



November 3, 2019 | 31st 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
Tuesday: 9a at Nativity
Wednesday: 9a at Nativity
Thursday: 7p at Saint Catherine
Friday: 9a at Saint Catherine
Saturday: 9a at Nativity

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4p at Nativity
Sunday: 8a at Saint Catherine
10:45a at Nativity

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 7p at Saint Catherine
Holy Day: 9a & 7p at Nativity
*(Please confirm with
Mass Intention Schedule.)*

RECONCILIATION

Thursday immediately following
the 7p Mass at Saint Catherine
Saturday 3-3:30p at Nativity
or by appointment.
Please call the Parish Office.

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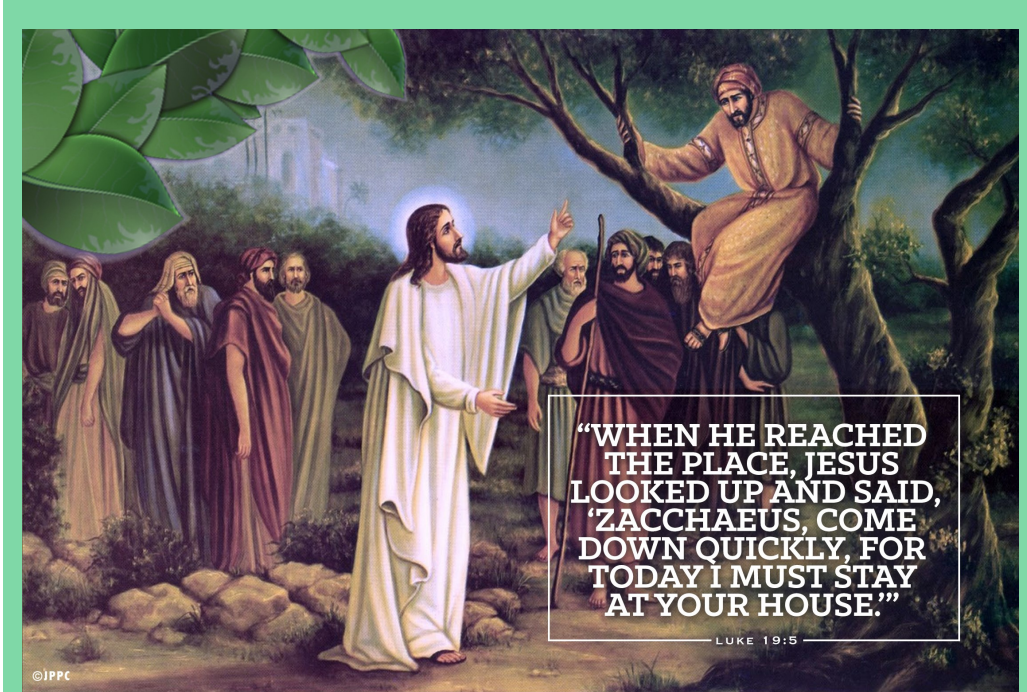
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REGIONAL SCHOOL**

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**“WHEN HE REACHED
THE PLACE, JESUS
LOOKED UP AND SAID,
‘ZACCHAEUS, COME
DOWN QUICKLY, FOR
TODAY I MUST STAY
AT YOUR HOUSE.’”**

LUKE 19:5

*“The Son of Man has come to seek
and to save what was lost.”*

~ Lk 17:11-19 ~

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NATIVITY: 2677 Delsea Dr, Franklinville **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA:** 700 N Delsea Dr, Clayton

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 12 - 4p; Tuesday & Wednesday 8a - 4:30p; Thursday 8a - 12 noon; **CLOSED ON FRIDAY**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION OR LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY: *Please contact the Parish Office.*

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please stop by the Parish Office, take a look at our website, or call to register

Please visit our new website at <https://www.psmaj-nj.com>



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

9:00a All Souls' Intention
4:00p All Souls' Intention

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD 31ST SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a All Souls' Intention
10:45a All Souls' Intention

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH CHARLES BORROMEO

9:00a All Souls' Intention

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

9:00a All Souls' Intention

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

9:00a All Souls' Intention

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

7:00p All Souls' Intention

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

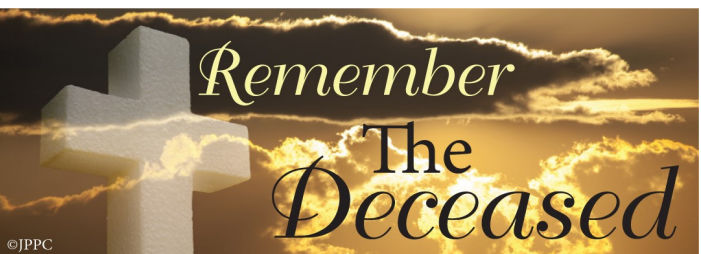
9:00a All Souls' Intention

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9:00a Jerome & Magdaline Blickley
4:00p Deceased Members of KoC Council #6890

