



August 9, 2020 | 19th 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**.”*

SUMMER SCHEDULE

(THROUGH LABOR DAY 09/07)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 9a at Nativity

Tuesday: 9a at Nativity

Wednesday: 9a at Nativity

Thursday: 9a at Nativity

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity

Sunday: 8a at Nativity

10:45a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7p at Nativity

Holy Day: 9a & 7p at Nativity

*(Please confirm with
Mass Intention Schedule.)*

RECONCILIATION

*Due to COVID-19
by Appointment*

Please call the Parish Office.

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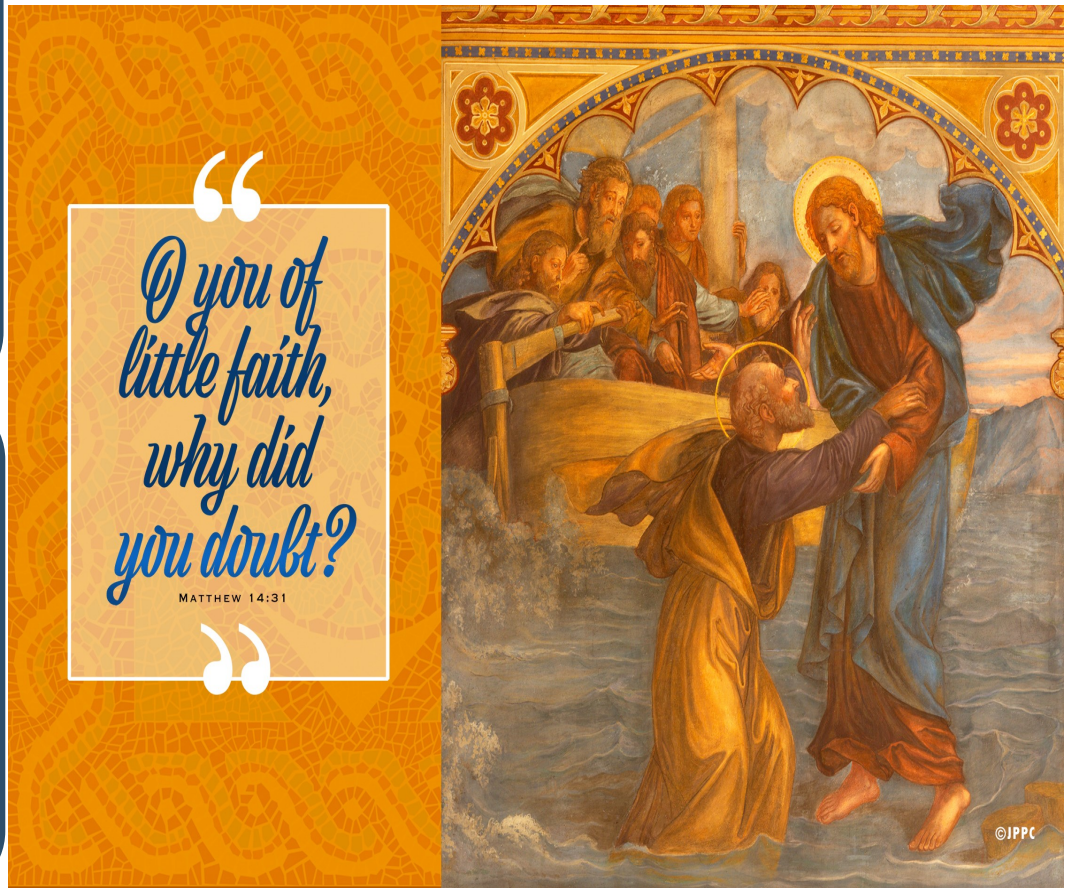
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“
*O you of
little faith,
why did
you doubt?*
MATTHEW 14:31
”

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:30p *(or by appointment, please call the Office)*

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR 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.psmaj-nj.com>



