



March 13, 2022 | 2nd Sunday in Lent

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

REV. LAWRENCE E POLANSKY, PASTOR

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

*“To bear witness to **God the Father**,*

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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“This is my CHOSEN SON; listen to him.”

LUKE 9:35

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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.psm-nj.com>

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a Betty Tamgni by Pat Pannullo
10:00a The Holy Souls in Purgatory by The Wright Family

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

9:00a For the Health & Well-Being of Sister Marian Leo, IHM by the Morris Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH

9:00a Kathleen "Babe" Bottaro by The Wielgus Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH

9:00a Agnes McGuire by Ron & Sally Bonner

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH
PATRICK, BISHOP

9:00a Tom Austin, Sr. by Kevin & Kathy O'Hara

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH
CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

7:00p (SCS) – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH
JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00p Edward & Wanda Polansky

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00a The People of the Parish
10:00a Anita Smith by Mario & Gail Clement



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 Memory of
Tim Luko
Requested by Dan and Karen Seniff*

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena, Debbie Fazio, Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries, Lorraine Kreiner, Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Pat Luko, John Henry Mathiesen, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskey, John Mitchell, 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, & PFC Vincenzo Taormina

US Navy

AWR Daniel Carr, AG1 Jamie Engleman & EM2 William Little

US Air Force

AB Jacob R Custis

US Marine Corps

WO3 Brad Davis, SGT Nate McAllister, & CPT James V. Tumolo

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

STEWARDSHIP GRATITUDE

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
~ Genesis 15:7 ~*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show in your Stewardship, gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Most of us live far too hectic lives – we are busy from morning to night with work, chauffeuring the kids, cleaning, meals, answering e-mail, and a hundred other things. When we might finally sit down in the evening to relax a little, we often doze off while reading or watching a TV program. We might wake with a start when the book drops out of our hand, or wake up when a commercial comes on with its louder volume to find we missed half the TV program. Peter, James, and John in this weekend's Gospel must have really been tired after their climb up the mountain, for they fell asleep. Then they awaken to see Jesus' transfigured glory. How startling that must have been for them!

Saint Luke's account of the Transfiguration event is the only one that includes the necessity of the Passion on the journey to glory ("*His exodus that He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem*"). Peter awakens from sleep to see Jesus' glory and wants to stay there ("*it is good that we are here; let us make three tents*"). **But he did not know what he was saying.** To share in the glory of Jesus, disciples must walk the journey of Jesus: offer their very lives for the sake of others. These three Apostles were privileged to awaken from sleep to see Jesus' transfigured glory. But they clearly missed the most important point – this transfigured glory foreshadows His risen glory. Saint Luke's insight is that glory presupposes embracing Passion.

Jesus' Transfiguration – in all its glory – cannot erase the stark reality of self-offering. Simply put, glory comes only through embracing the Passion. This is the paradox of the Paschal mystery: that something as desirable as a share in Jesus' transfigured glory only comes through our embracing something as demanding as dying to self for the good of others. Even in this glorious moment of Transfiguration – which gives us encouragement and hope on our Lenten journey – we are reminded that the only way to remain in that glory is to die to self. We have to come down off the mountain and walk our own journey through death to glory.


Baptism is our covenant with the Lord. Rather than animal offerings and "*smoking fire pot and flaming torch*" (this weekend's First Reading), **the sign of our covenant with God** is water, chrism, a white garment, and a lighted candle. Saint Luke's allusion to Jesus' death in Jerusalem prompt an allusion to our being plunged into Jesus' dying and rising in the baptismal waters. We are invited this weekend to see our Baptism in light of the Transfiguration.

Baptism isn't simply a ritual we perform, but a covenant with God that we live out the rest of our lives. During Lent we prepare to renew our covenant with God at Easter. This means we not already share in God's life and look forward to that day when we will share eternal glory with God, but we also embrace the suffering and death of Jesus during His Passion.

Let's face it ... constant dying to self gets tiresome! This weekend we are given a glimpse of glory to ease the discouragement of a lifetime of self-emptying. This tells us something about how we might keep the Lord's Day holy. If each Sunday were a day of rest, a time to be good to ourselves, to do something special that is uplifting, to enter into a moment of glory, we would be better fortified and equipped to continue dying to self.


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

Fr. Larry



INFORMATION MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend an information meeting



Do You Have the Gifts To Serve Christ as a Deacon?

- † Do you see in yourself the gifts needed for helping others?
- † Are you drawn to pray and listen to the Word of God?
- † Do you participate actively in Church ministry?

If you can answer these questions with a confident **YES!** perhaps you should learn more about the deacon's ministry in the Catholic Church.

Saturday, March 26, 2022
Diaconate Center
15 North East Avenue
Vineland
9:00 am to 11:00 am

"The vocation of the permanent deacon is a great gift of God to the Church"
 Pope Saint John Paul II

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:
 Contact: Linda Decosta - 856.583.2858 - linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org

OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE
www.camdendiocese.org/diaconate/
 631 Market Street
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Prayer for the Holy Father to **Consecrate Russia**

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, you are the holy Mother of God and our tender Mother.

Look upon the distress in which the Church and the whole of humanity are living because of the spread of materialism and the persecution of the Church.

