

May 26, 2019 | Sixth 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**."*



**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

**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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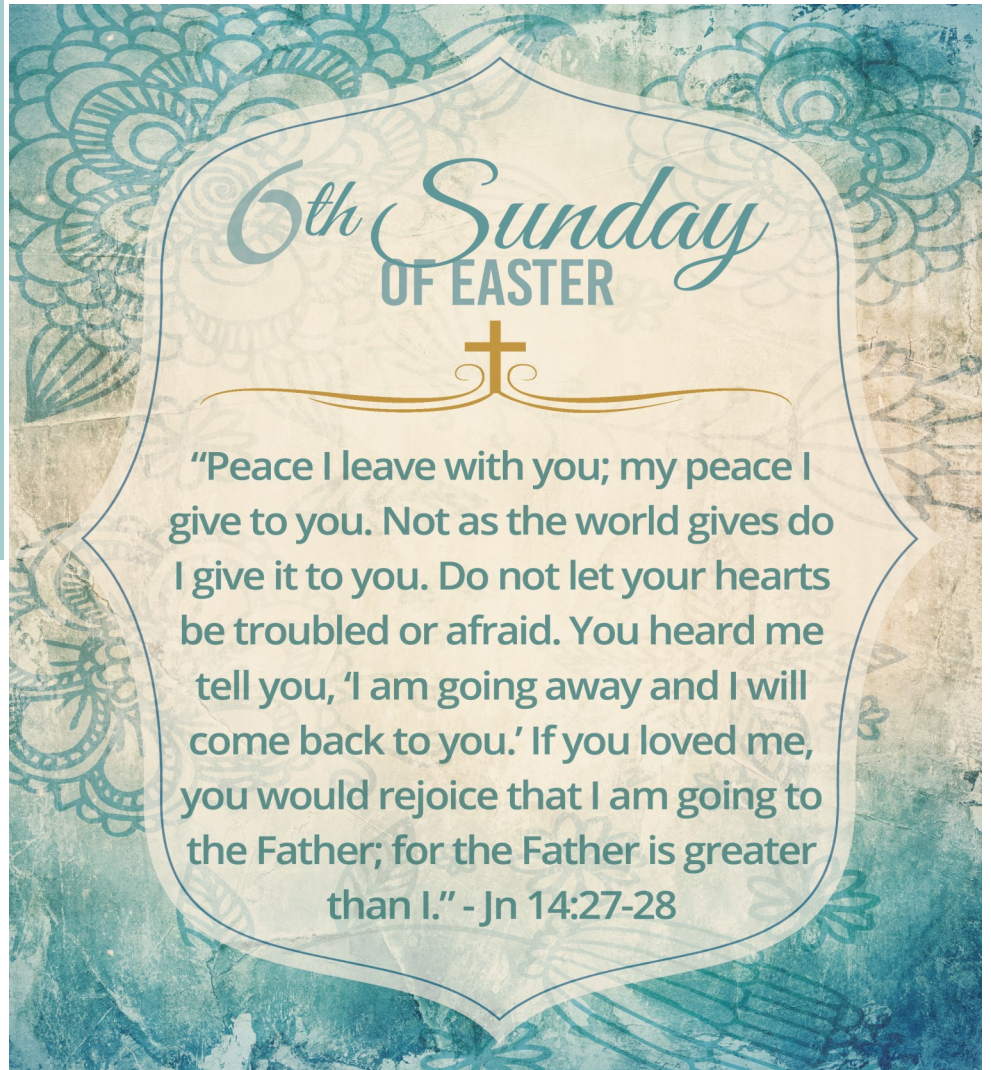
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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

**REGIONAL SCHOOL**

Janice Bruni, Principal

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**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 and sign-up for our newsletter at [www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com](http://www.parishofstmichaelthearchangel.com)*



**SATURDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>** 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a **The People of the Parish**  
 10:45a **Saleam (Sam) Isaac** by Susan Griffiths & Amy Marino

**MONDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>** MEMORIAL DAY

9:00a **For All Who Served Our Country**

**TUESDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00a **Judith E. Allen** by A Friend

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00a **Rev. Anthony Cataldo** by A Friend  
 7:00p **(SCS) The People of the Parish**

**THURSDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>** THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00a **(N) Tom & Lucille Nerney** by A Friend  
 7:00p **(N) Cheryl Pinto & Flora Hoerderle**  
 by Ron & Sally Bonner

**FRIDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>** VISITATION BVM

9:00a **Edward G. Herron** by A Friend

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>** JUSTIN

9:00a **Marge Blickley** by A Friend  
 4:00p **Joe McCloskey** by His Loving Wife, Nancy

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>** 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a **Margaret Hoffman** by Pat Pannullo  
 10:45a **The People of the Parish**



**STEWARDS ARE NOT TROUBLED**

*"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."  
 (JOHN 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for the opportunity to live *Stewardship* and trust that He has a better plan for you.

