

THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CLAYTON & FRANKLINVILLE

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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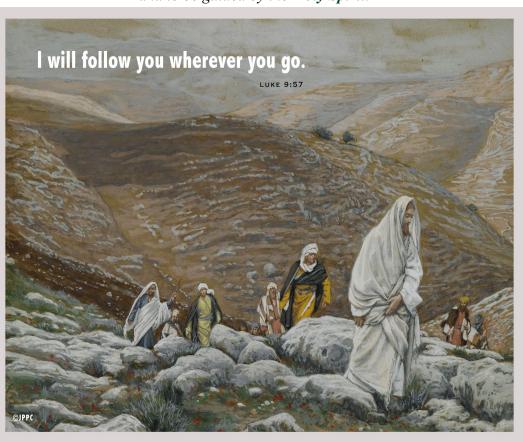
REGIONAL SCHOOL

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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**."



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<u>Summer</u> Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 10:00a-2:00p (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.psma-nj.com or on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/PSMAinDoC



SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00p Our Father's Day Intention / People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00a Our Father's Day Intention 10:00a Our Father's Day Intention

Monday, June 27th

Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00a For Special Intentions by Mary Visalli

TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH

IRENAEUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

9:00a The Health & Well Being of Don, Mary Ellen, & Matthew Healy, by Dan & Karen Seniff

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH

PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

9:00a Thomas Longo by Joe & Vicki Nichols

THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH

THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

9:00a James & Elaine Podall

FRIDAY, JULY 1ST

Junipero Serra, Priest

9:00a No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 2ND

4:00p Benjamin & Lillian Kolodziej

by Daughters, Pat Love & Eleanor Kearns

SUNDAY, JULY 3RD

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00a The People of the Parish

10:00a Pauline Locicero by Joan Miller





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 Navv

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

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for ther

Brenda Adams, George Bromwell, Nicholas & Rob Christian,
Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,
Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton, Anne Ellena, Matt Healy,
Ernest Henry, Sherry Jeffries, Lorraine Kreiner, Steven Lord,
Pat Luko, Rosemary McBride, Gerry McCloskay,
Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Jack Nelson,
Michele Resavage, Bob & Barbara Stroh, Kathryn Tanner,
Karen J. Viola, and 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!

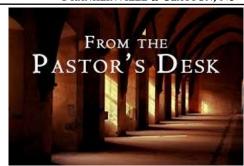
Stewardship Freedom

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters.

But do not use this freedom as an opportunity
for the flesh; rather serve one another through love."

~ Galatians 5:13 ~

We like to celebrate that we are free to "live the good life." We can do what we want, anytime we want, with no regard for laws. But, Jesus calls us to <u>Stewardship</u>. Saint Paul reminds us that by imitating Jesus we are freed from becoming a slave to our own self-interests and desires, so that we can serve one another. We are free to share our gifts and promote God's work on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.



Dear Parishioners.

Some people can be so bullheaded. They choose to stay the course at any cost. These folks are not just simply stubborn. They are obstinate in a foolish or perhaps even in a stupid way. Children can be bullheaded about who can or who cannot play with them, based on who they like or not. An employer might be bullheaded about who can use a conference room and for how long. A student might be bullheaded about choosing to do homework sloppily. In this weekend's Gospel, when we hear that Jesus was "resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem," we might be tempted to think He was really being bullheaded. After all, for Jesus, and all the prophets before Him, "Jerusalem" represents death, the end of life's journey. Traveling to Jerusalem to meet suffering and death seems to be a stupid move. Peter, and presumably the other disciples, did not want Jesus to embark on this journey (see Matthew 16:21). They did not understand that Jerusalem represents more than the end of a journey ... more than death. Jerusalem symbolizes the new Life beyond death.

The journey Jesus invites us to take is the journey through death to new Life. We know the cost, even better than the disciples knew, even as we also know the new Life that awaits beyond. We need to get started on this journey and stay on an unswerving path. We must be single-minded, but not bullheaded. We must travel this journey with full understanding of that tow which we commit ourselves. We also take this journey with full understanding of what is "beyond" Jerusalem.

