



August 15, 2021 | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: (effective July 25th through September 6th)

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** by appointment, please call the Parish Office
(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.psm-nj.com>



SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST & MARTYR

4:00p People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00a Marie Filippello *by Mary Visalli*

10:00a Rachel Brown *by The Fiocco Family*

MONDAY, AUGUST 16TH

STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

9:00a Harry Meyers *by His Loving Daughter, June*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17TH

9:00a Joseph Guy *by His Loving Wife, June*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

9:00a Father Larry Polansky *by A Parishioner*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19TH

JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

9:00a Grace Pio *by Charles & Jean Rishel*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20TH

BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00a No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST

PIUS X, POPE

4:00p Domenica & John Ellena *by John & Anna Contrevo*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a People of the Parish

10:00a Grace Pio *by The Wielgus Family*



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“And Mary said,
“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”
~ Luke 1: 46 ~*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of **Stewardship**. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other’s needs before our wants.

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, 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

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.

*This Week, the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity
burns for the Health and Well-Being of*

The Budd Family

by The Seniff Family

*This Week, the Sanctuary Candle
in Saint Catherine of Siena
burns in Memory of*

Rev. Herbert P. McPhilomy

by The Morris Family



August 15, 2021 | Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab | 1 Cor 15:20-27 | Lk 1:39-56

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

There are very few things in this world that are perfectly united, though many attempts have been made, think peanut butter and chocolate, Batman and Robin. But there is one example, and that is the Blessed Virgin Mary is perfectly united with Jesus' life and redemptive work. Though fully human, she is completely without sin – she is, as we pray in echoing God's angel, "full of grace." Thus she shares, as we do, in Christ's heavenly destiny but with an immediacy that we do not have. Upon her death she was instantly assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul, as the first of all the faithful who will eventually join with Christ in eternity upon death and purification. In celebrating this great Solemnity, the Church celebrates what lies ahead for those of us who imitate Mary's total trust in God. She had complete faith in God and his promises, and is a living example of the power and generosity of our God. We can follow her lead, engaging in a life of witness (proclaiming God's greatness) and gratitude (have a rejoicing spirit) for the sake of the world.

PRAY A lot of misunderstanding surrounds Catholic devotion to Mary. We do not worship Mary – that is reserved for God alone. Yet we do revere her and honor her unique and important role in God's saving plan. Pray the Magnificat or the Rosary, paying close attention to their scriptural foundation and what was happening in the "stories" within those Scriptures.

RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic, but haven't received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?

We are in the process of forming our class beginning this September. If you are interested in joining us, please e-mail the Parish Office at psma.rectory@gmail.com or give us a call at 856-881-9155.



GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, when hearing or talking about Mary's *fiat*, I first see it as a "yes" in modern, human terms. "Yes, I'll serve on that committee." "Yes, I'll organize that party." "Yes, I'll stay late to finish that project." It doesn't take long for our little "yesses" to turn into an adamant "Noooooooooooo," also known as burnout. Thankfully, Mary's yes was far more than just an acquiescence to a small request – it was the commitment of her entire self to the choice God had placed before her. And she was rewarded with a special seat in heaven near her Son. In today's Gospel, Elizabeth immediately recognizes the true meaning of Mary's *fiat*: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." What can we learn from Mary's example? We can learn trust. We don't need to sign up for every volunteer opportunity (though volunteering is a great and worthwhile thing to do), but we can say "yes" to what God is asking of us according to the gifts and graces he has given us. Through daily prayer and seeking the intercession of Mary and Jesus, we can grow closer to the Lord and prepare ourselves for the day we meet Jesus and Mary face to face.

*Parish of
Saint Michael the Archangel
Food Pantry*



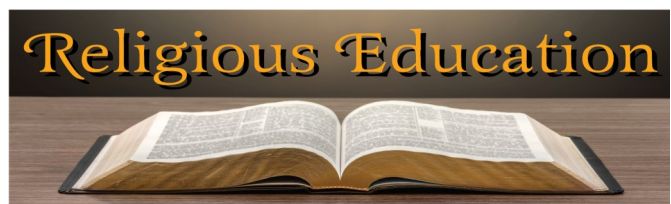
*"Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who Himself said,
'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
(Acts 20:35)*

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!



