June 2, 2019 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

# The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

## Clayton & Franklinville

### Rev Lawrence E Polansky, Pastor

Deacon Matthew Hanrahan, Retired
Deacon James N Hogan, Retired
Permanent Deacons

**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 Daily Mass Schedule**
*(Through Labor Day)*

**Monday:** 9a at Saint Catherine of Siena
**Tuesday:** 9a at Nativity
**Wednesday:** 9a at Nativity
**Thursday:** ***No Mass until 09/05***
**Friday:** 9a at Nativity
**Saturday:** 9a at Saint Catherine of Siena

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

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

**Holy Day Mass Schedule**

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 9:30 – 10a at Saint Catherine of Siena
3 – 3:30p at Nativity
or by appointment.
***Please call the Parish Office.***

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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** 12 - 4p; **Tuesday & Wednesday** 8:00a - 4:30p; **Thursday** 8a - 12 noon; ***Closed on Friday***

**Sacrament Preparation:** ***Please contact the Parish Office.***

**New Parishioners:** ***Welcome!*** Please stop by the Parish Office or call to register.
Parishioners requesting sponsor eligibility certificates for Baptism or Confirmation need to visit the Parish Office.

***Please visit our website and sign-up for our newsletter at*** **www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com**

# Mass INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST — JUSTIN

**9:00a** **Marge Blickley** *by A Friend*
**4:00p** **Joe McCloskey** *by His Loving Wife, Nancy*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND — 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**8:00a** **Margaret Hoffman** *by Pat Pannullo*
**10:45a** **The People of the Parish**

## MONDAY, JUNE 3RD — CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS

**9:00a** **Mike Ryan** *by Tom Tobin*

## TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH

**9:00a** ***No Intention***

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH — BONIFACE

**9:00a** **Louise Manton** *by Fran Carder*

## THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH — NORBERT

**7:00p** **No Mass** – *Thursday Mass resumes 09/05*

## FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH

**9:00a** **Joseph Perkins** *by Bob & Denise Hennessey*

## SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

**9:00a** **Antoinette Versace** *by The Gaudio Family*
**4:00p** **The People of the Parish**

## SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH — PENTECOST

**8:00a** **Regina Myers** *by Mary Visalli*
**10:45a** **Stephen Eric Curran** *by His Loving Family*

## *The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel*

welcomes its newest members …

**Luke Franklin Knight**
**Shane Matthew Knight**
**Riley Savannah Pratt**
**Liam Patrick Reimel**

***May they always walk as children of the Light!***

Brenda Adams,
George Bromwell, Rob Christian,
Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton,
Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Hanrahan,
Matt Healy, Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman, Lorraine Kreiner,
Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Gerry McCloskay,
Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Jean Myers, Jack Nelson,
Timothy Parker, Grace Pio, Michele Resavage,
Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, Karen J. Viola,
& Susan Webster.

*If you have a family member who you would like to see added to the Prayer List, please ask their permission (due to the HIPAA Privacy Act) and contact the Parish Office by calling 856-881-9155 or e-mailing PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com. Thank you!*

## STEWARDSHIP LIFESTYLE

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end …"*
*(REV 22:13)*

This is a reminder of how a ***Steward*** should live life 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when we are at Mass and Parish activities, but when we are in the world … at work, at school, or at home. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle. It should influence how we make all our daily decisions.

## *Stewardship in Action*

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, collection totals were not available for the May 25th & May 26th weekend.
They will be printed in an upcoming bulletin.

