

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." - Jn 17:20

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Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

**Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
 Be our defense against the wickedness
 and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him,
 we humbly pray; and do thou O Prince
 of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God,
 thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits
 who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.**

Gathering Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep-ter, his the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thee the Lord of lords we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on



1. throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to -
 2. own. Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Ma - ry, Earth thy foot - stool,
 3. high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has won the



1. ry a - lone; Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 2. heav'n thy throne: Thou with - in the veil hast en - tered,
 3. vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it,



1. Thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of
 2. Robed in flesh, our great High Priest; Thou on earth both
 3. Font of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le - lu - ia!



1. ev - 'ry na - tion Hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2. priest and vic - tim In the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! To the tri - une maj - es - ty.

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Glory To God



Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and on earth, peace on earth, peace to peo - ple of good



will. will. A - men. A - men.

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| 1. We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heav'nly King,
O God, almighty Father. | receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. |
| 2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, | 3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. |

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The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 7:55-60

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97



R. The Lord is king, the most high o - ver all the earth.

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Second Reading Revelation 21:10-14

Gospel Acclamation



R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel

John 14:23-29

Homily

Reflection of the Word

Apostle's Creed

I believe in GOD, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 (All Bow) *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God,
 the Father almighty; from there he will come
 to judge the living and the dead.*
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.



1. love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine, Gives his
 2. blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread; With sin -
 3. songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise: Ris - en



1. Bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 2. cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove.
 3. Lord, all praise to thee With the Spir - it ev - er be.

Text: 77 77 D; *Ad regias Agni dapes*; Latin, 4th cent.; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.
 Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer for On Mission for the Church Alive!

Father of Mercy, as we journey
 On Mission for the Church Alive! endow us with
 your gifts of collaboration, courage and compassion.
 Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and His Church
 through vibrant parishes and effective ministries.
 Raise up selfless, energetic leaders
 to serve the Church in fidelity and with care.
 May we the Church of Pittsburgh in Allegheny, Beaver,
 Butler, Greene, Lawrence, and Washington counties,
 be sustained and strengthened, by your grace.
 Help us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus and to live Jesus.
 Hear this prayer and grant it through Jesus Christ
 our Lord, with help of our dear Blessed Mother,
 under the mantle of her love. Amen.

Holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and



earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -



san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is



he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Offertory Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast

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1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -
 2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel
 3. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, Sin a - lone can



1. to - rious King, He has washed us in the tide
 2. sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 3. this de - stroy; From sin's pow'r do thou set free



1. Flow - ing from his o - pen side; Praise we him, whose
 2. Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose
 3. Souls new-born, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glo - ry,

Mystery of Faith

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
 Resurrection until you come again.**

Amen

Mass of Christ the Savior
 Dan Schutte



A - men. A - men. A - men.

Lamb Of God

*Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this

Verses

one Lord. 1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

to Refrain

1. free, wom - an or man, no more.
2. works, one in the Lord of all.
3. grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 12:4, 12-13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4-6; The Didache 9.
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Implementation Prayer

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

Going Forth Hymn: Sing A New Song

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be sung from
moun-tains high. Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing-ing

Verses

al - le - lu - ia. 1. Shout with glad-ness! Dance for joy!
2. Rise, O chil-dren, from your sleep;
3. Glad my soul for I have seen

1. O come be - fore the Lord. And play for God on
2. your Sav - ior now has come. He has turned your
3. the glo - ry of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

to Refrain

1. glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
2. sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
3. dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

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Mass & Adoration of the Eucharist
St. Eugene Church, Liberty
Tuesday Evening - Mass - 6:30 pm
Adoration - 7:00-7:30 pm
Confession - 7:00-7:30 pm

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

June 2 - 9, 2019

Saturday, June 1, Vigil, Seventh Sunday of Easter

StM 4:00 pm M Charles & Kathleen - Family

StE 6:00 pm T Harold 'Buzz' Phillips - Chuck & Jackie Galley

Sunday, 2, Seventh Sunday of Easter

StJ 9:00 am T Rege & Sandy Weimerskirch - Family

StM 9:30 am M Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass
Living & Deceased of the Parish Grouping Family