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH **DOMINIC**

4:00p (N) Maria Psyk by Pawel & Kathy Walczak

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH **19TH SUNDAY OT**

8:00a (N) People of the Parish
10:45a (N) Ronald Vidovich

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH **LAWRENCE**

9:00a (N) Helen Bottyansky – *Birthday Remembrance*
by Daughter, Ronnie

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH **CLAIRE**

9:00a (N) No Parish Intention

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH **JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL**

9:00a (N) Kevin Hogan by The Hogan Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH **PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS**

9:00a (N) Michael Kuhns, Sr. by The Seniff Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH **MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE**

No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH **ASSUMPTION BVM**

*(In the U.S., because the Assumption falls on a Saturday, it is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation.)*

4:00p (N) People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH **20TH SUNDAY IN OT**

8:00a (N) Rita Costa by Rocky & Susan Costa
10:45a (N) David Burnett by Darryl & Lisa Smith



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 & 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



Brenda Adams, George Bromwell,
Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak,
Devon Cowell, Henry Cottelli,
Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower,

Judy Dutton, Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Healy,
Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman, 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



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 Saint Catherine of Siena Church
burns for
The People of the Parish*



Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 – 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 – 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28





August 9, 2020 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9A, 11-13A | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Have you ever felt agitated? Sometimes it's about nothing in particular. Other times it can stem from something we said, a regret, a broken relationship, or just an overall sense that something in our life is off-kilter. That feeling comes to mind when I picture Peter walking across that water in the wind toward Jesus. He panicked, even with Jesus in plain sight! That feeling of agitation can throw us off balance, too. Rather than looking down at the choppy water, Jesus encourages us to keep our eyes fixed on him. We may not be able to walk on water (don't try this at home!), but we'll find peace even on the stormiest of days.



ACTION/PRAYER Have you ever played a sport that required intense focus? Often, coaches will encourage athletes to "see" in their mind the successful completion of whatever they are attempting, in order to avoid distractions. When life feels out of whack, we can set our gaze on Jesus through prayer, or perhaps by marveling at nature's beauty. It can also help to remember or keep a journal about moments when we had a palpable experience of God's presence.

STEWARDSHIP FAITH

*"He said, 'Come.'
Peter got out of the boat
and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."
~ MATTHEW 14:29 ~*

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond with **Stewardship** immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Ordinary Income

July 2019 \$22,212.79

July 2020 \$18,436.00

Difference (↓ 17%)

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Lord, save me!" I think Peter gets a bad rap for shouting out to Jesus when the waves start crashing about. After all, it took courage for him to "walk on water" in the first place. Likewise, we need to give ourselves credit for taking "leaps of faith" in our lives - whether that means a young person embracing his or her baptismal vocation and choosing to receive the graces and gifts in the sacrament of confirmation, remaining strong in our faith and keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus despite turmoil in the Church, or continuing to pray and seek God's presence on the darkest and most difficult of days. On those more difficult days, we should feel free to shout "Lord, save me!", confident that Jesus will stretch out his hand and uphold us. Likewise, we, too, can be the calming face of Christ to others - extending our hands to comfort, reassure, or just be present with others as they face the storms of life.

**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)*

If you would like to contribute nonperishable groceries to the Pantry, you may place your donations in the Pantry shopping cart which is located in the Gathering Space of Nativity Church or, if you prefer, you may bring them directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center **FROM 10:15-11:30A ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**. Since we cannot allow you inside the pantry at this time, there will be a bench outside the entrance on which you may leave your donations. We will periodically come outside and retrieve the items, but, feel free to honk your horn before driving away if you wish to alert us of your presence.

Items needed include, but are not limited to, **pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, Chef Boyardee, canned fruit, applesauce, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, boxes or packets of instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken, cereal, bags or boxes of rice, peanut butter and jelly. Non-food items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and soap are also welcome.**

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity!



