



August 8, 2021 | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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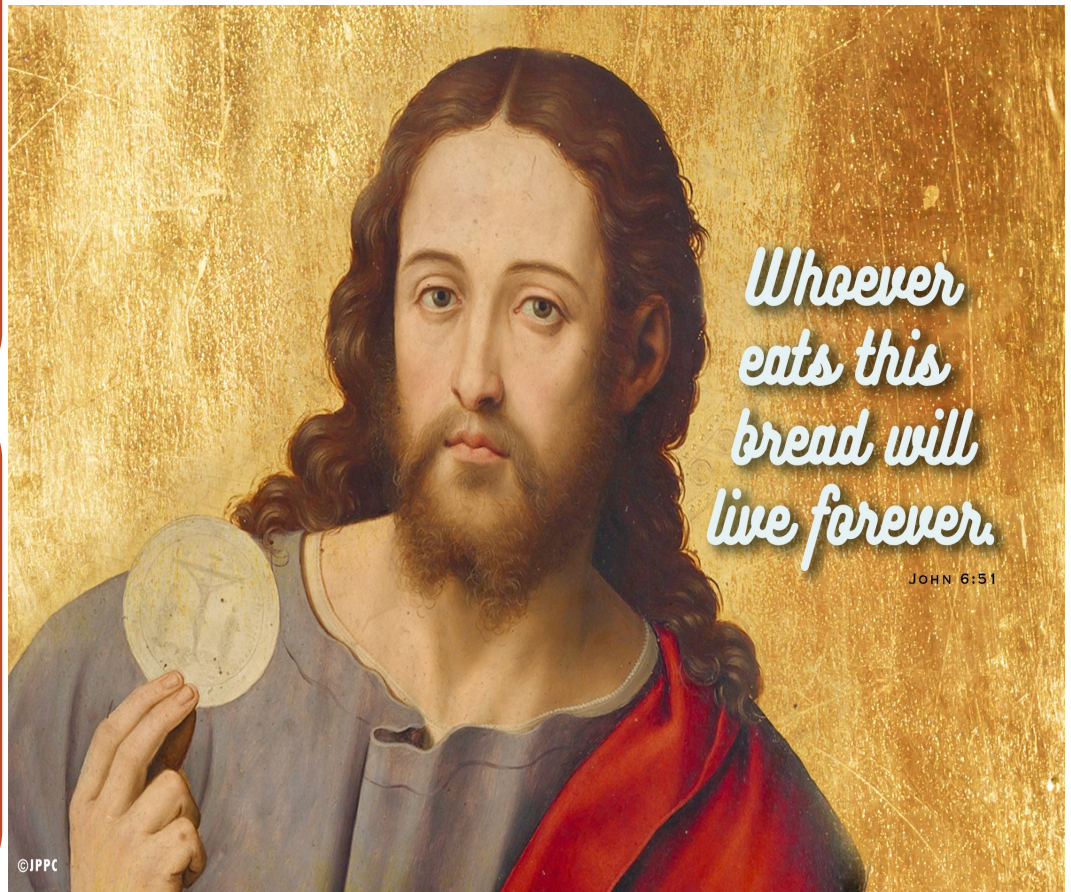
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL REGIONAL SCHOOL

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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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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: (effective July 25th through September 6th)

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** by appointment, please call the Parish Office
(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.pdma-nj.com>



SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH

SIXTUS II, POPE & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS AND CAJETAN, PRIEST

4:00p John & Helen Connelly by *John & Anna Contrevo*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Gerry Seniff by *The Seniff Family*

10:00a People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 9TH

TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN & MARTYR

9:00a Grace Pio by *Rose Yacob*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR

9:00a Bereavement Mass
– **Grace Pio**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

CLARE, VIRGIN

9:00a Health & Well-Being of the Healy Family
by *The Seniff Family*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH

JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

9:00a Kevin Hogan by *His Loving Family*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH

PONTIAN, POPE AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST – MARTYRS

9:00a No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST & MARTYR

4:00p People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00a Marie Filippello by *Mary Visalli*

10:00a Rachel Brown by *The Fiocco Family*

STEWARDSHIP JOY

*“Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!”
~ 1 KINGS 19:7 ~*

God knows that committing to a **Stewardship** lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His Son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & 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, Tim Luko, 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,
1st Sgt Shane W. McLaughlin, MAJ Eric Miller, &
CPT Graham Miller

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman & 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



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.

