*jeered*." He's being "*reviled*." Was Jesus at that point grumpy and did He turn inward upon Himself? **NO!**

Three individuals are hanging on crosses, suffering and dying ... one reviles, one begs for salvation, One promises Paradise. Indeed, only One can promise Paradise. Who but "the Christ of God" could make such a promise? Who but a divine King could reach beyond His own suffering and dying to bestow Life on another? Who but one totally innocent of evil could draw goodness out of one who is "*condemned justly*?" Three hang on crosses. One remains condemned. One is redeemed. One will rise from the dead ... our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.

Although Jesus' Kingdom is established from the very beginning of creation (*see the Second Reading from the Letter to the Colossians*) and through the Davidic kingship (*see the First Reading from the Second Book of Samuel*), His reign is not one of power but of mercy, not one of self-service but of self-giving, not one of material wealth but of eternal salvation. His throne is a cross. Such a King the world has never seen. Through His suffering and death this King brings Life to all who are open to receive it. This King offers Paradise to all those who come to Him, accept His reign, and remain faithful to the will of His Father. This King remembers each of us and invites us to come into His Kingdom ... into the eternal Life He won for us.

The cross is where we least expect a king to be. Yet this is where we find Jesus. The cross is where we ourselves least want to be. Yet this is how God's Kingdom is established and where our discipleship begins: allowing ourselves to be crucified on the cross of self-giving. Jesus demonstrates His Kingship not by saving Himself, but by saving others. Jesus demonstrates His Kingship not by power but by loving assurance that Paradise awaits faithful disciples. Only by beginning here, on the cross, can our discipleship end like the Good Thief's, hearing Jesus say to us, "*Amen, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.*"

The Good Thief said, "*Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.*" This Solemnity celebrates Christ as King. His Kingdom has come. We are living in God's Kingdom now. We are called, however, not to simply pay homage to our exalted King, but to do as He did. This means that each day we must live in a self-giving way because only through goodness expressed in reaching out to others is God's reign at hand. Living the Paschal Mystery means living the daily dying the cross demands. Just as the cross was the means to Jesus' exaltation, so is the cross our only way into Paradise. When self-giving seems to swallow us up and we are tempted to choose a self-serving attitude, all we need to do is remember that the cross is the door to Paradise. This only way – the cross – is the way out of this life, crossing into eternal life. **The only way.**

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

~ Fr. Larry

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.njdiocesescivcp.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.

Immaculate Conception Vigil Day of Recollection Program

Saturday December 7, 2019

Hosted by: The Legion of Mary

Mary Mother of Mercy Parish

500 Greentree Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028

All are welcome!

- ❖ RSVP by Wednesday December 4th to estimate food and participants' needs
- ❖ Registrars should notify: Vera Paoletti (856)-217-9350 / email: verapaoletti@comcast.net
- ❖ Cost: \$10.00 includes breakfast and lunch
Send checks to: Vera Paoletti (checks payable to **Mary Mother of Mercy Parish**)
4 Venus Way, Sewell NJ 08080
- ❖ Blessed Rosaries Scapulars & Miraculous Medals are available for those who need them.
- ❖ Theme Reflections on St. Louis de Montfort

"True Devotion to Mary with Preparation for Total Consecration."

- 8:00 AM - Mass with Father Sanjai Devis assisted by Deacon Kevin Laughlin
- 8:30 AM - Breakfast
- 9:00 AM - Rosary and prayers
- 9:45 AM - First Conference
- 10:30 AM - Questions, prayer and meditation.
- 11:00 AM - Second Conference
- 11:30 AM - Questions, prayer and meditation
- 11:50 AM - Angelus
- 12:15 PM - Lunch break
- 1:00 PM - Third Conference
- 1:30 PM - Questions, prayer and meditation
- 2:00 PM - Gathering in Church for Adoration Hour and Prayer
- 3:00 PM - Closing remarks and blessings (Church).
- 3:40 PM - Confessions / Quiet Individual Prayer. (Church).
- 5:00 PM - Vigil Weekend Mass Immaculate Conception. (Church).



