



December 6, 2020 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

### 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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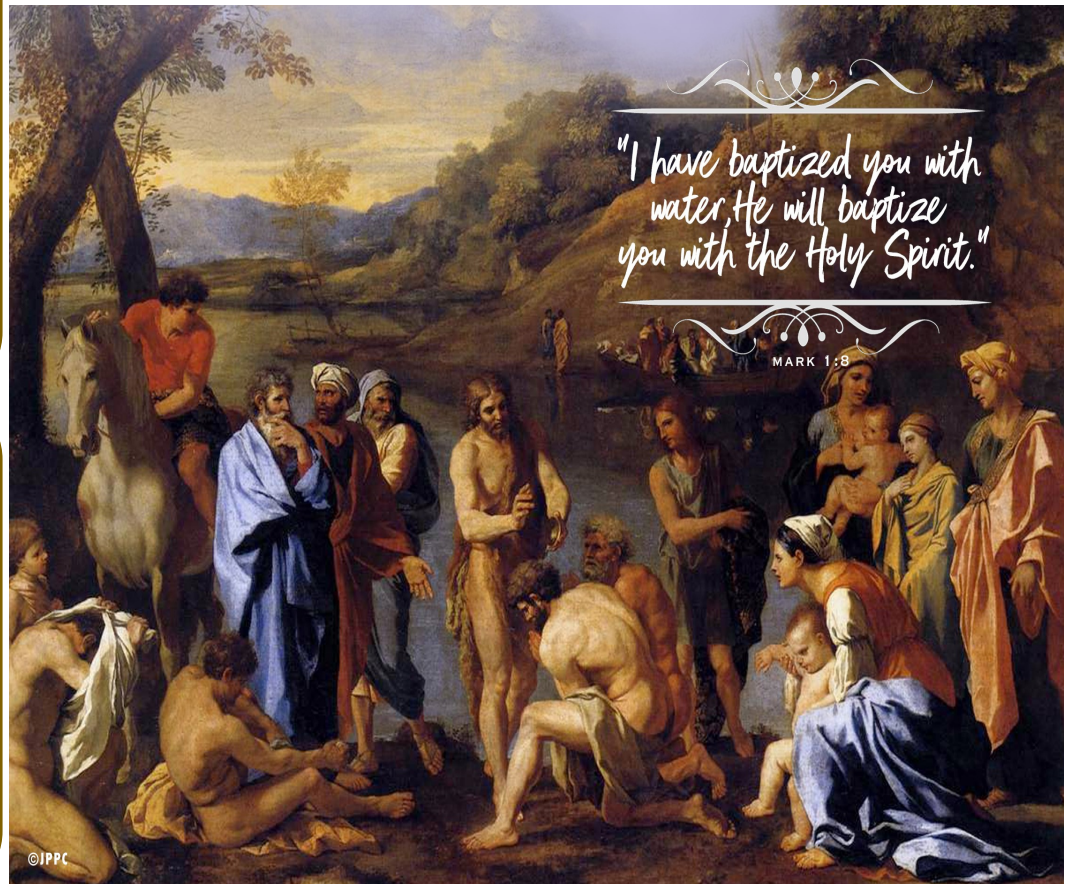
### SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL REGIONAL SCHOOL

Philip J. Gianfortune, Principal  
856-881-0067

## 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**."*



**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, 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.psmaj-nj.com>*

# Mass INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00p (N) People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

**8:00a (N) Ginny Hoffman** *by John & Sue Fitzgibbon*

**10:45a (N) Genowefo & Wojciech Karpel**  
*by The Karpel Family*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

*AMBROSE*

**9:00a (N) Philip Assante, Jr.** *by The Seniff Family*

**7:00p (N) Vigil of the Immaculate Conception**  
– People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

*SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

**9:00a (N) Bereavement Mass**

– Emile Baptiste  
– Bernadette Maloney  
– Antoinette Geverd

**7:00p (N) Leon E & Mabel Chadwick**  
*by Elaine & Bill Morris*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a (N) Mabel M Chadwick** *by Elaine & Bill Morris*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a (N) Carmen Visalli, Jr.** *by His Beloved Wife, Mary*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**No Mass**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

*OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE*

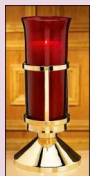
**4:00p (N) Ginny Hoffman** *by Matt & Marie Adgie*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