This Week, the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity

burns in Memory of

Robert Carder

by Dan and Karen Seniff

This Week, the Sanctuary Candle

in Saint Catherine of Siena

burns in Memory of

Rev. Robert F. Morris

by The Morris Family

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)*

Just a reminder that the Parish Food Pantry will be open throughout the summer months. If you would like to help by donating to the pantry, you may leave nonperishable items in the shopping carts located in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and St. Catherine of Siena, or, you may deliver them directly to the Pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 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.**

Nonperishable items such as **ramen noodles, canned fruit, applesauce, canned vegetables, rice, crackers, coffee, peanut butter and jelly** are currently needed. Also, nonfood items such as **soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also welcome. If you prefer not to shop, monetary donations are great, too.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Thank you for your very generous support of our Parish Food Pantry!



August 8, 2021 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8 | Eph 4:30—5:2 | Jn 6:41-51

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

We have apps that monitor our sleep and calories, and remind us to get our steps in. Short on time? We order takeout or subscribe to a meal service. Yet, despite these modern conveniences, I would guess that most of us don’t sleep enough or consistently eat well. And we pay the price, whether in the short or long term. Enter Elijah, who had reached his limit physically and mentally. Yet after an angel provided him food and drink, Elijah found the strength to walk 40 days and 40 nights. Impressive! But that’s God for us! And in the provision of his Son, we have food and drink – bread from heaven – that not only sustains us for our journey on earth but offers the possibility of eternal life. This is our belief; this is what Jesus says to us. And that alone can give us strength, and hope, even when we’re having an “Elijah” moment. For at each and every holy Mass, Jesus invites us to the table, offering us food that not only sustains but also transforms us. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, indeed!

REFLECT Think about the ways the Mass transforms you. It may be something subtle – the spirit of consolation and the feeling that things are right in your world – or you may have been particularly moved by the readings, homily, music, or silent prayer. Tell someone about it!

Religious Education



Registration for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) **IS OPEN!** Registration forms can be obtained online, in the Parish Office, and in the Gathering Spaces of each church. **Registrations will be accepted through 12 noon, Friday, August 27th.**

It is Diocesan policy that anyone preparing for a Sacrament (Eucharist or Confirmation) needs to be enrolled in Catholic school or a religious education program for two (2) years prior to being able to receive the Sacrament.



RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic, but haven’t received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?

We are in the process of forming our class beginning this September. If you are interested in joining us, please e-mail the Parish Office at psma.rectory@gmail.com or give us a call at 856-881-9155.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just as a good night’s sleep and proper nutrition help us function our best, the Word of God and the Eucharist, and our communal life of faith, provide the spiritual nourishment we need as we strive to be imitators of God in our daily lives, as Saint Paul says. As we partake of Christ in the Eucharist, perhaps we can say a prayer of thanksgiving and ask Jesus to help us grow in the ways of love that Paul outlined: kindness, compassion, and forgiveness toward the people we encounter. It could mean letting go of a grudge, becoming more conscious of the needs of others, listening respectfully to someone with whom we disagree, or perhaps forgiving ourselves. The Holy Spirit will guide us.




 Message of the Week

Dear Parishioners,

We all know how unnerving it is when a group of people glances our way and speaks in low tones so that we cannot hear. We can't help but think they are probably saying uncomplimentary things about us! It's even worse if we walk up and ask the people what they are talking about and they fall dead silent. Yes! How utterly unnerving!

In this Weekend's Gospel, something similar is happening. The Jews are murmuring about Jesus. Their murmuring and their practical objection to Jesus' claim to be from heaven (they "*know*" His father and mother) show that they have completely misunderstood the sign of the multiplication of loaves and haven't listened very well to all that Jesus has taught. Jesus answers their misunderstanding and unbelief with a clear command: "*Stop murmuring among yourselves.*" He then calls them to a deeper meaning of the sign.

Sometimes what we claim to know doesn't square up with reality. The Jews in the Gospel think they know Jesus' origins ("*the son of Joseph*") and, therefore, what He is and isn't capable of doing. The real issue here is that for them, Jesus cannot be "*from heaven.*" They are murmuring against Jesus' actions that equate Him with being God and claiming His divinity is a stumbling block for them, a blasphemy. How patient Jesus is with the whole situation! He commands them to "*stop murmuring*" – in other words ... "*open your minds ... stop limiting what you think you know.*" Only by opening themselves to be "*taught by God*" can they come to see who Jesus really is ... ("*the Living Bread ... come down from heaven*"). Only with this deeper knowledge can they receive the greatest gift He offers – Himself, the "Living Bread" who brings us to "live forever."

The true bread that comes down from heaven gives life but does so only when we surrender ourselves to "*listen to the Father.*" The "Bread of Life" then, also refers to the Word that is taught. Moreover, the Word is bread / food that sustains us on our journey and calls us to believe, for "*whoever believes has eternal life.*" There is no easy road to eternal life. The multiplication of the loaves wasn't simply to feed the multitude. It was a sign meant to call forth belief in what Jesus was teaching about Himself. The way to the Father and to eternal life ***is through Jesus.*** This is why He is the ***Bread of Life.*** In this Gospel, **Word, belief, bread, and life,** all converge in the person of Jesus.

