



June 13, 2021 | 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

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-12:30p *(or by appointment, please call the Office)*

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>



SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

IMMACULATE HEART BVM

4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Deceased Members of the Danley & Pio Families *by Joe & Grace Pio*

10:00a Robert Carder *by The Cichoski Family*

MONDAY, JUNE 14TH

9:00a Jim Engleman *by His Loving Wife, Marge*

TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH

9:00a Frances Cesanek *by The Seniff Family*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH

9:00a Rachel Brown *by The Seniff Family*

THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH

9:00a Cody Reagan *by Lorraine Shaw & Family*

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH

9:00a *No Parish Mass*

SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH

4:00p Robert Carder *by Terri & David Allonardo*

SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a The People of the Parish

10:00a Ken Lamb *by The O'Hara Family*



**RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK**

**Religious Freedom Week 2021:
Solidarity in Freedom**

"Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community" (Fratelli tutti, 116).

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 22, the feast of Saints. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect,** and **act** to promote religious freedom.

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, Kathy Tinney, 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

STEWARDSHIP RECOMPENSE

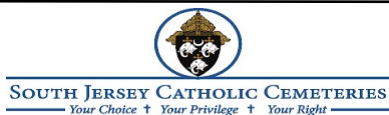
*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."
~ 2 Corinthians 5:10 ~*

Stewards are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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.



In March 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a new program to provide financial assistance to families for certain COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred due to a COVID-19-related death. FEMA began accepting applications for Funeral Assistance on April 12, 2021 through a dedicated call center. The telephone number for the FEMA Funeral Assistance Program is 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9a to 9p Eastern Time.

To apply you must call FEMA. There is no online application. The person applying must be the individual who incurred the funeral expense for the deceased. Please understand that FEMA will NOT speak to any businesses like funeral homes or cemeteries. no online applications will be accepted.

FEMA asks that you have all documentation in-hand before calling. This will speed up the process. For additional information including a listing of documents needed, please visit the FEMA website: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq> (no spaces).

In an effort to be helpful, please visit these additional sites to learn more:

Visit the FEMA website at https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_policy_covid-19_funeral_assistance_updated.pdf.

For the FEMA information video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgvN9m58Z0>.



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215 - 766 - 3944 or 800 - 470 - 2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



New

Choir Members
Welcome!
Got music?

Our Saint Michael the Archangel Music Ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, and inspiration for our liturgies and festive parish celebrations through the musical gift, generosity, and commitment of our members. If you can carry a tune, want to learn, and have a desire to sing with us, please see Sally Bonner, Music Director, after Mass or call her at 609-805-8183.

Please Note: Choir rehearsals will resume this weekend! The Traditional Choir will meet in Saint Catherine of Siena Church after the 8a Mass and the Contemporary Choir will meet in Nativity Church after the 10a Mass.



*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!



Dear Parishioners,

For almost two (2) decades, Walter Cronkite, one of the most trusted anchors in American television history, signed off his nightly newscast with the famous line, *“And that’s the way it is.”* His familiar voice, his factual details, and his faithful courage all helped his listeners to believe. *“And that’s the way it is.”* It was his person who made the line memorable. It was his person who made the line believable. It was his person who entered homes each night for so many, many years.

“This is how it is.” That’s what Jesus is saying in the Gospel for the 11th Weekend in Ordinary Time. Not for two decades, but rather for over two millennia, we have heard this simple sign-off. Jesus, however, is reporting far more than the events of a day. He is reporting more than just facts. He is reporting the mystery of the *“Kingdom of God.”* This Kingdom is not of this world, but it is in this world. It is divine presence, our growth, and eternal life. The Kingdom of God is the divine desire for our salvation. It is a call to us of obedience to God’s will and it is a call to us for faithful discipleship. It is a call to us to live divine life even when we are still caught up in our own human life and events.

The Kingdom of God is a mystery, and so, Jesus cannot report it like facts, like events, like Walter Cronkite might report it. Yet, the Kingdom must be even more believable to us than the facts before our eyes and the facts which we live each day. As mystery, we understand God’s Kingdom through the bits and pieces of our own living, but it remains beyond our clear comprehension. That is its richness.

Still, Jesus says in this Weekend’s Gospel, *“This is how it is.”* Yet there is no single way to describe the “Kingdom of God.” Here Jesus uses two similar parables to teach us that the kingdom is realized in the intersection of our own work (planting the seed) with God’s work (the mystery of life growing and bearing fruit). The Good News is that God’s Kingdom is assured. The scattered seed of the first parable will yield a harvest. The tiny seed of the second parable will grow into a large plant.

Perhaps the kingdom must be sown with abandon because this is the only way the mystery can be realized. Our own work is undertaken without full understanding, but with the trust that God is nurturing life out of all we do. It doesn’t matter if we do tiny things, things tiny like a seed, or earth-shaking things. What matters is that we take up God’s work of planting life and cooperate fully with the divine plan to bring salvation to all.