ADVENT HOLY HOURS WITH FELLOWSHIP ACROSS THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Camden Office of Discipleship and Leadership is sponsoring Eucharistic Holy Hours throughout the Camden Diocese.

Please join us in community prayer asking for guidance from the Holy Spirit so our work within the Parish and the Camden Diocese is fruitful.

In our hour before the Blessed Sacrament, we seek grace, wisdom, and courage for all Catholics to possess a 1st century Christian mindset here in the 21st century.

After the Holy Hour, we will gather for fellowship in the Parish Hall and hear the story of the transforming power of a life lived with Jesus!

December 3rd at 7p

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Collingswood

December 5th at 7p

Saint Mary of Mount Carmel, Hammonton

December 13th at 7p

Holy Family, Sewell

January 3rd at 7p

Our Lady of the Angels, Cape May Courthouse



**Office of Discipleship
and Leadership**
Diocese of Camden

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Do you want to brush up on your knowledge of the Church's teachings? Do you want a closer walk with Jesus? Do you want to find answers to your questions about God? Explore answers to these questions at our adult catechism class on Sunday from 9-10a in the basement of Saint Catherine of Siena Church. Please contact Bernadette Fiocco at ionabern@comcast.net or the Parish Office for more information.

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.

THE 2020 MASS BOOK OPENS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS

We have revised our current policy regarding requests for Mass Intentions. Last year, people could initially request six (6) Masses, with three (3) of those Masses at the same time, e.g. Saturdays at 4:00p, Sundays at 10:45a, etc. This was to accommodate requests such as an anniversary of a person's passing, a special birthday or a similar intention which could be planned in advance. At the same time, we hoped this would also allow for more immediate requests which arise at the time of special prayers for someone undergoing surgery, or when someone dies, or a similar life-event.

Over the past year, there have been a number of open intentions during the week. **A weekday Mass offers the same graces for the person it is offered for as does a weekend Mass.** However, given the current trend, we have found it necessary to once again revise our policy for weekday and Sunday Masses.

- Anyone may request **any number** of Masses during the week. Weekday Masses may be requested for anytime in 2020.
- **As of December 3rd**, weekend Masses (Saturday at 4p, Sunday at 8a and 10:45a) **are open through June 30, 2020.**
- Weekend Masses for the second-half of the year (July 5th through December 27th) will become available Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Individuals may request two (2) weekend Masses January 5th through June 28th and two weekend Masses July 5th through December 27th).
- Mass requests **will not be taken** via e-mail or over the telephone.
- A **\$15 stipend** is due for each Mass intention at the time of the request.

In June 2020, if all the weekend Masses fill during the first half of the year, we will also begin to offer a multiple Mass intention (two individuals for one Mass) which will rotate through the weekend Masses (4:00p Vigil Mass, 8:00a Sunday Mass, 10:45a Sunday Mass.) Diocesan Policy allows for one Mass a week to be a multi-intentioned Mass.

This policy is necessitated as a result of people who only request weekend Masses at the opening of the Mass Book each year. We are fortunate to have five (5) weekday and three (3) weekend Masses celebrated here each week, but 12 or more Masses requested per individual quickly fills the Book, especially the weekends. Hence, by mid-Spring to early-Summer, our weekend Mass Intention book is almost full. Thus, if Parishioners die mid-year to year-end, often there are no announced weekend Masses available for up to a year after their death and this is greatly upsetting to the surviving members of the family.

Before deciding on the above policy, a survey of Mass Book Intention policies of several parishes in the area was made. Some Parishes only open their Mass Intentions a few months at a time. Some Parishes restrict the number of weekend and weekday requests that can be made in a given year. Many Parishes are struggling with the same issues that are being encountered here at the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel.

We are doing all that is humanly possible to be fair and to accommodate everyone and to hopefully ensure that all of the Masses celebrated in the Parish have intentions.

Thank you for your understanding and kind cooperation in this matter!