I remember when I was first learning how to swim. I had no fear of the water in the pool near our house ... I knew how deep it was and I could get to the wall quickly. But when my family first went swimming at a lake near my grandmother's house, I remember that, at first, I wouldn't venture much beyond the water knee-deep. As the water got deeper, it got colder and thinking back, the deep water and no reassuring wall really frightened me. It is interesting to watch a child learning to swim. When he or she is paying attention to the instructor and looking toward that person with confidence, the child tends to do well – first floating, then stroking, then beginning to move forward in a splashy swim. But if fright takes over, the child instinctively reaches out a hand to the instructor. The instructor is the solid body of protection ... help ... rescue from seeming peril. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus is that the solid body of salvation.

The unfolding series of events in the Gospel brings into sharp contrast divine action and human response... divine trustworthiness and human doubt ... divine power and human weakness. When these contrasts clash, those who give themselves over to divine action are saved. Those who rely on their own human response often face serious harm or even death. This clash is evident within Peter. When he looks to Jesus and trusts Him, he walks on water. When he looks away from Jesus to the frightening wind and waves, he begins to sink. All of Jesus' disciples must deal with this inevitable clash. We must all choose where to look. Where we look is a matter of Life or death.

Our discipleship is not only about continuing Jesus' saving work. Discipleship is also about our fulfilling the command Jesus gives to all of us to come to Him and be saved ... to look only to Him to be the solid body that protects and saves. Indeed, in the very coming to Jesus for salvation we are exercising the basic work of discipleship ... furthering the Kingdom of God ... a reign in which all are one with Jesus and the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. We usually think of discipleship as only reaching out to others ... and it surely is that. This weekend's Gospel, however, opens up for us another and prior dimension of discipleship – we must first reach out to Jesus and be grasped by His saving hand. By this utter intimacy of relationship – reaching out, touching, being saved – we are in unique relationship with Jesus, a relationship that enables us to be His risen Presence to others in our world and to carry forward His saving mission.

In order to see Jesus (and ourselves) as the saving Presence of God, we need the one thing that Peter lacks in the story – *faith*. Faith enables us to see Jesus for who He is – not a ghost, but our “‘Lord’ who is truly ... the Son of God.” And even while we are still lacking faith, Jesus reaches out His hand to save us. It is only our faith that enables us to walk on the sea of life, to hear Jesus' call, and to venture out ourselves onto those raging waters. We will not sink in our faithful discipleship if we look to Jesus for our strength and protection. In this way – looking only and constantly to Jesus – even the raging seas and driving winds of life cannot stop us from answering Jesus' command, “*Come.*”

Our dying (being frightened, sinking, crying out for help) and our rising (being saved, acknowledging Jesus as the Son of God, bowing down in worship) place us alongside Peter out there on the raging sea of life, beckoned by Jesus to come to Him. It's far easier to come to Jesus in the obvious things, for example, faithful attendance at Mass or keeping Lent well. It's far more difficult to see God in the little things, for example, being pleasant with a telemarketer, or giving back to a cashier too much change, or giving extra time to be present to spouse or children. One challenge of this weekend's Gospel is to recognize God's saving acts in the goodness we share in our daily living. This is how we answer Jesus' call to come to Him and to be saved. This is how we constantly look only to Jesus.

May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, protect, and intercede for us always! May you and your families be well and safe! Have a great week!

Fr. Larry



75th Anniversary of Hiroshima & Nagasaki

Join other Catholics and people of good will as we approach the solemn occasion of the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 & 9, 1945, with prayers and solidarity. Find resources like a prayer card and background information at www.usccb.org/nuclear. Let's pray and act for peace in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world, but especially in Japan.

In solidarity with the Church in Japan, let's pray with the words that Pope Saint John Paul II shared at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima on February 25, 1981 ...

To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty, I pray:

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations;

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war;

Hear my voice when I beg You to instill into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship;

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace;

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto Your world Your everlasting peace. Amen.