Sometimes our dying to self can lead us, like Elijah, to say, "*Enough! Take my life!*" It's no easy task to be faithful disciples ... to live the Gospel message. It's an even more difficult task for ourselves to teach as Jesus did. If we are to be true to what we are to live and teach, we need a bread that revives us and keeps us from despair. Jesus' words of life bring us such hope and strength.

Our challenge is not to get discouraged, but to hand ourselves over to the nourishment of ***Word and Sacrament*** that God offers, a nourishment that carries us surely on life's journey toward eternal life. This Gospel assures us that we have all we need to come to eternal life. The one stipulation given is that we have belief. This doesn't mean simply an intellectual assent to the reality and truth of Jesus' ***Word*** and Bread. It means that we must declare in deed that we listen to Jesus and accept the strength He offers. In us, **Word, belief, Bread, and life,** all converge when we listen, and we do.

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

~ Fr. Larry



Travel in the Footsteps of Saint Paul to Greece and Turkey with a 3-day Cruise

When? October 22 to November 1, 2021 from Newark International Airport

Cost? \$4,259 per person / double occupancy

For eleven days, you will follow the footsteps of Saint Paul and experience beautiful sites throughout Greece. Visit Philippi, where Paul the Apostle delivered his first sermon and established the first Christian church in Europe, Mars Hill in Athens, where he spoke to the Athenians, Corinth and the site of Saint Paul’s trials by Gallio, and more! You will even visit the House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus in Turkey where she lived until her Assumption according to Catholic Doctrine. A popular pilgrimage site, this Shrine has even received several papal visits and blessings. On your 3-day cruise, you will discover the captivating and beautiful Greek islands like Mykonos, Crete, and Santorini.

For more information and to register, please visit www.pilgrimages/frhughes/greece.

Cremation & Proper Handling of Cremated Remains ...

... Your Choices Don't Stop with Cremation



While you may have chosen to be cremated, remember to choose your final resting place. Although the Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.

Cremated remains are the body of the deceased in a changed form. We should honor them as we honor the body. They must be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. When choosing cremation, there are many choices available including:

Ground Burial † Granite or Glass Niches † Grave or Crypt

Please visit www.SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org to learn more or please call 855-697-7375 and a member of the staff will gladly assist you.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.” (John 14:3)



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
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Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

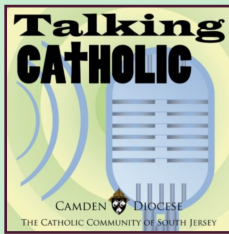
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56



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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The Diocese of Metuchen, in partnership with the other Roman Catholic Dioceses in the State of New Jersey – the Archdiocese of Newark, the Diocese of Camden, the Diocese of Trenton, and the Diocese of Paterson, is hosting The Joy of Love and Family Conference Series. Over the next six months, the Conference will provide a series of virtual talks on marriage, family, and the true understanding of what it means to love. **ALL TALKS ARE FREE.**

For more information, please go to <https://lightingheartsonfire.org/joylovefamily>

For a complete list of speakers, please go to <https://lightingheartsonfire.org/speakers>

To sign up for notifications, please go to <https://lightingheartsonfire.org/sign-up>



Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM with Bishop Sullivan

On **Saturday, August 14th at 4:30p**, Bishop Dennis Sullivan will celebrate a Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Wildwood's Notre Dame de la Mer Parish, Saint Ann Church (2901 Atlantic Ave).

Following the Mass, there will be a procession to the ocean for the blessing of the sea. For more information, please visit www.notredamedelamer.org

On **Sunday, August 15th at 2p**, Bishop Sullivan will celebrate Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Church (1409 Pacific Ave), The Parish of Saint Monica, in Atlantic City.

A procession will proceed up Saint James Place to the Boardwalk continuing to the ocean at New York Ave. for the Wedding of the Sea ceremony. For more information, please visit www.ACCatholic.org.

LIVE STREAM MASS OPPORTUNITIES

<https://camdendiocese.org/livestreammass/>

You can use the above link to for live-stream Masses in the Diocese, outside the Diocese, or on the radio.

Marriage Encounter

WANT TO GIVE
A GIFT THAT
KEEPS ON
GIVING?

Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next weekend is **October 8-10.**

Do you have any questions or need more information? Please call our application couple at 609-741-8012, please email applications@wwme-southjersey.org, or please visit our website wwme-southjersey.org.