**8:00a (N) People of the Parish**

**10:45a (N) The Deceased Members of the Polansky Family**



## 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*

*Burns in Memory of*

*Robert Sandelier*

*Requested by His Loving Family*



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 McCloskey, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster

*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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



## STEWARDS REJOICE ALWAYS

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"  
~ 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18 ~*

This Scripture reading sums up **Stewardship**. **"Rejoice always"** means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. **"Pray constantly"** means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. **"Give thanks in all circumstances"** means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Beginning the weekend of **January 2 & 3, 2021**,  
our Mass Schedule will be changing.  
Masses will be: 4:00p on Saturday  
8:00a & **10:00a** on Sunday.

*Please take note of the coming changes!*



**"God loves a Cheerful Giver"**

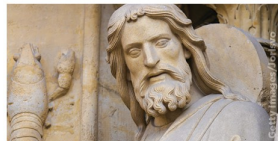
~ 2 Corinthians 9:7 ~

Would you like to donate to our parish food pantry during this holiday season? Nonperishable items may be placed in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space 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.

Don't know what to give? The best idea is to give what you would like to receive! The only necessity is that the items be nonperishable. Here are some suggestions: **1 or 2 pound bags or boxes of rice, canned yams/sweet potatoes, gravy, stuffing (such as Stove Top), pasta, canned fruit, applesauce, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, tuna, canned chicken, pancake mix, cereal, and, especially, SOUPS OF ALL KINDS.**

*Prefer not to shop?*

*Monetary donations are always welcome.*



December 6, 2020 | Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | 2 Pt 3:8-14 | Mk 1:1-8

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

For kids, the weeks before Christmas seem to drag on forever; for many adults, they zip by way too fast ("Second week of Advent, already? Oh my!"). Fortunately for us, God is outside of time – he does not experience the temporal moments as we do. "With the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day," Peter writes. "The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard 'delay,' but he is patient with you." Just as we have the Advent season to prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, God gives us ample time to repent of our sins and grow in "holiness and devotion" as we prepare for his Second Coming. During this rich liturgical season of Advent, let us help prepare the way of the Lord through our words and actions.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Preparation. Preparedness. We use these words in Advent to mark our patient waiting for Jesus to come into our world. But while we are waiting, it is fitting to remember Peter's question in the second reading: "What sort of persons ought you to be?" That is not simply an Advent question. And the answer is relevant to all days and times of life: Conduct yourselves with "holiness and devotion." Right living and loving God and neighbor never go out of style. They are the answer to everything. Make wise choices. And, like John the Baptist, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." And perhaps one day, we can be transformed into the people God created us to be.



**WITNESS** Today's psalmist prays: "Lord, let us see your kindness." This Advent, be conscientious about your everyday interactions with the people around you, making God's kindness visible and known to them.

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE COMING OF OUR

*Lord Jesus Christ!*



ADVENT - WEEK TWO

## Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

We sometimes hear the expression that we need to fight fire with fire. In the practical world, firefighters often set backfires or controlled fires to contain a forest fire by depriving it of fuel. In a metaphoric sense, this phrase means to respond in like kind, to use the same weapons to attack another who is attacking us. In both cases, fire is used in a destructive sense with the hope that it produces a happy outcome. Fire – really and metaphorically – is filled with contradictions. Fire can destroy ... it can also purify. Fire can burn ... it can also warm. Fire can blind ... it can also give light. Fire can consume ... it can also melt. Fire is a powerful image. In the Gospel this weekend, fire is used in two (2) ways: fire can destroy ... fire can also bring Life.

John the Baptist prepared “the way of the Lord,” by calling people to repentance so they would not be “thrown into the fire” of “the coming wrath.” John announced impending judgment and offered a baptism of repentance. John also announced One to come who would enact that judgment and bring a baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire of judgment will destroy those who are fruitless. The fire of the Holy Spirit will help the faithful bear good fruit. Advent is, in the end, about jumping into the fire. This is our time to embrace our Baptism, to allow the Holy Spirit to set us afire anew for living the Gospel.

John baptized with water. Followers of Jesus are baptized with “the Holy Spirit and fire.” The image of fire reminds us that we are purified and made holy by our Baptism. We receive the Holy Spirit and God’s Life is within us. This is what empowers us to bear fruit. All we need to do is to say “yes” to God’s will and be faithful to our baptismal call. We also remember that Baptism plunges us into the mystery of Christ’s dying and rising. Conforming ourselves to Christ, we take on our own challenges to die to self for the sake of others.

Advent is a time to rekindle the urgency of living our baptismal commitment, about following Christ faithfully, and about producing good fruit. In the midst of our busyness of our Christmas preparations, we are called to take a few minutes in prayer each day to welcome Christ’s Presence ... to recognize the Christ in the other who is less fortunate than we are ... to greet Christ our Light in the myriads of lights we use to decorate our homes. Let’s be on fire with the wonder of this season. Let’s prepare to celebrate Christ’s incarnated Presence among us. Let’s open ourselves to the purifying and enkindling Presence of the Holy Spirit within us and among us. This is what our baptismal commitment calls us to.

This is a time of the year when many opportunities to think of others arise. The red kettle and the ringing bell remind us that others are less fortunate than us and need our help. At the same time, we cannot forget to be mindful of those with whom we live, work, and play, especially at a time when busyness might cause us to be tired and short-tempered and getting our own things taken care of might cause us to be short-sighted so that we do not see the need of those close to us. This is a time when we may have plenty of opportunities to repent for being too distracted or too busy or too intent on getting something finished. It is also a time to be on fire with the love and care we have for family and friends. Advent is, in the end, about jumping into the fire.

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



*The Parish of  
Saint Michael the Archangel*

welcomes its newest members

**Conor Paul Simmons**

baptized on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>,

**Everleigh Gray Pasculli**

baptized on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>,  
and

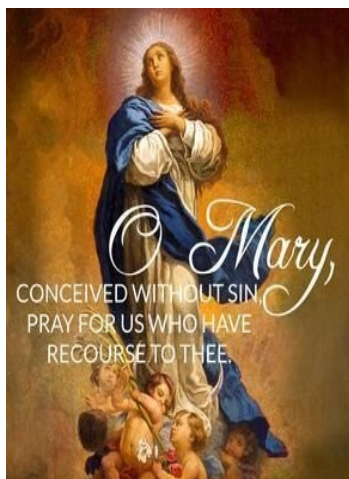
**Thomas Ryan LaFalce**

baptized on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>,

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

## 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](mailto:joanne.digennaro@camdendiocese.org) or contact your Parish Office.



**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
is the  
Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception.**

Masses for the Holy Day  
are

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
(Vigil Mass) at 7p

and

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 9a and 7p.



**Help our elders.** In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous next weekend, December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.



This year, things will be a little different if you are able to join us for one of the Masses of Christmas. For your health and well-being, current guidelines allow for 30% capacity at each Mass (about 120 people, depending on the number of groups versus the number of individual persons), masks are required, the Chapel / Cry Area is not in use, every other pew is taped off, and there is no standing allowed in the church or Gathering Space during Mass to help promote social distancing. Because our seating is limited, reservations for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are needed.

Our Mass times for Christmas are **Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve) at 3:00p, 5:00p, 7:30p, and 10:00p. Mass will be celebrated on December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day) at 10:00a. Please try to arrive at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.** Due to COVID-19 and Homeland Security Guidelines, the doors of the church will be closed and locked at the beginning of each Mass.

**Beginning December 7<sup>th</sup>**, to make a reservation, please call the Parish Office at 856-881-9155 and press "7" when you hear the auto attendant. **Reservations will be accepted through Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.** When making your reservation, please leave your name, the number of individuals attending with you, the time of the Mass you'll be attending, your e-mail address and a good phone number where you can be reached to confirm your reservation. Please understand that seating will be assigned.

We hope and pray that we will be able to proceed with the Christmas Masses as planned. We encourage you to visit our Parish website, [www.psm-nj.com](http://www.psm-nj.com) or call 856-881-9155 and press "1" for up-to-date information regarding schedules, events, and any changes we may be forced to make.



# 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

## WEAR IT CORRECTLY

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS



Completely cover the nose and mouth with the face covering. Be sure it fits snugly against the side of the face.



Nose & mouth are not covered.



Nose is not covered.



Mask is too loose.

## Chance of Transmission

Asymptomatic COVID-19 Carrier

Uninfected Person

Very high



High



Medium



Low



Very low



6+ feet

Virtually none



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.



# 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

## 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.

