

The Roman Catholic Community of Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny

One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

Saint Mark Parish

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Saint Joseph Church (StJ)
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Religious Education
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Youth Ministry: 412-678-6275 x105

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Queen of the Rosary Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
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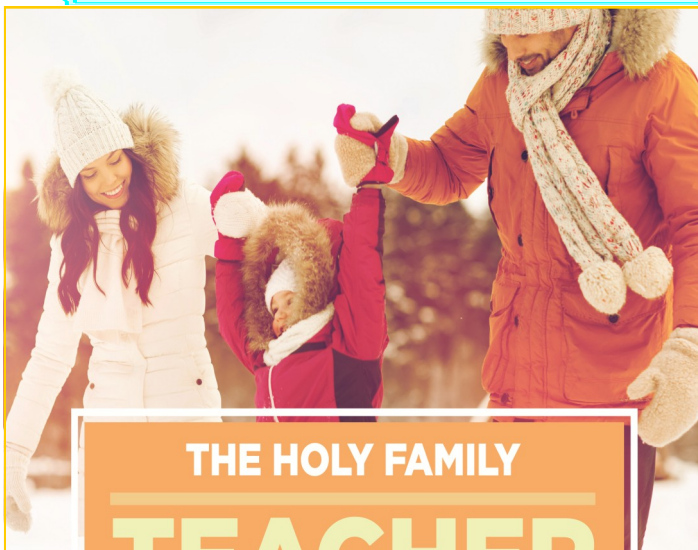
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Queen of the Rosary (QoR)
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Youth Ministry: 412-672-7209

Accept God's Love, and Live! Share God's Love, and Thrive!

Coming Soon - Website: ElizabethSouthAlleghenyCC.org - Coming Soon



THE HOLY FAMILY

TEACHER

After three days they found him
in the temple, sitting in the midst
of the teachers, listening to them
and asking them questions, and all
who heard him were astounded
at his understanding and
his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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Looking For A Parish?

Wherever you are on your faith journey,
we welcome you to join our community.
You may register by contacting the Parish Office.

Implementation Phase Prayer

Father of Mercy,

During this time of implementation help us to grow in unity
with St. Mark Parish, St. Michael Parish
and Queen of the Rosary Parish.

Grant us the wisdom and willingness to understand
how our parishes will become stronger and more vibrant
in fulfilling the mission of the Church.

Assist us in opening our arms to welcome others
as we continue to journey

On Mission for The Church Alive!

Help us, O Lord, to trust in the future
you have planned for us.

This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Learn Jesus, Love Jesus, and Live Jesus.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30, 2018

**Blessed are they
who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

-Psalm 84

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Pastoral Staff

Clergy Team

Reverend Thomas A. Wagner, Administrator
Reverend Miroslaus A. Wojcicki, Senior Parochial Vicar
Deacon Stephen C. Pikula, Permanent Deacon
Deacon John E. Ragan, Permanent Deacon

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Joan Kilgore, St. Michael
Darla Losteter, Queen of the Rosary

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Pamela Whitney, Queen of the Rosary

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Kevin Hopkins, St. Mark
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Collaboration, Courage and Compassion

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

Growing in Wisdom, Age and Grace

Time for Twos, Pre K 3 & 4, Kindergarten, Grades 1–8
1640 Fawcett Avenue White Oak, PA 15131
Phone: 412-672-2360 Fax: 412-672-0880
Webpage: www.maryofnazarethschool.org

Religious Education Program

Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ

All children, Grades 1-8, are invited and encouraged to participate in a Religious Education Program.

Youth Ministry

**All Youth, High School (9-12 grade)
and Jr. High School (6-8 grade),
are invited and encouraged to participate
in the youth ministry program.**



**Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny
Catholic Community**

**Saint Mark Parish, Saint Michael Parish,
Queen of the Rosary Parish**

**Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule
New Year's Eve, Vigil, December 31, 2018**

4:00 pm Saint Eugene Church, Liberty

4:00 pm Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth

New Year's Day, January 1, 2019

9:00 am Saint Joseph Church, Port Vue

9:30 am Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth

11:00 am Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

Mass & Adoration of the Eucharist

Tuesday Evening

St. Eugene Church, Liberty

Mass - 6:30 pm

Adoration - 7:00-7:30 pm

Confession - 7:00-7:30 pm

Morning & Evening Mass

Snow Cancellations - Saint Eugene Church

For everyone's safety, a delay or cancellation at Elizabeth or South Allegheny School Districts is our notice of **Safety First**. Mornings with a delay or cancellation—**There will be no morning Mass at Saint Eugene Church.**

Please listen to the radio or watch TV for delays or cancellations. **Safety first! Be careful!**

Again, safety first! Be careful!

