

May 19, 2019 | Fifth 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*."



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 9a at Saint Catherine of Siena

Tuesday: 9a at Nativity

Wednesday: 9a at Nativity

Thursday: 7p at Saint Catherine of Siena

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30 – 10a at Saint Catherine of Siena

3 – 3:30p at Nativity

or by appointment.

Please call the Rectory Office

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

NATIVITY: 2677 Delsea Dr, Franklinville **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA:** 700 N Delsea Dr, Clayton

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 12 - 4 PM; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM; **CLOSED ON FRIDAY**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION: Please contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome!* Please stop by the Rectory Office or call to register.

Parishioners requesting sponsor eligibility certificates for Baptism or Confirmation need to visit the Rectory Office.

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



SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

9:00a All Living & Deceased Mothers
4:00p The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a Helen Sandelier *by Her Children*
10:45a James McCann *by His Wife & Children*

MONDAY, MAY 20TH

9:00a Julia Kratson – *Birthday Remembrance*
by Her Grandchildren, Larry, Anne, Ed, & Kathy

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST

9:00a Bereavement Mass
– Cheryl Pinto
– Flora Hoelderle

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND

9:00a Linda Cusick – *Living Intention*
by The Tobin Family

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD

7:00p **No Mass – Confirmation with Bishop Sullivan**

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

9:00a Robert Bakley *by The Christian Family*

SATURDAY, MAY 25TH

9:00a James Sheehan *by Maureen & Robert Hoffmann*
4:00p Frances Cesanek *by Her Loving Husband, Jim*

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a The People of the Parish
10:45a Saleam “Sam” Isaac
by His Susan Griffiths & Amy Marino



STEWARDS LOVE ONE ANOTHER

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”
(Jn 13:34)

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes *Stewardship* to have the strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used, or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to “*love my neighbor*” when he or she may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know, or someone that doesn't look like me.

Stewardship in Action

Easter 2019 \$

Ordinary Income – Weekend of May 11th & 12th \$4,485.73
Electronic Giving – Weekend of May 11th & 12th \$415.00

**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***

Hannah Pio



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



Brenda Adams,
George Bromwell, Rob Christian,
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!



Around the Diocese ...



*Remembering Those Who Have Served
and Who Have Gone Before Us.*

Memorial Day Masses are held in most of our Catholic cemeteries to honor those who have served our country and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Please join us on May 27th. For a complete listing of locations and Mass times, please visit us at SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org.



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Loving someone struggling with addiction can be very difficult, painful, and chaotic. A community support group can help by offering peer support for anyone affected by drug addiction. Please join us on Saturday mornings at 9:30a at The Church of the Incarnation, 240 Main Street in Mantua. All are welcome to attend, including those suffering from addiction / alcoholism, family members, and those who have experienced a loss from the disease. For more information, please call 609-617-9959.



THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Jesus' disappearance from sight does not mark an absence but marks a new kind of presence. In the "absence" left by His Ascension, we His followers are commissioned to "preach in His name to all nations." What is it we preach? That suffering and even death lead to new life and that forgiveness will be granted to all who repent. His very Ascension into heaven is our commission on earth because, "clothed with power from on high," we are now the visible presence of Jesus on earth.

Masses for the Holy Day

Wednesday, May 29th (Vigil)
7p in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton

Thursday, May 30th
9a in Nativity, Franklinville
7p in Nativity, Franklinville

(There is no 7p Mass in Saint Catherine of Siena on the Holy Day)

EMPLOYMENT & RESOURCE FAIR

Hosted by Catholic Charities' Employment Services & Assistance Program



TUESDAY MAY 21, 2019
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



QUAREMBA HALL
9 N. GEORGIA AVE.
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

Employers Ready to Hire

- Walmart
- Resorts Casino
- TriCare Medical Transportation
- Ocean Resort Casino
- Caesars Entertainment
- Harry's Oyster Bar & Seafood
- Knife & Fork Inn
- AtlantiCare
- Census 2020
- Stockton University
- Center for Family Service
- Hard Rock Hotel and Casino
- Atlantic City Linen Supply, LLC
- Dock's Oyster House

Resources (on-the-spot assistance)

- **America Works:** Resume advice for clients
- **South Jersey Gas:** Utility Assistance - Gas
- **Atlantic City Electric:** Utility Assistance - Electric

For more information:
856-394-3071



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YOUR RESUME
& DRESS TO
IMPRESS!**





CLAYTON DAY IS JUNE 8, 2019

The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel needs your help!

You may or not be aware that our Parish is a presence at our local community events both in Clayton and Franklinville throughout the year.

Once again, the Parish will be participating in Clayton Day and we need your help ...

- ◆ Would you consider helping set-up our booth at the beginning of the day, help to break down our booth at the end of the day, or just man the booth or an hour or so? *(There is no long-term commitment ... just a bit of your time on a beautiful spring Saturday in June.)*
- ◆ Would you consider a donation of a case of water, or a bag of candy ... (lollipops, smarties, or other hard candy ... *no chocolate, please*)? We will also have rosaries and other items for distribution.

