



January 31, 2021 | 4th 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 Nativity
Tuesday: 9a at Nativity
Wednesday: 9a at Nativity
Thursday: 9a at Nativity

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Nativity
10a 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.*

OFFICE MANAGER

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PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS

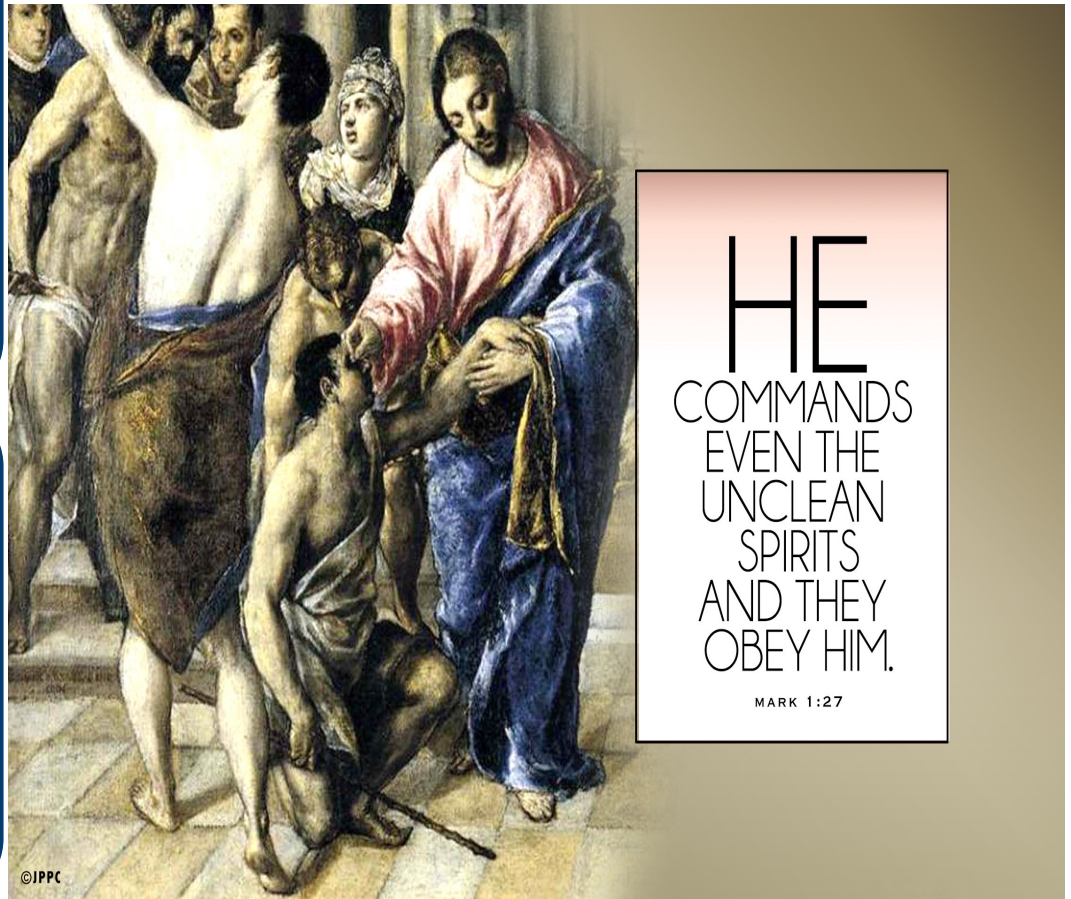
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HE
COMMANDS
EVEN THE
UNCLEAN
SPIRITS
AND THEY
OBEY HIM.

MARK 1:27

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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-12:30p (or by appointment, please call the Office)

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.psmaj-nj.com>



SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH

4:00p (N) Health & Welfare of David Lachowicz
by Fr. Larry & Fran Carder

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a (N) Ethel Wright by The Wright Family
10:00a (N) People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

9:00a (N) Jim Novak by The Seniff Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9:00a (N) Kevin Hogan by His Loving Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR AND ANSGAR, BISHOP

9:00a (N) Diane Alvino by Rocky & Susan Costa

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

9:00a (N) The Holy Souls in Purgatory
by The Wright Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH

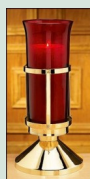
9:00a (N) No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

4:00p (N) People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a (N) Hannah Pio by Mom-Mom & Pop Pio
10:00a (N) Anne Marie Polansky

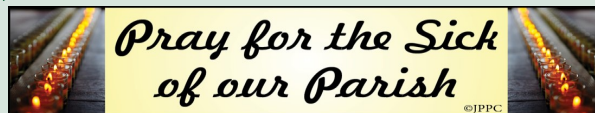


SANCTUARY CANDLE

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 Sanctuary Candle in Nativity Church burns
in Loving Memory of
Gerry Seniff*

*The Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena Church
burns in Loving Memory of
Don Miller
Requested by His Loving Wife Joan*



Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas Christian,
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,
John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride,
Gerry McCloskey, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,

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 & 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



Ambassadors, Ushers, Sanitizers ...

