



February 7, 2021 | 5th 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
10a 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)

FOR SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR FOR 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>

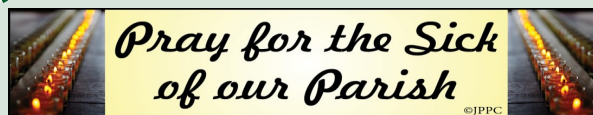
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH***PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS***4:00p (N) People of the Parish****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH***5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***8:00a (N) Hannah Pio** *by Mom-Mom & Pop Pio***10:00a (N) Anne Marie Polansky****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH***JEROME EMILIANI AND JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN***9:00a (N) Casimir & Mary Kotson and Family****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH****9:00a (N) Bereavement Mass**
– Maryann Manna
– Renee Geortler**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH***SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN***9:00a (N) Edward O'Hara** *by Maureen & Bob Hoffmann***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH***OUR LADY OF LOURDES***9:00a (N) Jack O'Hara** *by The O'Hara Family***FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH****9:00a (N) No Parish Mass****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH****4:00p (N) Stephen Bartos** *by Goddaughter, Ronnie***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH***6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***8:00a (N) People of the Parish****10:00a (N) Patricia A. Maciow****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 Nativity Church burns
in Loving Memory of*

Bill Yacob

Requested by His Loving Wife Rose



Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas Christian,
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,

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,
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

**Ambassadors, Ushers, Sanitizers ...**

We need your help! We need individuals at each Mass to help us to guide parishioners to their seats, to social-distance, to guide during Holy Communion and with exiting the church afterwards, and to help disinfect in-between Masses. If you have a few moments, would you please prayerfully consider helping us? Please see Fr. Larry or call the Parish Office. **Many hands make light work!**



*"Keep in mind the words
of the Lord Jesus who Himself said,
'It is more blessed to give
than to receive.'"
(Acts 20:35)*

Pasta, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, soup, rice, baked beans, peanut butter, oatmeal and pancake mix are just some of the items needed at the pantry at his time. Soap, toilet tissue, toothpaste and toothbrushes would also be appreciated. These and any other nonperishable items may be placed in the shopping cart in the Gathering Space of Nativity Church, or, you may deliver 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 pantry on which you may leave your donations. You may honk your car horn before driving away to alert us of your presence so that we may retrieve the items. **Please, leave your food donations outside the pantry on Wednesday mornings only.** We are sorry, but, food left out in the elements for an unknown number of hours or days when we are not present at the pantry or when the church is not open cannot be used safely and must be discarded.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Prefer not to shop?

Monetary donations are always welcome.

STEWARDS PRAY

*"Rising very early before dawn,
He left and went off to a deserted place,
where He prayed ...He told them,
'Let us go on to the nearby villages
that I may preach there also.
For this purpose have I come.'"
~ Mk 1:35, 38 ~*

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of **Stewardship**. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes –healing the sick, and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer and spending time with God that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

GOD KNOWS
*when to send you
exactly what you need.*



February 7, 2021 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mk 1:29-39

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I remember taking my oldest son on a tour of a technical theater program at a state university. He had been considering an IT field – he's everyone's go-to whenever a technical issue arises. The theater professor said, "Enroll in our program only if you can't do anything else." The implication was clear: Choose this field if you love it so much you can't imagine pursuing a different career. My son tried a more practical direction, but ultimately came back to theater, where he thrived! I thought of this story when listening to Paul's Letter to the Corinthians: He preached the Gospel because he *had* to – excuse the double negative, but he could not "not" share the Good News with everyone he met! Once he encountered Jesus, he willingly devoted his life to sharing the story of love and salvation with all those whom he encountered – the weak and the powerful, rich and poor, saints and sinners. Let us pray that God helps us recapture the wonder the crowds must have felt in Jesus' presence – wonder that compels us to share the Good News, too.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Wherever you happen to live, imagine "the whole town gathered at the door." Even in the smallest of villages, that would be a big deal! So it was with Jesus, where crowds seemed to follow him wherever he went, wanting to catch a glimpse of this carpenter's son who cured the sick and drove out demons. When the disciples found him off by himself, praying, and told him "everyone is looking for you," Jesus tells them they need to move on to nearby villages. I sense an urgency in Mark's account of Jesus' movements, showing Jesus as compelled to reach as many people as possible during his public ministry. As I hear this, I think how easy it is for us Catholics to remain in our comfort zones – whether a favorite pew, the same core group of "parish friends," or even sticking with one ministry or one Mass time. But, as Jesus shows us, preaching the Good News – witnessing to the power of God in our lives – means we cannot stand idly by. We must share this news.

WITNESS What if we tried to emulate Jesus, albeit in a small way, by reaching beyond our "circles" to greet someone new at our parish, volunteer for the first time or in a different way, or – yes – sit in a different spot! In doing so, we can challenge ourselves to "stretch" a bit and welcome others into our world.



