



June 18, 2023 | 11th 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 Saint Catherine
Tuesday: 9a at Nativity
Wednesday: 9a at Nativity
Thursday: 9a at Saint Catherine
First Fridays: 9a at Saint Catherine
First Saturdays: 9a at Saint Catherine

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:30p at Nativity
(or by appointment)

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OFFICE HOURS: **Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday:** 10:00a-2:00p; **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:00 noon
(You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment any time outside of these hours.)

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.pdma-nj.com>



SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH – IMMACULATE HEART BVM

4:00p The People of the Parish
SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH – 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Fathers' Day Intentions
10:00a Fathers' Day Intentions
MONDAY, JUNE 19TH – ROMUALD

9:00a Fathers' Day Intentions
TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH

9:00a Fathers' Day Intentions
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST – ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

9:00a Fathers' Day Intentions
THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND – JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

9:00a Fathers' Day Intentions
FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD

~ No Parish Mass ~

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH – NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

4:00p Robert J. Carder, Jr. by Fran, Kathy, & Bobby
SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH – 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a The People of the Parish
10:00a Anne Ellena by Joe & Kathy Tinney

LIVE STEWARDSHIP

*“As you go, make this proclamation:
 ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”
 ~ Mt 10:7 ~*

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to “repent.” Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants us to live **Stewardship** and to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

Pray for the Sick
of our Parish

Harriet Bajewicz, George Bromwell,
 Nicholas & Rob Christian, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
 Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mimi Hall,
 Don & Matt Healy, Rosemary McBride, Eileen Mulholland,
 Dot Myers, Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner,
 Karen J. Viola, and Joanna Walczak

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,
 & PFC Vincenzo Taormina

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman, EM2 William Little,
 & Kurt Reinhold, US Navy

US Air Force

AB Jacob R Custis

US Marine Corps

WO3 Brad Davis, SGT Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, US Navy; US Army Medic

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 \$15. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

Dear Parishioners,

Let me begin by saying Happy Father's Day to all Dads, Grand-dads, and Great-Grand-dads! Happy Father's Day to all Dads-to-Be, God-Fathers, Step-Fathers, Uncles, and Spiritual Fathers. And Happy Father's Day to all those who treat us as if they were our Dads ... And now that I think I've covered everyone ... Happy Father's Day ... Enjoy your day!

In this weekend's Gospel from Saint Matthew, we find the only occasion that he uses the word **apostle**, meaning "*sent one*," to describe the follower of Jesus Christ. While the meaning of **disciple** is "*learner*," this weekend's Gospel emphasizes the sending out of those whom Jesus has chosen. They are individuals. We know some of them ... we know their background and the circumstances of their calling ... while others are named here and there and simply become part of "the Twelve." That is enough to encourage us about the possibility of becoming a community around Jesus. If fishermen (two sets of brothers, with the family dynamics that might involve), a tax collector, a hot-headed revolutionary Zealot, a traitor, and the rest could be chosen as the first laborers in the field, then surely there is hope for the disparate humanity that is our local or universal Church today.

Jesus had to work hard, and not always successfully, with these apprentices. The fact that they are twelve is an important symbolic statement. Just as there were the twelve tribes of God's people in the Old Testament, so in the New Testament we again have the Twelve. And there's a wonderful description of heaven in the Book of Revelation – again highly symbolic – as the new Jerusalem whose twelve gates are inscribed with "*the names of the twelve sons of Israel*," and the twelve foundations of the city are inscribed with "*the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb*" (Rev 21:10-14).

Like all apprenticeships, it was "on the job" training, and the Twelve are immediately sent out on a mission. That Jesus sends His apostles only to "*the lost sheep of the house of Israel*," with instruction to avoid the Gentiles and Samaritans, may unsettle us a bit. Jesus Himself has already ministered with compassion to the Gentiles: the Roman centurion's servant (Matt 8:5-13) and the Gadarene demoniacs (Matt 8:28-34). After the resurrection, they will have been sufficiently, painfully, and joyfully taught by Jesus for their larger mission. The mission of the Twelve at this early stage is urgent and for now is limited to the region and culture with which they were most familiar. Here they are to do what they have seen Jesus doing. Saint Matthew's community of mainly Jewish Christians can identify with this priority, but it must also soon learn the often-difficult acceptance of the Gentiles who were joining the early Church as well.