We need your help! We need individuals at each Mass to help us to guide parishioners to their seats, to social-distance, to guide during Holy Communion and with exiting the church afterwards, and to help disinfect in-between Masses. If you have a few moments, would you please prayerfully consider helping us? Please see Fr. Larry or call the Parish Office. **Many hands make light work!**



January 31, 2021 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20 | 1 Cor 7:32-35 | Mk 1:21-28

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

When was the last time you were “astonished” and “amazed”? Parents might point to the birth of their child. Space enthusiasts might recall Neil Armstrong’s walk on the moon. Perhaps we felt that sense of amazement the first time we saw the Grand Canyon or another natural wonder. For the people of Capernaum, Jesus had that effect. He taught with authority. He commanded an unclean spirit. In our modern society with the constant bombardment of news and social media, it can be easy to become numb to the wonder that surrounds us. Perhaps we think we’ve seen it all. Even Jesus and the words that turned ordinary people into extraordinary disciples of the early Church can be something we take for granted or only think about for 20 minutes on Sunday. Our Gospel challenges us to quiet the noise, and Paul encourages us to seek “adherence to the Lord without distraction.” Let us pray that the Lord rekindles our faith, so that we may hear his words again as if for the first time and engage ourselves anew in living according to his teachings.

WITNESS Today’s psalm struck a chord: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Next Sunday, make a conscious effort to listen to the readings and music with an open heart (and ears). If something strikes you, consider sharing that with others – be it around the dinner table, on a walk with friends, or during a video call.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It is very hard to keep exciting news to ourselves. We have an innate desire to share important information and extraordinary events with those whom we love. It could be the call to parents to announce an engagement. Or perhaps telling a friend that you have landed a job or been accepted to college. While these milestones are significant, they pale in comparison to what Jesus has done for us. Through him, we have experienced God’s love, mercy, and redemption, not to mention the direction and means to attain a good life: on earth and with him forever in heaven. Why not share that Good News as well? We don’t have to stand on a street corner to be effective. We can simply let our faith lives enter our conversations, just as our work and other interests do. It could be as simple as, “our priest said something Sunday that really stuck with me,” or “I just finished a remarkable book about Dorothy Day.” As we begin to talk about our faith and listen to others share their insights, we not only grow closer to one another, but can grow in faith together.



Please know you can easily find Diocesan audio Podcasts and YouTube resources from local Catholic experts, produced by the Office of Communications with the *Catholic Star Herald*, to share with others at

talking.catholicstarherald.org/

Subscribe to these YouTube channels to view all videos:

Subscribe to the Catholic Star Herald YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCLK-2e35CrjZDzJlprO6s4Q

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www.youtube.com/channel/UCKPigUniIpN77DldUfyweow



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

Pasta, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, soup, rice, baked beans, peanut butter, oatmeal and pancake mix are just some of the items needed at the pantry at his time. **Soap, toilet tissue, toothpaste and toothbrushes** would also be appreciated. These and any other nonperishable items may be placed in the shopping cart in the Gathering Space of Nativity Church, or, you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O’Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings.**

Since we cannot allow you inside the pantry at this time, 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.** We are sorry, but, food left out in the elements for an unknown number of hours or days when we are not present at the pantry or when the church is not open cannot be used safely and must be discarded.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

*Prefer not to shop?
Monetary donations are always welcome.*

STEWARDS PRAY

*“Brothers and sisters:
I should like you to be free of anxieties.”*
~ 1 Cor 7:32 ~

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won’t necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. **Stewards pray** for things instead of worrying about them.

Pastor's Corner



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Dear Parishioners,

Some people will vehemently claim that they do not need organized religion because they know God in their heart, they have their own personal relationship with God, or they find Him in nature, and that is enough. These claims are rooted in the truth, but only partly. God has planted a yearning for Himself in the human heart, and God's might and power are evident in the magnificence of creation. However, there is a higher order of revelation we must not ignore. This is God's revelation of Himself that comes to us through the words of the prophets, and then, most fully, through His Son, Jesus.

Why should anyone be content with just a whisper from God within oneself, or a shadow of God in nature? Jesus was real ... He walked among the people ... He extended His hand in healing time and time again ... ate with His friends and sometimes with His enemies ... welcomed sinners and strangers into His company. Jesus brought hope to those who were living in sin and relief to those suffering dreadful afflictions. Simple words from Jesus bring about powerful results, such as those we heard today, "**Quiet! Come out of him!**"

The words of Jesus brought healing and forgiveness, and they also brought comfort and direction in times of uncertainty. He said, *Follow Me, I will make you fishers of men ... Be not afraid ... I will be with you always ... Today you will be with Me in paradise.* Such powerful words that no one had ever spoken in this manner before. The absolute authority with which Jesus spoke moved many people to follow Him and listen closely to His teachings.

