

July 21, 2019 | 16<sup>th</sup> 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**.”*



### 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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## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARTHA, BURDENED WITH MUCH SERVING, CAME TO HIM AND SAID, “LORD, DO YOU NOT CARE THAT MY SISTER HAS LEFT ME BY MYSELF TO DO THE SERVING? TELL HER TO HELP ME.” - LK 10:40

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

**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](http://www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com)

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## SATURDAY, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a J.P. Gill by The RCIA Team  
 4:00p Rocco Fugaro by The Fugaro Family

## SUNDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a Joan Lang by Dave & Debbie Piccirillo  
 10:45a The People of the Parish

## MONDAY, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARY MAGDALENE

9:00a Edward & Wanda Polansky by Barbara Daley

## TUESDAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>

9:00a Allyson M-C Provenzano – Living Intention  
 by Her Loving Dad

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a No Intention

## THURSDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> JAMES

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

## FRIDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> JOACHIM & ANNE

9:00a Deacon Matt Hanrahan by Susan & Harry Coyle

## SATURDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>

9:00a No Intention  
 4:00p The People of the Parish

## SUNDAY, JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT

8:00a Frank Leotta by Mary Visalli & Family  
 10:45a Lillian Chociay by Daughters, Pat & Eleanor



### STS. JOACHIM & ANNE

Brenda Adams,  
 George Bromwell, Rob Christian,  
 Margaret Cloak, Henry Cottelli, Jim Cesanek,  
 Janice Donahower, Judy Dutton,  
 Mary Alyce Hagelstein, Matt Healy,  
 Ernest Henry, Ginny Hoffman, Lorraine Kreiner,  
 Pauline LoCicero, Steven Lord, Gerry McCloskay,  
 Eileen Mulholland, Dot Myers, Jack Nelson,  
 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!

## STEWARDS SHARE FAITH

“... I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring completion for you the Word of God.” (Col 1:25)

We are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like Saint Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to live *Stewardship* by sharing your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

## Stewardship in Action

Ordinary Income – July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> ..... \$3,886.90  
 Online Giving – June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... \$510.00

Thank you for your generosity to 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 July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup>,

the Sanctuary Candle in Nativity

Midge Goldyn

by Antoinette & Jim

and

the Sanctuary Candle in Saint Catherine of Siena

No Intention

## 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,  
 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Tumolo

LT JG Dominic J. Tumolo, US Navy; US Army Medic



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION ...

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Held during the 4p Mass on Saturday; during the 8a or 10:45a Mass on Sunday. Also held after the 9a Mass on Saturday morning or at 12 noon on Sunday at the convenience of the family.

**Pre-Baptism Class:** Required for parents / guardians who have not attended a class in the previous two (2) years. The Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel offers its class throughout the year on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of the month at 7p in the Rectory Conference Room. Please call the Parish Office to register for a class.

**Funerals:** To be arranged through the Funeral Home of your choice. Your Funeral Director will contact the church.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Anytime, however, due to the HIPAA Privacy Act, the individual needing the Sacrament or a family member needs to call the Parish.

**Communion to the Sick / Homebound:** Please call the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made one (1) year in advance, *prior to making any reception plans.*

**Certificates of Eligibility:** For those asked to be a Godparent or Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Canon law (Church law) requires that you need to be at least sixteen (16) years of age, have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation). You are living a chaste life (not living with someone) and, if married, you were married according to the laws and teachings of the Catholic Church. Finally, you are a practicing Catholic, registered in the Parish and actively participate in the Sacramental life of the Church (you attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days). Certificates of Eligibility are given by the church where you are registered and active, *not where you made your Sacraments.* If you are an adult still living at home, it is a great idea to register in your parish under your own name, not simply to be registered under your parents.

*Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?*

*Do you know of someone who has been thinking about it?*

RCIA at the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel is now forming the 2019-2020 Class.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or you haven't received all of your Sacraments ... if you need the Sacrament of Baptism ... or if you were baptized in another Christian tradition ... or if you were baptized Catholic and are in need of the Sacrament(s) of Eucharist and / or Confirmation ... RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for you. Please contact Bernadette Fiocco, 856-694-3272 or [ionabern@comcast.net](mailto:ionabern@comcast.net) or call the Parish Office at 856-881-9155 or e-mail [PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com](mailto:PSMA.Rectory@gmail.com). We look forward to helping you on your spiritual journey!