December Rosary Intention

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Sacraments

Baptism of Infants & Children

Baptism is a joyous event in the life of the parish. Baptism is celebrated any Sunday after Mass and during Mass on the Fourth Sunday of the Month.

Previous arrangements are necessary.

Instruction in the Faith - R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program is offered for those interested in the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Fr. Wagner.

Reconciliation

St. Eugene Church, Liberty

Tuesday, 7 - 7:30 pm

St. Michael Church, Elizabeth

Saturday, 11-11:30 am

Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

Saturday, 1- 1:30 pm

St. Michael Church, Elizabeth

Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm

St. Eugene Church, Liberty

Saturday, 7-7:30 pm

Marriage

The prospective bride and groom are to make arrangements with the priest or deacon at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require all couples to attend an approved pre-marriage preparation program.

Anointing of the Sick

the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally on the Second Sunday of the Month.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In

Homebound members of the Parish should call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion at home.

Sponsorship Forms

Only registered, practicing, fully-initiated Catholics are eligible for sponsor certificates. Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Information Deadline

All information must be received 2 weeks in advance.

Moving

Please call or email your new address to the Parish Office.

Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-932-0313

Mass Intentions For The Week

StE St. Eugene Church, Liberty StJ St. Joseph Church, Port Vue

StM St. Michael Church, Elizabeth QoR Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

December 30, 2018 - January 6, 2019

Saturday, 29, Vigil, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

StM 4:00 pm M Glenn A. Paul - Doris & Family

StE 6:00 pm T Joann Ryan - Mary Ann Ryan & Family

Sunday, 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

StJ 9:00 am T Eunice Pollak - Family

StM 9:30 am M Pat Minford - Andrew & Georgia Gentile

QoR 11:00 am T Edward Iwanowski - Wife & Children

StM 12:00 nn M Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

Monday, 31, Octave of Christmas

QoR 8:00 am Steve Ganchuk - Dorothy Jaskulski

Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Andrew Hanick - Monica Kapsha Family

Vigil, Mary, Mother of God - New Year's Eve

StM 4:00 pm T Walter Radocay - Owens Family

StE 4:00 pm M Earl Swartz - Becky Donahue & Andrew Tylnski

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - Mary, Mother of God - New Year's Day

StJ 9:00 am M Louis Piotrowski - McCarthy Family

StM 9:30 am T Samuel Craighead - Children & Grandchildren

QoR 11:00 am M Francis Chandler - Daughter, Mary Ann & Husband

Wednesday, 2, Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops

QoR 8:00 am Angeline Tudek - Niece, Candice & Family

Novena - Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary

StM 9:00 am Joseph Gioia - Patty Smith

Novena - Michael the Archangel

Thursday, 3, Christmas Weekday

StE 8:00 am Dolly Speney - Liz Fox

StM 9:00 am Andrew Kraemer - Jim & Kay Callear

Friday, 4, Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

QoR 8:00 am Mary Ann Gniazdowski - Husband, Edward

Holy Hour from 8:30 to 9:30 am

StM 9:00 am Carolyn Thornton - Ed & Barbara Buzek

Saturday, 5, Vigil, The Epiphany of the Lord

StM 4:00 pm T Norma Lord - Joe, Ramo, Antoinette & Hugh

StE 6:00 pm M Ray Coleman - Duane & Patti Senay

Sunday, 6, The Epiphany of the Lord

StJ 9:00 am M John & Aura Vidmar - Mary Salopek

StM 9:30 am T Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

QoR 11:00 am M George Kovtun - Wife & Children

StM 12:00 nn T George Konchak - Fran Ferencak & Family

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass

Be Born In Us, Be Born In Our World.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 2018

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, **they were astonished**. But at what? Mary's response is surprised.

- They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers.
- They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period.
- They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! **Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.**

All our children have an **otherness** about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not **me**.

- What will our own children become?
- What temple will they wander off to?
- Who will they astound? © Liturgical Publications Inc

THANK YOU to ALL

Who Help Make Our Grouping

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area,
Saint Mark Parish, Saint Michael Parish,
and Queen of the Rosary Parish a special place.

Thank you to all who gave so freely of themselves so others were able to enjoy the Christmas Season.