Here, today, in 2023, in our own life situations, we are to try and to hopefully do the same: minister with the gift of faith and the compassion of Jesus Christ to the sick in mind and body, raise people from death-dealing despair, and cast out addictions that so destructively take hold of our brothers and sisters. By our Baptism, we are all apostles. The mission of Jesus Christ ... Priest, Prophet, and King ... is our mission, too. God has loved us at no charge. Now we have to love the unlovable, without recompense.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe! Happy Father's Day!

~ Fr. Larry



PARISH OF
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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 ~

Summer – time for swimming, gardening, vacationing and shopping for the Pantry! Yes, the pantry will be open throughout the summer. As always, we appreciate your generous donations of nonperishable food items of all kinds, including **tuna, instant potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned chicken, applesauce, cereal, crackers, peanut butter and jelly.** Nonfood items such as **soap, shampoo, bathroom tissue, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also welcome.

You may leave your donations in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings.**

Many thanks for your ongoing generosity!



Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

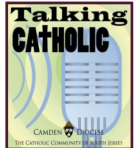
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Please know that 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/



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Ex 19:2-6a | Rom 5:6-11 | Mt 9:36-10:8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

As a teenager, I was someone you might call “Suzy high school.” I played sports, was president of my class, had many friends, etc. But there were times I made some bad choices and ended up having to face my parents with the truth. I remember being afraid of what they would think, even wondering if my actions would make them love me less. Thankfully, I was blessed with incredible parents whose loving lessons throughout my life pointed me toward our Father’s love. St. Paul gives us a glimpse of how deep the love of our Father is in the second reading: “But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” God loves us so completely that even before we approach him to ask for forgiveness, his arms are open wide. Look up at the cross and let that abundant, unending love wash over you. Reflect on what is said in the first reading from the Book of Exodus: “Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.”

ACTION One of the ministries I enjoy contributing to in my area is a Foster Closet. It stocks blankets, clothing, backpacks, toys, and many other products to allow foster children to have quality shopping experiences. If there is one near you, you might find that supporting these vulnerable children is a simple way to let them know they are infinitely worthy of God’s love.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How can we respond to this great love we have been shown by our heavenly Father? Jesus is pretty clear on this topic, isn’t he? “Love one another as I have loved you.” Not a lot of ambiguity or nuance there. Daunting? Doesn’t need to be. The words of today’s responsorial psalm proclaim: “Know that the Lord is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.” His flock is all of us – including the poor, the depressed, the lonely. Perhaps we can challenge ourselves this summer to step out in service to God’s flock by calling on someone in our own lives who may feel marginalized, frightened, or anxious, and be the hands and feet of our Father to them. Perhaps they do not know the depth of our Father’s love and we can reassure them of this. In today’s Gospel Jesus says: “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” We have been blessed by the sacrifice of the Lamb, and it is our responsibility to share that blessing with others.



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning **June 22nd**, the feast of **Saints Thomas More and John Fisher**, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom. For more information, please check out the USCCB website: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>.



June 23rd – The Seal of Confession

Pray that governments would respect the seal of confession, as the Church in the United States continues to work to remove the scourge of clergy abuse.

Reflect

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, sometimes called Confession or Penance, brings healing to damaged relationships. Different religions can have different versions of confession, because the practice addresses a basic human need to express regret and make restitution for wrongdoing. In the Catholic Church, Confession is an important sacrament. This is a sacred encounter between the penitent and the Lord who offers forgiveness and healing through the ministry of the priest. The Code of Canon Law forbids priests from divulging information received in confession. The penalty for a priest who directly violates the seal of confession is excommunication. The right to maintain the seal—or, clergy-penitent privilege—was upheld in what is possibly the first court case on the right to free exercise of religion in America, *People v. Phillips*. Since the Phillips case, clergy-penitent privilege has become recognized as a basic right. Today, protecting clergy-penitent privilege is still important. Some governments are seeking to revoke the privilege in the hopes of exposing crimes against children and vulnerable adults. Indeed, it is essential that, to the extent it can, the Church work with civil authorities to ensure that criminals are brought to justice and communities are kept safe. While a priest may not oblige a penitent to turn himself in as a condition for receiving absolution, priests can encourage the penitent to report crimes to the proper authorities, or the priest can ask the penitent to speak with him outside of the context of Confession. At the same time, the government has no right to encroach upon this sacred communication. [Clergy-penitent privilege is the recognition of the proper relationship between church and state and the right to free exercise of religion, not only for Catholics, but for people of all faiths.](#)

Act

Make an act of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the crimes committed by members of the Church against youth and vulnerable adults. While these attempted incursions on the seal of the confessional are misguided, they are often motivated by a desire to protect people from abuse. We share that desire to protect people, and we are sorrowful for these sins. Consider fasting from a meal or praying the Litany to the Sacred Heart, and offer up your sacrifice for those who have suffered abuse, praying as well for the renewal of the Church.