To listen closely to the teachings of Jesus is every Catholic's responsibility today. It is easy to hear the Scriptures proclaimed each time we attend Mass, but it can be more difficult to listen with a receptive ear and a willing heart ... and harder, still, to put those lessons into practice.

Bringing forth goodness and life ... the fruit of authority well exercised ... is very much at the heart of the Paschal Mystery. Jesus' authority rested in both His Word and His power and willingness to confront evil. Paschal Mystery living requires us to be so bold as Jesus in confronting whatever "demons" in us keep us from surrendering ourselves over to the growth and life to which God calls us. The call to die to self is more than idle talk ... it is the ongoing demand in daily living to listen to God's Word, to know all that the Lord commands us, and to embrace the life God offers. In the surrendering of ourselves over to God's will ... in the dying to self ... is the identity with the "**Holy One of God**" which assures us of new life.

The words of Peter from Saint John's Gospel express it well; *Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.* We are to listen, believe, and live accordingly. This is our task, and the Spirit of God alive in us will help us accomplish it. Truly, this is astonishing and amazing Good News.

It is my prayer and wish that you and yours continue to have a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year! May Saint Michael the Archangel defend, guide, and intercede for us always!

Fr. Larry

News from the  DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

COVID-19 Impact on Upcoming Events and Celebrations

February 3rd – Memorial of Saint Blaise

The traditional blessing of throats, which is done on the Memorial of Saint Blaise or on the Sunday before or after, is to be done in a general manner. The Priest presiding at Mass should ask the Faithful to bow their heads and then pronounce the usual blessing without candles in hand. The USCCB Committee on Divine Worship issued a statement, that in light of COVID-19, the blessing is to be administered by extending hands over the congregation without crossed candles and that individual blessings are not permitted.

February 17th – Ash Wednesday

The USCCB Committee on Divine Worship issued a statement, that in light of COVID-19, the blessing and distribution of ashes may take place at the usual time in the Mass or in the context of a prayer service. However, ashes are not to be imposed by means of a Priest’s or Minister’s thumb, nor are they to be imposed using individual cotton swabs / Q-Tips. This year, ashes are to be imposed, as is done in many parts of the world, by sprinkling them onto the head of the penitent. The Priest or Deacon presiding is to bless the ashes as usual and then pronounce over the gathered assembly the formula “*Repent, and believe in the Gospel*” or “*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.*” The Ministers then cleanse / sanitize their hands and, wearing masks, impose ashes without saying anything. The Faithful, wearing masks, approach the Ministers who are also wearing masks, and bow slightly as the ashes are sprinkled over their head. This is in agreement with the Gospel mandate for the day to not make a public display as you embrace the disciplines of Lent.



Celebrate National Catholic Schools Week January 31- February 6

There is much to celebrate! Catholic schools in the Diocese of Camden have been open full-time for in-person and remote learning since September 2020. With the health and safety of students, faculty, administrators and staff as a top priority, South Jersey Catholic Schools continue to:

- Educate and inspire young minds spiritually, academically and in service to others
- Develop leaders who are ready to shape the world with knowledge, integrity and compassion
- Foster a safe environment grounded in the love of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic church
- Create a sense of belonging and community for students and families
- Achieve a college attendance rate of higher than 95%

A Catholic school education is the Gift of a Lifetime.
Learn more at www.southjerseycatholicschools.org.

2020 Contribution Statements

Tax time is just around the corner and its time to collect all those necessary papers to file. If you would like to receive a copy of your 2020 Contribution Statement, **PLEASE:**

- 1) **E-Mail** PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com including the information below.
- 2) **Fill out the form below**, place it in an envelope, and drop it into the Collection Basket or at the Rectory during normal office hours.
- 3) **Call the Parish Office** at 856-881-9155 and provide the info below.

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2020 Contribution Statement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I prefer an e-mail

E-Mail Address: _____



Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 or 22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9-11;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Please Note.....

If you handle any bulletins, literature, prayer cards, etc., please take whatever you touched home with you.

Doing so will decrease the spread of germs through contact. ©JPPC

Thank you



Chance of Transmission	Asymptomatic COVID-19 Carrier	Uninfected Person
Very high		
High		
Medium		
Low		
Very low		
Virtually none		

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!

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

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.

WEAR IT CORRECTLY

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Completely cover the nose and mouth with the face covering.
Be sure it fits snugly against the side of the face.

Nose & mouth are not covered.

Nose is not covered.

Mask is too loose.

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.