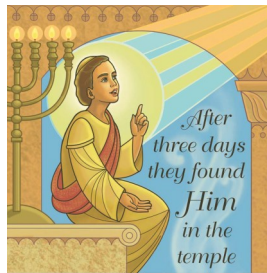
Your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure are admirable. Thank you for decorating the churches. Thank you for choirs and music ministry for leading us in praise. Thank you for your gifts for the Children & Adults and the local Food Banks.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

May the Christ Child,
His Holy Mother Mary, and Joseph
bring you and your family
every blessing today
and throughout the New Year!
Christmas Blessings!

*Fr. Wagner, Fr. Miro, Den. Steve, Den. John
and the Pastoral Staff*

Home Is Where The Family Is



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The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay

a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always **get it right**, but they always tried to. These three **amateurs** were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling.

**He found his vocation—to do his Father's work
—but he also returned home with his parents.**

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In this NEW YEAR

...so do something NEW

If your relationship with Jesus is the same as it ever was, do something different to change it...to enhance your relationship and allow it to grow more intimate and life-giving.

Pray differently...serve differently...give of yourself differently...love more, forgive more, share more to allow yourself to be loved **more** and to grow deeper in love with **JESUS and His Holy Church**.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, **we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.**

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of **pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history.** During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place.

Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch

HEALTH CONCERNS at Mass during FLU SEASON

The Flu Season in Western Pennsylvania is now upon us. In order to prevent the possible spread of illness, we ask parishioners who have symptoms of the flu or other contagious diseases to use prudence in taking the Precious Blood and shaking hands at Mass until you are recovered.

***Thank you for contributing
to the health of our Church family!***

**GOD's forgiveness of our sins
is linked to our forgiveness of others.**

***LORD GOD, forgive me my sins
as I forgive those who sin against me.***

On Mission For The Church Alive!

ON MISSION FOR The Holy Family – The bible tells us very little about the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as they formed their home in Nazareth. We know that Jesus was presented in the temple in accordance with the custom of the law, that he grew strong and was filled with wisdom, and that he stayed behind at the temple in Jerusalem to discourse with the elders and scholars of the law. Much else is left to the tradition of our faith and to our imagination. The Holy Family was certainly unconventional, composed of a virgin mother, a child conceived by the Holy Spirit who is the Son of God, and a foster father who loved the child as if he was his own. Yet, we hold them up as the example of family life for us who seek to love those God has placed in our lives. The Holy Family also becomes our inspiration as we form a family of faith in our parishes and parish groupings. While our faith communities undergo change as part of the **On Mission for The Church Alive!** initiative, the work of building up the family of the Church continues in earnest. May the example and intercession of the Holy Family support us in this important work.

Visit **onmissionchurchalive.org**
to learn more and to stay informed.

May God Bless Our Service Personnel

**If you would like to add or update an active
Service member, please call the Parish Office.**



As a faith community, we pray for and remember our Service Men and Women who are serving on active duty in the Armed Services, especially: Pvt. Peter A. Barrante, USMC; Maj. Damian Baskerville, USAF; Capt. Perry Cansick, USAF; Col. Richard Collage, PA NG; Staff Sgt. Nicholas DeLuca, Army; Cadet 1/C David DeMaio, USCGA, Capt. Craig Dolhi, Army; Capt. Anthony Formica, Army; 2nd Lt. John Formica, Army; T/Sgt. Michael Goodman, USAF; E5 Sgt. Brian Imundo, Army; Sgt. Russ Langley, Marines; A1C Timothy Oeler, USAF; ENS Timothy Ragan, USNA; Sgt. Brandon R. Smith, USAF Pararescueman; Amn. Adam Stitt, USAF.

Saint Michael, protect them.

May We Never Forget . . . Freedom is Never Free!

**Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.**

Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ



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Candidates for Sacraments should be adequately prepared to receive these gifts, and a proper understanding of the Sacrament should be gained and demonstrated. Generally, **two (2) consecutive years of instruction is necessary** for the reception of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Saint Mark Parish

**Religious Education Sunday Morning
10:00 - 11:30 am**

For information or questions, please call Julie at the Religious Education Office, 412-678-6275 x 102.

Common Grounds COFFEE HOUSE

is open after 9:00 am Sunday Mass
at St. Joseph Church, Port Vue. Please join us!

Mark your calendar...

St. Mark Parish Festival - August 1-3, 2019.

Festival Specialty Baskets

Thank you so much for your generosity!

We continue to receive items in our labeled specialty baskets at the Liberty and Port Vue churches.