QoR 11:00 am T John & Helen Krol & Family - Gertrude Zalac

StM 12 Noon M Marshall Fiore - Mary McKinney

Monday, 3, Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs

QoR 9:00 am FCSLA-Glassport (Br. S200 & J056)

Living & Deceased Members

Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Special Intention - Paul - Gala Family

Tuesday, 4, Easter Weekday

StM 9:00 am Eugenia & Paul Straker - Family

StE 6:30 pm Nick Kovelto - Joanne & Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 5, Boniface, bishop & martyr

QoR 8:00 am Nick Dabruzzo - Pat Garansci

Novena - Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary

StM 9:00 am Bill Piper - Verla & Family

Novena - Michael the Archangel

Thursday, 6, Easter Weekday

StE 8:00 am Helen Shalako - Carol Davidovich

StM 9:00 am Jack & Mary Ann Troup - Rodger & Karyl Leasure

Friday, 7, Easter Weekday

QoR 8:00 am Faye Sikorski - Giulia Distasi

StM 9:00 am Michael, Mary Ann, Tom (III) Eddy - Tom & Peg Eddy

Saturday, 8, Easter Weekday

StM 2:00 pm Wedding: Tyler Schultz & Nicole Lapinsky

Saturday, 8, Vigil, Pentecost Sunday

StM 4:00 pm T John Shar - Wife, Sally

StE 6:00 pm M Paul Shalako - Family

Sunday, 9, Pentecost Sunday

StJ 9:00 am M Dolores Crossen - Edward Boyko

StM 9:30 am T High School Graduation Mass

Dolly Gondos - Adolph & Darlene Vay

QoR 11:00 am M James Pensenstadler - Kathie Pensenstadler Wise

StM 12 Noon T Living & Deceased of the Parish Grouping Family

Low Gluten Hosts are available, please see the priest prior to the beginning of Mass.

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So that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me. Does technology bring us together, or does it remind us of distance and differences and keep us apart? Most days, I'm not so sure. With the constant inundation of news from across the world, it can be easier to tune out the sufferings and the joys of people we'll never meet, in places we'll never visit. But is this the invitation of Jesus?

Over the centuries, our Church has become truly universal across the globe. There are Christians across nations and cultures, across lines of rich and poor. There are Christians who live behind white picket fences, and Christians dying in conflict zones. **That they may all be one,** Jesus prays. One in what? Love. **That the love with which you loved me may be in them.** This is easier said than done, of course. The world is far too vast for us to individually love every human being. I can hardly remember the names of half the regulars at my Sunday Mass! But that doesn't mean we can't try.

I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word. Jesus had this religious popular explosion in mind. The mission and message of Christ was not meant to stop in the Apostle's generation or stay cordoned off in the geographic confines of Israel. Jesus' words at the Last Supper are a prayer, a plea to the Father for the spread and unity of the Church across time and space. This week, look up organizations supporting the persecuted Church and make a donation. Next week, visit a struggling parish within your own diocese. When you meet someone new at hospitality Sunday, invite them over for dinner to get to know them better. Whether far off or close to home, let's allow Jesus' prayer to live in us, to be drawn together in love.
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Save the Date - Family Fun Night

Sponsored by the Youth Group

4th Annual Saint Michael Car Cruise

Friday, July 12, 2019, 5:30-9:30 pm

Food, Games, Music & Dancing, Raffles

Watch the Bulletin for more details.

June Rosary Intention

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

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



On Mission For The Church Alive!

ON MISSION FOR **Father, They Are Your Gift To Me** – In the creation story we are told that God made human beings **in His image**. This doesn't mean that we are exact clones or identical twins of God, but rather that each of us, in light of our

unique gifts and characteristics, are created to reflect the vibrant life and loving face of God to others. God's hand in our lives doesn't end in creating us. Throughout our lives God gives us purpose and fills us with the gifts we need to fulfill that purpose. The challenge for us is to know ourselves as God knows us, as his gifts in the world to share his light and life with others. Through prayer and in humility we are invited to see clearly God's will for our lives and all he has provided for us so that his will and our lives may be complete. God hasn't randomly or thoughtlessly placed us in this world to create a reality for ourselves. He has sent us into the world with a specific task in mind that we might love others and build up his kingdom in the Church, making it ever more Alive!

