



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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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**."



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, 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.psma-nj.com



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

John of Captistrano, Priest

4:00p Robert J. Carder, Jr. by Barbara Daley

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00a People of the Parish

10:00a Dennis Monzo by The Fote Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

9:00a In Memory of Edward & Wanda Polansky (60th Wedding Anniversary) by The Seniff Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

9:00a Robert H. Brown by Rocky & Susan Costa

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

9:00a Joseph Nicholls by Joe's Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

Simon & Jude, Apostles

9:00a Mary Meyer by Granddaughter Ronnie

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

9:00a No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

4:00p Mary McNamara by The Burns Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Deceased Members of KoC Council 6890

10:00a People of the Parish



During the month of November, we pray for **All Souls** ... for those who sleep in Christ, life is changed not ended.

All Souls' Day is Tuesday, November 2nd. Those we will be praying for in a special way will be on the altars of both churches and will be listed in the November 7th bulletin. Please try to submit your intentions by <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 31st</u>. Thank you!



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!

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian,
Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Matt Healy, Ernest Henry,
Sherry Jeffries, Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero,
Steven Lord, John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride,
Gerry McCloskay, 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 Air Force

AB Jacob R Custis

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 GRATITUDE

"And Jesus said to him,
"Go your way, your faith has made you well."
And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way."

~ Mark 10:52 ~

Faith is believing in something even though you may physically not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop a *Stewardship* attitude of gratitude.





October 24, 2021 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9 | Heb 5:1-6 | Mk 10:46-52

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

How often do we pray with abandon? Perhaps when turbulence makes us wonder if our plane's going down, when a friend or loved one faces a difficult diagnosis or life-threatening injury, when we face a setback, a major decision, or a heartbreak. On some days, though, have we been guilty of just going through the motions when we pray? Not so for Bartimaeus. "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me," he repeatedly implores, ignoring the shushing of the crowd. When Jesus asks him what he wants, the blind man doesn't beat around the bush. "I want to see." Recognizing his faith, Jesus heals him. Bartimaeus could not see, yet he had recognized Jesus as the Messiah and persisted in prayer. His example reminds us to be persistent in prayer, holding nothing back from Jesus who desires to make us whole.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

While Bartimaeus faced physical blindness, this did not prevent him from recognizing Jesus as the Son of David, the Messiah. In our modern-day world so filled with distractions, we can become blind to the face of Jesus, or simply take his abundant love for us for granted. As the psalmist reminds us, "The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy." Looking back on our lives, we can probably see a few miracles – the birth of a child, the stunning beauty of a sunrise over the mountains or the arborvitae in our backyards, the friends who walk alongside us through each chapter of life. Today's readings encourage us to open our eyes to the face of Jesus in our lives, and in turn to reflect his steadfast love to those we encounter.

PRAY Read today's psalm response: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Reflect on experiences and people who have brought you closer to God – friends, family, or your parish priest. Write them a note or say a prayer of thanksgiving.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL & BURIAL

Your Catholic Cemetery ... An Essential Component of Catholic Life

As Catholics, we are blessed with the promise of life everlasting. To be with our Lord in Heaven, we are baptized, we follow the Holy Scripture, and we keep the Lord in our hearts throughout our earthly journey. Death is not the end but rather the next step. During life our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. At death, we present our bodies to a sacred Catholic funeral and burial to be prepared for the Resurrection.

Just as you have chosen to be a part of a Christian community, you will want the burial of your remains to reflect that same Christian faith while choosing to rest in peace with other Christians in a Catholic cemetery. Choosing a final resting place on consecrated grounds is your choice, your privilege and the right of every Catholic, as well as a confirmation of faith in our everlasting union with our Lord. For more information visit our website at SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) and a member of our staff will gladly help you.

"For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first."

~ 1 Thes 4:16 ~



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." ~ Hebrews 13:16 ~

Due to your generosity, the parish food pantry continues to provide assistance to our neighbors here in Clayton and Franklin Township. And, now that the days are growing shorter and cooler, it's time to begin looking forward to the holidays. Items such as **cranberry sauce**, **stuffing (such as Stove Top)**, **canned yams or sweet potatoes**, **cookies**, **crackers**, **and applesauce** would help to brighten the season. Also, everyday items like **canned vegetables**, **ramen noodles**, **canned chicken**, **tuna**, **cereal**, **peanut butter and jelly** are always appreciated.

If you would like to contribute to the pantry, you may leave nonperishable items in the shopping carts located in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint 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. If you prefer not to shop, monetary donations are great, too.

Today and every day, we are thankful for your generous support!

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Physiologically, "seeing" refers to having eyesight. But in ordinary communication, we often use the word "seeing" in many different ways, using it as a metaphor. For example, we talk about the "mind's eye" and refer to insight or understanding, similar to when we might exclaim, "Oh, I see your point!" We might poetically reveal we "see with the heart" and mean that our instincts or affections lead us. In this weekend's Gospel, the blind beggar Bartimaeus asks Jesus to see. Jesus' response – "Go your way; your faith has saved you." At first, this doesn't seem to be a physiological restoration of sight, but rather metaphoric restoration of sight. Bartimaeus can go on his way because he is armed with faith – with his "yes" to Jesus. Seeing is a metaphor for faith. Receiving his sight, Bartimaeus hardly goes back to begging by the roadside. Rather, he followed Jesus.