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

**Electronic Giving:** ConnectNow

Giving is a safe, secure, and easy



way to make on-line parish and

church-related donations and payments. It is convenient and easy and offers you a variety of options. Please give it a try by going to our parish website and clicking on the "Online Giving" tab in the menu at the top of the page.

## Question ... Discernment:

*... How can I apply this to my life?*

When we hear the word "discernment," we tend to think about the discernment of vocations. You might discern the religious life; you might discern marriage; you might discern a different vocation entirely. This process is important, and it is infinitely helpful to spend time in prayer and discernment before making any big life decision. But what about the little decisions that we face everyday? Should we be discerning those, too?

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), developed the Spiritual Exercises to help us discern the "motions of our soul" so that we can understand what spirits are moving us, and why. Then we can figure out how to respond to these movements. This kind of discernment can happen every day of our lives, with each decision we make. It does not matter how big or how small the decision is – every choice we make gives us the opportunity to grow closer to God.

What does this mean in our everyday spiritual life? For each spiritual decision you make, identify what you are naturally inclined to do, and reflect on where that inclination comes from. Will your inclination bring you closer to God, or will it start to put up walls in your relationship? For example, think about your daily prayer and why you might feel inclined to shorten or lengthen it, or to neglect it all together. Reflect on a volunteer opportunity at your parish and your motivations for taking it or not taking it. In everything that is tied to your relationship with God, listen carefully to what God is telling you.

This can be challenging in a fast-paced life where decisions are expected on the spot. It can be tempting to follow our initial inclinations without fully discerning our motivations or the motions of the soul. Pray at Mass, pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle before Mass begins, or before the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. Pray for the motivation, the guidance, and the patience to discern the actions that will bring you closer to God.

**THE PARISH OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**



*"Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)*

Although most food drives are conducted during the winter, assisting those who need a helping hand is a year-round endeavor. As we go through the summer months, please keep our parish food pantry in mind. Any and all nonperishable food items are welcome, but, currently, we could especially use **ramen noodles, applesauce, cereal, crackers and canned vegetables (including canned potatoes).** Also, **toothpaste and toothbrushes** are always welcome.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!**



The Knights of Columbus Council #6890 is holding a raffle for a chance to win a \$100 Gift Certificate to the Franklinville Inn. Four (4) \$100 Gift Certificates will be awarded to the lucky winners. Tickets are two (2) chances for \$5. The drawing will be held on September 4th. To purchase your tickets, please see any KoC member or contact Bill Culver at 609-502-2982.



Each year, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden serves 34,000 individuals throughout the six (6) southern counties of South Jersey. The agency offers hope and help to the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters, regardless of their faith, by meeting their basic needs while also guiding them towards paths of self-sufficiency. This includes finding stable and affordable housing for those who are facing homelessness and assisting those who are suffering from mental illness, addiction, or facing other crises. Catholic Charities provides counseling and case management, hosts employment fairs, educational workshops, and other events for those in need. To donate, volunteer, or learn more about Catholic Charities, please visit their website: [www.CatholicCharitiesCamden.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesCamden.org).

### Vitality is ...

Healing and Comfort, Community and Socialization, Caring and Listening, Inclusion and Wellness, Guidance and Assistance.



For more information: Karen Fisher

Phone: (856) 583-6123

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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

## NEW JERSEY INDEPENDENT VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

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 is independently administered by experienced victim compensation experts Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution. The administrators of the IVCP 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.njdiocesessivcp.com](http://www.njdiocesessivcp.com) and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

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.

## Gospel Meditation ...

... Encourage deeper understanding of Scripture

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Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at His feet listening to Him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus Himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.



Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool, and yard? Tell him or her they're still #1 in your life... share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other.

The next weekends are October 25-27 and December 13-15, 2019. Please call 609-741-8012 for information or please email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Please visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

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