Registration for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) **IS OPEN!** Registration forms can be obtained online, in the Parish Office, and in the Gathering Spaces of each church. **Registrations will be accepted through 12 noon, Friday, August 27th.**

It is Diocesan policy that anyone preparing for a Sacrament (Eucharist or Confirmation) needs to be enrolled in Catholic school or a religious education program for two (2) years prior to being able to receive the Sacrament.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Journeys that we plan have a beginning and an end. We prepare, we leave, we reach our destination, we do what we journeyed to do, and then we return home. Journeys we plan are like circles – more often than not, we come back to where we began. The Gospel for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary describes a planned journey. “*Mary set out.*” However, her journey extended far beyond traveling to her cousin Elizabeth to help her in her need. Its duration was actually Mary’s lifelong journey of praising God, of allowing God to do great things through her, of showing how God is turning the order of things upside down, and of being an instrument of God to keep the divine promise of salvation.

Sacred Scripture doesn’t give us very much information about Mary, but from what little is revealed, we do get glimpses of what her lifelong journey was like. She conceived and gave birth to the Son of God, the One, who even in the womb, caused the unborn John the Baptist “*to leap for joy*” in his mother, Elizabeth’s, womb. She searched for the twelve-year-old Jesus until she found Him in the Temple ... *in His Father’s house.* She was with her Son at the beginning of His public ministry in Cana and all during it. She stood beneath the cross. At times, it seems as though much of her lifelong journey was one of sorrow. Still, her *Magnificat* is marked by an attitude of praise, awe, and wonder at the things God is doing for her and for all of humanity.

Today, on the Assumption, we celebrate the completion of Mary’s journey, when she “*returned to her home,*” being taken body and soul into heaven to be forever with her Lord, whom she bore in her womb. Mary’s journey comes full circle – she began her life united with God ... she was conceived without sin, in perfect holiness and she concludes life by once again being united with God in heaven.

Mary is blessed because she said **yes** to God’s invitation to place herself at the disposal of the Divine Will. Mary is blessed because her body gave life to the Word Incarnate. This is why we believe that her body is assumed into heaven: hers was a uniquely blessed body. Mary had the singular privilege of nourishing the Lord with her body. Body and soul, she was assumed into heaven to enjoy eternal Life with the divine Word. **Why? Because she said “yes.”** Not just once to the Archangel Gabriel. Not just to Elizabeth’s need. She said “**yes**” to God throughout her lifelong journey, a yes that rings out through the centuries into our own hearts, reminding us that our own lifelong journey must be like hers: responding to God with **our yes**, with our praise, with our awe and wonder at the great things that God is doing through each one of us. When our life journey parallels Mary’s journey of fidelity, then we, too, come “home.”

Our own “**yes**” to God must be so strong that self-giving defines our own lifelong journey as it did Mary’s. Sometimes self-giving is seen in only a negative, death-dealing sense. And yes, sometimes, self-giving does involve a dying to self. The Gospel of this Solemnity reminds us that there is joy in self-giving as well. The joy that comes from seeing the suffering of another lightened, or a smile brought to the face of someone who is lonely, or the peace of little ones tucked safely into bed for the night is an incarnation in the midst of our self-giving. Our self-giving unfolds in the simple events of our days that embody our own yes to God, which in turn overflows into our own *Magnificat*. Self-giving defines the lifelong journey that brings us “home” to be with Mary and her divine Son forever.

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

~ Fr. Larry



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Travel in the Footsteps of Saint Paul to Greece and Turkey with a 3-day Cruise

When? October 22 to November 1, 2021 from Newark International Airport

Cost? \$4,259 per person / double occupancy

For eleven days, you will follow the footsteps of Saint Paul and experience beautiful sites throughout Greece. Visit Philippi, where Paul the Apostle delivered his first sermon and established the first Christian church in Europe, Mars Hill in Athens, where he spoke to the Athenians, Corinth and the site of Saint Paul’s trials by Gallio, and more! You will even visit the House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus in Turkey where she lived until her Assumption according to Catholic Doctrine. A popular pilgrimage site, this Shrine has even received several papal visits and blessings. On your 3-day cruise, you will discover the captivating and beautiful Greek islands like Mykonos, Crete, and Santorini.

