



January 29, 2023 | 4<sup>th</sup> 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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“Your REWARD  
will be great  
in HEAVEN.”

MATTHEW 5:12

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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

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> – THOMAS AQUINAS

4:00p Dorothy Idler

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a The People of the Parish

10:00a Thomas Marlow by The Wielgus Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>

~ No Parish Intention – No Public Mass ~

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> – JOHN BOSCO

9:00a Carmela DeSilvio by Nancy Wright

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

9:00a Richard McClintock by Susanne Hess

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9:00a Kevin Hogan by The Hogan Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> – BLAISE & ANSGAR

9:00a (SCS) Bob & Connie Johnson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> – BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00a (SCS) Bruno & Rose Melchionni

4:00p Arthur F. Evans by John & Anna Contrevo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a John Redkoles by Dave & Debbie Piccirillo

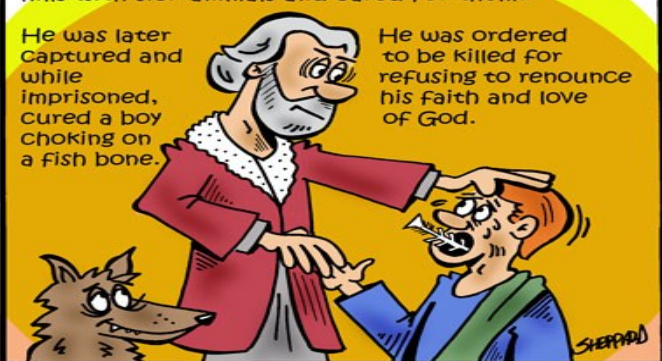
10:00a The People of the Parish

**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by John Sheppard

Raised as a Christian in a rich family, he became a bishop. In a vision, God appeared to him and told him to flee. To avoid persecution, he lived in the hills with sick animals and cared for them.

He was later captured and while imprisoned, cured a boy choking on a fish bone.

He was ordered to be killed for refusing to renounce his faith and love of God.



St. Blaise



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.

**STEWARDS DENY SELF**

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*  
~ Matthew 5:3 ~

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthy things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). **Stewardship** is denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Harriet Bajewicz, George Bromwell, Brian Checkley, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena, Mimi Hall, Don & Matt Healy, Lorraine Kreiner, Pat Luko, Rosemary McBride, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, and Karen J. Viola

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](mailto: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](mailto: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, & 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

## Message of the Week



Dear Parishioners,

Before his baptism by Saint Ambrose at Easter in AD 387, Saint Augustine went to northern Italy near Milan on a kind of retreat. While there he wrote a small work entitled *The Happy Life* in the form of a dialogue with various family members, a typical rhetorical style of the time. With his “dialogue partners,” he establishes that all people wish to be happy but that happiness will not be found in the material things one desires. Satisfying one desire, another simply emerges. Happiness is not fleeting, but is permanent and therefore, it can only be found in God who is everlasting. Augustine concludes the happy person is one who possesses God. Possessing God is a matter of living a good life, doing God’s will, and having a clean spirit. There is no doubt that Saint Augustine would have been familiar with the Beatitudes. He knew Scripture well. His conclusions about happiness square up well with the Beatitudes, which lead us away from ourselves and our own desires and toward God. The Beatitudes point to permanency. Ultimately, “they will” lead to heaven, to everlasting Life ... to seeing God. The “Kingdom of Heaven” is promised to those who seek the happiness, the blessedness that comes from possessing God.

Jesus announces the blessings for those who live in “the Kingdom of Heaven.” In this He describes the qualities that mark true discipleship: poor in spirit, mourning loss, meek, seekers of justice, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, bearers of insults and persecution. To be so blessed, so happy, so fortunate requires letting go of self. All of these qualities exhibit the self-emptying of Jesus Himself. Blessedness is of, in, and with Jesus – and His followers. Our blessedness is both a quality of who we are and a blueprint for how we are to be and to live as followers of Jesus Christ.