We appreciate that you are keeping us in mind while you are doing your own shopping.

All these donations will start us on our way to **designing the beautiful baskets** that are an important part of our Saint Mark Parish Festival.

P.S. Look for the clearance aisle.

Save money while you donate!

Mary, Mother of God

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The gospel tells us **Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.** We would do well to imitate Mary in our New Year's resolution. Instead of criticizing let's **keep it in our hearts.**

Criticism isn't productive or well received anyway!

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Saint Michael Parish

**Religious Education Sunday Morning
8:00 - 9:20 am & 10:30 - 11:50 am**

For information or questions, please call Joan at the Religious Education Office, 412-754-0886.

Family Mass Sunday

January 6, 2019 at 9:30am

The Fifth Grade will assume the roles of liturgical leadership: greeters & ushers, lectors, gift bearers, etc. for the 9:30 am Mass.

May the Lord Bless All of Our Children!

**Confirmation Candidates will meet Sunday,
January 6, 2019 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm
in Archangel Hall.**

Senior Youth Group will meet
Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm
in Archangel Hall.

Junior Youth Group will meet
Friday, January 11, 2019 from 7:00-9:00 pm
in Archangel Hall.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt, SusanVogt.net

January 1 is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. In these days of the **Me Too** movement, regaining respect for women is getting a lot of attention. This is good, but healthy marriages already exhibit this. Husbands, tomorrow honor your wife's unconditional **Yes** to love you. The love will be returned to you in time.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt, SusanVogt.net

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Often this feast gets lost amidst the hustle of Christmas. Take 5 minutes today to share with your family at least one thing that makes your family holy. **Hint: It need not be about saying prayers; it could be examples of selflessness.**

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: **but his parents did not know.** One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

*The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem,
but his parents did not know it. They found him
in the temple, in the midst of the teachers.*

**Queen of the Rosary Parish
Religious Education Sunday Morning
9:30 - 10:45 am**

For information or questions, please call Darla at the Parish Office, 412-672-7209 or 412-953-8119.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Enjoy your holiday and your family. Religious Education resumes on Sunday, January 6, 2019, 9:30 am-10:45 am. Any questions call Darla, 412-953-8119. Thank you!

Children's Envelopes are in the back of the church. Please call the Parish Office with any changes or corrections or if your child doesn't have envelopes at 412-672-7209.

Parents are encouraged to begin the habit of stewardship in their children at an early age and use their own envelopes on a regular weekly basis.

Youth Group meets on Tuesday,
January 8, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm
in the Social Hall.

New members are always welcome.

What is Youth Group? A group of youth, under the direction of adults, that are learning what it means to follow Jesus Christ and live as his disciples today. They do this by joining together in fellowship and service. As we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn to make a difference in our world through friendship and love. Youth, 6th-12th grade are welcome to stop by our meetings. Any questions, call Darla, 412-953-8119.

**Parish Stewardship
Time, Talent and Treasure**

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Saint Mark Parish

Regular Offertory \$ 3,336.50

Parish Share Goal \$61,731.00 Received \$38,983.00

Saint Michael Parish

Regular Offertory \$ 6,949.45

Parish Share Goal \$90,241.00 Received \$77,812.77

Queen of the Rosary Parish

Regular Offertory \$ 2,270.20

Parish Share Goal \$31,507.00 Received \$16,759.00

Thank You for Your Sacrificial Giving!

Have you remembered your Parish in your will?



**Read the Bible.
Pray over Sacred Scripture.
You can keep whatever you find...**

**Diocesan Regulations for all Ministries
(Criteria for public ministry)**

All parish staff & volunteers: Advisory Council (Finance & Pastoral), Catechists & Aides, Choir, CCM/WG, Eucharistic Ministers, Fish Fry, Lectors, Liturgical Hospitality, Ushers, etc., are required by the USCCB, the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Parish and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be cleared in the following ways:

- 1. registered on the Diocesan Data Base.**
- 2. sign the Code of Pastoral Conduct**
- 3. cleared by the Department of Public Welfare**
- 4. be cleared by the Pennsylvania State Police**
- 5. attend Protecting God's Children Seminar.**

Protecting God's Children Seminar

is a requirement for all adults (18 or older) who are involved in the public ministry of the church. This seminar is online or a live class, which will be scheduled after the New Year for our Parishes.

**Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers,
Sanctuary Lamp**

**Saint Joseph Church: Sanctuary Lamp burns for the
health & wellbeing of Michael Bill from the Hilsen Family.**

We remember . . . In your charity,
please remember all those who have died,
especially: **Emil Cominotti,**
father of Christine Gobbie, **Albert Serena,**
John Kovac, all who will die today,
and those who have no one to pray for them.
Resting in Paradise.
Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord.
And let Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

Grief Recovery Support Group
Wednesday, January 15, 2019 - 7:00-9:00 pm
Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish Center Lounge
1313 Fifth Avenue, East McKeesport
Anyone who has experienced a loss is invited.

**Christmas began in the heart of God.
It is complete only when it is in the heart
of men and women, boys and girls.**

Blessed Christmas!

Daily Bread, Celebration Publications**Monday, December 31; 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word ... On my way to a local drug store, I was listening to *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis, read by Joss Ackland. (Excellent!) I was struck by the equality of humans in the eyes of the devil — that is, we are all equally despised — which leads to the idea that in the eyes of God, we are all equally loved. I walked into the store, wondering how hard it would be, just for one day, to love everyone I met. Note, I don't mean **feel** love. Lewis makes the point that this feeling is not what we mean by Christian love. It is what we say and do that measures our love. I tried it out on the person in front of me who had an enormous number of coupons and an apparent need to produce the exact change ... slowly. I did not feel loving. But mindful of Lewis' writing, I smiled and said something about what a good shopper she was. O my gosh, she positively glowed. So I know what my new year's resolution is. If in the beginning was the Word and by the Word everything was made, perhaps it's a worthy goal to be mindful of my words. Maybe my heart will follow. **Loving God, give me the grace to live by the wisdom of St. Paul: Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up.** PBS

Tuesday, January 1; Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7;**Lk 2:16-21 - Mary, the holy Mother of God**

Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. My New Year's resolution is to watch my words. As a writer I have received my fair share of criticism, usually quite civil — after all, I do write for a pretty churchy crowd. But let's face it, any kind of criticism cuts. Years ago I got into the habit of waiting a day before responding to a critic. During that waiting period I always come up with something agreeable to say to someone who disagrees with me. It's actually quite easy because it's rare that anyone is 100 percent wrong. What makes it even easier is when criticism is in writing: I can take a breath and see how I could have written my thoughts more clearly or with less self-righteousness. Would that it were so easy face-to-face. It is very tempting to return cut for cut. Especially at home. Especially with teenagers. So this year I'm going to try to keep comments quietly in my heart until I can respond with love. **May the words of my mouth and the**

thoughts of my heart be acceptable to you, God my strength and my redeemer. Amen. P B Shortal

Wednesday, January 2; 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28**Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops**

Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. One of the blessings of many adult converts (like me) is remembering the first moment we encountered the Gospel. (As I write this, it occurs to me that I was well-prepared for the Scriptures by my secular studies in philosophy and literature. I had an intuitive understanding of the differences among history and parable and fable and the nature of the truth they convey.) Even if one's first encounter is as a little child, those initial lessons are precious. Why-oh-why do we seem so easily to forget them or imagine that we outgrow them? Are we ever really too old for **Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so?** And along with **me**, every other **me** which, together is **us**. Maybe if we could just get that lesson down, we would finally turn those swords (and guns and bombs and walls) into plowshares. **For a world where every mother's child is safe, happy and loved.** P B Shortal

Thursday, January 3; 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. A few years ago, one of our associates preached a homily in which he was describing some kind of conflict (I don't remember the issue) between **the church and the laity**. Of course, he meant, **the clergy and the laity** or perhaps, **the hierarchy and the laity**. It may be because I was baptized as an adult or maybe some personality quirk, but it has never occurred to me to think of the church as **them**. When someone wants to leave the church, or even my parish, because of the actions of the ordained, I want to say, **but I'm here! The rest of us are here!** My attitude is not so much, **never mind them**, (the clergy, that is), but mind them only as much as one should. Anything else is clericalism on its head, the flip side of a tarnished coin. **For your church, dear God, that we may be what you call us to be: your hands, your face, your good news in this world, we pray.** P B Shortal

Friday, January 4; 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42**Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**

