

March 17, 2019 | 2nd Sunday of Lent

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

REV LAWRENCE E POLANSKY, PASTOR

DEACON MATTHEW HANRAHAN, RETIRED

DEACON JAMES N HOGAN, RETIRED

PERMANENT DEACONS

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 of Siena

Tuesday: 9a at Nativity

Wednesday: 9a at Nativity

Thursday: 7p at Saint Catherine of Siena

Friday: 9a at Nativity

Saturday: 9a at Saint Catherine of Siena

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity

Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine of Siena

10:45a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7p evening before at Saint Catherine

Holy Day: 9a at Nativity

7p at Nativity

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30 – 10a at Saint Catherine of Siena

3 – 3:30p at Nativity

or by appointment.

Please call the Rectory Office

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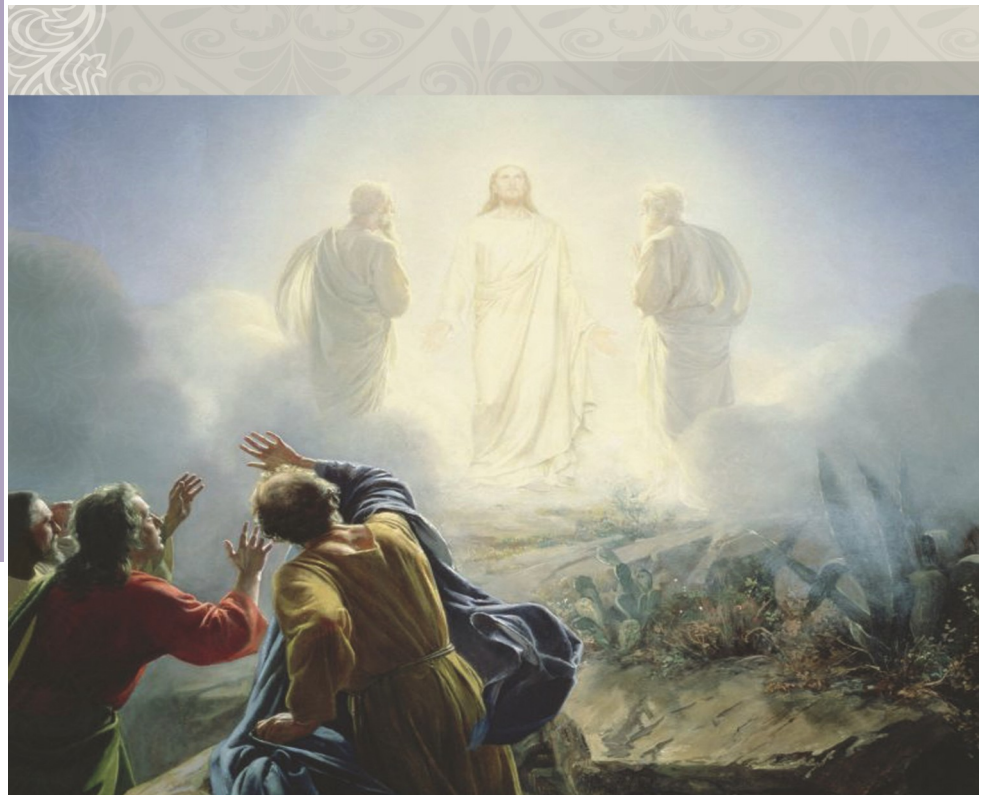
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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

Janice Bruni, Principal

856-881-0067



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While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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

PARISH OFFICE: 49 W North St, Clayton, NJ 08312-1114 **PHONE:** 856-881-9155 **FAX:** 856-881-9166

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 12 - 4 PM; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM; **CLOSED ON FRIDAY**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION: Please contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome!* Please stop by the Rectory Office or call to register.

Parishioners requesting sponsor eligibility certificates for Baptism or Confirmation need to visit the Rectory Office.

Please visit our website and sign-up for our newsletter at www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH**

9:00a **Thelma Romond** by Fr. Larry
 4:00p **Grace Higgerson** by Nancy McCloskey

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a **The People of the Parish**
 10:45a **Rose Lamkin** by Rodney & Meryl Cerana

MONDAY, MARCH 18TH CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

9:00a **George Uczniak** by The Tonia Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

9:00a **Stella Bassano** by David & Terry Allonardo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH

9:00a **Theresa Miller** by The McCann Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST

7:00p *No Intention*

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND

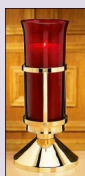
9:00a **Frank Kiers** by DeeDee & Bob Weeks