Visit onmissionchurhalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Ascension of the Lord - Let's find a way to **lift up** your beloved today - a compliment, a favor, or maybe just be silly and fly a kite together.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Always be a first rate version of yourself instead of a second rate version of somebody else (Judy Garland). Do your children know who Judy Garland is? Maybe it's time to watch the **Wizard of Oz** again.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus tells us today, **you are my witnesses** and guarantees the **promise of the Father to clothe us with the power to accomplish this mission**. It is not worldly power which dominates and manipulates. It is the power of the Kingdom of God to live in peace, forgiveness, compassion, service to others, love of enemies and care for the poor and defenseless.

Winged Faith —St. John Climacus

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar into Heaven.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.



Pentecost Red Pentecost Sunday June 8 & 9, 2019

Next to the great event of the **Sacred Triduum** (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil), **Pentecost** is the most important day of the liturgical year. **Pentecost** is marked by the color **RED** since it reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit who filled the hearts of the disciples on the first Pentecost recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

We invite and encourage everyone to wear a **RED OUTFIT** of some sort to Mass on Pentecost Sunday, so that we can fill the church with a **Sea of RED!**



In Between

In between: we all find ourselves there from time to time—sometimes uncomfortably. Like in between money coming in and money going out, earning income and paying bills. In between customer and manager, diner and chef: any honest server trying to serve both. In between theory and practice, ideal and reality: everyone from parents to pastors. Ask the kids—or parishioners! This Sunday, **in between Ascension and Pentecost**, reminds us we're **in between Jesus' departure and glorious return**—sometimes uncomfortably. Though Jesus promises in Revelation, **I am coming soon**, Acts shows Stephen tragically called home first. But Pope Francis urges us not to become **sourpusses**, as if living Gospel love is impossible in between. Today's Gospel shows Jesus praying for those about to betray, deny, and desert him, but also praying **for those who will believe in me through their word**. Us! **So that they—we—may all be one.**

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The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Human Coalition Loose Change Baby Bottle Drive

(sponsored by youth ministry)

Mother's Day to Father's Day, June 16, 2019

Please take a baby bottle home, fill it with your loose change, and bring the filled bottle back.

Your monetary support will help women in crisis pregnancies as they choose life for their unborn babies.

For more information, please contact Sue at 412-384-8356 or sformicaym@comcast.net



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Jun 02; Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Narratives of unity - We tell stories that unite us—and others that divide us. Around the table of our Eucharist, we share a story that once brought Jews and Greeks, men and women, slaves and free people together in a common hope. Our modern media climate often obscures truth and polarizes society. On this World Communication Day, we pray for guidance for those who tell the story of our times through words and images, whether in news stations or in Hollywood, on social media, in politics, and in preaching. We all share the responsibility to affirm the narrative that makes us one in dignity. **So that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you.**

Monday, Jun 03; Charles Lwanga & Companions

Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Embolden the young and the restless - Young people often get a bad rap. They're apathetic, entitled, superficial, and underachieving, older folks sometimes say. But cut them some slack—it isn't easy being young, and each new generation faces challenges and pressures the previous ones didn't. And the young, by virtue of their youth, have admirable qualities—idealism, energy, and fearlessness, to name a few—that everyone could emulate. Charles Lwanga, martyred in Uganda in 1886, is a patron of youth because he helped them resist an abusive ruler. **Embolden the young to do the right thing by encouraging the strengths that come with their age. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.**

Tuesday, Jun 04; Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11

All together now - With Pentecost drawing near, the disciples of Jesus went to a room to pray and wait for the coming of the Spirit that Christ had promised before he ascended to the right hand of God. In one sense they were hiding in fear, but in another the small community was gathering the energy that would burst forth in tongues of fire and the tongues of all nations to fill the world with the gospel of Jesus. Gathered together, they were beginning to understand what it would mean to follow one who would now be present to them in a different way than they had known, and to learn how to be at one with Christ and one another—a call to communion and action we still hear today. **I pray for . . . the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and**

everything of mine is yours.