Following Jesus requires much more than simply walking with Him from village to village. Following Jesus calls for being "resolutely determined" to journey with Him all the way to Jerusalem – and beyond. Any excuses, no matter how seemingly legitimate, can keep us from letting go of where we are and embracing where we must go. To be on this journey requires total self-surrender to what Jerusalem hold as well as to "being taken up" into what is "beyond" Jerusalem: the new Jerusalem ... "the Kingdom of God" fulfilled.

The challenge of this weekend's Gospel is for us to be as resolutely determined to accept the dying to self that is necessary to follow Jesus and cooperate with Him in establishing God's reign as Jesus was resolutely determined to go to His own suffering and death. We can be neither naïve, stupid, nor self-excusing. To be "fit for the Kingdom of God" we must keep our eyes on Jesus and our destiny. We must let Him be our motivation to stay the course. The course ... Jerusalem. The price ... dying. The stakes ... new Life.

The context for this weekend's Gospel is that Jesus is "resolutely determined" to go to Jerusalem and this sets the tone for the next months of Ordinary Time for us. On our journey to the end of the liturgical year in November (probably far from our minds at this point in late June!) we, too, must be resolute about hearing the Gospel faithfully and following Jesus, even when that means we, too, are going to "Jerusalem," which symbolizes the ongoing dying to self that is what living the Paschal Mystery really is.

We hear the Gospel faithfully when that Gospel is lived in our everyday circumstances. Hearing is more than the words going into our ears or through our eyes by reading them off the page. It demands of us resolute action. The Gospels are often challenging. This one challenges us to go to Jerusalem with Jesus and to be His faithful followers by proclaiming that "the Kingdom of God" is at hand.

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

Fr. Larry



<u>Monday</u>: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;

Mt 9:14-17

<u>Sunday</u>: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18;

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or Lk 10:1-9









FROM MANY — One Body





The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel congratulates her Graduates!

Best wishes and much success in your future endeavors!

May God bless you always!

Charlie Bell

Ella Huntsinger

Kaelyn Brady

Joanna Karpiel

Olivia Capecci

Joseph Larro

Matthew Carr

John Mathiesen

William Chestnut

Christopher Mooney

Aubrey Davey

Frieda Nichols

Brianna Deal

Caroline Polansky

Brianna DeMaio

Victoria Polansky

Ashyer Gibbons

Andrew Rzucidlo

Andrew Gomeringer

Riley Sheel



The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel

welcomes its newest members

Vera Rose Pipoli Cian Lake Ciampo

baptized on Saturday, June 25, 2022

and

Natalie Grace Harris

baptized on Sunday, June 26, 2022

May they always walk as children of the Light!



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!



June 26 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 | Gal 5:1, 13-18 | Lk 9:51-62

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Members of our family joke that saying goodbye after a family gathering needs to begin about an hour before we plan to leave. Goodbyes mean hugs for every family member, and there are many of us! We are aware of how precious our loved ones are to us, and so Jesus' response to the person who asks if he can first say farewell to his family may seem perplexing to us. But in this reading, Luke presents Jesus as "resolutely" headed to Jerusalem because "the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled." Jesus is ready to complete the mission he came for and anyone who wants to follow him can't be distracted by indecision. His matter-of-fact answers are directed at newcomers who seem to hesitate when he invites them to follow him. He wants his disciples to know that being a disciple will have an impact on personal comfort, and that everything one does - for family, loved ones, or whomever - must flow from this discipleship first. It is not about ignoring other responsibilities, but carrying them out in light of who we are and whom we follow. Jesus calls us to make our relationship with him our highest priority. Doing so will bring life to all the relationships we value as we grow to live and love like him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do we commit to answering God's call without hesitation? Like the first Apostles, the prosperous farmer Elisha in today's first reading willingly responded to the call from Elijah. But he didn't just leave everything and go: He first burned his plow as fuel in order to cook the oxen and leave it for his people to eat. In following the Lord, his first act was to ensure that those for whom he was responsible were not left without. Answering God's call is not often easy. But like Elisha and the Apostles, we are called to listen and respond to the ways God calls us and to trust in his Spirit to guide us. As Paul tells the Galatians, we are to "live by the Spirit." By trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit and turning to him for strength and guidance, we can be Christ's presence wherever he leads us – and doing whatever it entails.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern who needs the gift of your presence in their life right now. Schedule time with this person, just listening, affirming their gifts, and assuring them of your belief in them and God's love for them.

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time, the longest season of the Church year, fills the weeks that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 43). It's the no-particular-reason season. Christmas Time honors the birth of Christ. Easter Time rejoices in the Resurrection. Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

The number of the weeks of Ordinary Time replaces the old counting of weeks "after Epiphany" and "after Pentecost." The old calendar suggested that Pentecost ran for six months. The new calendar gives Pentecost a day. Then we return to Ordinary Time.

At first glance, the principles of Ordinary Time seem basic enough. Start counting the weeks after Christmas Time. Break for Lent and Easter. Resume after Pentecost and keep counting until Advent. Basically, that's how it works. But we have a few quirks.

For example, there is no "First Sunday in Ordinary Time"; however, there is a first week. Usually Christmas Time ends on a Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. The lectionary also calls it the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, but it is part of Christmas

Time. (Some years the Baptism of the Lord falls on a Monday, but that's another story.) Ordinary Time gets underway on a weekday. When the next Sunday rolls around, we start week two.

On the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, we see the last of Ordinary Time until after Pentecost. Even then, it emerges only on weekdays. Trinity Sunday always follows Pentecost Sunday, and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord comes the next Sunday in the United States. (In countries where this solemnity is a holyday, it falls on a Thursday.) Therefore, when the numbered Sundays in Ordinary Time return in summer, we start out a little higher than where we left off.

Sometimes we skip one or two entire weeks of Ordinary Time during the Easter break. We want to close the Sundays of the year with Christ the King, one week before Advent. Christ the King always falls on the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. So, we determine the week number after Pentecost not based on where we left off before Lent, but by counting backwards from Christ the King. One or two weeks may disappear, but Ordinary Time still serves the complete mystery of Christ.

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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"Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his / her humanity. The right to life does not depend, and it must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign ... you must weep that your own government, at present, seems blind to this truth."

~ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta





Life and Dignity for All

PRAY-REFLECT-ACT

WASHINGTON - Religious Freedom Week takes place June 22-29. It begins with the feast day of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, includes the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and ends with the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

The theme for this year is *Life and Dignity for All*. This year, as we approach the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is especially mindful of the debates around our country about abortion. The Catholic Church plays a crucial role in bearing witness to the gospel of life and serving all who will be affected by these discussions and their outcomes.

The USCCB provides "Pray-Reflect-Act" resources at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek - one for each day on different religious liberty topics; this year, they focus on themes that intersect with life issues. Moreover, the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty has collaborated with the Office of International Justice and Peace to raise awareness about religious liberty in China and in solidarity with people throughout the world who suffer for their faith.

Domestically, a major area of concern continues to be freedom for Catholic institutions, such as schools, hospitals, and child welfare service providers, to carry out their missions with integrity. In particular, **protecting Catholic adoption and foster care** will become even more vital, as we take new steps in building a culture of life and dignity for all in the United States. To build a culture of life and dignity for all, the Church **must support women and children**. In 2020, the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities launched *Walking with Moms in Need*. This initiative ministers at the local level by having parishes be places where pregnant and parenting women can find support and accompaniment.

Through prayer, education, and public action during Religious Freedom Week, the USCCB continues to advocate for the essential right of religious freedom for Catholics and for those of *all* faiths. To connect with the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty, please text FREEDOM to 84576 and **sign up for First Freedom News**, the committee's monthly newsletter.