Dear Parishioners,

For some time now, psychologists and social workers have been putting out alarms about the phenomenon of text messaging. It's not unheard of for adolescents to be sitting right across from one another in a cafeteria and having a conversation. The same is true of young couples in restaurants. They text back and forth rather than simply looking at one another and having a conversation. The red flag about text messaging is that it is instant and impersonal. It is efficient, yes. But this raises the question whether all life is simply about efficiency. The Gospel this Sunday suggests otherwise.

The Gospel leads us to believe that Jesus' reputation as a miracle worker was spreading ("*Everyone is looking for You*"). Not surprisingly, "*they brought to [Jesus] all who were ill or possessed by demons.*" In fact, "*the whole town was gathered at the door*" of Simon's and Andrew's house. Had efficiency been the point, Jesus could have simply willed everyone to be healed within, say, a hundred-mile radius. How efficient that would have been! But surely something incredibly important would have been missing: the personal touch that characterizes Jesus' ministry.

For Jesus, people are not just numbers or projects to be taken care of in as efficient a manner as possible. No, there is something incredibly personal about approaching a friend's sick mother-in-law and about friends bringing the sick to Someone who promises hope and healing. And this is a point of the Gospel: surely Jesus has the power to heal, but even more important, these healing accounts are instances of the far-reaching power of Jesus to save. Jesus' healing others is a sign of salvation. And salvation is always up close and personal. Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law was very personal: He **approached** her, **grasped** her hand, and **helped** her up.

But there is more to this Gospel. In reaching out to the "whole of Galilee," Jesus responds to the universal human condition of misery and hopelessness. But He always does so in a very personal way. The ministry of Jesus is truly about all humanity's experiencing the transformation of human hopelessness through personal encounter with Jesus. Jesus' desire is that others experience the Good News of His personal care and presence. Even now, Jesus treats each of us just as personally as He treated Simon's mother-in-law and the others who were brought to Him for care. All we need to do is come to Him in hope and trust.

In all these healings (and we will be hearing more in the Sundays to come), we receive glimpses of the greater mystery being revealed by Jesus: the mystery of salvation ... the movement from death to life. The evil that affects all of our lives in one way or another is a reminder that the kingdom of God is "not yet" fully established. The healings and Good News of Jesus are reminders that the kingdom is "already" gradually being revealed in the words and deeds of Jesus, whose mission is to inaugurate God's kingdom.

By means of personal encounters with individuals in the healings, Jesus establishes a relationship with others so that He might preach the Good News that God's kingdom is at hand. The healings performed by Jesus inaugurate the kingdom of God ... inaugurate salvation. We know that Jesus desired to preach in the "nearby villages." We know that Jesus desired to preach in them wholeness. As His disciples, this is our work as well. It is our way of life. We must be as up close and personal as Jesus was.

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

Fr. Larry

FACES OF HOPE



The House of Charity kickoff weekend is a bit different this year due to COVID-19. There is a lot of information about this year's campaign at www.camdendiocese.org/hoc and on our website: <https://www.psma-nj.com>.

The online options for giving to the House of Charity this year are great alternatives in the event of another shutdown due to COVID or restrictions reducing attendance at Mass across the Diocese.

Please respond to the materials you should have received in the mail. You can respond either via mail or you also have the opportunity to give online at <https://bit.ly/HoC-Online>.

Your support of the 2021
House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal
ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the healing, teaching, and the redemptive Presence of Jesus Christ throughout Southern New Jersey.

We are all Faces of Hope.

Please support the 2021
House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal
www.camdendiocese.org/hoc

2020 Contribution Statements

Tax time is just around the corner and its time to collect all those necessary papers to file. If you would like to receive a copy of your 2020 Contribution Statement, **PLEASE:**

- 1) **E-Mail** PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com including the information below.
- 2) **Fill out the form below**, place it in an envelope, and drop it into the Collection Basket or at the Rectory during normal office hours.
- 3) **Call the Parish Office** at 856-881-9155 and provide the info below.

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2020 Contribution Statement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I prefer an e-mail ☐

E-Mail Address: _____



Please know you can easily find Diocesan audio Podcasts and YouTube resources from local Catholic experts, produced by the Office of Communications with the *Catholic Star Herald*, to share with others at

talking.catholicstarherald.org/

Subscribe to these YouTube channels to view all videos:

Subscribe to the Catholic Star Herald YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCLK-2e35CrjZDzJlprO6s4Q

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February 17 - March 28
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN SOUTH JERSEY!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns:

- 17,997 babies saved from abortion
- 211 abortion workers converted
- 107 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside the Cherry Hill Women's Center located at 502 N. Kings Hwy in Cherry Hill, NJ

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact: Claire Howson, claire@helpersnj.org; 856-313-9861

Learn more ... get involved ...
our goal is to have at least 2 people commit to peacefully pray each hour. Please sign up at the web address below or call Claire to sign up.

40daysforlife.com/cherryhill



Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 – 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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



Chance of Transmission	Asymptomatic COVID-19 Carrier	Uninfected Person
Very high		
High		
Medium		
Low		
Very low		
Virtually none		

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

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.



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.

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.