**Stewardship in Action**

Ordinary Income – Weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> ..... \$3,782.00  
 Electronic Giving – Weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> ..... \$530.00

*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*

*Father Herbert P. McPhilomy*

**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, 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,  
 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!*





*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 27<sup>th</sup>. For a complete listing of locations and Mass times, please visit us at [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org).



**SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
*Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right*



**THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019**

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

Masses for the Holy Day

**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** (Vigil)

7p in Saint Catherine of Siena, Clayton

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

9a in Nativity, Franklinville

7p in Nativity, Franklinville

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



On Thursday, May 23rd, Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation upon 32 members of our parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journeys of faith.

- Chayse “**Victoria**” Bainbridge
- Mason “**Michael**” Carr
- Joseph “**Joseph**” Cosgrove
- Brianna “**Christina**” Dender
- Angelina “**Catherine**” Dickel
- Gianna “**Maria**” Dougherty
- Ava “**Cecilia**” Gallagher
- Lola “**Anastasia**” Gaudio
- Hannah “**Elizabeth**” Holland
- Alexa “**Maria**” Hopkins
- Emilia “**Jadwiga**” Karpel
- Kaitlyn “**Catherine**” Kershaw
- Hillary “**Margaret**” Lewis
- Madison “**Audrey**” Long
- Olivia “**Isabella**” Marynowicz
- Faith “**Rose**” Mathiesen

- Arianna “**Anne**” Myers
- Emily “**Renee**” Patterson
- Lauren “**Abigail**” Pescatore
- Ava “**Alexandra**” Reardon
- Konnor “**Matthew**” Reilly
- Connor “**Michael**” Rosenberg
- Gregory “**George**” Rothschild
- Sean “**Paul**” Rowand
- Emily “**Frances**” Rzuclidlo
- Nicholas “**Thomas**” Sheridan
- Allison “**Elizabeth**” Sieminski
- Rebecca “**Anne**” Smith
- Shannon “**Sophia**” Travers
- Hunter “**Anthony**” Wheeler
- Lillie “**Marie**” Widmer
- Sophie “**Anne**” Widmer



Thank you to all of the catechists at the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel and the teachers at Saint Michael the Archangel Regional School who prepared our children and our young people for the Sacraments of Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation over the past year, and especially for the assistance with preparing the special celebrations for these Sacraments!

A special “Thank You” to the Coordinator of the Religious Education Program, Gina Wheeler and her Assistant, Kristi Thomas!

Thank you very much!



**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 2<sup>nd</sup>.](#) **Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

**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 K-3 through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sklein@smrsonline.com) for your personal tour of our campus.

**Summer Camp**

We are now accepting Summer Camp Registrations. Nine themed weeks are available from June 24<sup>th</sup> until August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Spots are filling quickly. For more information please contact [warriorcamp@smrsonline.com](mailto:warriorcamp@smrsonline.com).

