



DECEMBER 24, 2023 | 4th Sunday of Advent

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

REV. MICHAEL J. GOYETTE, 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: 9 AM at St. Catherine
Tuesday: 9 AM at Nativity
Wednesday: 9 AM at Nativity
Thursday: 9 AM at St. Catherine
***Friday:** 7 PM at Nativity *
***Sat.:** 7 AM at St Catherine *
 (* When Fr Goyette is Here)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4 PM at Nativity
Sunday: 8 AM at St. Catherine
 10 AM at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE
Vigil: 7 PM at St. Catherine
Holy Day: 9 AM & 7 PM at Nativity

RECONCILIATION
Friday: 7:45 PM Nativity
Saturday: 7:45 AM St. Catherine
 and 3:15 PM Nativity
***Sunday:** 7:20 AM St. Catherine
 (* When Fr Goyette is Here)

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*Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found
favor with God.*

LUKE 1:30

NATIVITY: 2677 Delsea Dr, Franklinville **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA:** 700 N Delsea Dr, Clayton

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM; Tuesday: 4:15 PM-7:15 PM
(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.psmaj-nj.com>



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 23rd

7:00 AM-SC **Healing Jennifer Link**

4:00 PM-N **People of the Parish**

Sunday, December 24th *4th Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM-SC **Dante Napoli** by Carin Haabak

10:00 AM-N **Deceased Members of the Cottelli and Doyle Families** by Children and Grandchildren

4:00 PM-N **People of the Parish**

7:00 PM-SC **Joseph Vasquez Jr.** by Glenn and Wendy Harris

Midnight-SC **Gracie** by Fran and June Sieber

Monday, December 25th *Nativity of Our Lord*

8:00 AM-SC **Bill Gross** by Fiocco Family

10:00 AM-N **Joseph W Czarnik** by Elaine Mikelionis

Tuesday, December 26th

9:00 AM-N **In loving Memory Tara Panella** by Dan and Karen Seniff

Wednesday, December 27th

9:00 AM-N **Peggy McNamee** by Bill and Rosemary Auge

Thursday, December 28th

9:00 AM-SC **Special Intention Ronnie Vanaman** by Dan and Karen Seniff

Friday, December 29th

7:00 PM-N **Richard Lavery** by St Michael Archangel Parish

Saturday, December 30th

7:00 AM-SC **Fr. Joe Ferrara** by Parish Staff

4:00 PM-N **Darrel Burkey** by Fiocco Family

Sunday, December 31st *Octave of Christmas*

8:00 AM-SC **People of the Parish**

10:00 AM-N **Megan Leigh Thrash-McElvaney** by Weilgus Family

No Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1st *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

8:00 AM-SC

10:00 AM-N **In Loving Memory Ginny and Bob Hoffman** by Dan and Karen Seniff

Mass Location: N = Nativity | SC = St. Catherine

MARY'S STEWARDSHIP

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal Steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.



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, Glenn Harris

If you have a family member whom 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, 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

PARISH EVENTS

2024 is right around the corner. We now have a lot of groups meeting in our Parish. Please call the Parish Office to reserve space on the calendar if you are planning a meeting.

DECEMBER

- 21: RCIA for Kids, 6:30 PM at Nativity Conf. Center
- 25: Feast of the Nativity
- 27: Knights of Columbus, 7:30 PM SCB, Adoration at 7:15 PM

JANUARY

- 4: RCIA for Kids, 6:30 PM at Nativity Conf. Center
- 5: PREP Grades 7 & 8, 6 PM St. Catherine's Basement
- 9: PREP Grades 1 & 2, 6 PM St. Catherine's Basement
- 16: PREP Grades 3 & 4 PM St. Catherine's Basement
- 23: PREP Grades 5 & 6, 6 PM St. Catherine's Basement
- 24: Grief Support, 7:00 PM at Nativity Conf. Center
- 30: PREP Grades 7 & 8, 6 PM St. Catherine's Basement
- 31: Taize Prayer Service, 7 PM Nativity Church
- Every Monday—Book Club, 7 PM Nativity Conf. Ctr.
- Every Tuesday after the 9 AM Mass—Novena to the Miraculous Medal
- Rosary after the daily Mass (Mon-Thur.)

RCIA CLASSES

Tuesday 6 PM | St. Catherine's Church



We are in need of volunteers for parish maintenance work. Specifically, we are looking for anyone who can help with power washing, painting, general carpentry (like hanging curtain rods or putting some cabinets together), IT support, plumbing, or help to organize/clean out the Rectory garage and Nativity sheds. Please call the Rectory (856-881-9155) if you can volunteer your time and talent for some small parish projects.

CHURCH OFFERING

- Total Mass Offering for Dec. 9th/10th — \$6927
- Total Offering for Immaculate Conception — \$1271
- Total Offering for Retired Religious — \$1398

MASS ATTENDANCE

- Dec. 9th: Sat. 4 PM Nativity — 210
- Dec. 10th: Sun. 8 AM St Catherine — 82
- Dec. 10th: Sun. 10 AM Nativity — 144
- Total Attendance — 436**

Church Offering and Mass Attendance for December 16th and 17th will be published next week because of the holiday publishing schedule.



From Fr Goyette and the Parish Staff

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

CLOSED: Monday, December 25th

OPEN: Tuesday, December 26th

OPEN: Wednesday, December 27th

CLOSED: Thursday, December 28th

CLOSED: Thursday, December 29th

CLOSED: Monday, January 1st

Pray for Priestly Vocations

Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless the Diocese of Camden with an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We pray that young men from our parishes and families will hear your call and be both generous and courageous in their response. May more young men serve you as priests who teach the faith, preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and make you present among us through their ministry. Encourage them to embrace the joy-filled and fulfilling life of a diocesan priest. May parents support priestly vocations in their families by prayer and good example. We entrust these prayers through Mary Immaculate, our patroness, hopeful that you will bless our diocese with more priests in the near future, who live and reign forever and ever. AMEN.

Knights of Columbus 2024 Free Throw Contest

January 6, 2024 | 10:30 AM — 1 PM
 St. Michael's School Gymnasium
 51 W. North St., Clayton, NJ 08312
 Register by contacting Joe Williams,
 jwilliams5150@comcast.net



This ministry provides diapers and children's clothing to mothers in need. Any items can be left in the Abby's Angels bin at both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena Churches. Please contact (609) 513-1363 for further information.

Thank you all for the outpouring of love and support. I also thank you for your gracious and generous donations... Abby

**PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
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)

Saint Mother Teresa once said, “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” You can make a difference in someone’s life right here in our local community by donating any nonperishable food item of your choice to our parish pantry.

Some suggested items include, but are not limited to, **pasta, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, canned pasta meals (such as Chef Boyardee), tuna, canned chicken (or other meats), and oatmeal.** Nonfood items such as **soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also appreciated.

Your nonperishable food donations may be left in the gathering spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena Churches. Or they may be delivered directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM on Wednesday mornings.

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!



Grief Support Group

The Parish will be starting a **Grief Support Group** beginning on **January 24, 2024 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** at the Conference Center on site at Nativity. If you have experienced a loss in your life, please consider attending. This will be an ongoing group that will meet twice a month. We will utilize prayer and Scripture readings to facilitate discussions. Feel free to participate as you wish. We want you to come for prayer and fellowship with no pressure to share.



Christmas and New Years

Confession

Mon. Dec. 18: 6-7 PM Church of the Nativity
 Fri. Dec. 22: 6-7 PM Church of the Nativity
 Sat. Dec. 23: 9-10 AM St. Catherine Church
 Sat. Dec. 23: 3-4 PM Church of the Nativity
 Sat. Dec. 23: 6-7 PM Church of the Nativity

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat. Dec. 23: 4 PM Church of the Nativity
 Sun. Dec. 24: 8 AM St. Catherine Church
 Sun. Dec 24: 10 AM Church of the Nativity

Note: You must attend one Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and one Mass for Christmas. This means that you must attend two Masses between Sat., Dec. 23rd and Mon., Dec. 25th

Nativity of the Lord — Christmas

Sun. Dec. 24: 4 PM Church of the Nativity
 Sun. Dec. 24: 7 PM St. Catherine Church
 Midnight - St. Catherine Church
 Mon. Dec. 25: 8 AM St. Catherine Church
 Mon. Dec. 25: 10 AM Church of the Nativity

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sat. Dec. 30: 4 PM Church of the Nativity
 Sun. Dec. 31: 8 AM St. Catherine Church
 Sun. Dec 31: 10 AM Church of the Nativity

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

No New Year's Eve Mass
 Mon. Jan. 1: 8 AM St. Catherine Church
 Mon. Jan. 1: 10 AM Church of the Nativity

Note: Because Jan. 1, 2024 falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. You do not have to attend Mass that day (but it is a great way to start the new year).

*Christmas flower envelopes have been mailed.
 A list of names will be published in the bulletin.*



The Parish Crochet Committee

has donated 125 crochet items (hats, scarves, and prayer shawls) to the parish giving tree project, food pantry, and Diocesan Catholic Charities this Christmas season.

Many thanks to this parish committee for taking the time to make and donate these handmade crochet items.



A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with the Installation Mass on December 9th!

December 12, 2023

Dear Father Goyette and staff,

It was a delight to be with all of you on Sat., Dec. 9, 2023 for the installation. It is always good to visit the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Thank you so much for the delicious dinner and for sending me home with so many wonderful cookies. Not only that, but you also sent me home with a beautiful clock and a basket full of cheeses, crackers and jams. What a treat! I am so grateful for your thoughtfulness. Please express my gratitude to the group at the Inn for feeding me.

May God bless you during this holy Advent Season.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.
Bishop of Camden

PREP —Parish Religious Education Program

PREP students and staff wish all our parishioners a very merry Christmas

Please remember: Donated toiletry items for Volunteers of America may be dropped off at the PREP Office (side door of Monsignor O'Meara Conference Center) during office hours, Monday 10 AM - 12 PM and Thursday 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Or bring them to PREP class on Tuesday evenings, 6 - 7 PM at St. Catherine's basement. Please do not leave these toiletry donations in the back of the Church. **Last day to drop off donations is January 18th.**



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DIOCESAN EVENTS

South Jersey Addictions Healing Newsletter

- ◆ <https://camdendiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Catholic-Charities-Addictions-Healing-Newsletter-December-2023.pdf>

Register for Lector Training

- ◆ Both the Zoom meeting and ONE in-person session is required for certification.
 - Zoom Training January 4, 2024; 6:30-8:30 PM
 - In-Person Training (**choose one**)
January 10, 2024, 6:30-8:30 PM, Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Saint Joseph Church 140 Broad Street Swedesboro, NJ 08085
 - January 11, 2024, 6:30-8:30 PM, Saint Joseph Parish 126 44th Street Sea Isle City, NJ 08243

All participants must be pre-registered. Pastor of the requesting minister's parish (or the administrator of a comparable diocesan agency or program) must sign the registration form. For more information, contact Michael.Bedics@camdendiocese.org, 856-583-2865.

Pastoral Associates Day 2024

- ◆ **January 23, 2024**, 8:30 AM—3:00 PM, Church of the Incarnation. A day of spiritual nourishment, fellowship and new ideas for those who serve in our Diocese. Special guest Dr. Hosffman Ospino, whose research explores the dialogue between faith and culture and its impact on Catholic theology and catechesis.

An Introduction to the OCIA: A Workshop for Christian Initiation Ministers

- ◆ **February 7, 2024**, 8:30 AM—4: 00 PM-St. Charles Borromeo, 176 Stagecoach Rd Sicklerville NJ 08081
This workshop serves as a basic class for those involved in the ministry of Christian initiation. The presenters will highlight the anticipated changes between the current ritual text and the upcoming translation of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. For more information, contact Michael Bedics, 856-583-2865, michael.bedics@camdendiocese.org.

Step Up, Dad! Day for Men

- ◆ **March 16, 2024**, 8:30 AM -- 2:15 PM, Breakfast and lunch provided, Divine Mercy Parish, 23 W Chestnut Ave., Vineland, NJ 08360. This event will inspire fathers to reflect, resolve, and take practical steps to become a great dad.

Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France

- ◆ **September 26 to October 5, 2024**, Father Robert Hughes is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain and Lourdes, departing from Philadelphia. The cost is \$4,547 per person, double occupancy and includes roundtrip airfare, all airport taxes and fuel surcharges. For more information and to register online please visit www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes/marianshrines/; for more information contact Robert.hughes@camdendiocese.org or call 856-583-2807.

OBITUARY

Lena M. Dempster

1950 - 2023



Lena M. Dempster (Vendetta), age 73, died on December 3, 2023. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Lena graduated from John W. Hallahan Catholic High School for Girls. She lived in Pitman before moving to Clayton in 1981. Lena worked as a secretary for Residential Leasing in Pitman for many years. She was a longtime member of St. Michael

the Archangel Church in Clayton. Lena enjoyed volunteering with her children's school, she loved photography, Elvis and hosting Sunday family dinners. Her biggest joy was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren who were the light of her life.

She was predeceased by her husband Howard Roy Dempster, parents Helen (Stickel) and Nicholas Vendetta and brother Thomas Vendetta.

Survived by her children Jason Dempster, Jessica (Scott) Wiseburn, Stephanie Dempster, grandchildren Alexis Wiseburn, Mia Dempster, Nathan, Isabella and Sophia Wiseburn, siblings Nicholas Jr, Patricia (the late Art) Barton, John (June), Joseph (Karen), Christina Ferrell, sister in law Carol Vendetta and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral mass was held on Friday, Dec. 8th, at 11am in St. Catherine of Siena Church, St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Interment took place at Hillcrest Memorial Park.



Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those that commit the abuse are removed from ministry.

A special toll free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistant Coordinator at **1-800-964-6588**.

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