Our cooperation with God is to simply be followers of Jesus. We are to live the Good News that Jesus taught us. We are to “walk by faith, not by sight.” This means we say yes to God, yes to God’s commands, and yes to God’s direction for our lives. In our “yes,” the Kingdom of God takes root in the soil of our hearts and in due time blossoms forth in the great harvest God intends. The Kingdom of God is presence, growth, and life. *“This is how it REALLY is!”*

This Weekend’s parables of the seeds are comforting, because whether scattered seed or tiny seed, an abundant harvest and largeness of life will spring up. Even our tiniest acts of kindness ... a simple smile or hello ... bring forth life and make the Kingdom of God present. Our lifelong journey to live the Gospel makes the Kingdom of God present. God uses us followers of Jesus to make divine presence known. *“And that’s the way it is!”*

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

~ Fr. Larry

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

In re The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey
Case No. 20-21257 (JNP)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on October 1, 2020, The Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, (the “Diocese”) filed for protection under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code.

The Bankruptcy Court has established **June 30, 2021 at 11:59 pm** (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the “**Bar Date**”).

If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Prime Clerk, the appointed Claims Agent.

Please visit <https://cases.primeclerk.com/camdendiocese> or call 877-465-8420 (Toll-Free) or 347-817-4096 (Local) for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE’S CHAPTER 11 CASE.



On Wednesday, June 16 at 2p, featuring organist, Dr. Christopher T. Daly, who will present a virtual recital to celebrate the pipe organ’s return to service, which has spanned 100 years! This is the sixth of monthly recitals showcasing our Cathedral’s instrument with musicians from around the Diocese.

Watch the recital and listen to beautiful sounds virtually at: <https://www.facebook.com/CamdenDiocese>; <https://twitter.com/camdendiocese>; <https://www.youtube.com/camdendiocese>

See program for the June recital: camdendiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/June-16-Cathedral-Organ-Recital-program.pdf



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Ez 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Many years ago, I met someone whose attentive hospitality cast a seed in me that took root and enabled me to grow as a disciple of Jesus. At the meetings I attended with her, Sister Bridget would immediately greet everyone with a smile, outstretched hand, and, “Hello, I’m Sister Bridget; what’s your name?” You couldn’t help but feel at ease with her warm greeting, but it didn’t end there. Throughout the encounter, she remained just as positive and as completely present as she had in the beginning. Just like the parable of the man scattering seed in today’s Gospel, Sister Bridget didn’t know how the seed of God’s word would grow as she sowed it in her unique, joyful way. To her, maybe her graciousness was the smallest gesture. But the Lord allowed it to sprout and grow, yielding fruit and a bountiful harvest.

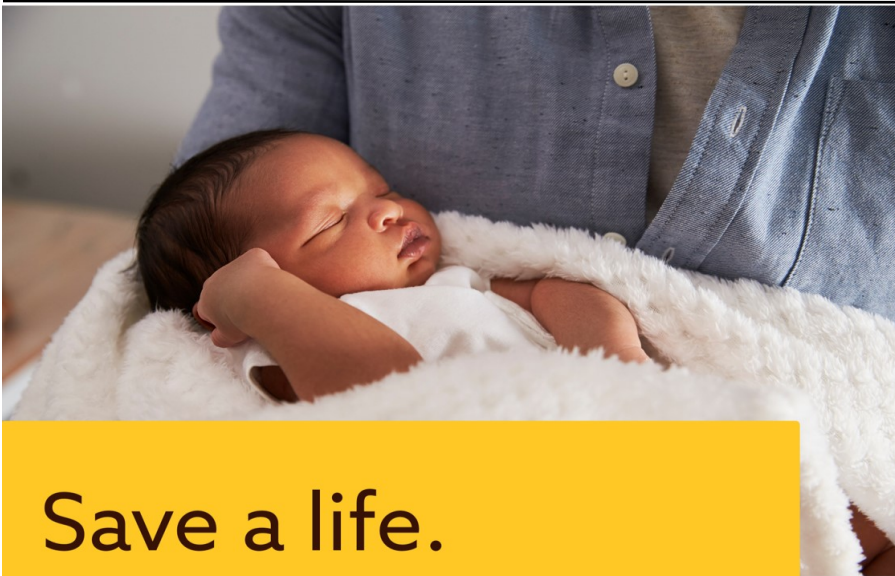


INVITE What “seeds” of welcome can you scatter among those you encounter? Make your “random acts of kindness” regular, intentional acts that express God’s love. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux said: “Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today’s Gospel verse within the Alleluia proclaims, “The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever.” By our baptism, we are called to continue the work of Christ, sowing the word of God in our world. This may seem an intimidating expectation for all of us who doubt that we have the expertise to “sow” God’s word. But in today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds that the kingdom of God is like the smallest of seeds, that once sown, becomes the largest of plants. If we believe in Christ and “aspire to please him,” God can use our smallest gestures to sow his word in the world. We may not see how our small acts of kindness accomplish this. But if we scatter these “seeds” out of love for God, we can trust they will take root, grow abundantly, and call others to “come to him [and] live forever.”



Knights of Columbus Council #6890

Our KoC Council is raffling off four (4) \$100 Gift Certificates to the Franklinville Inn!

They will be outside the entrance to the churches the weekends of June 5th & June 6th and on June 19th & June 20th selling tickets or ask a Knight!

The drawing will be held on June 30th. Please purchase a ticket or two and help to support them with their charitable endeavors!

Questions? Please contact Grand Knight, John Ryder at firetrain@comcast.net.



**Save a life.
Contact Congress.**

WHAT

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

HOW

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that *both* Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

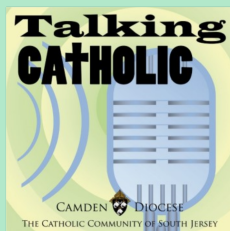
WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com!

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Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; 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: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41