Wednesday, Jun 05; Boniface, bishop, martyr

Acts 20:28-28; John 17:11b-19

Meet hostility with kindness - Boniface (675-754) was an English monk who spent most of his life as a missionary in present-day Germany. Although nominally Christian, many Germanic people had returned to pre-Christian beliefs and practices. Commissioned as a bishop by Pope Gregory II, Boniface was sent to counter the work of lax missionaries who had offered poor instruction. Boniface's missionary success inspired many others to join him as he opened monasteries throughout the country. Facing resistance later in life, he was martyred in 754. Boniface's correspondence gives testament to a loving man devoted to the gospel. Inspired by Boniface's kindness and work to change people's hearts, listen thoughtfully today to someone who thinks differently than you do. **I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you.**

Thursday, Jun 06; Norbert, bishop

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Encounters of the third kind - Did you know there are members of Catholic religious orders who are laypeople? Some of them belong to what are called third, or tertiary, orders, and most major religious orders include them. Members are men and women who do not necessarily live in community (though some do) but nonetheless participate in the good works of the larger order to which they belong. Saint Norbert was one of the first church figures to initiate a third order. He prepared a set of religious practices that those in secular life could follow. If you feel yourself drawn to a religious lifestyle despite being firmly anchored in a secular life, explore the possibilities third orders offer. **I wish that where I am they also may be with me.**

Friday, Jun 07; Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

Breakfast is served The gospel contains a lovely story we can take with us from this Easter season, which ends this Sunday with the celebration of Pentecost. Peter and the other disciples were at a loss as to what to do with themselves after Jesus' death, so they did the only thing they knew how to do: They went fishing. After a fruitless night on the sea, they returned to shore to find the risen Christ cooking breakfast for them over a charcoal fire. Jesus serves the hungry fishermen and they share a meal. Wouldn't you love to have been there? The fact is, we have a standing invitation. The kitchen is open, the cook is available. Have a seat at the table. **Jesus**

said to him, *Feed my sheep.*

Saturday, Jun 08; Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

The beloved is . . . you! - The identity of the anonymous **Beloved Disciple** is one of the great mysteries of the New Testament. He is mentioned only in the Gospel of John, which states this disciple is also its author, leading many to assume the author was John the Apostle. Scholars have debated who else it might be: Lazarus, Mary Magdalene, Jesus' brother James, among others. But ponder this: Maybe it's you. Anglican author Martin L. Smith suggests, **Perhaps the disciple is never named . . . so that we can more easily accept that he bears witness to an intimacy that is meant for each one of us.**

What concern is it of yours? You follow me.

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All are invited and welcome!

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area

Family Summer Baseball Outing!

Pittsburgh Pirates vs Philadelphia Phillies

Friday, July 19, 2019 (Free Shirt Friday)

Bus departs St. Michael Parking Lot 5:15 pm

Adults \$30 Students \$25

Ticket include Transportation to and from PNC Park and a ticket to the game

Deadline for Tickets - Tuesday, June 4, 2019

For tickets call Sue, 412-926-8412 or sformicaym@comcast.net

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; Col. Richard Collage, PA NG; Staff Sgt. Nicholas

DeLuca, Army; Cadet 1/C David DeMaio, USCGA, Capt. Craig Dolhi, Army; Capt. Anthony Formica, Army; Jacob Formica, E-4, Army; 2nd Lt. John Formica, Army; T/Sgt. Michael Goodman, USAF; E5 Sgt. Brian Imundo, Army; Sgt. Russ Langley, Marines; SrA. Timothy Oeler, USAF; ENS Timothy Ragan, Amn Stephanie A. Reichenbach, USAF; USNA; Sgt. Brandon R. Smith, USAF Pararescueman; Amn. Adam Stitt, USAF; Capt. Andrew Tkac, Army.

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



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Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Catholic Community Celebrates Our Seniors

All graduating seniors are invited to a special Mass honoring your graduation.

Graduate Mass

**Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth
Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 9:30 am
Graduates are asked to be at the church
by 9:15 am in your cap and gown.**

Kindly RSVP to sformicaym@comcast.net or 412-926-8412 to sign up.