***Challenging Minds, Building Faith!***

**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)*

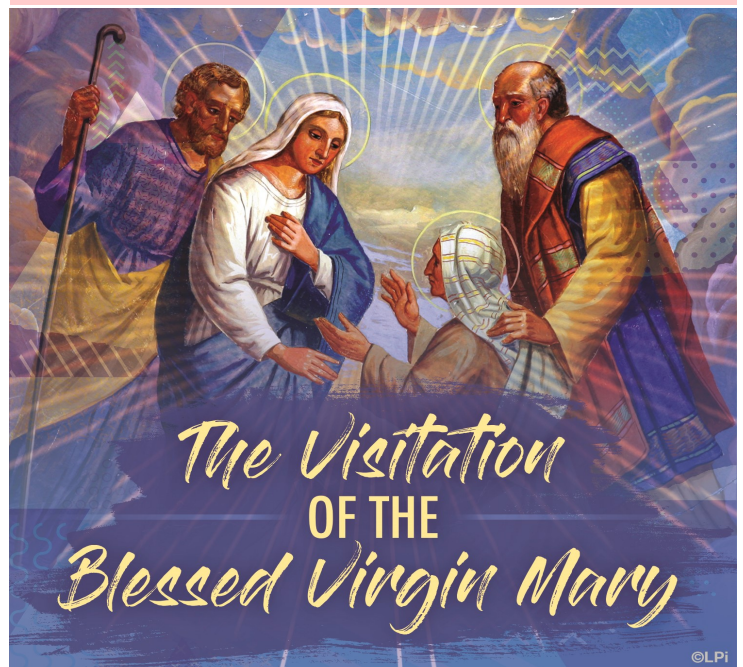
Spring is finally here! Let’s celebrate this season of renewal and rebirth by sharing our blessings with those who come to our church seeking a helping hand. Donations of nonperishable food items such as **canned potatoes, cereal, canned fruit, rice, pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly** may be placed 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!*



**KEEP CALM AND WEAR RED ON PENTECOST**

**June 9, 2019 is Pentecost Sunday.** On Pentecost (which literally means “50 Days” and is the Sunday approximately 50 days after Easter when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and bestowed His gifts on them). As members of the Parish of Saint Michael the Archangel and the Diocese of Camden, we are being asked to “paint our Parish and Diocese red.” Let’s show our community that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are very much present in the Catholic Church! Why not ask someone to join you at Mass?



*The Visitation OF THE Blessed Virgin Mary*

Dear Parishioners,

It's fairly easy and sometimes rather convenient to make a sharp distinction between the material world and the "spirit" world in such terms as these: one is real and the other isn't ... one is sensible and the other isn't ... one is provable and the other isn't ... one is under our control and other isn't. Some people even try to negate the spirit world completely. They claim that we can't test it in a lab so therefore we can't prove scientifically what a spirit is. Most of us, however, have a great deal of experience with the spirit world and believe firmly in it. A new idea pops into our heads that is just the right way to solve a problem. We catch school spirit at pep rallies. We talk about high-spirited adventures or being in low spirits. While none of this experience of the spirit world is tangible, we still act upon it as being very real. Not everything important to us is tangible and sensible. In fact, sometimes what is most real to us is spirit. Spirit is what can most motivate us, inspire us, bring us to insight and creative responses to situations that would otherwise perplex or even overwhelm us.

We might imagine the disciples' perplexity and overwhelming sense of presence when Jesus ascended into heaven. The First Reading account this weekend from the Acts of the Apostles mentions that "*as He was going*" the disciples were "*standing there looking at the sky.*" Maybe they wanted a last glimpse of Jesus. Maybe they were wishing that He wouldn't leave them. Maybe they were still trying to catch a last minute something of His spirit so that they wouldn't feel His absence so keenly.

As time will tell, Jesus' disappearance from sight does not mark an absence, but rather 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 death lead to new life and that forgiveness will be granted to all who repent. His very Ascension into heaven is our commissioning on earth because. "*clothed with power from on high,*" we are now the visible presence of Jesus on earth.

Think about that for a moment ... His Ascension itself is a commissioning. His absence brings a presence – the Holy Spirit who is the "*Power from on high*" and who consecrates us to continue Jesus' saving mission. The very absence sends us forth to be and to do as Jesus. We don't do this on our own, as Jesus promised. We can't set out to take up Jesus' mission to preach the Good News until we receive the Holy Spirit. This ensures us that our work isn't ours, but Christ's. Ultimately our mission is to preach not simply events but a Person – Jesus Christ, the risen One. Even more ... with the Spirit, we are the presence of the risen Lord. It's His Spirit we catch. And it is very real, indeed.

We should all be familiar with the Catholic doctrine that the Holy Scriptures are the inspired Word of God. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, each one of us is an inspired word of God when we are faithful to Jesus Christ. This means, as the Gospel suggests, that we are to preach and to live as Jesus commanded. Repentance and forgiveness require that we first are willing to do as Jesus did – to give ourselves over to the Spirit of God who heals and who gives life. Having first experienced God's saving action, we can then be that saving action for others.

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

Fr. Larry