Happiness is a factor of how we relate to others – we are to be Jesus’ blessed Presence for others. Gospel living – taking seriously the Beatitudes – turns upside down the relationships people have with each other and invites a new world order that is the presence of God’s “Kingdom of Heaven.” And this presence of God’s Kingdom is not so much our own doing, as what God is accomplishing in us. Happiness – blessedness – is God’s gift to those who seek God and do God’s will.

The Beatitudes seem to describe behaviors and attitudes that we generally ascribe to those we call “saints.” Yet, all of us can name good people we know – truly **good** people. These (and we ourselves) are truly **good** – the blessed.

It is awesome to think that our own halting efforts at being really good – at extending mercy, justice, and righteousness to others as God has extended them to us – are one means for bringing God’s blessedness to others! Simply sharing in God’s work of salvation – providing for those in need – is blessing in itself that brings unequalled happiness. Our deepest happiness comes not from fulfilling our own needs and wants, but from reaching out to others as God reaches out to us in blessing. Happiness that comes from our own desires and efforts is fleeting. The blessings of God that are showered upon us as we live humbly, justly, and faithfully last forever. Here’s the truly amazing part: the happiness we share now here on earth is but a taste of our great reward in heaven!

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

~ Fr. Larry



project rachel

Peace starts here

Have you been suffering following an abortion whether it was recent or years ago? Project Rachel, the post-abortion healing ministry of the Diocese of Camden, is starting a nine-week healing support group

that will start on the evening of Monday, February 6, 2023 in the Galloway Twp area. Groups will explore the spiritual and emotional impact of abortion in a judgement-free environment. All services are completely confidential. For more information, please call Sylvia Loumeau at 856-342-4164 or email at Sylvia.Loumeau@camdendiocese.org.

## 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 ~*

We would like to thank everyone from our parish and local community who generously supports our parish food pantry throughout the year. As individuals, we may not feel we can make much of a difference in this world. However, the items you donate may be the very items that let an individual right here in our community realize that someone cares.

Currently, the pantry is especially in need of **ramen noodles, pasta, instant potatoes, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly**. Of course, any nonperishable food item of your choice is always welcome.

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 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings**.

***Once again, thank you for your continued generosity!***



January 29, 2023 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Mt 5:1-12a

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

I have a competitive streak. Whether it’s guessing Wordle in one try, grabbing the last Doorbuster deal at Kohl’s or snagging Boardwalk early in a game of Monopoly, I like to win. For this reason, the readings today especially challenge me. In a world that values success, wealth and “winning,” today’s readings turn things upside down when it comes to status and justice. In Zephaniah, God chooses the “humble and lowly.” In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lays out a road map to lasting happiness that bears little resemblance to what the world tells us, and even what our own instincts may tell us, about being “happy.” I’ll still buy Boardwalk at the first opportunity, but Jesus’ words invite me to focus on seeking righteousness, and to be merciful and “clean of heart.” They encourage me to seek the happiness that only Christ can give. Through prayer and reflection on these words, we can ask the Lord to transform our hearts and lives to align with what it truly means to be blessed.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Pope Francis has referred to the Eight Beatitudes as a kind of Christian “identity card.” (General Audience, Jan. 2020) And he had a suggestion for those of us, like me, who love to listen to the Sermon on the Mount but may not be sure where to start when it comes to living it. His suggestion is simple: “There are eight Beatitudes, and it would be nice to learn them by heart and to repeat them in order to keep this law that Jesus gives us in our mind and in our hearts.” Perhaps we can place each Beatitude on a sticky note by the mirror, incorporate them into our morning prayers, teach them to our children or discuss them with friends. Practice makes perfect, yes? As Pope Francis reminds us, “the Beatitudes always bring you to joy; they are the paths to reach joy.”

**STUDY** Memorize the Eight Beatitudes. Learn about each one by reading the writings of Pope Francis or another theologian such as Bishop Robert Barron. Ask God to help you incorporate them into your daily life.



In the context of the Church's efforts to deepen the faithful's understanding and love for the Eucharist, the Diocese is organizing a one-day Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, at the Freedom Mortgage Pavilion on the Camden Waterfront. The gates will open at 8:00a with Mass being celebrated at 9:00a. Thereafter, a variety of Eucharistic-themed talks and activities will be presented in English and Spanish by two Eucharistic missionaries assigned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The closing time is 3:00p.