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

9:00a *No Intention*
 4:00p **Grace Higgerson** by Bunny Fugaro

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a **Regina C. Myers** by Dave & Debbie Piccirillo
 10:45a **The People of the Parish**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

If you've been thinking about having the Sanctuary Candles burn in the memory of your loved one, envelopes are available at the entrance of both the Franklinville & Clayton churches for your intention and offering of \$10. And you can contact the Rectory Office with any questions at 856-881-9155.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

Stewardship in Action

Ordinary Income – Weekend of March 2nd & 3rd \$5,065.00
 Electronic Giving – Weekend of March 2nd & 3rd \$715.00

Ordinary Income – Weekend of March 9th & 10th \$4335.75
 Electronic Giving – Weekend of March 9th & 10th \$330.00

Ash Wednesday (Church in Central & Eastern Europe) \$1,107.27

*May God bless you for your
 Stewardship of our Parish!*

STEWARDSHIP GRATITUDE

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Gn 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you as a Christian *Steward* show your gratitude to God for the home he has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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**, MA2 **Joshua Colbert**, LS3 **Alex Hirst**,
 EM2 **William Little**

US Marine Corps

Gy Sgt **Brad Davis**, Cpl **Nate McAllister**, CPT **James V. Tumulo**

LT JG **Dominic J. Tumulo**, US Navy; US Army Medic



Brenda Adams,
 George Bromwell, Rob Christian,
 Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
 Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton,
 Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Hanrahan,
 Matt Healy,
 Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman, Lorraine Kreiner,
 Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Gerry McCloskey,
 Eileen Mullholland, Dot Myers, Jean Myers, Jack Nelson,
 Timothy Parker, Cheryl Pinto, Grace Pio, Michele Resavage,
 Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola,
 & Susan Webster.

If you have a family member who you would like to see added to the Prayer List, please ask their permission (due to the HIPPA Privacy Act) and contact the Rectory by calling 856-881-9155 or e-mailing PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com. Thank you!



LENTEN CALENDAR

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION

Fridays of Lent at 7p

March 22nd – Saint Catherine of Siena

March 29th – Nativity

April 5th – Saint Catherine of Siena

April 12th – Nativity

April 19th – Saint Catherine of Siena (no Benediction)

Confession to follow Stations on Good Friday

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES*

Saturdays of Lent

March 23rd, & 30th

9:30-10a – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton

3-3:30p – Nativity, Franklinville

April 6th & 13th

9:30-10:30 AM – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton

2:30-3:30 PM – Nativity, Franklinville

No Confession on Holy Saturday, April 20th

Sundays in Lent

April 7th & 14th

9:15-9:45a – Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton

12:00-12:30p – Nativity, Franklinville

* (or by appointment)



PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SHADOW WEEK

All religious education students are cordially invited to come spend the day at Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School. We encourage all students in grades K through 7 to choose one (1) day

during the week of March 18th to March 21st to experience SMRS on typical school day. Students may decide to stay for a half day which concludes at 12:30pm or full day which ends at 2:15pm. Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School will offer a complementary lunch for our guests. Parents must provide transportation for all visiting students. If your family has ever considered Catholic Education for your child please contact Sheri Klein at 856-881-0067 to schedule your shadow day.

OPEN HOUSE

Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, Clayton, is extending a welcome to all interested Pre-K3 through 8th grade students, their parents, and family to join us for our **2019 Open House, on March 26th 6-7:30p**. Tour our campus meet the members of our administration, faculty and staff. We are still accepting applications for 2018-2019 school year. Private tours and shadow days are available by appointment. To attend please contact Sheri Klein at 856-881-0067 ext 213.

SUMMER CAMP

We are now accepting Summer Camp Registrations. Nine (9) themed weeks are available from June 24th until August 23rd. Spots are filling quickly. For more information please contact warriorcamp@smrsonline.com.

400 CLUB AND SOCIAL EVENT

Get your tickets now for the SMRS 400 Club and Social numbers are going fast! The tickets are numbered 1 to 400 and you can select your number (based on availability) at the time of purchase. **Tickets are \$50 per number selected.** You do not need to be present to win. Join us for the drawing which will be held on April 6th from 6-10:30 in the school social hall. **The cost to attend is \$15 per person.** Ticket includes dinner, dessert, live music, dancing, and other raffles. Every ½ hour, starting at 6:30pm, a portion of the numbers will be eliminated. The top 10 prizes will be called during the final drawing at 10:30. If all 400 numbers are sold the top prize will be \$5,000!!! For more information contact Vida Friel at 609-707-5402 or vidafriel@verizon.net



PSMA MINISTRY HAPPENINGS for the Week of March 10th

- ◆ **Sunday, March 17th** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10:15a.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 17th** – *PREP (Religious Ed)* will meet in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, Clayton from 9-10:15a.
- ◆ **Monday, March 18th** – *The Baptism Prep Class* will meet in the Rectory Meeting Room beginning at 7p. Please call the Parish Office to confirm your attendance.
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 19th** – *PREP (Religious Ed) Grade 2 Students* will make their First Penance in Nativity Church, Franklinville beginning at 7p.
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 20th** – Got Music? *The Contemporary Choir* will practice from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Saturday, March 23rd** – *PREP (Religious Ed)* Those students preparing for 1st Eucharist will meet for class in Saint Catherine Church, Clayton from 8:45a-12noon.