The person who acts in righteousness is righteous ... whoever sins belongs to the Devil. In our family it is our custom to read aloud every night. We just finished re-reading all of C.S. Lewis's **Chronicles of Narnia**. There are some

uncomfortable moments in the Chronicles as Lewis was a man of his time and place and his prejudices are evident: All of the bad guys are dark-skinned and Arab-like. That being said, there are images of the Christian life that are really quite lovely. The final book, The Last Battle, formed my image of heaven and I hope it does for my children, too. There is a character who turns up in heaven who, when alive, worshipped the demon Tash. Aslan explains that every good deed done in the name of Tash was for Aslan; and every bad deed done in the name of Aslan really served Tash. There will likely be some surprised people in heaven. **For an increase in those opportunities to understand people of different races, religions, nations and cultures, we pray.** PBS Saturday, January 5; 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

John Neumann, bishop

This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. These readings and this time of the year are about beginning again. Christmas decorations will come down, if they haven't already. Our family waits until Epiphany. Houses returns to normal. Students go back to school for the second semester. Homework and bedtime routines begin again. In today's Gospel, we hear of Philip and Nathaniel whose lives are about to change as they hear the call of Jesus. And in the first letter of John we are reminded of what we have heard from the beginning. And that message? Love one another. That's where it all begins (and ends): **Love one another. God of love, help us to believe the simplicity of your message and live it out even when life is not so simple.** Paige B Shortal

St. Mark Parish Bingo - Friday, January 25, 2019

St. Eugene Church, 3210 Liberty Way, Liberty Boro
Doors open at 5:30PM Early birds at 6:30PM
Regular games start at 7:00PM All paper format
Advance Ticket - \$20.00 Ticket at Door - \$25.00
(Includes: 20 Regular Games 50 pts, 4 Specials 150 pts)
 Early Birds, All Nighter, Magic Number, Quickies,
 Winner Take All Double Bingo & 500 pts Must Go Jackpot
 are not included in the ticket package.
 Chinese Auction, Door Prizes, Food, 50/50, Rip Opens
 For tickets or special need seating, call
 Lori, 412-678-6275 ext.105 or Cathy, 412-980-2918.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

We are requesting donated baked goods for our Parish BINGO. Baked goods can be dropped off on **Friday, January 25, 2018** in Father Rowan Hall.

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday,
 January 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm
 in the St. Michael Church Meeting Room.

St. Mark Parish Fundraising Meeting
 on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm
 in the St. Joseph Church Meeting Room.

Ushers will meet on Thursday, January 10, 2019
 at 7:30 pm in the St. Michael Church Meeting Room.

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday,
 January 12, 2019 at 7:00 am
 in St. Michael Church & Meeting Room.

Rosary Makers will meet on Monday,
 January 21, 2019 at 9:30 am
 in the St. Michael Church Meeting Room.

Holy Name Society Pre-Super Bowl Party

The Queen of the Rosary Holy Name Society will host a **Pre Super Bowl Party** on **January 27, 2019 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm in the Queen of the Rosary Social Hall.** Tickets \$10.00 (includes food, beverages & prizes) We will have a 50/50 drawing and other drawings. All are welcome to attend.

See any Holy Name member for tickets.

Saint Mark Parish, Saint Michael Parish and Queen of the Rosary 50/50

In your offertory packet, there is a special envelope marked 50/50 Drawing--Donation \$5.00.

At the end of each month, one lucky winner is drawn to win half of the proceeds.

Thank you for your support!

Handbell Practice meets on Sunday morning
 from 10:15-11:15 am at St. Joseph Church, Port Vue.

Quilting Club meets on Monday,
 from 11 am-2 pm at St. Joseph Church, Port Vue.
 No sewing on December 24 & 31, 2018.

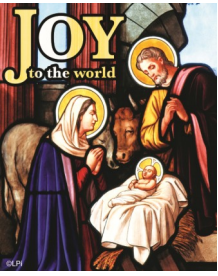
Crochet Club meets on Tuesday morning,
 from 9:30-11:30 am at St. Joseph Church, Port Vue.

Adult Choir Practice meets on Wednesday,
 from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Eugene Church, Liberty.

Adult Choir Practice meets on Wednesday,
 from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Michael Church.

Queen of the Rosary Choir meets on Thursday
 at 6:00 pm in the Church. New members welcome!

Cantor Practice meets on Thursday,
 from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Michael Church.



The Nativity of the Lord

Take a moment to contemplate the symbols of the season. The **crèche** tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Magi who signify that God's salvation extends to all. The **angels** stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from our sins. The **tree** stands as a symbol of life, its green branches unfading even in the winter cold, just as God's life remains in us even though our human form should die. The **wreath** made of evergreens reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end. The **candles** recall the birth of him who is forever the Light of the world. Today, we celebrate the fact that God came to earth as a beautiful, innocent infant who rejects no one. We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! And tonight, we remember that Jesus Christ came into this world quietly, humbly, and gracefully, an example of how we should live our lives. © Liturgical Publications Inc

What Do You Want for Christmas?