The Parish phase of the Eucharistic Revival will commence on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord, Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, concluding in July of 2024 in Indianapolis at the National Eucharistic Congress.



**Bishop Sullivan has asked each parish to organize a Eucharistic Revival Committee.** This Committee is charged with assisting in planning various parish events in celebration of the Eucharistic Revival. Please speak to Fr. Larry or call the Parish Office if you are interested ASAP. Thank you in advance!



- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28, 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

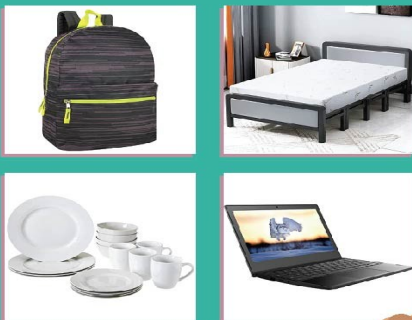
*Catholic Charities*



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 Camden, NJ 08103**



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**Option Two: Order Online**

**ORDER ONLINE!**

**Through Amazon Wishlist**

**Simply select the item(s) you want to**

**donate and it will automatically be**

**delivered to our office in Camden**

[amazon.com/registries/custom/GC1981Z40YUB](https://amazon.com/registries/custom/GC1981Z40YUB)

- OR -

[catholiccharitiescamden.org/wishlist](http://catholiccharitiescamden.org/wishlist)



## Pilgrimage Opportunity ...

Join Bishop Sullivan and Father Hughes in Greece – October 20 to 30, 2023 - \$4499 from PHL

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 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.

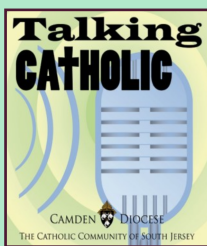
This trip includes round-trip airfare from PHL or EWR; All airport taxes & fuel surcharges; 4 & 5 star hotel accommodations in double occupancy (single surcharge is \$949); Whisper Headsets; Transfers as per itinerary; Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner while on Cruise; Breakfast and Dinner daily; Wine with dinners; Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach; Assistance of local guide throughout; Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary; Catholic Priest, Mass daily & Spiritual activities; Mass daily Spiritual activities; Luggage handling (1 piece per person); Port taxes & fees; All tips included while on cruise; Shore excursions while on ship include: Mykonos - Walking tour; Kusadasi - Ephesus & the house of the Virgin Mary; Patmos - Monastery of Saint John & Grotto of Apocalypse; Crete - Palace of Knossos; Santorini and Thira & Oia Village

Not included - lunches on day 2 - 7, meals not mentioned, tips to your guide and driver, and trip insurance.

For more information or to register – please visit [www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes)



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# THE EUCHARIST AND SACRIFICE

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7:00 PM

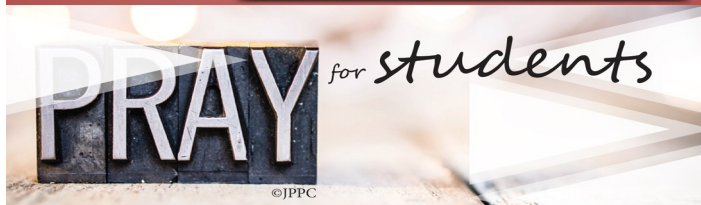
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Father Paul Abruscato

Presented in English



Holy Child Parish:  
Saint Maria Coretti  
321 Orchard Ave  
Runnemede, NJ 08078



## 2022 Contribution Statements

Tax time is just around the corner and it’s time to collect all of those necessary papers in order to file. If you would like to receive a copy of your 2022 Contribution Statement, **PLEASE:** 1) E-Mail [PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com](mailto:PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com), including all of the information below **OR** 2) Fill out the form below, place it in a **separate** envelope (**NOT IN YOUR COLLECTION ENVELOPE**) and drop it in the collection basket, mail it to the Parish Office, or drop it off at the Office during normal office hours **OR** 3) Call the Parish Office 856-881-9155 and provide the information below.

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2022 Contribution Statement:

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