Vacation Bible School



Morning Vacation Bible School

Theme: Splash Canyon Old Testament

Monday-Thursday - June 17-20, 2019

9:00 am - 12 Noon St. Eugene Church, Liberty

Evening Vacation Bible School - Family

Theme: Splash Canyon New Testament

Monday-Thursday - July 8 - 11, 2019

6:30 8:30 pm - St. Michael Church, Elizabeth

Vacation Bible School Meeting for all adults looking to volunteer for the weeks of Bible School; **Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room at Saint Michael, Elizabeth.**

If you are in grades 7-12 and are looking for a fun way to spend some time at church during the summer OR you need service hours, VBS is for you.

If you would like to volunteer to be a youth leader at VBS for either week (or for both) please contact Julie Fleckenstein at 412-678-6275 ext. 104 or email saintmarkrep@gmail.com.

We will be having a meeting closer to when VBS will be at both churches.

Treasures From Our Tradition

The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ's risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ's enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ's life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.

Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty-six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor.

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Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm** in **Saint Eugene Rectory, Liberty.**

Finance Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm** in **Saint Eugene Rectory, Liberty.**

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

Maintenance/Buildings & Grounds Collection

Deadline to Donate to Maintenance/Buildings & Grounds assessment free is June 30, 2019.
Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

Parish Stewardship - Time, Talent and Treasure

Due to early transmission schedule, the Offertory will be in next week's bulletin.

Saint Mark Parish

Parish Share Goal \$45,166.00 Received \$23,815.00

Saint Michael Parish

Parish Share Goal \$96,792.00 Received \$39,616.00

Queen of the Rosary Parish

Parish Share Goal \$28,853.00 Received \$10,319.00

Thank You for Your Sacrificial Giving!

Have you remembered your Parish in your will?

We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially:
**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 on them.**

Grief Recovery Support Group
Wednesday, June 19, 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.

Upcoming Events

Ladies of Charity will meet on
Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 1:00 pm
Queen of the Rosary, Social Hall, Glassport.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the St. Michael Church Meeting Room. Any men interested in joining the Knights are welcome to attend the 2nd meeting of the month.

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 7:00 am in St. Michael Church & Meeting Room.

Rosary Makers will meet on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 9:30 am in the St. Michael Church Meeting Room.

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!

Kennywood Tickets Available

Call Jim Portner, 412-672-3043
or Marty Hopkins, 412-672-3028.

A Gardener's Creed —Anonymous
**One is nearer God's heart in a garden
than anywhere else on earth**

Fall Pre-Cana Program

for engaged couples planning weddings.

St. Michael Parish Center

101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth

Saturday, November 9, 2019, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Registration \$35.00 (includes materials & lunch)

Pre-Registration is necessary. Please call the Parish Office, 412-751-0663, for a registration form.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SAINT MARK FESTIVAL
AUGUST 1, 2 & 3, 2019.**

Festival Volunteers Needed

We need you! On page 13 of the Bulletin is a Volunteer Form. Please check the areas where help is needed so we can function for the three days of the Festival, please choose an area where you are comfortable volunteering your time and talent.

If you don't have a preference, the Food Booth is always in need of help, for morning prep or working the booth or evening clean-up.

The Volunteer Team will be happy to assist you in finding just the right position for you.

Help make this year's festival better than ever!

Please join us for this week of fellowship, friendship building and fun! **Hope to see you there!**

Information or questions,

**Email us: saintmarkvolunteers@gmail.com
or call or text Missy at 412-853-6463.**

Saint Mark Festival Flea Market is in need of gently used, but loved items, that you may have found in your spring cleaning and would like to donate to the flea market. All donations must be in good working condition. The following items will not be accepted: clothing, draperies, tires, computers or broken electronics and unclean items.

**Drop-off in July 15-19 from 6-8 pm
at St. Eugene Church, Fr. Rowan Hall.
Thank you for your treasures!**

Festival Flea Market Pre –Sale

Admission \$5.00

Saturday, July 27, 2019

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thank You!

Information call Pat Muic, 412-377-8215

**Filled Propane Tanks Needed
for our Saint Mark Festival**

**We are requesting filled, 20 lb. propane tanks,
to be donated for our festival.**

**Tanks should be marked with your name
and be dropped off at Saint Eugene Church
on or before July 15, 2019.**

Tanks will be available for pickup after the festival.