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH 31ST SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a James McCann by His Loving Wife & Children
10:45a The People of the Parish



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
November 3rd through November 9th,
the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity
Burns in Memory of
Hannah Pio*



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, 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



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 McCloskay, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers,
Jack Nelson, Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh,
Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola, & Susan Webster

STEWARDSHIP SHARING

*“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord,
‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord,
I will give to the poor,
and if I have extorted anything from anyone,
I shall repay it four times over’”*

~ Lk 19:8 ~

We are all called in **Stewardship** to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

**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!**



**Feast of
All Souls’**

Traditionally, the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel comes together to celebrate those in our Parish and members of our families who have passed in the previous year with a Mass of

Remembrance. This year, since the Feast of All Soul’s falls on a Saturday, we will be celebrating our Mass of Remembrance on **Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00p** in Nativity Church, Franklinville. We invite all of our parishioners to take part in this beautiful celebration, especially if you have lost someone close. Light refreshments will be offered immediately following the Mass.

Stewardship in Action

Weekend of 10/26 & 10/27

Ordinary Income **\$4,218**
Online Giving **\$660**

Campaign for Human Development **\$443.59**

***Thank you for your continued generosity
to our Parish!***



***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 14 men are preparing for the Priesthood (*and final exams*). 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 15th** so that **Fr. Adam Cichoski**, our Vocation Director and son of the Parish, can deliver your gifts to the men by Thanksgiving.

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. We need your gifts by **December 1st** so that we can give them to our local retired Marines for distribution to children in the area.

Round Three, we’re collecting **baby goods** ... diapers, wipes, formula, onesies, clothing, etc. for the Acenda Integrated Health in Glassboro and the assistance they provide to new Moms who need it. We need your unwrapped gifts by **December 15th** so that we can get them to Acenda and the individuals who will benefit from them.



***The Parish of
Saint Michael the Archangel
presents its 10th Trip ...***

***New York City
featuring
THE ROCKEFELLER CENTER
CHRISTMAS SHOW
WITH THE ROCKETTES***

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019
\$195 per person**

Package Includes:

- Christmas Show with the Rockettes at Rockefeller Center
- Dinner – ***Puglia’s Restaurant***
- Taxes & Meal Gratuities
- Motorcoach Transportation

Only 40 tickets are available for this trip. Due to the short turn-around, we need your full payment to reserve your place on the bus **by November 6th**. Please contact Fran in the Parish Office.



When have you found yourself up a tree? Perhaps it's when we find ourselves in a difficult situation and can't seem to find a way out. The idea is to climb down ... to find a solution. In this weekend's Gospel story, Zacchaeus does just the opposite. He goes up a tree to solve his problem. *So, what's not to like about this Zacchaeus story?* All kinds of things might feed our imagination. A "wealthy man" throws aside all social propriety and does what an enthusiastic child would do – he climbs a tree! And he doesn't pick an easy tree – he climbs a sycamore tree, a very tall tree ... a tree that doesn't have any branches close to the ground. He chooses a very difficult way to get what he wants ... *"to see who Jesus was."* And in the process, he gets more than what he climbed the tree for – Jesus tells him, ***"Today salvation has come to this house."***

Zacchaeus' short stature kept him from seeing Jesus with his physical eyes. His ardent desire to encounter Jesus, however, indicates that he had already seen Him with the eyes of his heart. Encountering Jesus does not depend upon the goodness of one's life but encountering Him can bring about conversion of life. Zacchaeus chooses to put his life in right order. For this reason, Zacchaeus and his household both come to salvation. Encountering Jesus and choosing to put our own life in right order brings us to that same salvation. We only need to see Jesus with the eyes of our heart wide open.

All of us are invited to salvation. Those are saved who seek Jesus (*Zacchaeus made the first step when he climbed the sycamore tree to see Jesus*) and are open to being sought by Him (*Jesus stayed at his house*). Those are saved who change their lives when they encounter Jesus. Just seeing Jesus isn't enough. Encounter must lead to a faith relationship that makes a difference in our lives. Moreover, since Jesus continues His saving mission through us His disciples and followers, we must be equally responsive to others. We must put our own affairs in order and care for those in any need. We must also live in such a way that when others encounter us, they encounter Jesus.

Zacchaeus is the last person Saint Luke mentions before Jesus enters Jerusalem – it is as if Saint Luke chooses to end his Gospel account with a memorable story about why Jesus came: ***"For the Son of Man has come to seek / and to save what was lost."*** If "salvation has come" even for this short tax collector, a person who would have been despised by his own people for working with the Romans, who then would ever be excluded.