Those traveling with Jesus look upon Bartimaeus as an interruption on the journey. Jesus, on the other hand, sees Bartimaeus as the point of the journey. *The point of Jesus' journey???* The point of Jesus' journey is to bring salvation to all who are open to Jesus' presence and gifts. Like Bartimaeus and the crowd, we are called to receive "sight" along our journey of following Jesus. Had some in the crowd succeeded in silencing Bartimaeus, they would have "silenced" a manifestation of why Jesus came: to bring "sight" not only to Bartimaeus, but to all. The miracle doesn't stop with Jesus' offer of salvation and the healing of Bartimaeus. What happens to Bartimaeus in this miraculous healing also happens to some in the crowd. They gain "sight." They deepen their faith. They more faithfully follow Jesus.

Although Bartimaeus models discipleship, he is not the center of the story because discipleship in never about us. The center of the story and the heart of discipleship is always Jesus. And, as always, Jesus offers us more than we know to ask. Bartimaeus asked to see. Jesus recognized his faith and gave him salvation. The encounter between Jesus and Bartimaeus dramatizes essential elements of true discipleship: to see with the eyes of faith and to follow Jesus. It models for us our own way to come to Jesus, to respond, and to follow. All we need is faith. "Master, I want to see."

Living the Paschal Mystery means that we take a critical look at ourselves and root out whatever it is that keeps us from seeing who Jesus is, whether that is self-centeredness, preoccupation with getting ahead, amassing more money and material goods, or seeking comfort above all else. All these kinds of actions demand dying to self, and only by dying can we rise "to see" the glory of new life. Living the Paschal Mystery means that, as we encounter Jesus, we recognize that Jesus gives us more than we ask. Jesus always responds to our faith in Him by inviting us along His path to glory.

In turn, since we ourselves are to be the presence of the risen Christ for others, we are also the ones calling others, the ones helping others to a new way of "seeing" ... helping others along the road of discipleship. Discipleship means more than following. It means that we spring up and give ourselves over for the sake of others. It means that we are Jesus' presence in all the myriad circumstances of daily living. We are to stop during our busy days and invite others to come to us for a new "seeing." Acting through us, Jesus will recognize their faith in Him to heal whatever keeps them from seeing clearly the ministry of their own discipleship.

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

~ Fr. Larry



Promises to Christians Who Pray the Rosary http://themostholyrosary.com/15promises.htm

Respect Life Month

TAKE ACTION

Visit the USCCB Action Center to view current action alerts and contact elected representatives to express any concerns on upcoming legislation.

https://www.usccb.org/take-action





Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;

Lk 13:10-17

<u>Tuesday</u>: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;

Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

<u>Friday</u>: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Lk 14:1-6

<u>Saturday</u>: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28;

Mk 12:28b-34



Pope John Paul II said "I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter." Worldwide Marriage Encounter is being supported by Bishop Sullivan for support of Catholic married couples.

Bells are ringing for married couples! Not church bells, not school bells, not wedding bells, but faith, knowledge and married love WILL grow if you hear the wake-up bell reminding you to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekend is December 3rd – 5th. Questions? Need more information? Please call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org

Please visit our website wwme-southjersey.org

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 7, 2021.

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour and change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

2021 White Mass

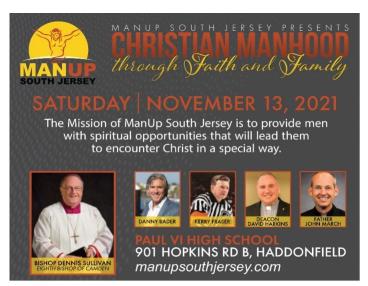
South Jersey Catholic Medical Guild, a Charter Member of the Catholic Medical Association, and VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services welcome all to celebrate Healthcare Professionals at the Camden Diocesan White Mass. The recipients of the Saint Luke Award for excellence in Catholic healthcare will be honored at this Mass.

Sunday October 31st at 2p Our Lady of Peace Parish Saint Mary Church 32 Carroll Avenue Williamstown, NJ

Following the Mass, please join us for a reception in Marian Hall. Reception RSVP at 856-583-6123 or Gloria.Sanders@CamdenDiocese.org.

Let us pray in thanksgiving for our dedicated healthcare professionals who work to keep us in or return us to good health.





Men's Spirituality Conference

"Christian Manhood Through Faith and Family"
November 13, 2021
Register Today
manupsouthjersey.com

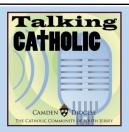
This year's theme is "Christian Manhood Through Faith and Family," a reminder that it is through our faith and family that we become the men God created us to be.

ManUp South Jersey features Powerful Speakers, Morning Prayer, Exhibitors, Inspiring Music, Eucharistic Adoration, Optional Breakouts, Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks, Priests will also be available throughout the day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Become the man that God created you to be! Join us on November 13th at the Conference Center, Paul VI High School in Haddon Heights.

Register Today! manupsouthjersey.com

Enter Promo Code PB10 to receive a \$10.00 Discount



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We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us. make Yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Faither and the Son. forever and ever. Amen.



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.