If you can help, please contact Cathy Esack
at 412-980-2918 by **June 30, 2019.**

Thank you for generosity and kindness!

**Saint Mark Festival
August 1-3, 2019.**

Festival Specialty Basket

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

A huge thank you to all our generous community who continue to donate items weekly to fill our festival specialty baskets. We are continuing to accept new items (never been used) to fill our lovely baskets that we create for our Parish Festival.

Items can be placed in the labeled baskets at each church. Here are some of the items still needed:

- ♦ **Car Wash Supplies**
- ♦ **Pet supplies (toys, food, bedding etc.)**
- ♦ **Items for grilling**
- ♦ **Items used to tinker in the garden**
- ♦ **Patriotic items**

**Please remember
we can't do it without your help!**

And as always, **THANK YOU** for your generosity in helping us to create 70+ baskets for each night of festival in addition to our craft baskets and 3-night baskets.

**Please note all basket donations
must be received by Sunday, July 21, 2019,
to allow for preparation and sign-making.**

**All items received after that date
will be held for future specialty baskets.**

For information or are interested in being involved with the festival please contact Cathy Esack
at: 412980-2918 or 412-672-8666.

**Your generosity is appreciated!
Thank You!**

**Saint Mark Festival Ride Tickets
Advance Ticket Sales for Festival Rides
Five rides will be featured this year.**

We are offering a strip of 10 ride tickets
at a discounted rate of **\$20.00.**

(Each ride takes one ticket)

This discounted rate is only good for tickets
purchased prior to the Festival.

At the Festival, a strip of 10 tickets will be \$22.50.
(Individual ride tickets will cost is \$2.50/ ticket.)

Advance tickets can be purchased at
Saint Mark Parish Administration Center
1125 Romine Avenue, Port Vue
or Cathy Esack Hair Styling Center

Saint Mark Festival Tickets

Festival Tickets are available for pick-up before and after all Masses the weekends of June 1/2, 8/9 and 15/16.

Each family is asked to buy/sell 1 book of tickets: Buy 10 get 2 FREE!

Please pick up your tickets; no tickets will be mailed!!

Additional tickets available in the Parish Office or by contacting Cathy Esack.

New This Year! Early Bird Drawing!

A \$50.00 weekly drawing in July

for early return of sold ticket stubs & money on full packets of tickets.

All tickets in a packet must be sold to be eligible to win.

The sooner you turn in your sold ticket stubs & money, the more chances you have to win!

Turn-in by:	Drawing on:
July 01	July 08
July 08	July 15
July 15	July 22
July 22	July 29

Thank You For Your Support! Good Luck!!

Saint Mark Festival Wheelbarrows of Cheer

One Wheelbarrow of Cheer will be given away each night at the Festival.

Donations are greatly appreciated.

Sports, beach & summer theme items, coolers, beach chairs, spirits-of all kinds, wine, wine coolers, beer, soda, mixers, snack & party food items are all needed.

Donations can be dropped off at:

Mari Ann Palestra, 412-667-0297
905 Morton Avenue, Port Vue

or at Cathy Esack Hair Styling Center
2713 Liberty Way (during business hours),

Monday & Wednesday, 9am-9pm;

Friday, 9am-4pm; Saturday, 9am-1pm.

Please do not leave items if the shop is not open.

Thank you for your continued and generous support!!

Stuffed Cabbage for Festival Volunteers Needed and Appreciated!!

We will be making Stuffed Cabbage, Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 9:00 am at St. Eugene Church, Liberty.

Lunch provided.

We are in need of your time and talent, no experience necessary. We also need assistance washing dishes and cleanup. Students in need of service hours, please contact, Cathy Esack, 412-980-2918. Lots of fun! Good times! Laughs! Smiles! Hugs! Friends!

Attention All Crafters - It's festival time! We need You and Your Talents!!!!

We are in need of your talents for making afghans, pillows, fleece blankets, sports blankets/pillows and any other craft items that you can share for the craft baskets. Fiberfill is available for your use or drop-off information, call Cathy, 412-980-2918. Thank You!

