



April 3, 2022 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

# THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday:** 9a at Saint Catherine  
**Tuesday:** 9a at Nativity  
**Wednesday:** 9a at Nativity  
**Thursday:** 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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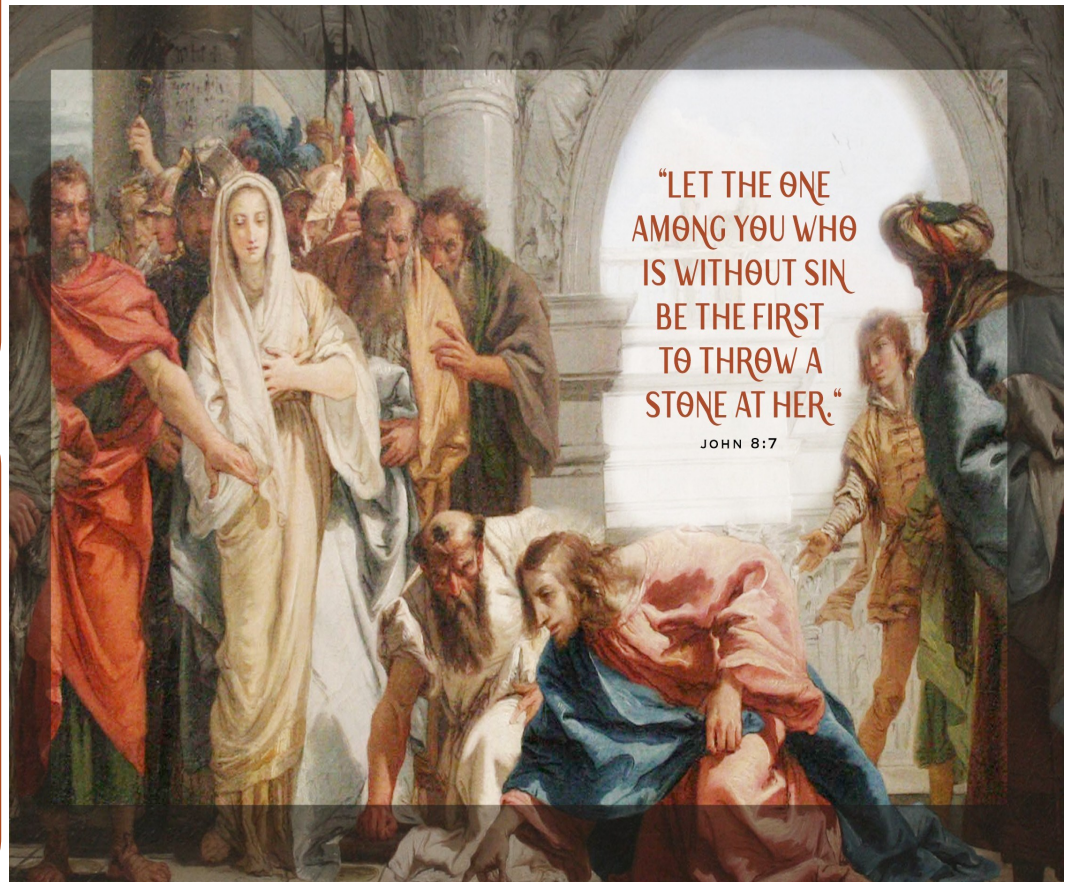
## REGIONAL SCHOOL

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**.”*



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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, Tuesday, & Wednesday:** 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:00 noon  
*(You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment anytime 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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT

**4:00p The People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**8:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro** by Matt & Marie Adgie  
**10:00a Anjelicia Palillero** by Barbie Brown

**MONDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
ISIDORE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**9:00a Sarah Shainline** by Tony & Linda Arnold

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST

**9:00a William J. Morris, Sr.** by The Morris Family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00a Eleanor Kearney** by The Wright Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRIEST

**9:00a Robert J. Carder, Jr.** – First Anniversary  
by Fran, Kathy, and Bobby

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:00p (N) – Stations of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:00p Deceased Members of the  
Carder & Szumowski Families**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**8:00a The People of the Parish**  
**10:00a MaryAnn Boyle** by Judi Guzy



**Our Facebook page is back!**  
**Check us out at:**

<https://www.facebook.com/PSMAinDoC>



## 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 power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena, Debbie Fazio, Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries, Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Pat Luko, John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey, John Mitchell, 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, & PFC Vincenzo Taormina

### US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman & EM2 William Little

### 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

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP

"... For His sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ ..."  
~ Philipians 3:8 ~

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Living Stewardship by sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.