Knights of Columbus Council 6890 Scholarship Application

Due to the continued success of our fundraisers, the KoC will again award two (2) one-time scholarships for the 2018-2019 school term. The first scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded to any high school graduate with a 2.5-grade-point average or above who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, and community 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 an application. Applications are due by April 30, 2019. Please contact Ed Waligore with any questions at 856-881-2484 or 609-313-8680.

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FOOD PANTRY

*“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have;
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.” (Heb 13:16)*

Neighbors helping neighbors is a very nice sentiment. But how? What can we do? Well, one-on-one may be difficult, but, as a caring faith community working together, helping becomes somewhat easier. Monetary donations as well as donations of non-perishable food items contributed to our Parish Food Pantry allow our Parish to provide assistance to our neighbors here in Clayton and Franklin Township.

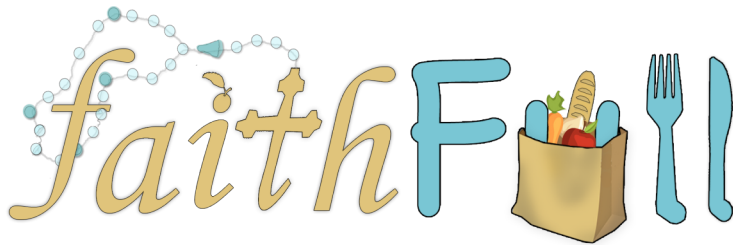
Currently, the Pantry could use such items as **canned fruit, applesauce, tuna, canned chicken, canned pasta meals (Chef Boyardee, Great Value, etc.), peanut butter, mac & cheese, cereal, and crackers** are some suggestions but any and all nonperishable food items are appreciated. Currently, **toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also needed.

*Your support of the Parish Food Pantry
makes helping neighbors a reality ...
Thank you!*

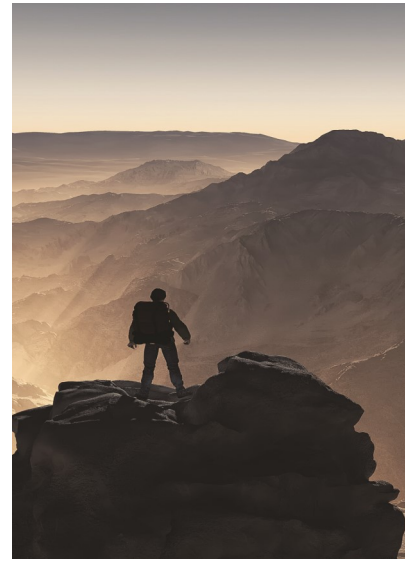


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Around the Diocese ...



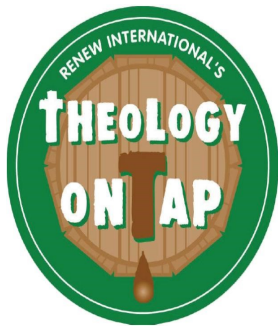
Here in South Jersey, 1 in 6 people, and 1 in 5 children, suffer from food insecurity, which means they might not know where their next meal is coming from. In response, the Diocese of Camden is organizing the sixth annual FaithFULL Food Drive. On **Sunday, April 7**, every parish and school in the Diocese will collect food for local pantries. Please bring food donations to Mass with you on **April 7**. Our goal this year is to collect as much food as possible for those who go hungry here in South Jersey



**YOU DON'T
CLIMB A
MOUNTAIN
IN LEAPS
AND
BOUNDS,
BUT BY
TAKING IT
SLOWLY.**

—ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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Naming What's Important. T-o-T with Fr. Dan Joyce, SJ of Saint Joseph's University will explore our relationship with God, commitments to faith, community, action and prayer. **Tuesday, March 19, 2019** at Tir Na Nog, 482 E. Evesham Road, Cherry Hill from 7-9 p.m. ToT is co-sponsored by the Saint Joseph University Alumni South Jersey

Chapter is a great chance for 20 & 30 somethings to hear dynamic speakers and engage in meaningful conversation in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. For more information, please e-mail gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org, or join "Theology on Tap – South Jersey" on Facebook or follow "Theology on Tap SJ" on Twitter.



