

November 21, 2021 | Christ the King



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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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p **Thursday:** 10:00a-12:00 noon

(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.pdma-nj.com>



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

4:00p Robert J. Carder, Jr. by Joe Starpoli

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:00a Jo & June Costa by Rocky & Susan Costa
10:00a People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

CECILIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

9:00a Dennis Monzo by The Fote Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

BL. MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO, PRIEST & MARTYR

9:00a Robert H. Brown by Pat Pannullo

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

9:00a John T. "Jack" Burton by The Trachina Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00a Robert J. Carder, Jr. by The O'Hara Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

9:00a No Parish Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

4:00p People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00a Grace Pio by The Kozachyn Family
10:00a Dennis Monzo by The Fote Family



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 Church Burns
 in Memory of*

Philip Azzante, Sr.

Requested by Dan and Karen Seniff

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING

Brenda Adams, Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro,
 George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian,
 Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
 Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Martha Eastman, Anne Ellena,
 Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, 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

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 Air Force

AB Jacob R Custis

US Marine Corps

Gy Sgt Brad Davis, Cpl Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, US Navy; US Army Medic

STEWARDS SHARE

*"Jesus answered,
 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'"
 ~ John 18:36 ~*

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. In **Stewardship**, generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.



**Parish of
Saint Michael the Archangel
Food Pantry**



*“God loves a Cheerful Giver”
2 Corinthians 9:7*

Once again the holiday season is upon us. From Thanksgiving through Christmas, there is so much to do in so little time! As you’re making that mad dash through your favorite grocery store, please consider picking up an item or two for our parish food pantry. Here are some suggested items but anything **nonperishable** is appreciated: **stuffing, turkey gravy, canned yams/sweet potatoes, pasta, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, applesauce, canned vegetables, soups and broths, tuna, canned chicken, rice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal and crackers. Cookies for Christmas would be a nice extra.**

You may leave your nonperishable items in the shopping carts located in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and St. Catherine of Siena churches, 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.**

Prefer not to shop? Monetary donations are always welcome.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A “CHEERFUL GIVER!”



Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



**November 21, 2021 | Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe | Dn 7:13-14 | Rv 1:5-8 | Jn 18:33b-37**

*Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE*

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

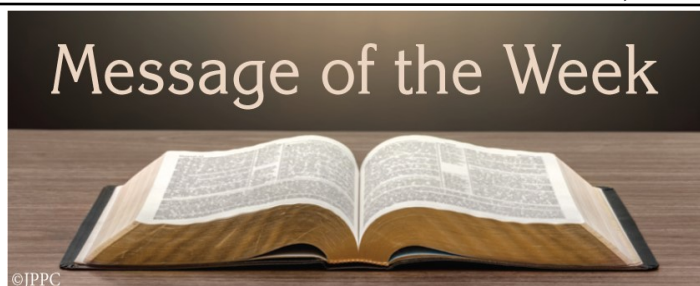
Many Americans have a fascination with royalty. We love to follow the royal family in real life and via the binge-worthy *Crown* series on Netflix. As royal-watchers know, the crown isn’t all it’s cracked up to be! History and experience, too, show that earthly kingdoms include their share of divisiveness, betrayal and, at times, a total disregard for other people. Jesus gives us a different kind of kingdom and kingship to aspire to – one based on truth not fiction, and born of suffering and not succession. Jesus did not seek earthly glory but endured a crown of thorns and death on a cross to establish the kingdom of heaven – a kingdom that perfects us and unites us with the Holy Trinity. So it is fitting that as we end the liturgical year, we honor Jesus as King of the Universe – heaven, earth, and all creation. Jesus established his kingdom by sacrificing himself out of love for us. By our baptism we have a share in this holy identity, and therefore, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we have the authority and power to proclaim Christ’s Kingship to all the world by our words and deeds. In this way we are able to serve the one true king, and participate in building God’s kingdom on earth.

PREPARE Advent starts next Sunday! Just as we prepare for major holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving, we can start roughing out an Advent “menu.” How will we observe as a family this year? What are our goals for the season? What can I accomplish in the week ahead to free up Advent for prayerful preparation?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Some people aren’t shy about saying where they stand: I’m especially fascinated by bumper stickers. We don’t like to talk about politics or religion, but somehow it’s OK to proclaim our most deeply held beliefs as we tool down the highway. As we celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe, it’s a good time to ask ourselves: Is Jesus king of *our* universe? If so, how do we proclaim it? Bumper stickers can be fun, but sharing our belief in Jesus as our Savior requires human interaction. Introverts like me may find it difficult, but we can witness to our faith in a number of ways: Yes, through conversation, but also through the priorities we choose and the examples we set. As members of the kingdom of God – present on earth but not yet fully realized – our baptismal vocation is to participate in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. We can ask Jesus to help us find the words and actions that best help us do so.



Dear Parishioners,

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we honor the victory of Jesus Christ over suffering and death, over evil and infidelity, over this world and all its lures. During the conversation in this weekend's Gospel, Pilate questions Jesus about His identity: *"Are You the King of the Jews?"* and about why He is on trial: *"What have You done?"* What unfolds is a conversation about two very different worlds. That of Pilate and the chief priests, in which fighting, falsehood, and obstinacy predominate and that of Jesus, in which life, truth, and openness prevail. Yes, Jesus is a King – but of a kingdom different from Herod's. What He has done is to reveal a kingdom that *"does not belong to this world,"* but is meant to transform it ... from evil to goodness ... from sinfulness to salvation ... from death to life.