***May God bless you for your Stewardship of our 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.

***This week, the Sanctuary Candle burns in Memory of***

***Michael Kuhns***

## 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**, MA2 **Joshua Colbert**, LS3 **Alex Hirst**,
EM2 **William Little**

***US Marine Corps***

Gy Sgt **Brad Davis,** Cpl **Nate McAllister,** CPT **James V. Tumulo**

LT JG **Dominic J. Tumulo,** US Navy; US Army Medic

## OUR 9TH PARISH TRIP

## BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## SEPTEMBER 23 - 26

The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel announces its ninth trip to Boston, Massachusetts for a four (4) day – three (3) night stay which includes:

- Three (3) nights lodging in the Boston area.
- Three (3) breakfasts and three (3) dinners
- Faneuil Hall Marketplace
- Old North Church
- Bunker Hill
- JFK Library & Museum
- Tour of Cambridge & Harvard Square
- Tour of Boston, Salem, & Gloucester
- Foxwoods Casino

The price for the trip is $555 per person / double occupancy and $750 per person / single occupancy. Price includes all of the above and motor coach transportation with taxes & meal gratuities. There is trip cancellation insurance available upon request.

**A $50 deposit per person is due by June 10th**. For more information and / or to make a reservation, please contact the Parish Office at 856-881-9155 or e-mail the Parish Office at PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com.

## *Have you considered Online Giving?*

ConnectNow | Giving

Summer is coming, so please don't forget your financial commitment to the Parish. Simplify your life with online giving! We encourage you to consider making your life easier and making a difference for you and our Parish community … please consider making a commitment to consistent giving. This might be difficult, but we have a tool that will make it just a bit easier. Through our secure Online Giving program, which is accessible from our website, www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com, you can set up recurring and one-time gifts, contribute to specific funds, and see your giving history at any time. *Why not sign up today?* This way you can sit back, relax, and enjoy the summer.

## *Compassionate Care …*
## *… The Knit & Crochet Ministry at PSMA*

The Knit & Crochet Ministry generously makes and donates afghans for Parish Baptisms, Nursing Homes, and the Needy. They also make afghans, lap-gans, hats for cancer-chemo patients, wash cloths for our parish food ministry during the holidays and for the Clayton and Franklinville Days as gifts to promote our parish.

If you wish to purchase and / or donate any color yarn, the pictures provide a few examples of the type of yarn they would like and can use. Otherwise a gift card to AC Moore or a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought to the Parish Office, to the Sacristy before or after Mass, or placed in the collection in an envelope clearly marked "Knit & Crochet" Thank you for your support!

**"Why is there a Mass *'For the People of the Parish'* … a *'Pro Populo Mass'* very weekend?"**
**"Isn't it just a 'filler' when there isn't already another intention? … Why can't I 'have' that weekend Mass?"**

Quite simply, there is a Mass offered for the intentions of the People of the Parish every weekend because that is what Canon Law [Church law] obliges the Pastor of a Parish to do.

> ***Canon 534****: §1. After a pastor has taken possession of his parish, he is obliged to apply a Mass for the people entrusted to him on each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation in his diocese. If he is legitimately impeded from this celebration, however, he is to apply it on the same days through another or on other days himself. §2. A pastor who has care of several parishes is bound to apply only one Mass for the entire people entrusted to him on the days mentioned in §1. §3. A pastor who has not satisfied the obligation mentioned in §1 and §2 is to apply as soon as possible as many Masses for the people as he has omitted.*

So a Pastor is **obliged** to celebrate a Mass for his parishioners every weekend and every Holy Day. That's Canon Law. It's what every Pastor is supposed to do. If the Pastor can't ***legitimately*** do that, he can ask another (an Associate Pastor to celebrate the Mass on the Sunday or Holy Day… *not an option at PSMA*) or celebrate the Mass for the people on another day.

If you remember the second half of 2017 after I first arrived, when almost all of the weekend intentions were taken, I took whatever available Mass there was during the week to fulfill the obligation. (I was legitimately impeded from doing what I was supposed to do, so I fulfilled the obligation as best I could.)

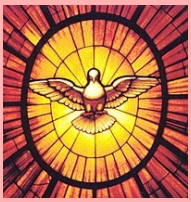
When the new Mass Intention book opened in 2018, there was a multi-intentioned Mass [which by Diocesan Law, one (1) weekend Mass is allowed to be multi-intentioned] added that rotated through the weekend Masses. However, what resulted was that many didn't want *"that Mass"* and many of the weekday Masses remained open, which is why the 2019 Mass Intention book didn't open until late in December 2018.