For more information and to register, please visit www.pilgrimages/frhughes/greece.

Cremation & Proper Handling of Cremated Remains ...

... Your Choices Don't Stop with Cremation



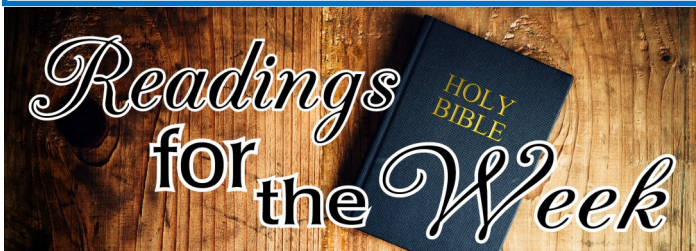
While you may have chosen to be cremated, remember to choose your final resting place. Although the Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.

Cremated remains are the body of the deceased in a changed form. We should honor them as we honor the body. They must be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. When choosing cremation, there are many choices available including:

Ground Burial † Granite or Glass Niches † Grave or Crypt

Please visit www.SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org to learn more or please call 855-697-7375 and a member of the staff will gladly assist you.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.” (John 14:3)



Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

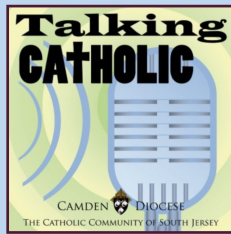
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right



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***SPIRITUALITY OF KNITTING
AND NEEDLE-CRAFTING
RETREAT***

September 14 to 16 (*mid-week*)

Come explore how the work of your hands is also the work of our Creator's hands! Through shared prayer services, presentations, daily Mass, and plenty of time to craft in community, we will explore the Spirituality of Knitting. All who knit, crochet, or needle-craft with some experience are welcome!

Cost: \$140 per person (includes program, lodging, and meals; single rooms only).

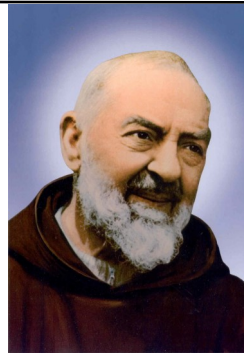
Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or please call 609-884-3829.

Marianist Family Retreat Center, 417 Yale Ave, PO Box 488, Cape May Point, New Jersey 08212-0488; E-mail: mfrf@capemaymarianists.org



<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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saint Padre Pio Festival

September 26

Our Lady of Pompeii Church Grounds
4680 Dante Ave, Vineland

The annual Saint Padre Pio Festival is fast approaching. Great food, great entertainment, and best of all great community spirit.

To volunteer or for additional information, please call the Parish Office at 856-691-7526



RUTGERS

Going to Rutgers in New Brunswick?

The Catholic Student Association at The Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset St on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick / Piscataway campuses! Please note the following information:

Mass Schedule – Sunday Mass

- Saturday Vigil – 5p – Saint Peter’s Church, 94 Somerset St
- Sunday – 8a, 10a, 12 noon – Saint Peter’s Church
- Sunday – 12 noon – Busch Student Center (beginning 09/26)
- Sunday – 6p – Saint Peter’s Church

(Saint Peter’s is in between the Catholic Center and the Barnes & Noble) CAC

Mass Schedule – Daily Mass

- 7:30a – Saint Peter’s Church
- 12:15p – The Catholic Center Chapel (located inside the Catholic Center)

Opening Activities

- **Monday, August 30** – Luau at 6p at The Catholic Center (Immediately following the RU Involvement Fair)
- **Wednesday, September 1** – CSA Night at 8p at The Catholic Center: Welcome to Rutgers!
- **Thursday, September 2** – Tailgate for RU Football at 3:30p at Buccleuch Park – look for the CSA Flag!
- **Sunday, September 5** – Opening Mass at 6p at Saint Peter’s
- **Monday, September 6** – Beach Day at the Jersey shore
Leaving CC parking lot at 9:30a ... Please come join us!

Please check us out at the Involvement Fair on August 30!!!

Please visit us online at www.rutgerscatholic.org or www.stpeternewbrunswick.org

Please also check us out on Facebook:
Rutgers Catholic Student Association