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

GARDENING – THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE

*"He loves justice and right.
The earth is full of the mercy of the LORD."*
Psalms 33:5



Research shows that digging in the earth's soil is soothing, comforting and peaceful. When planting seedlings, cultivating the ground, and nurturing flowers, we experience happiness from our fruitful labor. Each year we plant gardens knowing when the first frost comes the flowers will die. However, we have hope because in the spring we will once again plant flowers. The cycle of life mimics the cycle of nature. Although grief may never go away, gardening may be a therapeutic option that provides hope. The mission of South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries is to not only bury and pray for the dead, but also to comfort and console those grieving. Consequently, we are happy to announce our Garden Permit Program is available at all Diocesan run cemeteries. To learn more visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 800-594-4980 and a member of our staff will gladly help you.

iRace4Vocations

Everyone has one...Which is your road?

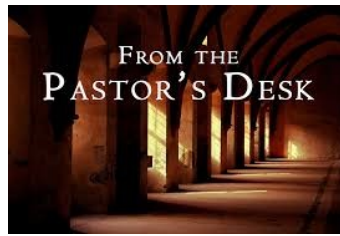


On **Sunday, March 31, 2019**, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd, Sewell) for our 8th annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at **1p** followed by our 5k-run / 1-mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and

family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese. We need our parishioners, all ages, to say **yes** to this intergenerational day. We need YOU. For more information and to register for the event, visit camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations/.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/2019 through 12/31/2019), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **SUNDAY, June 16, at 3:00 p.m.** at Mass in Absecon, at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Bishop Sullivan will be the main celebrant. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available at all Parish Offices. Registration deadline is **May 6, 2019**. For more information please contact your Parish Office.



Most of us live far too hectic lives – we are busy from morning to night with work, chauffeuring the kids, cleaning, meals, answering e-mail, and a hundred other things. When we might finally sit down in the evening to relax a little, we often doze off while reading or watching a TV program. We might wake with a start when the book drops out of our hand, or wake up when a commercial comes on with its louder volume to find we missed half the TV program. Peter, James, and John in this weekend’s Gospel must have really been tired after their climb up the mountain, for they fell asleep. Then they awaken to see Jesus’ transfigured glory. How startling that must have been for them!

Saint Luke’s account of the Transfiguration event is the only one that includes the necessity of the Passion on the journey to glory (“*His exodus that He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem*”). Peter awakens from sleep to see Jesus’ glory and wants to stay there (“*it is good that we are here; let us make three tents*”). “*But he did not know what he was saying.*” To share in the glory of Jesus, disciples must walk the journey of Jesus: offer their very lives for the sake of others. These three Apostles were privileged to awaken from sleep to see Jesus’ transfigured glory. But they clearly missed the most important point – this transfigured glory foreshadows His risen glory. **Saint Luke’s insight is that glory presupposes embracing Passion.**

Jesus’ Transfiguration – in all its glory – cannot erase the stark reality of self-offering. Simply put, glory comes only through embracing the Passion. **This is the paradox of the Paschal mystery: that something as desirable as a share in Jesus’ transfigured glory only comes through our embracing something as demanding as dying to self for the good of others.** Even in this glorious moment of Transfiguration – which gives us encouragement and hope on our Lenten journey – we are reminded that the only way to remain in that glory is to die to self. We have to come down off the mountain and walk our own journey through death to glory.

Baptism is our covenant with the Lord. Rather than animal offerings and “*smoking fire pot and flaming torch*” (this weekend’s First Reading), the sign of our covenant with God is water, chrism, a white garment, and a lighted candle. Saint Luke’s allusion to Jesus’ death in Jerusalem prompt an allusion to our being plunged into Jesus’ dying and rising in the baptismal waters. We are invited this weekend to see our Baptism in light of the Transfiguration.

Baptism isn’t simply a ritual we perform, but a covenant with God that we live out the rest of our lives. During Lent we prepare to renew our covenant with God at Easter. This means we not already share in God’s life and look forward to that day when we will share eternal glory with God, but we also embrace the suffering and death of Jesus during His Passion.

Let’s face it ... constant dying to self gets tiresome! This weekend we are given a glimpse of glory to ease the discouragement of a lifetime of self-emptying. This tells us something about how we might keep the Lord’s Day holy. If each Sunday were a day of rest, a time to be good to ourselves, to do something special that is uplifting, to enter into a moment of glory, we would be better fortified and equipped to continue dying to self.

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

Fr. Larry