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We have a question for you ...

With the COVID-19 pandemic and reopening guidelines in place, we can't leave the Missalettes in the pews ...

- We can distribute them to families for you to use for the remainder of the year. They will be your copy. If they are left behind in the church, we will have to throw them away.
- You can also subscribe to a publication such as *The Word Among Us*, *Give Us This Day*, or *Magnificat*, for your own personal worship aid.
- We need to place our order for next year's missalettes shortly. Would you be interested in purchasing a family copy or two? They will cost \$5 per copy. (They actually cost more, but the parish will subsidize the difference.) You will need to take them with you after each Mass. If left behind, we will need to dispose of them.

The current missalettes will be made available on the tables as you leave church beginning the weekend of Saturday, July 11th & Sunday, July 12th.

To Order Your Missalettes for the 2020 - 2021 Liturgical Year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

We would like to order _____ copies of the 2020-2021 Missalette.

Each copy is \$5. Please cut out this form and submit in an envelope marked "Missalette." If using a check, please also indicating "Missalette" on your check. They will be made available for distribution a week or so prior to the 1st Sunday of Advent (11/29/2020). We'll let you know when and where you can pick them up. They will be yours and you'll need to bring them with you to Mass and take them with you afterward.

*Whatever is happening around you does not determine God's presence. **God is always present!** The key is that you are paying attention to and what you are looking for. If you look only toward your own comfort and ease, and pay attention to your own quiet amid your storms, then you will miss the Lord right in front of you. You will be distracted by the disruptions around you. However, if you look right into the very thing that is disrupting your life and seek out Christ's presence there, more likely you will find the Lord and see God's kindness, as the psalmist begs ... **"Lord, let us see Your kindness and grant us Your salvation."** The infant's cry will no longer be an intrusion but an invitation to give God thanks for the gift of life and the gift of this family who, in the midst of their own storms, have sought out Christ's presence in your midst.*

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

MY JESUS,

I BELIEVE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

SINCE I CANNOT NOW RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY,

COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE, AND UNITE MYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.

AMEN.



Something to consider ...

One of the early symbols for the Church was a boat. The Church was seen as a small boat tossed around in an unfriendly sea (a world that persecuted Christians). But the presence of Jesus in the boat calms the storm and keeps the sailors safe. Jesus still calms storms. He still reaches out and pulls us up when we call out and put our trust in Him. Fear can seize us without warning, but we will be better prepared for it if we follow Jesus' example of making time for prayer.

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS



THOSE WHO ARE AT A HIGHER RISK FOR COVID-19 (I.E., THOSE WHO ARE OLDER THAN 65 OR WHO HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS) ARE URGED NOT TO COME TO CHURCH FOR MASS.



THOSE WHO FEEL IN ANY WAY SICK OR WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT ATTENDING MASS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.



IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT STATE POLICY, THE FAITHFUL (OVER 2 YEARS OLD) MUST WEAR CLOTH FACE COVERINGS WHEN IN PUBLIC, INCLUDING WHEN THEY COME TO CHURCH.



ATTENDEES SHOULD SANITIZE THEIR HANDS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH VIA SANITIZER STATIONS.



ALL PRESENT AT MASS SHOULD SIT 6 FEET OR MORE AWAY FROM OTHERS. FAMILIES MAY SIT TOGETHER.



THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND MASS MAY BE ENCOURAGED TO SPEND TIME DAILY READING THE SCRIPTURES, PRAYING WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WATCHING A BROADCAST OR LIVESTREAMED MASS, AND MAKING AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.



LIVE STREAMING

Please check out <https://www.camdendiocese.org/live-stream-mass/> for Parishes in the Diocese and sites throughout the country that are live-streaming the Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass, but would like to continue watch it, this is for you!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Please remove everything you brought with you and any literature you may have picked up while here. ©JPC



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Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.
We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Amen.