In Fatima, you warned against these errors, as you spoke about the errors of Russia.

You are the Mediatrix of all graces. Implore your Divine Son to grant this special grace for the Pope: that he might consecrate Russia to your Immaculate Heart, so that Russia will be converted, a period of peace will be granted to the world, and your Immaculate Heart will triumph, through an authentic renewal of the Church in the splendor of the purity of the Catholic Faith, of the sacredness of Divine worship and of the holiness of the Christian life.

O Queen of the Holy Rosary and our sweet Mother, turn your merciful eyes to us and graciously hear this our trusting prayer.

Amen.

+ Athanasius Schneider, Auxiliary Bishop of the archdiocese of Saint Mary in Astana

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KoC COUNCIL 6890 SCHOLARSHIPS



Due to our continue success of our fund raisers the Knights of Columbus will again award two onetime scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year.

- The first scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded to ANY high school graduate with a 2.5 grade average or above who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in their school, church, and community and who will be attending ANY four-year or two-year accredited college or university.
- The second scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to any eighth-grade student who plans to attend a Catholic high school.

Please see your school guidance counselor for the application. **Applications are due by April 25, 2020.** Please contact John Ryder at 856-307-9997 with any questions.





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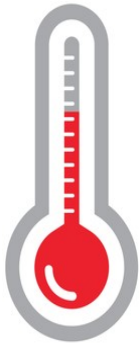


As of March 7th,

Through your generosity,
we have raised **\$39,094** toward our
goal of **\$50,700**.

We are **77.1%** there!
Let's keep up the great work!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



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 ~*

As we move forward into spring, a season of renewal and rebirth, our parish food pantry continues to provide assistance to those who come to our church seeking a helping hand. If you would like to help, you may leave your donations of nonperishable items in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or you may deliver them directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center **from 10:15a 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.**

Here are some suggested items: **pasta, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, tuna, canned chicken (or other canned meats), rice, pudding, peanut butter and jelly**. Also, nonfood items such as **soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are appreciated.

*Thank you
for your continued support and generosity!*



in the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

Confession Opportunities*

SATURDAYS IN LENT AT NATIVITY

March 19st and 26th
3-3:30p

April 2nd and 9th
2:30-3:30p

No Confession on Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022

** (or by appointment)*

Stations of the Cross with Benediction

7:00p

March 18th – Saint Catherine of Siena

March 25th – Nativity

April 1st – Saint Catherine of Siena

April 8th – Nativity



March 2-April 10 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

HELP SAVE LIVES IN SOUTH JERSEY!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **20,000 babies** saved from abortion
- Over **200 abortion workers** converted
- Over **100 abortion centers** closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside Cherry Hill Women's Center: 502 Kings Hwy N, Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact: Claire Howson
856-313-9861 or claire@helpersnj.org

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown

www.40daysforlife.com/cherryhill



Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

A Reflection on the Parts of the Mass ... *(continued)*

Homily Length

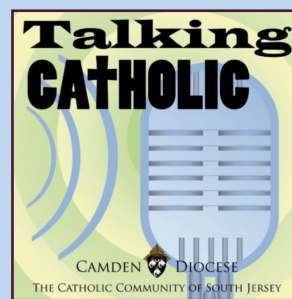
MANY PREACHERS are judged by the length of their homily. People may not say much about the content, but they will talk about the minutes. The length of a homily varies considerably. Many last from ten to fifteen minutes. A bishop usually goes longer. At daily Mass, a homily is shorter.

Catholic liturgical laws say nothing about the length of a homily. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* refers several times to the homily, but it mentions “short homily” only once—and that is in reference to funerals (382). The introduction to the *Lectioary for Mass* says rather cryptically that a homily should be “neither too long nor too short” (24).

In the structure of the Catholic Mass, the homily is not as important as the biblical readings or the Eucharistic Prayer. Its length pertains not just to its content, but also to its role in the entire celebration. Mass is more than a homily with some ceremonies before and after. The homily plays a more subdued role: It offers an exhortation on the spiritual life and prepares people for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

However, in many other Christian churches, the preaching is the centerpiece of the gathering. Sometimes called “the sermon” or “the message,” the preaching is considerably longer than what Catholics typically experience because it plays a more central function in the service. Consequently, some Christians complain that the Catholic homily is too brief.

In the Catholic liturgy, the reading of Scripture takes precedence. It is a sacramental moment. “When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel” (GIRM, 29). The rest is commentary, no matter how short or long.



Please know that 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/

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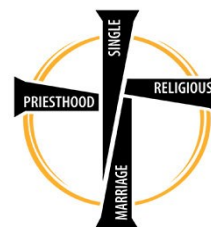


<https://camdendiocese.org/livestreammass/>

You can use the above link to for live-stream Masses in the Diocese, outside the Diocese, or on the radio.

iRace4Vocations

Everyone has one... Which is your road?



On Sunday, April 3, 2022, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many people from throughout the Diocese at Cooper River Park (Jack Curtis Stadium | 5300 North Park Drive | Pennsauken) for our annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1:00p followed by our 5K run/1 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese.

For more information and to register for the event, visit camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations.