



October 20, 2019 | 29th 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: 7p at Saint Catherine
Friday: 9a at Saint Catherine
Saturday: 9a at Nativity

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine
10:45a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7p at Saint Catherine
Holy Day: 9a & 7p at Nativity
*(Please confirm with
Mass Intention Schedule.)*

RECONCILIATION

Thursday immediately following
the 7p Mass at Saint Catherine

Saturday 3-3:30p at Nativity
or by appointment.

Please call the Parish Office.

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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

Philip J. Gianfortune, Principal
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“
BUT WHEN THE
SON OF MAN
COMES, WILL
HE FIND FAITH
ON EARTH?
LUKE 18:8
”

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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 - 4p; Tuesday & Wednesday 8a - 4:30p; Thursday 8a - 12 noon; **CLOSED ON FRIDAY**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY: *Please contact the Parish Office.*

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome!* Please stop by the Parish Office, take a look at our website, or call to register

Please visit our new website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

9:00a Harry Clyde Lippincott *by Fr. Larry*
 4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH 29TH SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a Margaret Hoffman *by Betsy & Michael Gambino*
 10:45a Deceased Members of KoC Council #6890

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

9:00a Edward & Wanda Polansky *by Son, Larry*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND JOHN PAUL II

9:00a Jimmy Lee Getting *by Mary & Carmen Lagarelli*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

9:00a Norman F. Costello *by John & Kathy Rebar*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH ANTHONY MARY-CLARET

7:00p Alivia Mia Nelson *by Fred & Donna Ruberti*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

9:00a Tony & Betty Governale

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

9:00a Tom & Lucille Nerney
 4:00p William Ray *by Dina's Co-Workers at SJRA - WD*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 30TH SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a The People of the Parish
 10:45a Elizabeth Ringkamp *by Antoinette & Jim Ranniello*



OCTOBER 15 RESPECT LIFE MONTH
 Practice the Stewardship of Life!

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.

*For the week of
 October 20th through October 26th,
 the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity
 Burns in Loving Memory of
 Frances Cesanek*



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, LS2 Alex Hirst,
 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

PRAYER REQUEST

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Rob Christian,
 Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
 Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein,
 Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman,
 Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord,
 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



FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

*"... proclaim the Word, be persistent,
 whether it is convenient or inconvenient ..."*

~ 2 TIM 4:2 ~

It is not always convenient to be a good *Steward*, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a *stewardship* lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be *comfortable*. He called us to be *faithful*.

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



*“Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, who himself said,
‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”* (Acts 20:35)

As individuals, we may not feel that we can make much of a difference in this world. However, working together as a community of faith, we may be able to make a world of difference in the life of someone right here in Clayton or Franklin Township. **Donations of pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, tuna, canned chicken and, especially, soups of all kinds would be very welcome at this time.** In addition, a monetary donation or gift card placed in an envelope marked “*For the Food Pantry*” and dropped into the collection basket at mass or delivered to the Rectory Office would also be greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY
WHICH DOES MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!**

- PreK through 8th Grade
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Do you want to brush up on your knowledge of the Church’s teachings? Do you want a closer walk with Jesus? Do you want to find answers to your questions about God? Explore answers to these questions at our adult catechism class on Sunday from 9-10a in the basement of Saint Catherine of Siena Church. Classes begin November 3rd. Please contact Bernadette Fiocco at ionabern@comcast.net or the Parish Office for more information.



- ◆ **Sunday, October 20th** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 23rd** – Got Music? The *Contemporary Choir* will meet from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 23rd** – The *Share Your Faith* group will meet from 7-8:30p in the O’Meara Conference Room, Franklinville.



**October - The
Month of
Holy Rosary**

Stewardship in Action

Weekend of 10/12 & 10/13

Ordinary Income \$3,820.00
Online Giving \$350.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity
to our Parish!*





Persistence is different from stubbornness. Persistence is about ongoing attitudes and / or actions that lead to a good outcome. Stubbornness is really about us and self-willfulness, often for selfish gains. Persistence is often about justice. Stubbornness is often about injustice. The persistence of the widow in this weekend's Gospel is not a matter of stubbornness. The unjust judge grows weary and is annoyed with the widow. He fails to grasp the deeper meaning of her persistence: an injustice is being done and the widow seeks to change that.

In this parable, the widow's persistence in petitioning the judge is directed toward changing his mind so that he will act and render a just decision. Our own prayer is not a matter of trying to change God's mind. Persistent prayer is about faithful relationship to God that expands us and our expectations of how God is to act. God always acts justly. The challenge of the Gospel is to keep on praying to a God who wills only good for us, who wills that we receive salvation and eternal life. Sometimes it is required that we must change our minds about what we pray for or about our perception of how God answers our prayer.

Whether the response to our own prayer is delayed or speedily given, faith and hope uphold our efforts to "pray always." Persistence requires discipline, and it rests on the hope that the desired outcome of our efforts will be achieved. For example, we are persistent in exercise routines, athletic training, or music practice. So, it should be with prayer. We persist because of our hope that God will hear us and that our petition is just. This hope, nonetheless, is not merely future-oriented, concerned only with receiving what we request. This hope rests on the conviction of our steadfast relationship to the God who has always been faithful and who always listens to our prayer. If faith seeks justice and salvation, then hope spawns the confidence that our prayer will be heard and one day we will share everlasting life.

Will God "find faith on earth?" God does find faith in those who persist in prayer. But what about those of us who feel like we are praying persistently for our needs, but God does not seem to be answering us?