There are no multi-intentioned weekend Masses in 2019 because there is no need to have them. While the weekend Masses for 2019 are almost full, there are **many** weekday Masses still available. A Mass offered for your loved one has the same power, effect, and offers the same graces when celebrated on a weekday as a Mass offered on Saturday at 4:00p [as the Vigil for Sunday] or on Sunday at 8:00a or 10:45a. And incidentally, while there is a limit on the number of Masses you can request when the Mass Intention Book first opens, that does not mean you can't come back later in the year to request additional Masses.

So I hope this clears up why I offer a Mass for all of you every weekend and on every Holy Day. It is not simply a "filler." It is what **every Pastor is obliged to do for the people he serves** and I do it gladly.

**~ Fr. Larry**

## *PENTECOST SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND …*



June 8th & June 9th we celebrate Pentecost. Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, the Apostles, and Jesus' followers … the birthday of the Church and the beginning of their earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations … ***a ministry we all share by virtue of our baptism***.

Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday also called Shavuot, a harvest festival, or the Feast of Weeks, which the Jewish people use to celebrate the end of Passover. They celebrate the gift of the law (the Ten Commandments) to Moses on Mount Sinai. We, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles, Mary, and other followers of Jesus were gathered in the upper room, while Jews from all over the world were gathered in the city of Jerusalem to celebrate their feast. The room shook and a great wind blew and the Holy Spirit appeared as a tongue of fire which split itself and came to rest on each of the heads of those present. Each began to speak in tongues and despite the fact that those in Jerusalem visiting spoke different languages, each were able to understand what the Apostles were proclaiming.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red, the Priest wears red vestments, and the church is often decorated with red, orange, and yellow flowers symbolizing flame. **Next weekend, please wear red to participate in the commemoration and celebration of the Holy Spirit's descent upon the Apostles.**

PREP
Parish Religious Education Program

We are now accepting registrations for the Parish Religious Education Program for the 2019-2020 academic year. We have classes for Pre-K3 & Pre-K4 through eighth (8th) grade. You can find forms in the back of both churches at the Parish Office on online at www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com.

You may place your registration forms in the collection basket at any Mass (clearly marked PREP / Religious Ed) or at the Parish Office during normal hours. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Wheeler, CRE at religiousedsmap@gmail.com. Cash or check payment is due in full at the time of registration. Checks can be made payable to the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Tuition for PREP is $125 for one (1) child, $175 for two (2) children, and $215 for three (3) or more children. There will a $25 late fee for registrations received after June 30th, a late fee of $50 for registrations received after July 31st, and a late fee of $75 for registrations received after August 31st.

PLEASE NOTE

Effective Thursday, May 16th, for the summer, there is no Thursday night 7p Mass at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Clayton. Thursday night Masses will resume after Labor Day on Thursday, September 5th.

## THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FOOD PANTRY

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind."* (Heb 13:16)

Spring is finally here! Let's celebrate this season of renewal and rebirth by sharing our blessings with those who come to our church seeking a helping hand. Donations of non-perishable food items such as **canned potatoes, cereal, canned fruit, rice, pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly** may be placed in the shopping carts located in the entrances of both of our churches. Monetary donations and gift cards may be placed in envelopes marked ***"For the Food Pantry"*** and dropped into the collection basket or delivered to the Parish Office.