Be a BOOTH SPONSOR for our SAINT MARK FESTIVAL

For a \$50.00 donation, your name or business name will appear on one of our booths for all three nights of the Festival.

A complete list of Booth Sponsors will be printed in the bulletin.

Please detach and return by July 8, 2019 in the offertory basket or to the Parish Administration Center -, 1125 Romine Avenue - McKeesport, PA 15133.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!

SAINT MARK FESTIVAL BOOTH SPONSOR:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ AMOUNT OF DONATION: _____

NAME TO READ AS: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!

Please detach and return by July 8, 2019 in the offertory basket or to the Parish Administration Center -, 1125 Romine Avenue - McKeesport, PA 15133.

Saint Mark Festival - August 1, 2, 3, 2019

Volunteer Form 2019

Please Print

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Age: 12-13 _____ 14-15 _____ 16-17 _____ 18 and up _____ Adult Senior _____

Please CHECK all that apply. *Thank you so much for your help!*

Before/After Festival:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Booth set-up (Sunday, July 28, 9 am)
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical set-up (Sunday, July 28, 9 am)
<input type="checkbox"/> Flea Market set-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Booth tear-down (Sunday, August 4, 9 am)
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical set-up (Monday, July 29, 9 am)
<input type="checkbox"/> Flea Market tear-down |
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Areas for Volunteering:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anywhere I am needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Games
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Money Games (Chuck-O-Luck, Hokey
Poker, Money Wheel, Over/Under)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bingo
<input type="checkbox"/> Flea Market - Saturday Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Booth (Morning Shift)
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Booth (Evening Shift) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds
<input type="checkbox"/> Kid's Refreshments
<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen (Morning/Afternoon Shift)
<input type="checkbox"/> Raffles, 50/50 (Walking Around)
<input type="checkbox"/> Security
<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute in any area (provide dinner
break for others)
<input type="checkbox"/> Ticket sales (Sitting at Table) |
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Availability for Volunteering:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Each day; all evening
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 11 pm - Thursday, August 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 11 pm - Thursday, August 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 11 pm - Saturday, August 3
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 pm - Saturday, August 3, tear-down
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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Thank you for supporting our Saint Mark Festival!
We will do our best to accommodate your preference.
Please return in the offertory basket or Administration Center.
Email us: saintmarkvolunteers@gmail.com or call or text Missy at 412-853-6463.

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
ELIZABETH, GLASSPORT AND SOUTH ALLEGHENY**

Vacation Bible School - Splash Canyon

**Morning Vacation Bible School - Theme: Splash Canyon Old Testament
Monday-Thursday- June 17-20,2019 - 9:00 am - 12 Noon St. Eugene Church, Liberty**

**Evening Vacation Bible School - Family—Theme: Splash Canyon New Testament
Monday-Thursday - July 8 - 11, 2019 - 6:30 8:30 pm - St. Michael Church, Elizabeth**

Please Print
Parent/Guardian

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Child: _____ Grade (Fall 2019): _____ Birth Date: _____

Child: _____ Grade (Fall 2019): _____ Birth Date: _____

Child: _____ Grade (Fall 2019): _____ Birth Date: _____

Child: _____ Grade (Fall 2019): _____ Birth Date: _____

Emergency Contact*: _____

Relationship to Child(ren): _____ Telephone: _____

*If different than parent information stated above; must be available between the hours of 9am-Noon if there is an emergency

**Children must be FULLY potty-trained to attend Vacation Bible School

Food Allergies/Medical Conditions:

**One Child \$25 per week or register for both weeks \$40 per child
Each Additional Child \$15 per week or register for both weeks \$25 per child**

_____ June 17-21 Saint Eugene 9 AM- Noon - Splash Canyon Old Testament

_____ July 7-11 Saint Michael 6 PM – 9 PM - Splash Canyon New Testament

_____ I want to register my child(ren) for both weeks of V.B.S

If you need financial assistance for VBS,
please contact Julie Fleckenstein at 412-678-6275 ext. 104

Please make checks payable to Saint Mark VBS

Office Use Only: Date Received: _____ Amount: _____ Cash/Check #: _____