This raises the important issue about what we pray for. If our prayer is simply about getting what we want, then our focus may only be upon ourselves. If, instead, our focus is on "justice being done ... speedily," then persistence will get us that justice and, ultimately, salvation. The key is to remember that the answer to our prayers is not getting what we want now, but justice, that is, right relationship with God that leads to eternal life. Ultimately, then, our persistence in prayer leads to receiving more than we could possibly want or imagine. It leads to favorable judgment when Christ comes and we enter into eternal glory with Him.

This is not to say that we forgo praying for our own needs. For example, for the good of our family, secure employment, good health, or sufficiency in retirement, etc. These needs, however immediate, are always prayed for within the larger picture ... what we need in order to secure right relationship with God and salvation. In this, we are always assured that our prayer will be heard.

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

~ Fr. Larry

Physicians, nurses and healthcare professionals,
Please join us for the Diocese of Camden



WHITE MASS

Sunday, October 20, 2019

11:30 AM

St. Luke's Church

55 Warwick Road, Stratford, NJ
Celebrant: Reverend Vincent Guest
Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish



AS CARING FOR THE SICK IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION, THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC MEDICAL GUILD OF THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN IN UNION WITH VITALITY CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES OF THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN WOULD LIKE TO HONOR YOU AND INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO JOIN US.

A reception, sponsored by the SJCMG, will follow the Mass along with the presentation of the St. Luke's Awards for excellence in Catholic Healthcare in Southern New Jersey, and a speaker presentation on: "A Catholic Physician's Alternatives to Physician Assisted Suicide."



THIS YEAR'S ST. LUKE AWARDS RECIPIENTS ARE:

STAN CZARNECKI, MD
ROBERT LEONETTI, MD
REVEREND ROBERT MATYSIK
LISA PAPP, RN

We look forward to seeing you there.
To R.S.V.P. or for additional information,
please contact Karen Fisher
856-583-6123 or
Karen.Fisher@CamdenDiocese.org



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Men's Spirituality Conference (the Largest in South Jersey)
November 9, 2019

Paul VI High School Conference Center

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SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

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All Souls Day – Cemetery Visitation & Mass

We encourage our families to visit our cemeteries and mausoleums and pray for their dearly departed loved ones and all souls who have gone before us. All Souls Day Masses held in our chapel mausoleums are listed on our website at www.SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org. We are delighted to announce Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant at the **10a Mass held at Calvary Cemetery & Mausoleum in Cherry Hill on Saturday, November 2nd**. All are welcome to attend. We join you in praying for the souls of all of those who have gone before us.

*"I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me even if they die, will live."
(John 11:25)*

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Loving someone struggling with addiction can be very difficult, painful, and chaotic. A community support group can help by offering peer support for anyone affected by drug addiction. Please join us on Saturday mornings at 9:30a at The Church of the Incarnation, 240 Main Street in Mantua. All are welcome to attend, including those suffering from addiction / alcoholism, family members, and those who have experienced a loss from the disease. For more information, please call 609-617-9959.

NEW JERSEY INDEPENDENT VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Diocese of Camden – along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey – has established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest of the Diocese.

The IVCP is independently administered by experienced victim compensation experts Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution. The administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Bishop Sullivan strongly encourages anyone who was sexually victimized by a priest of the Diocese to participate in the IVCP, and has asked that anyone who knows of someone who was abused to contact them so that they are aware of the IVCP and can participate in it.

Readings for the Week – October 20, 2019

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



The 25th bi-annual **40 Days for Life** campaign takes place from September 25 – November 3. Join us in praying for an end to abortion worldwide, but in particular to end abortions in our local community.

The Cherry Hill Women’s Center performs over 200 abortions a week through 24 weeks gestation. Can you spare one hour a week to pray peacefully at the site and offer hope to women going in? It has been recorded that up to 75% of appointments are “no shows” when there is someone present outside an abortion facility.

Please go to www.40daysforlife.com/cherryhill for more information and to sign up. Contact Claire at 856-313-9861 or Claire@helpersnj.org with any questions or concerns.

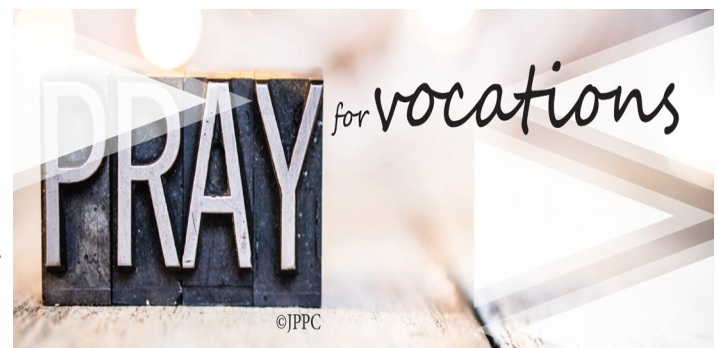



We need your help! The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel is looking for Liturgical Ministers: **Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers.**

Altar Servers need to be at least in third grade (have made their First Holy Communion) and can serve through their high school years (and beyond).

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Lectors need to attend a one-day workshop run by the Diocese.

If you feel that God is calling you to do more during the Mass, please call the Parish Office at 856-881-9155 or see Fr. Larry to sign up for these very important ministries of the Church.

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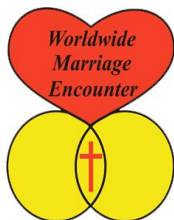
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Listen online at www.relevantradio.com or download the app for your smartphone.



Pope John Paul II said, *“I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter.”*

Married Couples: Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive!

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

The next weekend dates are Oct 25-27 and Dec 13-15, 2019. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Please visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.