Dear Parishioners,

A common way parents often deal with misbehaving children is to put them in a “time out” corner where they can cool down and (in the case of older children) think about changing their bad behavior. Often, we adults need a cooling-down period as well when someone frustrates or angers us. We take a walk, turn on the TV, do something to occupy our minds. In the Gospel this weekend about the woman caught in adultery, Jesus seems to be giving the crowd who brought the woman to Him two (2) cooling off periods. The image used is that He “bent down” and He “wrote on the ground.” He gave them time to think. Jesus turns the accusation away from the woman and toward her accusers, who were obstinate in their “test.” *“Let the one among you who is without sin ...”*

A story that began with a deadly accusation ends with divine mercy. When the community’s condemnation would have led the adulterous woman to death, Jesus’ mercy leads her to new life. A story that begins with human testing of the divine ends with a divine invitation to repent. Where narrow focus on application of the law is an excuse for testing the faithfulness of Jesus to Jewish covenantal law, Jesus reveals a new order in which all are called to repentance and to an experience of divine mercy. Jesus’ desire for us is not death, but new life.

The crowd brings before Jesus a woman caught in adultery, condemns her, and demands her life. Jesus doesn’t condemn the woman. He does condemn her sin (“go and sin no more”) and calls her to repent and to choose a new way of living. Lent calls us to the same kind of encounter with Jesus so that we face our own sinfulness, hear His invitation to embrace a new way of living, and make the right choice. Central to this weekend’s Gospel is not simply the adulterous woman or even the crowd that comes to the realization of their own sinfulness. The central idea here is an encounter with Jesus who calls us to repentance and offers us divine mercy. We are often quick to condemn one another. Jesus, however, assures us, “Neither do I condemn you.” We need only to acknowledge our sinfulness and turn towards God. This is repentance. It rests in divine encounter and results in truth ... our sinfulness, God’s mercy, and the promise of new life.

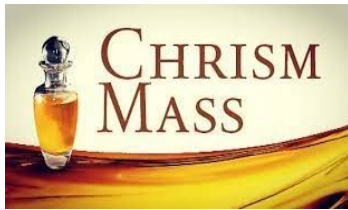
This weekend’s Gospel reminds us that we encounter Jesus at our own risk. In other words, we will be confronted with the truth of our own sinfulness. But encounter with Jesus also brings us hope ... in the confrontation and invitation to repent ... we are offered new life (see this weekend’s First Reading).

Today we begin the last third of the Lenten season. Even if we haven’t been all that faithful to our chosen Lenten practices, it isn’t too late now to resolve to open ourselves to an encounter with Jesus so that we can approach Easter with a renewed spirit seeking life. Like the crowd of the Gospel, we often find it easier to focus on the sins of others rather than our own weaknesses. Also like the crowd, we can encounter Jesus and face the truth of ourselves. Lent is a time to encounter Jesus, turn from our sinfulness in repentance, and seek divine mercy. The remarkable good news of this weekend’s Gospel is that by facing and repenting of our own sinfulness, we establish new relations with those around us. Acknowledgment of our own sins and how we have hurt others builds us into stronger members of Christ’s Body.

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

Fr. Larry





Bishop Sullivan invites the Faithful of the Diocese to join him and his Priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:30p on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Saint Agnes Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish) in Blackwood.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the Priesthood and the occasion at which the Bishop consecrates the Sacred Oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and your prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

## KoC COUNCIL 6890 SCHOLARSHIPS



Due to our continue success of our fund raisers the Knights of Columbus will again award two onetime scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year.

- The first scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded to ANY high school graduate with a 2.5 grade average or above who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, and community and who will be attending ANY four-year or two-year accredited college or university.
- The second scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to any eighth-grade student who plans to attend a Catholic high school.

Please see your school guidance counselor for the application. **Applications are due by April 25, 2020.** Please contact John Ryder at 856-307-9997 with any questions.



