



September 8, 2019 | 23rd 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 of Siena

Tuesday: 9a at Nativity

Wednesday: 9a at Nativity

Thursday: 7p at Saint Catherine of Siena

Friday: 9a at Saint Catherine of Siena

Saturday: 9a at Nativity

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

(Please confirm with the Mass Intention Schedule.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday: Immediately following the 7p Mass
at Saint Catherine of Siena

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

Please call the Parish Office.

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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

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*“Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after Me cannot be my disciple.”*

~ Lk 14:27 ~

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: *Please contact the Parish Office.*

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

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

Please visit our website at www.psmaj.com

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

9:00a **Jim Engleman** by His Loving Wife, Marge
4:00p **The People of the Parish**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH 23RD SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a **The Deceased Members of the Nichols Family**
by Joe & Vicki Nichols
10:45a **Deacon Matthew J. Hanrahan**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH PETER CLAVER

9:00a **No Intention**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

9:00a **Bereavement Mass**
– Gloria Freda

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

9:00a **Abby Wall** – 10-Year Anniversary
April Shea – 4-Year Anniversary
by Their Loving Sister, Susan Coyle

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

7:00p **Deacon Matthew J. Hanrahan**
by The Retired Deacons of the Camden Diocese

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

9:00a **Frank Panna** – 3-Year Anniversary
by His Loving Wife, Teresa

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00a **No Intention**
4:00p **Dawn Williams** by Dennis & Annamarie Dittmar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 24TH SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a **The People of the Parish**
10:45a **Deacon Matthew J. Hanrahan**



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
September 8th through September 14th,
the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity
Burns in Loving Memory of
Rocco Fugaro*

STEWARDS RENOUNCE POSSESSIONS

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce
all his possessions cannot be My disciple."
~ LUKE 14:33 ~*

When we first hear this statement, it seems as if Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. *How can we renounce all of our possessions?* We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to live **Stewardship** and share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Stewardship in Action

Due to the publication deadlines for the Labor Day holiday, collection totals were not available for the weekend of August 31st & September 1st. They will appear next week.

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish!



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

If you have a family member who you would like to see added to the Prayer List, please ask their permission (due to the HIPAA Privacy Act) and contact the Parish Office 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, 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

A Gentle Reminder ...

Dressing for Mass is an act of love and honor for God, a wonderful outward sign of the awareness of the priceless grace of our baptismal garment. Let us remember our main focus while we are in church should be the honor and glory of God through our full, active, and conscious participation in the sacrifice of the Mass and other devotions. As we prepare to come to Mass each week, let us choose our clothing in a spirit of modesty and respect for our Lord and for one another.

The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel welcomes its newest member:

Nicole Grace McGovern

May she always walk as a child of the Light!

Congratulations!



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!

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 856-243-2036 or 609-805-8183.



FRANKLINVILLE DAY IS SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel needs your help!

You may or not be aware that our Parish is a presence at our local community events both in Clayton and Franklinville throughout the year. Once again, the Parish will be participating in Franklinville Day and we need your help ...

- ◆ Would you consider helping set-up our booth at the beginning of the day, help to break down our booth at the end of the day, or just man the booth or an hour or so? (**There is no long-term commitment ... just a bit of your time on a beautiful spring Saturday in September.**)
- ◆ Would you consider a donation of a case of water, or a bag of candy ... (lollipops, smarties, or other hard candy ... *no chocolate, please*)? We will also have rosaries and other items for distribution.
- ◆ Are you willing to help the Parish with another community project benefitting our children? We are also collecting candy for “Jeepers Creepers” in Delsea High School in October.

If your answer to any of these questions is “**YES**,” please call the Parish Office at 856-881-9155, see Fr. Larry after Mass, or bring your donations to church ... there will be special boxes marked “Franklinville Day / Jeepers Creepers” in the backs of both churches. The deadline for donations is Sunday, September 15th. **Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

YOU'RE INVITED

WHAT: PSMA Feast Day Social

WHEN: September 28th from 7-11p

WHERE: SMARS Gym

Tickets are available in the Rectory for our Fall Social being held on Saturday, September 28th from 7-11p in the Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School Gym. Catering by Villa Deli. BYOB. Tickets are \$25 per person. **The deadline for purchasing tickets is Wednesday, September 18th.**

HOLY HOURS ACROSS THE DIOCESE



There is no greater way to begin to live our Baptismal call as Missionary Disciples than through community prayer, where we implore God to continue to make us instruments of the Holy Spirit so the work we do across the Camden Diocese bears much fruit – both now and into the future.

With that in mind, we are hosting a number of Holy Hours scheduled across South Jersey this summer. This is the first of our planned quarterly prayer events.