Most of us don't have to be so creative or go to the extreme of climbing a tree to encounter Jesus. However, this weekend's Gospel forewarns us that we ought to not be complacent about our spiritual lives. Zacchaeus reminds us that we must also be always willing to change and to grow and to be vigilant about our relationships with others ... since those relationships serve as a barometer of our relationship with God. Creativity in seeking Jesus might mean that we are innovative in our personal prayer life rather than continually reciting the prayers we might have learned long ago. What prayers might better meet our spiritual needs now so that we can grow in our relationships? It might mean that we keep certain days of the year (perhaps the days of the Triduum or some days during Advent) as a "mini retreat" in order to diligently seek Jesus and a better relationship with Him. It might mean that we don't wait for people to come to us and ask for help but that we notice others' needs and offer to help before they ask. In these and countless other ways we encounter Jesus – and salvation comes to our house.

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

~ Fr. Larry



Fall is finally in the air and the flavor of all things pumpkin surrounds us – a sure sign that the Thanksgiving Holiday is just around the corner. Not only is it a time to be thankful for the many blessings God has given us, but to share our bounty of food with those in need, who unbeknownst to us, might just live around the corner. The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel Food Pantry once again needs your help in providing a special Thanksgiving meal for our neighbors who have fallen on hard times. There are suggested shopping lists in the Gathering Spaces of both churches, as well as shopping carts where food items may be placed.

It would be greatly appreciated if all food items could be brought in **by November 17th**, as Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed on Sunday November 24th.

“This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

~ John 13:35 ~



- ◆ **Sunday, November 3rd** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10a in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, November 3rd** – *PREP* will meet in Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School from 9-10:15a.
- ◆ **Monday, November 4th** – The *Evangelization Committee* will meet from 7-9p in the O’Meara Conference Center, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Tuesday, November 5th** – All *Ministry Reports are due* for the Pastoral Council Meeting on November 12th.
- ◆ **Tuesday, November 5th** – The *Knit & Crochet Ministry* will meet from 9:30-11:30a in the O’Meara Conference Center, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Tuesday, November 5th** – The Parish will hold their *Bereavement Mass* for family and friends of the Parish who have died in the past year at 7p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Wednesday, November 6th** – The *KoC Council 6890* will hold their meeting from 6:30-10p in the Saint Catherine of Siena Church Basement, Clayton.
- ◆ **Wednesday, November 6th** – Got Music? The *Contemporary Choir* will meet from 7-8:30p in Nativity Church, Franklinville.



We need your help! The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel is looking for Liturgical Ministers: **Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ushers.**

Altar Servers need to be at least in third grade (have made their First Holy Communion) and can serve through their high school years (and beyond).

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Lectors need to attend a one-day workshop run by the Diocese.

If you feel that God is calling you to do more during the Mass, please call the Parish Office at 856-881-9155 or see Fr. Larry to sign up for these very important ministries of the Church.

PreK through 8th Grade
 Rigorous Curriculum
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Men's Spirituality Conference (the Largest in South Jersey)
November 9, 2019
 Paul VI High School Conference Center
 For more information: www.manupsouthjersey.com



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In Honor of Our Veterans
Gate of Heaven Cemetery Offers
A Veterans Lawn Dedicated to our Military

As Veterans Day approaches and as we pay tribute and recognize all who have served our country, we say thank you, and we wish you a peaceful and blessed day.

In honor of our veterans, South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries offers discounts for veterans who choose to be buried in our veteran lawn at our Gate of Heaven Cemetery located on the White Horse Pike in Berlin. The lawn is dedicated to our military men and women and their spouses. Veterans have the opportunity to be buried alongside of their fellow Catholic veterans in recognition of the sacrifices made in protecting our country.

We offer several discounts for our veterans choosing to be buried in our veterans lawn at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. For more information call 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375), and a member of our staff will gladly help you.

*"God is our refuge and our strength,
 an ever-present help in distress."
 ~ Psalms 46:2 ~*



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.

Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish presents...

Give God A Second Thought
A Busy Person's Parish Mission
 With Paulist Fr. John Collins

Got Questions?

*What good is God? Where am I going? Why don't prayers work?
 Why do some people get the best of me?
 Do I have to love everybody?*

• Come and explore these and other questions in a humorous, down-to-earth manner with Paulist Father John Collins.

• Haven't been to church recently? Don't worry! All are welcome.

• Opportunity for questions and socializing will follow each talk.

Topics
 Monday - *What Good is God?*
 Tuesday - *Why Prayers Don't Work*
 Wednesday - *Ten Kinds of People We Don't Have to Love*

Meet and hear Fr. Collins at our weekend Masses Nov. 9th & 10th!

November 11th, 12th, 13th
 Following 9:00 AM Mass @ Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church
 7:00 PM @ Our Lady of Lourdes Church
 Same talk morning & evening - your choice of time!
 Open to teens & adults
 (Children's lesson offered at Encounter and Echo M - W)
 Visit us at mary-mom.com for more info
 Or call the Parish Office - 856-881-0909

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.