***Your support of the Parish Food Pantry makes helping neighbors a reality … Thank you!***

## Principal of Saint Michael the Archangel School, Miss Bruni's Farewell Reception

Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School PTA cordially invites the parish families to join us in celebrating Miss Janice Bruni and her many dedicated years of Catholic school education as our Principal. We will gather together on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 from 6:30-8:30p in the school's social hall. All are welcome! Light food & refreshments will be served. Please kindly RSVP at the following website: https://tinyurl.com/y6qfbd2x

## Registration

**We are still accepting registrations for 2019-2020!** Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School, 51 W North Street, Clayton is a premier Catholic grade school in the heart of Gloucester County that educates students Pre-K3 through 8th grade. We offer a dynamic middle school elective program, full and half-day Pre-K3 & 4, and full-day kindergarten. **Any Pre-K student that attends three (3) or more Full Days will receive After Care at NO CHARGE!** Please contact our Advancement Director, Sheri Klein at 856-881-0067 or sklein@smrsonline.com for your personal tour of our campus.

## Summer Camp

We are now accepting Summer Camp Registrations. Nine (9) themed weeks are available from June 24th until August 23rd. Spots are filling quickly. For more information please contact warriorcamp@smrsonline.com.

***Challenging Minds, Building Faith!***

Dear Parishioners,

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter ... this day holds a special day in my heart because it is the anniversary (not the calendar date, but the occasion) of my first Mass as a Priest.*

*The Little Prince*, by French author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, is a classic work that tells the tale of a little prince from a far-off world who comes to earth searching for happiness. He finally chances upon a wise fox who teaches him about friendship. When the Little Prince is about ready to return to his planet, the fox says good-bye by telling him a secret: ***"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."*** For all the time Jesus has spent with His disciples (and no doubt, He had many special moments), perhaps the one recorded in this weekend's Gospel is the most telling. Jesus is preparing to say good-bye to His disciples, and He lets them, through His prayer, to see intimately into His own heart. The "secret" Jesus reveals is how much He loves us and that He desires for us the same love and unity that He and the Father share.

Prayer reveals the deepest desire of our hearts and our truest selves. As Jesus prays in this Gospel, we learn what is deepest in His heart. Further, Jesus' prayer teaches us that in the unity we share as the one Body of Christ, we already participate in His glory ... simply because by being the one Body of Christ, we share in His identity and so also are already united with the Trinity in all its glory. Jesus' prayer reminds us that being a disciple means that we already share in Jesus' glory. Whether we are disciples who give our lives for Christ, as Stephen did in the first reading, whether we give our lives to God as ordained ministers or consecrate our lives to Him in a religious order, or whether we are disciples who plod along as faithful witnesses to Christ in the ordinary circumstances of daily living, the result is the same ... we are the Father's gift to Jesus ... we are intimately loved into a union with God and with one another ... and we already share in divine glory.

In this intimate prayer of Jesus before His suffering and death, we see clearly how much Jesus sustains us in our discipleship. Our peek into what is deepest in Jesus' heart should encourage us. The gift of the Spirit that we receive helps us see who we are to be as the one Body of Christ ... those whose lives are spent in self-sacrificing surrender for the sake of others. Our glory lies in imitating Jesus, knowing that dying to self leads to risen life.

Truly, Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper is not only for the disciples who were present with Him ... but it's also for all of us. In this very heartfelt prayer, Jesus reveals the intimacy He enjoys with His Father ... the same intimacy He desires with and for His disciples (and US!). Such a love! Such a unity! Such a gift! Such a life! Personally, I felt that ten years ago as Bishop Galante ordained me to the Priesthood and as I celebrated my First Mass.

Most often when we think of living the Paschal Mystery, we think in terms of the concrete self-surrendering acts we undertake in order to live the dying and rising mystery of Christ. Today's Gospel doesn't dispute that, but it also affords us an opportunity to reflect on a completely different kind of self-surrender ... that of giving ourselves over to God in the intimacy of prayer. Just as Jesus' prayer reveals us as sharing in His love for and unity with the Father, our prayer reveals both our love for and union with God and our love for and our union with each other. Just as Jesus was prompted in His prayer to look not to Himself but to the well-being of His disciples, our prayer should draw us out of ourselves toward God and concern for others. In that way, our prayer becomes a kind of self-sacrificing surrender for others.

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

Fr. Larry