*Pray for Peace in Ukraine*

### HOLY WEEK



#### Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Chrism Mass – 3:30p

Saint Agnes Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish), Blackwood

#### Holy Thursday, April, 14<sup>th</sup>

*No 9:00a Mass*

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00p

Nativity, Franklinville

Visitation to Altar of Repose until 9:30p

#### Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

*No 9:00a Mass*

Friday of the Passion of the Lord – 3:00p

Nativity, Franklinville

Stations of the Cross – 7:00p

Nativity, Franklinville

#### Holy Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

*No 3:00p Confession*

*No 4:00p Mass*

Easter Vigil – 8:00p

Nativity Franklinville

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord,

April 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00a Mass – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton

10:00a Mass – Nativity Church, Franklinville

# NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY

## MAY 15, 2022

**SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE - JACKSON, NJ**

Opening Ceremony (9:15am) ✦  
 Private Lunch Buffet (12:30-3:30) ✦  
 Sunday Liturgy (6:00pm) ✦  
 Free Parking Group Pass ✦  
 Free Bounce Back Ticket ✦

**TICKETS \$55 PER PERSON**

SEASON PASS HOLDERS COST FOR THE EVENT IS \$25.00 INCLUDES ALL THE MENTIONED ABOVE

MORE INFO: Jose Rodriguez  
 Jose.Rodriguez@camdendiocese.org  
 856-583-2908



**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56  
or Lk 23:1-49

**Parish of  
Saint 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 ~

As we move forward into spring, a season of renewal and rebirth, our parish food pantry continues to provide assistance to those who come to our church seeking a helping hand. If you would like to help, you may leave your donations of nonperishable items 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 10:15a to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings**. 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.**

Here are some suggested items: **pasta, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken (or other canned meats), rice, pudding, peanut butter and jelly**. Also, nonfood items such as **soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are appreciated.

*Thank you  
for your continued support and generosity!*



**The Cathedral Clothing Store in Camden**

Cathedral Clothing Store located on Broadway Street underneath the Diocesan Chancery Offices in Camden has reopened. Currently, they are open on Wednesdays from 10a to 1p. They have free clothing for children to adults for those in need. There are dress pants, suitcoats, and dresses for adults who may want to make a modest offering. Great for job interviews, weddings, and other formal occasions! If you know of anyone in need, please send them to the Cathedral Clothing Store on Broadway in Camden. As the store gains in popularity, it will be open on Mondays and Fridays as well.



**in the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel**

**Confession Opportunities\***

**SATURDAYS IN LENT AT NATIVITY**

April 9<sup>th</sup>  
2:30-3:30p

No Confession on Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022  
\* (or by appointment)

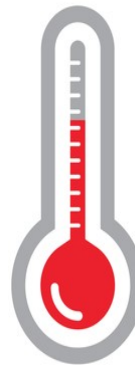
**Stations of the Cross with Benediction**

7:00p

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Nativity



**FROM MANY  
...One Body**



**As of March 28<sup>th</sup>,**

Through your generosity,  
we have raised **\$45,417** toward our  
goal of **\$50,700**.

We are **89.6%** there!

Let’s keep up the great work!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

For God  
So Loved  
The World  
That He Gave  
His Only  
Son.



John 3:16





April 3, 2022 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21 | Phil 3:8-14 | Jn 8:1-11

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

During Lent, we hear familiar stories: the event of Jesus' transfiguration, the prodigal son, and today the woman caught in adultery. Each reveals an aspect of God's perfect love for us and a glimpse of how we can reflect that love toward others. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees once again are testing Jesus, saying the law demands that the woman caught in adultery be stoned. Jesus responds, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." What a perfect response to the Pharisees, and to each one of us when we focus on the faults of another. Jesus' words teach and challenge us to look more closely at the ways we judge others - by appearance, a social media post, political party, for example - and ask ourselves whether we are truly doing so out of love. Closer to home, we may be quick to point out our spouse or children's perceived faults, without acknowledging our own. Jesus invites us to look at others - and ourselves - with the eyes of mercy.



**ACT** Take advantage of the additional opportunities many churches offer for the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent. Rusty? Check out this excellent guide for adults and children: [thelightison.org/guide-to-confession](http://thelightison.org/guide-to-confession).

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Every time we go out to dinner, my son makes fun of me for agonizing over the menu: "You always regret what you pick!" Indeed, regret can be a powerful emotion. Fortunately, the dinner dilemma requires only that I mooch off of my son's entrée. However, deeper regrets can bog us down and prevent us from moving forward in faith. Today's readings challenge us not to wallow in past mistakes, preconceptions, or bad habits. As we hear in Isaiah, "The things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" We hear this idea again from St. Paul, who writes of "forgetting what lies behind" and straining forward toward "the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." In the Gospel, Jesus doesn't dwell on the past sins of the adulterous woman other than to say, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Fortunately, our Church offers an antidote to regret and sin in the sacrament of reconciliation. Whether it's been a month or a decade, what better time than Lent to return to this sacrament and experience God's mercy and forgiveness?



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them for work depend on pilgrims visiting the Holy Land. Unfortunately international travel was suspended for quite some time. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).