June 22nd — Respect for Sacred Spaces

Pray that Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches will convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ, and that people of all faiths would be free to gather in sacred spaces without fear.

Reflect

The very nature of a sacred space is that it is set apart from other spaces as a place of divine worship and thus should be treated with respect. In a pluralistic society such as ours, respect for sacred spaces is especially vital for the sake of civil peace, which is part of the common good. In recent years, a wave of vandalism and arson has hit Catholic churches and statues. That wave rose following the leaked draft of the Dobbs decision, and it crested after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, allowing states to regulate abortion. June and July of 2022 saw a huge spike in anti-Christian and anti-life attacks on churches. [There have been over 250 attacks so far](#), and that number steadily continues to grow. But Catholics and other Christians are not alone in defending their sacred spaces. In Arizona, Native American tribes have been fighting to preserve Oak Flat, a space that has been used for prayer and worship since time immemorial, from being destroyed by a copper mining company. The circumstances in these two cases are different, but the underlying principle is the same: attacks on sacred spaces, whether from political ideology or commerce, are harmful to religious freedom. A culture that embraces the divine gift of freedom will respect sacred spaces.

Act

Religious communities express their faith through their sacred art and architecture. Sacred spaces and devotional art all testify to the strength and hope of these diverse communities. How has this legacy affected you? Share an image of your favorite church building, devotional art, or other sacred sign of faith with us on Twitter! @USCCBFreedom #ReligiousFreedomWeek



June 24th – Nicaragua

Pray for our Catholic sisters and brothers who are suffering in Nicaragua.

Reflect

The Church in Nicaragua – by far the most trusted and the last remaining independent civil society institution in the country, ever since the regime of Daniel Ortega and his wife and Vice President Rosario Murillo imprisoned and exiled virtually the entire political opposition – is facing a critical intensification of religious persecution. Since 2018, when the Nicaraguan bishops supported civil society’s right to protest unpopular government policies, the Church in Nicaragua has been facing a systematic and persistent campaign of aggression from the government and pro-government operatives, with churches being attacked with deadly force, priests and religious imprisoned or exiled, the Apostolic Nuncio expelled, and, in February 2023, the unjust sentencing of Bishop Rolando Alvarez of Matagalpa, Nicaragua, to 26 years in prison. In February 2023, [the regime exiled 222 political prisoners, including 11 priests, to the United States](#). The viciousness of the persecution is highlighted in the numerous acts of desecration against the Blessed Sacrament that have been committing by pro-government forces and the banning of traditional processions by the majority Catholic population during Holy Week. These are politically calculated acts of psychological and spiritual terrorism against the faithful in Nicaragua. They are intended to send a message to the bishops, priests and faithful that the regime will go to any length to quash and silence the moral voice of the Catholic Church in the country.

Act

In addition to the political turmoil, Nicaragua is one of the poorest countries in Latin America that is often beset with natural disasters. Catholic Relief Services began working in Nicaragua in 1964. [Support CRS’s agricultural, emergency relief, health, and youth job training programs to help save lives.](#)



June 25th – Religious Student Groups

Pray that religious student groups would be free to be faithful to their distinctive missions.

Reflect

Participation in a religious student group at college can be an important part of a young person’s education. However, university policies meant to promote inclusivity – such as a rule that any student has the right to be a leader of a campus student group – have been used to prohibit religious student groups from ensuring that their leaders and members share their beliefs. The sentiment of such policies might seem appealing, but it means that an atheist could lead a Bible study, a climate change denier could lead the environmental club, or a Republican could lead the College Democrats. This false idea of inclusivity essentially prevents groups from having any distinctive mission or identity. College campuses can embrace the gift of freedom by allowing student groups to operate in accordance with their distinctive missions.

Act

Support the Equal Campus Access Act. In 2020, the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) established Equal Campus Access provisions, which aimed to protect religious student groups at schools that receive federal funding. However, in 2023, the USDE proposed to rescind those provisions. The Equal Campus Access Act would codify the 2020 rule. [Urge Congress to support the Equal Campus Access Act!](#)