This is a question we ask each other often before Christmas. Yet how many of us actually take a few minutes to kneel before the infant Jesus and ask Him what He wants from us this Christmas.

When we kneel before the manger and ask Jesus what He wants, it is very possible that we will hear Him whisper that He wants us to share a little more of our time with Him. Maybe each of us could make a New Year's resolution to spend more time with God.

- **Go to Mass more frequently.**
- **Find some time for prayer in the morning.**
- **End our day with spiritual reading.**
- **Say the rosary while we drive to work.**
- **Participate in Eucharistic Adoration.**
- **Stop into church occasionally for a quiet visit.**

The gift of time with God could be the very best gift we could give this year, not only to Jesus but also to ourselves. It might be just what our own hearts are truly longing for.

Be Born In Us, Be Born In Our World.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

When Oliver Cromwell came to power in England, Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Tradition holds that Catholic parents developed *The Twelve Days of Christmas* to teach children their beliefs.

The partridge in a pear tree represents Jesus (the partridge will sacrifice its life to save its young)

Two turtle doves - The Old and New Testaments

Three French hens - Faith, hope, and charity, or the gifts of the Wise Men (gold, frankincense, myrrh)

Four calling birds - Four Evangelists

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Five golden rings, Pentateuch

The first five books of the Old Testament

(Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

Six geese a-laying

The six days of creation described in Genesis

Seven swans a-swimming

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

(wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord)

Eight maids a-milking - The eight Beatitudes

Nine ladies dancing - The nine choirs of angels (Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and angels);

or the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit

(love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, patience, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control)

Ten lords a-leaping - The Ten Commandments

Eleven pipers piping - The eleven faithful Apostles

Twelve drummers drumming

The twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed

Christmas is Forever –Author Unknown

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal the broken,

To feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among brothers and sisters,

To make music in the heart.

***Be Thankful; do everything
in the name of the Lord Jesus.***

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
2018 Christmas Flowers

Saint Mark Parish - We Honor: John & Dorothy Hornfeck, Edward Rarick, and Edward & Helen Rarick - Louise Rarick; Steven & Mary Mayher - Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren; Edward J. Perkosi, Edward Raymond Perkosi - Richard and Barbara Perkosi; Mary T. Smith; Mary Hornicsar; Bernard Kastan Sr. - Helen Kastan; Joe Rizzo, Rizzo Family and Rosensky Family - Helen Rizzo; Ruth Tomasello, Phillip Tomasello, Dominic Tomasello, Mary Mossburg - Phyllis Mossburg; Buzz Phillips & Dominic Capozzoli - Phillips Family; Chemsak Family & Ponchak Family - Thomas & Patricia Ponchak; Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. & Mrs. Spangler & Family, Mrs. Emma Zarichansky, The Sellers Family, Don Jackson - Robert & Elaine Spangler; Headings & Morris Families - Mary Morris; James & Louise Jackson; Deceased of Benyak, Bellas & Pigora Families - Anna Bellas; Mike Pope, Jack Hornfeck, Bill Shedolske, Harold Pope, Ella Bryner - James & Debbie Stripsky; Beverlee Kotulsky, Ed & Ann Gombes, Dod & Buck Barchie - Charles Kotulsky; Rachel Jones - Robert Jones; Eileen Novobilsky; Patrick Stetar, Jr. & Donna Stetar; Anna & Frank Truszkowski, Gerge Evangelista Sr., Dee Savani, Sally Carlson - Tina Hadad; Elizabeth Radu - Deborah Radu; Joseph & Mildred Cmar, Ernest & Margaret Jordan, Charles & Anna Machek, John & Mary Cmar - David & Joanne Jordan; Anthony DeCarlo Sr., Patricia DeCarlo, Anthony DeCarlo Jr., Jessica Williams - James & Anita Williams; Deceased of Macko & Kollar Families - Geraldine Kollar; John Pucky, Mathilda Pucky, Donald Puckey - Pamela Pucky; Esack Family - Jo Ann Esack; Samuel Esack - Evelyn Esack; Parents of Fran & Nell Gradich - Fran & Nell Gradich; Hilsen/Morris Family - Lawrence & Caroline Hilsen; George Van Kirk - Viola Van Kirk; Hutchison & Schlanger Families - James & Maureen Hutchison; Bollas & Popojas Family - Theresa Popojas; Louis Piotrowsky - Michael & Valerie McCarthy; Dolores McClelland; Helen & Steve Pikula Sr., Betty & Steve Maloski - Deacon Steve & Betty Pikula; Alfred Lapsley, husband & Bob Lapsley, son - Gwendolyn "Gay" Lapsley; Joseph Horvath; Julia Karnash; Shirley Evans; William & Evelyn Piel; Roselyn Cindric; Nicole Landram; Albert Slinchock - Eileen Slinchock; Bertoty & Zyra Family - James Bertoty; Virginia Gibson - Bernice Scorsone; Andrew Wassil - Emma Wassil; Stephen & Rebecca Bodzenski; Andrew & Mary Morgovic Family - Irene Ferko; Kim Brown & Matthew Denk; Charles McCutcheon Families, Michael Ballas Families - Mary McCutcheon; Dad, George T. Legin Jr. - Thomas & Cathleen Esack; Leonard Lynch, Laura & Michael Tutko, Mikey Tutko - Doris Lynch; Robert Bonczek; John Kontros, Joe & Mary Bury - Dolores Kontros; Mayher Family, Econovich Family - Agnes Econovich; Kathern Kish, Howard Kish, Helen Kish - Joseph Kish; Margaret Pancurak - Cheryl Pancurak; Paul, Anna & John Volarich - daughter & sister Maryann Wargo; Catherine & Joe Brozovich - godchild Maryann Wargo; Michael Palyo, John & Mary Gajdzik, Michael & Helen Palyo - Mary Ann Palyo; Parents, Grandparents & Great-Grandparents - Nancy Brown; Walter J. Kaczor & Amelia M. 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***Yes, Christmas is a little taste of heaven,
the perfect gift that lies in wait
for those who love the Lord.***