We clearly see that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. Christ's kingdom is not a spatial place ... it *"does not belong to this world"* ... but an interior identity defined by our relationship to Christ the King. This weekend we celebrate a King whose Presence and power we have already experienced: Christ, whose kingdom is not territory but virtue ... not power but service ... not wealth but grace. This King has loved us with His very life.

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Where is Jesus' kingdom? It exists wherever people embody Jesus' manner of acting and relating ... it *"belongs to the truth"* ... wherever the Spirit of Jesus Christ is the rule of life. We enter into Jesus' kingdom whenever we listen to His voice and proclaim Him *"the Alpha and the Omega"* (Second Reading) of all that is. The liturgical year culminates with a summary statement of the identity of Jesus – *"Christ the King."* As Christ, He is worthy of our worship. As King, He is deserving of our service. As we celebrate this enthronement of Christ in glory (First Reading), we also look forward to His victory in us when we are *"freed ... from our sins"* and *"made ... into a kingdom"* (Second Reading).

Thus this Solemnity invites us to renew our commitment to serve Him with all our hearts. It invites us to renew our self-giving stance as disciples who follow our King. In our self-giving we are transformed, and as we are transformed so is the world because He has made us into a kingdom (Second Reading). The surprise of this day is that we are God's kingdom already. We already share in His victory for we are *"freed from our sins."*

At the end of this liturgical year, we are invited by the liturgy once again to fall in love with our King who has won for us eternal life. *"To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen"* (Second Reading).

Self-giving service is a small price to pay for our share in this eternal glory. Living the Paschal Mystery means that we don't count the cost, but always find strength, hope, and encouragement in the glimpse of final victory we are repeatedly given throughout the liturgical year. Living the Paschal Mystery means that we see the victorious Christ even in the everyday trials and difficulties that we face. Living the Paschal Mystery means that we are ever faithful to the rhythm of dying and rising as it unfolds in our everyday prayer, work, and leisure. Living the Paschal Mystery means that we are *"priests"* (that is, mediators) for those whom we meet – that we are the Body of Christ leading others to holier lives and happier commitment. If someone should then ask us, *"What have you done?"* (See the Gospel), then our answer would come quickly and surely – we have served our King. We have loved our King. In doing so, we have shared the greatest wealth possible – His kingdom where all is glory.

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

Fr. Larry



In November We Remember

*“May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs receive you at your arrival and lead you to the holy city, Jerusalem.
May the choirs of angels receive you
and with Lazarus, once a poor man,
may you have eternal rest.”*

In Paradisum (*Into Paradise*) is an antiphon from the traditional Latin liturgy of the Western Church Requiem or Funeral Mass. It is usually sung by the cantor or choir as the person is being taken out of the church for the Committal ceremony.

During the Masses this weekend, all are invited to pray for family members, relatives and friends who have gone before us. This weekend, however, in a special way, the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel remembers those members of her family who have passed during the previous year. As remember and celebrate the lives of all of our loved ones who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord, we celebrate them every day, particularly during the month of All Souls.

We pray in a special way for those members of the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel family who passed from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 from the Parish.

*Emile E. Baptiste
Dolores Marie Cairone
Joseph Peter Cairone
Robert John Carder, Jr.
Anna Cernoch
Marie C. Filippello
Renee Geortler
Antoinette Theresa “Anne” Geverd
Mary Alyce Hagelstein
Angelo F. LaSpata*

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Maryann Manna
Angelina Theresa Melino
John William Owens
Robert Eugene Pelikan, Sr.
Grace Ann Pio
Charles S. Raciti
Raymond Joseph Rossi, Jr.
William Leslie Sciuto
Lilly Marlene Sees*



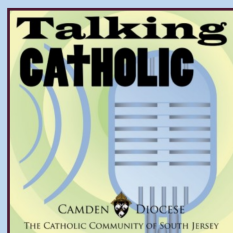
Pope John Paul II said *“I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter.”* Worldwide Marriage Encounter is being supported by Bishop Sullivan for support of Catholic married couples.

Renew, Rekindle, & Restore your marriage in Ocean City!

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will take place at the Port O Call Hotel on the beach in beautiful Ocean City, December 3rd - 5th.

The weekend begins Friday night at 8p and concludes with Mass at 3pm Sunday. Come celebrate your marriage, Advent, and an early Christmas gift with your spouse.

For information and to apply log onto wwme-southjersey.org or call our application couple at (609)741-8012.



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It's that time of year once again ...

The Giving Tree Project is going to be a bit different this year as we focus on specific groups of individuals and bring them some holiday cheer throughout the season of Advent.

Each Sunday, over the next couple of weeks, we will be gathering gifts for those in thought and prayer. No tags ... just bring an unwrapped gift for someone on our list.

Round One, we're collecting for the **Seminarians of the Diocese of Camden**. At this time of the year, these 13 men are preparing for the Priesthood. They can use Wawa gift cards for gasoline or coffee and snacks ... bags of candy or snacks, or other bank gift cards for incidentals. Our Knit & Crochet Ministry is preparing hats and scarves for them. We need your gifts by **November 28th** so that **Fr. Adam Cichoski**, our Vocation Director and son of the Parish, can deliver your gifts.

Round Two, we're collecting for our local **Toys for Tots** campaign. Please bring an upwrapped toy for a child four-years-old and up. There will be boxes in the Gathering Spaces of both churches beginning Saturday, December 4th through Sunday, December 12th so that we can give them to our local retired Marines for distribution to children in the area.



We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts.
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in you our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son.
forever and ever.
Amen.