If your answer to either of these questions is **"YES,"** please call the Parish Office at 856-881-9155, see Fr. Larry after Mass, or bring your donations to church ... there will be special boxes marked "Clayton Day" in the backs of both churches. [The deadline for donations is Sunday, June 2nd.](#) **Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

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 K-3 through 8th grade. We offer a dynamic middle school elective program, full and half-day Pre K-3 and 4, and full-day kindergarten. **Any Pre-K student that attends 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. **Challenging Minds, Building Faith!**



Summer Camp

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

Important Request ...

We'd like to remind our parishioners that an adult must accompany any child going to the restroom during Mass. It's important that this be adhered to for your child's safety and to keep our restrooms clean and in good working order. Recently, we have had some instances of toilets plugged with paper or the liquid soap being dispensed all over the floor, the mirror, the toilet ... *everywhere*.

Effective immediately, we are requiring an adult to escort all children age 15 or younger to the bathroom. The ushers have been instructed to send any unaccompanied child back to their pew to get their parents to accompany them.

If these behaviors continue, we will have no alternative but to lock the bathroom doors prior to the beginning of Mass and they will remain locked until the end of Mass.



PSMA MINISTRY HAPPENINGS ...

... for the Week of May 19th

- ◆ **Sunday, May 19th** – Got Music? *The Traditional Choir* will practice from 9-10:15a in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton.
- ◆ **Sunday, May 19th** – *PREP (Religious Education)* meets in St. Michael the Archangel Regional School, 51 W North St, Clayton, from 9-10:15a.
- ◆ **Monday, May 20th** – *Baptism Prep* for parents preparing their child for the Sacrament of Baptism will be held in the Rectory Conference Room (side entrance / ramp on driveway side of Rectory) from 7-8p. Parents must attend this class prior to scheduling your child's Baptism. Please call the Parish Office to obtain the paperwork and to schedule your attendance.
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 21st** – *The Bereavement Mass* will be held in Nativity, Franklinville at 9a.
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 22nd** – Got Music? *The Contemporary Choir* will practice from 7-8:30p in Nativity, Franklinville.
- ◆ **Thursday, May 23rd** – Bishop Sullivan will celebrate Mass and the *Sacrament of Confirmation* at 5p in Nativity, Franklinville.

Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are willing to share your faith with the youth of our Parish, please prayerfully consider assisting us.

If you are interested, please contact our CRE, Ms. Gina Wheeler at religioussdsmap@gmail.com, contact the Parish Office at 856-881-9155, or e-mail us at PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com. Thank you!



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 nonperishable 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!*

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes novels, plays, and movies use flashbacks as a literary technique to help tell the story or to fill in the details that are helpful for the audience to understand the unfolding tale and / or to remind them of previous incidents. The Gospel this weekend functions in the Lectionary (the book of Scripture readings we use at Mass) as something of a flashback for us. The Gospel's content is Jesus' farewell discourse to His disciples at the Last Supper – an event that took place *before* Jesus' Passion ... His Suffering, Death, and Resurrection. Now we read this Gospel *after* those events and hear Jesus' words in a new light. Death simultaneously reveals Jesus' glory and the full measure of His love for us. Jesus is willing to suffer and to die not only that He might live but also that all of us might share in that same glory and new life.

This flashback also helps us to understand more clearly Jesus' command to His disciples: **“love one another.”** The “new commandment” Jesus gives is not simply to “love” but to love as He has loved us. With respect to loving, “*how far?*” is the question. Jesus' commandment to love requires a new way of living ... regard for the other without counting the cost to ourselves. Jesus' death simultaneously reveals the full measure of His love and His glory. Our death – dying to self – reveals the full measure of our love for others and leads to a share in Jesus' glory. Love is the gateway to glory.

Jesus doesn't ask anything of us that He Himself hasn't already done to the fullest ... Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday ... those events make clear the extent of Jesus' love for us – He will lay down His very life so that we might have a share in His risen life. As disciples, we are commanded to love as the Master loved. If our love is to imitate His, then our love must also include the willingness to lay down our lives for others. The kind of love that Jesus commands leads to self-emptying dying to self.

Glory and love are promised to us – but we share in them only if we take up Jesus' mission. As the Gospel this weekend says, Jesus was with His disciples only a little while longer. Through our own self-sacrificing love, we continue His mission of love whereby God is glorified. Loving one another, then, isn't just a nice idea shown in a flashback to a pleasant meal with friends and supporters. Loving one another is the very way in which we are called to live.

The Gospels tell us over and over in so many ways that love means self-sacrifice. We live the Paschal Mystery only when our own lives emulate the love of Jesus ... giving one's all for the sake of another. In many human ways we already do this and could think of no other way to act. Most parents sacrifice plenty for their children. We readily respond to others' tragedies with gifts of money and service. We reach out to the perfect stranger on the street who is in need. In so many ways, we already act out the love that Jesus commands in this Gospel. Perhaps this Gospel flashback reminds us that we need only do the everyday things we are already doing with new meaning. We share in Jesus' mission when we love. On the other hand, if an examination of our lives suggests that perhaps we are not as self-sacrificing as Jesus, then this Gospel is an invitation to love more completely. What is at stake is a share in Jesus' everlasting life and glory. This is worth loving for!

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

Fr. Larry