**St. Mark Parish, St. Michael Parish
Queen of the Rosary Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting will be held
on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm
in St. Michael Archangel Hall.**

**If you are unable to attend,
please call Jan, 412-751-0663.**

**Finance Council Meeting will be held
on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm
in St. Michael Meeting Room.**

If you are unable to attend, please call Jan.

**Save the Date
Old Fashioned Mon Valley
Mardi Gras Dinner Dance
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm
in Saint Michael Archangel Hall
An evening of good food, good music,
good entertainment. More information to follow**

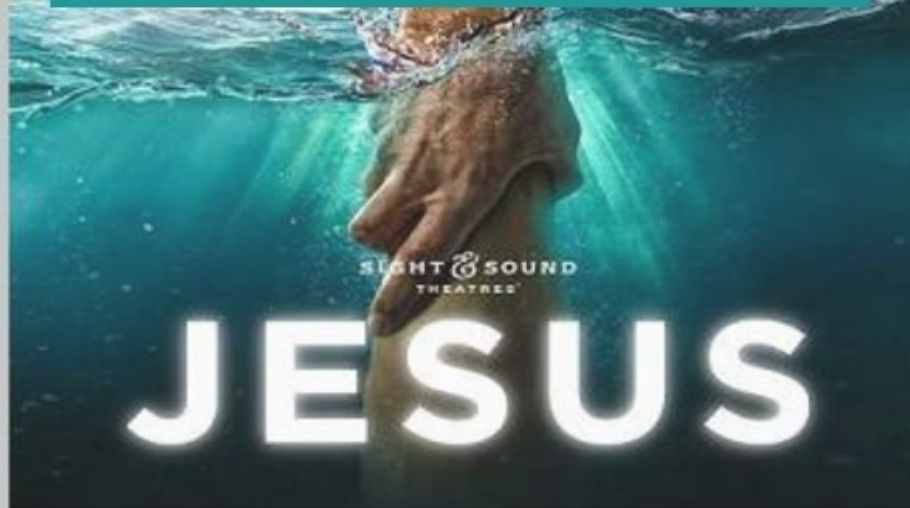
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Thank you for your sacrificial giving!

Christ is born in our hearts.

St. Michael Parish Bus Trip
Lancaster
June 18,19,20



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- Wilbur Chocolate Factory

Cost per person: Double Occupancy \$579.00 Triple Occupancy \$525.00
Quad Occupancy \$497.00 Single Occupancy \$745.00

Name_____

Address_____

Email (please print clearly)_____ Phone_____

Number of Reservations_____ Total Cost_____

Checks payable to St. Michael Parish