Feel free to attend for as long or as brief a time as you are able. Invite someone to join you! It is a great opportunity for others to “come and see!”

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Followed by Fellowship

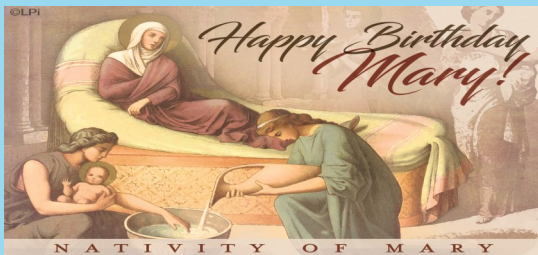
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Saint Damien Parish

Saint Frances Cabrini Church

2nd & Atlantic Avenues

Ocean City, NJ



**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.

PreK through 8th Grade

Rigorous Curriculum

21st Century Learning

Technology in the Classroom

Choir, Fine Art, Music and
Performing Arts Programs

Athletics, Clubs and
After-School Activities

Before & After Care

Family Atmosphere

Modern, Safe and
Secure Campus

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Challenging Minds, Building Faith

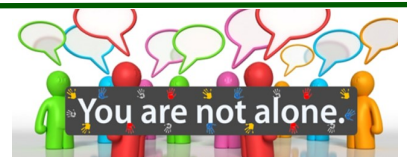
As we get closer to the first day of school, the excitement is building at Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School. The teachers are in their classrooms, decorating their boards and fine-tuning their lesson plans. The custodial staff is putting the finishing touches around the campus, making everything just right. The administration and support staff are preparing for a warm welcome of our Saint Michael families.

We also want our parish families to know that we have spots available, Pre-K3 through Grade 8. To learn more about our school and to see first-hand how we are **Challenging Minds** and **Building Faith**, please visit our website www.saintmichaelsonline.com, e-mail advancement@smrsonline.com, or call 856-881-0067, ext. 213 for a personal tour.

God Bless,
Kelly Riordan
Advancement Director



**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.



Noah was enjoying his fourth birthday. It was a great party and time to open gifts and cards. One card had four one-dollar bills in it, and he was delighted. Four was a big number. He was rich! He could buy a new computer game he wanted. The adults were smiling – they knew that he was not old enough yet to calculate the cost of real things. They knew he would have to open lots of cards with dollar bills and probably sacrifice some other thing he would like to have before he would have enough money to buy the new game. As is typical with a child, however, Noah soon became lost in opening his other gifts and forgot the four dollars and what he wanted to buy with them. In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus challenges those following Him to “calculate the cost” of discipleship. This cost is steep.

Discipleship requires both renunciation and calculation. Those who wish to follow Jesus must renounce everyone and everything that gets in the way of a single-minded response to Jesus’ invitation to be His disciple. At the same time, disciples are not naively to follow Jesus. They must calculate and consent to the cost – the price of giving their all ... even perhaps their own life. What the One who calls gives disciples in return, however, is beyond calculation – the fullness of new and eternal Life.

Jesus is using pretty radical language about renunciation and calculation in order to give us a chance to consider carefully what we do when we say “yes” to discipleship. Like so many things about life, we might enter into following Jesus with great enthusiasm and energy. But the cost of discipleship might soon dampen our spirits and lead us to lose sight of the gift of new Life Jesus offers us.

Being a disciple is not something we can undertake half-heartedly or frivolously. It is a decision to be pondered and weighed. The cost is steep. Like Jesus, we give our lives over for the good of others. *Are we willing to pay the price? **Every day?** Do we calculate carefully?*

The radical cost of discipleship suggests that our “yes” is one that must be learned. We grow into it. As we make choices to live out discipleship, we enter more deeply into its meaning and demands. At the same time as we are faithful disciples, we also continually receive from God the strength to follow Jesus no matter what the cost.

Our “yes” to being followers of Jesus and taking up His mission is first ritualized at Baptism. Whether babies or adults makes no difference ... that “yes” is always less than perfect. There is always room in our lives to grow deeper into Christ. Our ongoing baptismal “yes” is our ongoing assessment of the self-emptying stance of discipleship. Jesus is constantly inviting us to listen to Him. We spend our whole lives bringing our fullest attention to what He is saying. This Gospel passage gives us no hint about what happens if we cannot follow through on these radical demands of discipleship. From the history of God’s dealing with the Chosen People, we know God is a God of mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. Jesus lays out the radical demands of discipleship. Our human weakness begs us to call on God’s mercy and forgiveness when we cannot quite measure up. In all things, God will sustain us. God never goes back on the divine promise to give new Life to those who are faithful.

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

Fr. Larry