July 17, 2022 | 16th 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: 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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Summer Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p

(You may also call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment any time 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.psma-nj.com
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Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 16TH
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 17TH
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Marie Napoli *by Carin & Daughters*
10:00a Elsie McCullough *by The Wielgus Family*

MONDAY, JULY 18TH
CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

9:00a Julia Nichols *by Joe & Vicki Nichols*

TUESDAY, JULY 19TH

9:00a Grace Visalli *by Carmen Visalli, Jr.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH
APOLLINARIS, BISHOP & MARTYR

9:00a For the Intentions of Samantha Wright
Birthday Remembrance *by Her Loving Parents*

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST
LAWRENCE BRINDISI, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00a Health & Well-Being of Angelina Flamma
by Dan & Karen Seniff

FRIDAY, JULY 22ND
MARY MAGDALENE

9:00a *No Parish Mass*

SATURDAY, JULY 23RD
BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS

4:00p Joseph & Michelina Cuccio
by Francis & Anna Marie Cuccio

SUNDAY, JULY 24TH
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a The People of the Parish
10:00a For the Intentions of Fr. Lawrence Polansky
by The Cichoski 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.

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

George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian, Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek, Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena, Matt Healy, Lorraine Kreiner, Pat Luko, Rosemary McBride, Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner, and Karen J. Viola

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!

STEWARDSHIP FAITH

"…I am a minister in accordance
with God's stewardship given to me
to bring to completion for you the word of God."
~ COLOSSIANS 1:25 ~

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like Saint Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to live in ***Stewardship***, joyfully expressing your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

When someone lives alone, it is often challenging for that individual to have guests in for dinner. The host needs to be busy about getting the drinks and hors d'oeuvres, finishing up the dinner, etc. At the same time, the host wants to be with his or her guests. This raises an important question: how can one serve and be hospitable at the same time one is attentive to guests? This can sometimes be a tricky balancing act. But every good host knows that the guests are more important than anything else.

This weekend's Gospel demonstrates many expressions of hospitality: welcoming, listening, and serving. While each expression is valuable, none is complete in itself nor an end in itself. There is no one way to be hospitable. Hospitality in its deepest meaning makes possible a personal encounter of the kind that Mary is having with Jesus. This is the "better part" to which Jesus refers. Martha's generous hospitality is marred by her upbraiding Jesus and complaining to Him about Mary. Rather than being truly hospitable, she is "anxious and worried" only about accomplishing a task. Her welcome shifts away from Jesus to herself. Busy about herself, she misses the "better part" … centering on Jesus. The "better part" is to be undividedly present to the person of Jesus. Even when serving.

Hospitality – genuine welcome of the other and surrender to the other – facilitates encounter. One critical aspect of discipleship is being attentive to Jesus' presence. Abraham (in this weekend's First Reading) is totally attentive to the three strangers. He greets them and bows down in respect. He extends an invitation to remain a while and then does what he needs to do to make his guests comfortable. Abraham's hospitality was an attentiveness to his guests. In contrast, Martha is "anxious and worried." She loses sight of her Guest and gets wrapped up in her task, as well-meaning as that may be.

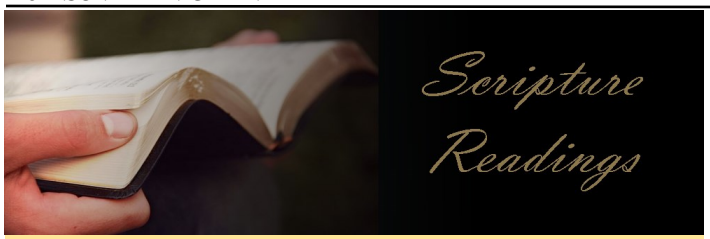
The Gospel teaches us about encountering the Lord. Martha surrendered to anxiety and worry rather than to the presence of her Guest. What is the "better part"? As important as certain aspects of hospitality are, the "better part" is to surrender to the presence of the Lord. Faithful discipleship depends upon keeping the Lord at the center of all we are and all that we do. Faithful discipleship depends upon encountering the Lord.

So, how do we keep Jesus at the center of our lives when we are always so busy? One way is to practice seeing Jesus in every person we meet. Another way is to remember that all the good we have and do ultimately comes from God who is the source of all good. Yet another way is to stop and think about why we are doing things. Are we doing things simply to accomplish a task or are we doing things to build a stronger relationship with others?

