



June 9, 2019 | Pentecost

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**."*

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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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

REGIONAL SCHOOL

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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 at www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com

**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*

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH

9:00a **Carmen Visalli** by *His Loving Wife, Mary*

TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH

BARNABAS

9:00a **Most Rev. Joseph A. Galante**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH

9:00a **Wanda A. Polansky** – *Birthday Remembrance*
 by *Her Son, Larry*

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH

ANTHONY OF PADUA

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH

9:00a **No Intention**

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH

9:00a **Dawn DePrince** – *Living Intention*
 by *the Gaudio Family*
 4:00p **Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish**

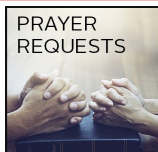
SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00a **Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish**
 10:45a **Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish**



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 McCloskey,
 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

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you ..."
 (JN 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit for Stewardship to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words, and actions.

Stewardship in Action

Ordinary Income – May 25th & 26th \$4,001.44

Electronic Giving – May 25th & 26th \$435.00

Ascension Thursday, May 30th \$779.00

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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.

For the week of June 9th through June 15th,
the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity
*burns in Memory of **Victoria & Joseph D'Italia***
and
the Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena
*burns in Memory of **Frank Panna**.*

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, LS2 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' ... every 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 most people didn't want "that Mass" either, many of the weekday Masses remained open, and 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 in order to be fair to everyone, 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



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 or 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 religioussmap@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 be 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.

NEW JERSEY INDEPENDENT VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM TO OPEN JUNE 15

As had been announced in February of this year, 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 will be open to claims beginning June 15th.

The IVCP is independently administered by experienced victim compensation experts Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros. Mr. Feinberg was the plan administrator for the federal 9/11 victim compensation program, as well as the Boston Marathon bombing compensation program.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and will operate independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution. The administrators of the IVCP will 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.njdiocesivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

The IVCP is a continuation of the goals set out by Bishop Dennis Sullivan in his February 16, 2019 letter to the people of the Diocese of Camden. *"We pray that God will continue to look after the victims and survivors of the priest sex abuse scandal. We ask that He give them hope, provide them with healing and bring comfort to their wounded souls."*

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.

A Word of Thanks ...

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Deacon James Hogan and his family for their service to the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Deacon Jim retired in 2016 (having reached the mandatory retirement age for all clerics Deacons, Priests, or Bishops) but continued during his retirement as a Permanent Deacon to assist Fr. Michalak and myself until just this past month. He's planning to spend more time with his family at their second home down in Atlantic City and to assist Fr. Jon Thomas and the Parish of Saint Monica with the security issues being addressed both here and in so many parishes in the Diocese.

Deacon Jim still considers the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel "home" and will continue to assist whenever needed. Stay tuned for info regarding a Parish reception to formally say, *"Thank You, Deacon Jim!"*

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,

“***If*** you love me.” “***Whoever*** loves me.” Our love is always a free choice and, as human beings, we are never quite sure of our choices. God’s love, on the other hand, is sure and steady. God continually sends the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. This indwelling Spirit empowers us to love with God’s steadfastness. Transformed by the Holy Spirit, our love moves from “***if***” to “***I can, I choose, I will.***” On this festival of Pentecost which concludes our celebration of the Resurrection ... our celebration of Easter, we are given a Gift of Life so that we can faithfully take up Jesus’ saving mission. Pentecost is an invitation **to choose to love ... to choose to do ... to choose to be risen Presence**. This is the power of Pentecost and why we can continue Jesus’ ministry. The Holy Spirit imbues us with God’s love.

In the Gospel for the Solemnity of Pentecost, the emphasis is not so much on God’s power as on our receptivity to God’s indwelling presence which enables us to be faithful disciples. Both power and gentle relationship characterize the disciple who has received the Holy Spirit. God’s power in the Spirit gives birth to a new relationship of love and divine indwelling. The Spirit’s dwelling in us ***is*** the Father’s and Jesus’ love and the qualification for why we can continue Jesus’ mission. The Spirit is our “***soul’s most welcome guest,***” our “***strength***” (Sequence). The Holy Spirit is the source of the disciple’s life and mission. Filled with the Spirit, disciples are able to love as Jesus loves.

We can be sure of God’s steadfast Love dwelling in us because God’s very nature is to be love and God cannot act against the divine nature. God ***is*** love. ***For God to act is love.*** The Father’s love for disciples and Jesus’ abiding presence with and in them ***is*** the Holy Spirit. Here is the significance of Pentecost ... divine indwelling (“***make our dwelling***”), outfitting for mission (“***teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you***”), and a way of life (“***love Me ... keep My commandments ... keep My Word***”). Easter culminates in Pentecost when Jesus’ risen life is shared with us in a most profound way through the coming of the Spirit. We ourselves now go forth to carry on Jesus’ mission ... equipped with divine indwelling. We are never alone in our demanding discipleship. The Holy Spirit is always with us.

The Holy Spirit is not a Gift like other gifts we might receive – open them, appreciate and use them, wear them out, or discard them. The Spirit received in Baptism and the Spirit’s presence is strengthened in Confirmation so that we might carry on Jesus’ saving mission. The more we respond to the Holy Spirit’s indwelling, the more we are immersed in God’s very love. The choice to love becomes more clear, more focused. The Spirit brings us to a single-mindedness about our love and about our choice to take up Jesus’ saving mission.

Sometimes in our lives we might witness to a ***powerful*** presence of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we must confront another who has done wrong and refuses to change, perhaps we must stand up to injustice, or perhaps we must challenge another to more ethical and generous living. Sometimes in our lives we might witness to a gentler, ***relational*** Spirit. Perhaps we spend extra quality time with the children, perhaps visit elderly relatives or neighbors and bring them some cheer, or perhaps we help someone pick up the pile of oranges which has come tumbling down in the grocery store (***I think you get the idea***). In these great and simple acts, the Holy Spirit works through us and moves us from “***if***” to “***I can, I choose, I will.***”

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

Fr. Larry