

Meet our Pastors and Principal



Monsignor Nevin J. Klinger J.C.L., M.A. - Assumption BVM Church

Monsignor Nevin J. Klinger is a native of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He completed his undergraduate studies at Villanova University and St. Charles Seminary. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, PA, and a Master of Arts degree in Systematic Theology from Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. He completed his J.C.L. (License in Canon Law) at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Since his ordination in 1982, Monsignor Klinger has ministered as a priest in the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Allentown, as an Official of the Holy See at the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, as Vice Rector/Vice President of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and as a pastor at Immaculate Conception Church in Douglassville, PA, before being named Catholic Chaplain at Albright College and Kutztown University.



Father Thomas R. Buckley, Pastor - St. Joseph Church

Born in Philadelphia, on December 21, 1950, to Thomas R. and Margaret S. (Ryan) Buckley, Father Buckley is the oldest of six children. He attended St. Veronica, St. Christopher, and St. Anselm Elementary Schools in Philadelphia. He graduated from Father Judge High School, Philadelphia, in 1968. He studied for the priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, PA. He served his diaconate at Sacred Heart Church, Allentown, from May 1975 until May 1976. He was ordained by Bishop Joseph McShea on May 15, 1976 in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Father Buckley was assigned as an assistant pastor to St. Bernard/St. Michael Parishes in Easton from May 1976 until May 1978; St. Anne Parish in Bethlehem from May 1978 until February 1979; St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Whitehall from February 1979 until June 1986; Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown from June 1986 until June 1990. He

was assigned as a Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Kelayres, Pennsylvania, in June 1990, and was made Pastor of an additional parish, St. Bartholomew in Tresckow, Pennsylvania, in November 1991. Father Buckley remained Pastor of both parishes until June 15, 1994. On June 16, 1994, Bishop Thomas J. Welsh named Father Buckley as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Limeport. In addition to the above assignments, Father Buckley has served as Catholic Chaplain to Lafayette College in Easton, Chaplain for Catholic Scouting in Northampton County, Advocate and Defender of the Bond in the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, First Chairman of the Diocesan Vocation Recruitment Committee, and Priest Director of the North Schuylkill County Catholic Youth Organization.



Principal - Mrs. Colleen Weiss

As Principal at St. Michael the Archangel School, Mrs. Weiss is responsible for working collaboratively within the school community to further the mission of Catholic education by promoting academic excellence among students in a Christ-centered environment.

Mrs. Weiss's career began in business, as an Assistant Bank Manager, in Whitehouse, NJ. In 1999, she made the transition to education, working in a kindergarten classroom for the Diocese of Metuchen. Colleen joined the Diocese of Allentown in 2003 as a 5th and 6th grade language arts teacher and 6th grade social studies teacher at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Elementary School. During her time there, she served as the Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator, National Junior Honor Society Moderator, Crisis Team Leader, and Homework Hour Coordinator. She has also served on the English/Language Arts Committee and the Report Card Committee for the Allentown Diocese Office of Education, as well as a member of the Allentown Diocese Leadership Academy.

Prior to her principalship at St. Michael the Archangel School, Mrs. Weiss worked as the Assistant Principal for St. Michael the Archangel School from 2014-2016, and as the principal of St. Theresa School in Hellertown from 2016-2017.

Mrs. Weiss was born in Easton, PA. She received an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Centenary College in 1985, a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Moravian College in 2003, and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Alvernia University in 2012. She received her Principal Certification in 2013. Colleen enjoys spending her free time with her husband, children, family, and friends. She enjoys going to the beach, musicals, and sporting events.



Assistant Principal - Mrs. Erin Doherty-Faust

Erin Doherty-Faust began her career in Catholic education as a fourth grade teacher at St. Thomas More. Two years later, she made the transition to public education by accepting a fourth grade teaching position at Salisbury School District. While at Salisbury, Mrs. Doherty-Faust served as an Elementary Liaison for Curriculum, developed instructional plans and implemented the STAR LAB program. She also participated in the leadership training program Dimensions of Learning.

From 1997-2009, Mrs. Doherty-Faust decided to stay home to raise her three children. When she returned to teaching, she accepted the Learning Support Specialist position at St. Michael the Archangel School. For three years, her responsibilities included being responsible for: providing support for students in Instructional Support and/or Enrichment Support; serving as the Instructional Support Coordinator, co-teaching Advanced Honors Algebra 1 and a co-coordinator for Middle States. And for one year, Erin returned to the regular classroom teaching fourth grade at St. Mike's.

In 2012, Mrs. Doherty-Faust accepted a Reading Specialist position at Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21. Some of her responsibilities included implementing and designing nonpublic schools professional development training and acting as a liaison between nonpublic schools and the intermediate units.

She received her Bachelors of Arts degree from Seton Hill University, majoring in Sociology and Elementary Education, Masters of Elementary Education from Kutztown University with a Reading Specialty Certificate, and an English as a Second Language certificate from DeSales University.

Erin is a parishioner of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In her spare time, Erin enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling and coaching soccer.