In the "busy-ness" of the average person's everyday life, we must take time to be present to others so that we truly ***encounter*** them. This is primary if we disciples are not to lose sight of the One who teaches us – and often teaches us through those to whom we are truly hospitable. Discipleship relativizes our noble and pious instincts to be busy about others and calls us to become present and take the other into our heart. It necessarily requires our surrender to the One who speaks, and that surrender looks like self-giving. The encounter with Jesus is essential for Christian hospitality. Let us hear that well!

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

Fr. Larry



Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 & 17; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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."
~ Hebrews 13:16 ~

Summer – time for swimming, gardening, vacationing and shopping for the pantry! Yes, the pantry will be open throughout the summer. As always, we appreciate your generous donations of nonperishable food items of all kinds, including **ramen noodles, instant potatoes, pasta, rice, canned chicken, canned meals such as Chef Boyardee, canned tomatoes, cereal, peanut butter and jelly**. Nonfood items such as **soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes** are also welcome. These donations may be left in the Gathering Spaces of both Nativity and Saint Catherine of Siena churches, or they may be delivered directly to the pantry at the O'Meara Conference Center **from 10:15 to 11:30a on Wednesday mornings.** 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.**

Many thanks for your ongoing generosity!

July 17, 2022 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a | Col 1:24-28 | Lk 10:38-42

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Are you a Martha or a Mary? For me, it depends on the day, but on first glance I'd say I relate more to Martha. When I plug in the vacuum and start handing out cleaning supplies, one of my sons invariably asks: "Is company coming over?" Even once they arrive, I'm often so busy with host duties that I don't really relax enough to truly connect with our guests! All of that said, I'm not sure Jesus is criticizing Martha or just talking about housework; rather, he addresses her as a friend. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." Mary, who sits at the feet of Jesus, shows us what matters most: our relationship with Jesus. It doesn't mean we won't get caught up in the busyness of entertaining or life in general. When that happens, however, Jesus' words can gently call us back to what matters: the way we live our life for Christ each day and prioritizing our relationship with him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's wedding season! I was recently talking to a friend whose daughter got married a few weeks ago. She and her daughter had spent months planning the wedding, of course, but the actual day went by "too fast," she said, her voice tinged with regret. Sometimes it seems life can be like that. We can get so caught up in the day-to-day that we forget to take a breath and savor each moment with friends and family. In today's readings, Mary shows us how to truly be present to Jesus by listening to his voice in prayer and reading his words in Scripture. Martha teaches us how to open our homes and our hearts through hospitality. We can learn from both of their examples, drawing strength from prayer and extending the peace of Jesus to others through hospitality and our everyday interactions.

SERVE How can we show hospitality to those outside of our homes? Offer to make food for a funeral luncheon in your parish or prepare and serve food for those less fortunate at a shelter or soup kitchen.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL ....

... WHY NOW?

Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal.

In the midst of these roaring waves, **Jesus is present**, reminding us that He is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, to renew, and to unify the Church and the world.

How will He do it? By uniting us once again around the Source and Summit of our faith – the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the United States to this divine invitation.

Why now? Because the Church needs healing and the world needs the Church!

The Eucharist 101

In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the Priest. The whole Christ is truly present – body, blood, soul, and divinity – under the appearance of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the **"Real Presence"** of Christ in the Eucharist.

The Lord Jesus, on the night before He suffered on the Cross, shared one last meal with His disciples. During this meal, our Savior instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church a memorial of His death and resurrection. The Institution of the Eucharist is recorded in all four Gospel accounts:

- Matthew 26:26-30
- Mark 14:22-26
- Luke 22:14-20
- John 6:22-59 (The Bread of Life Discourse)

Jesus gives Himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because He loves us. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through His humanity. *"Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood remains in Me and I in him"* (John 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to His divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the Source of Life.

The transformed bread and wine are truly the Body and Blood of Christ and are not merely symbols. When Christ said, *"This is My Body"* and *"This is My Blood,"* the bread and wine are transubstantiated. Though the bread and wine appear the same to our human faculties, they are actually the real Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

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CHURCH OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

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A Mid-Summer's Night Out

FEATURING

THE DUELING PIANOS

WHEN: JULY 29, 2022
TIME: 6:00 – 10:00PM
TICKETS: $15
$90 TO RESERVE
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