The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 23, 2019

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

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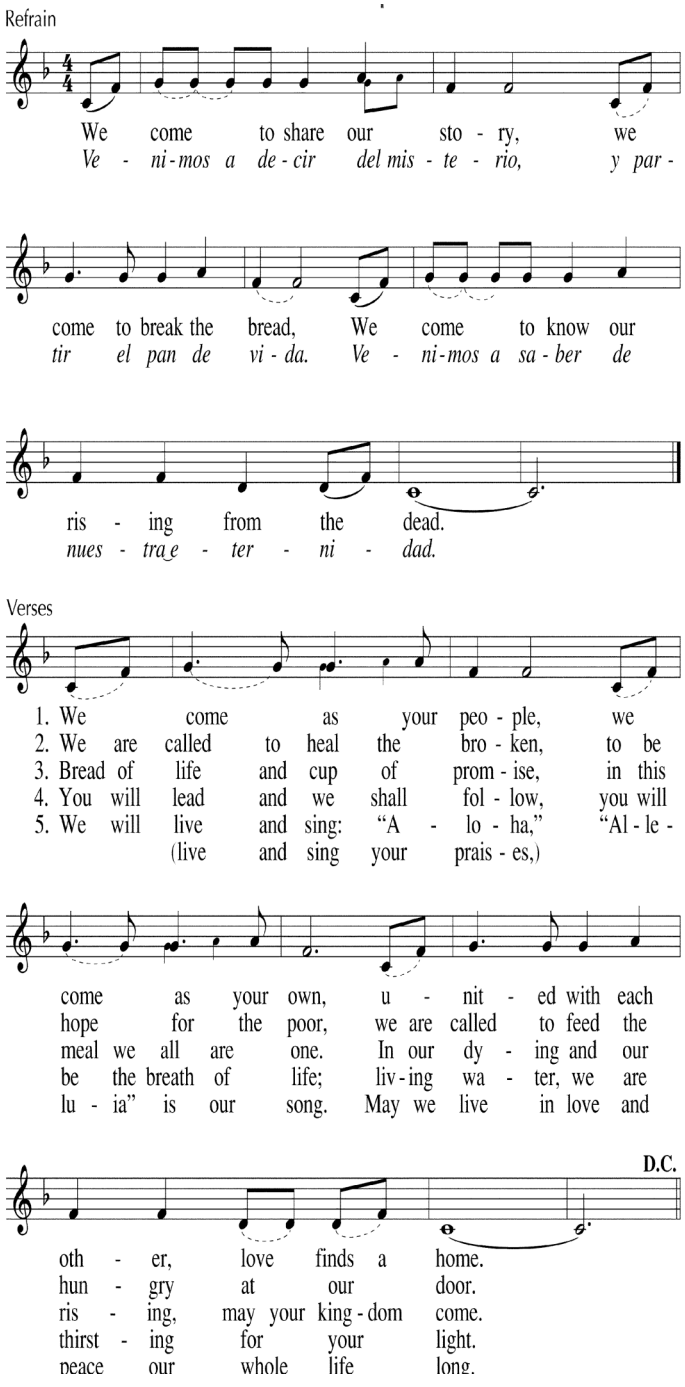
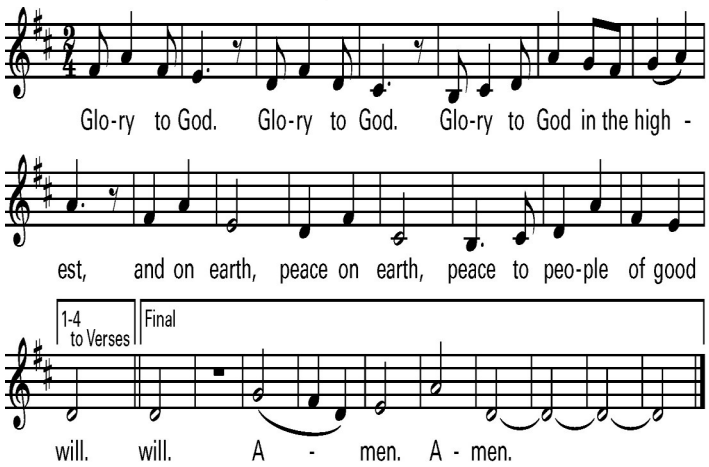
Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

**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: Song of the Body of Christ



Glory To God



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.

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,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

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 **Genesis 14:18-20**

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 110**

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel **John 16:12-15**

Homily: Reflection of the Word

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Apostle's Creed

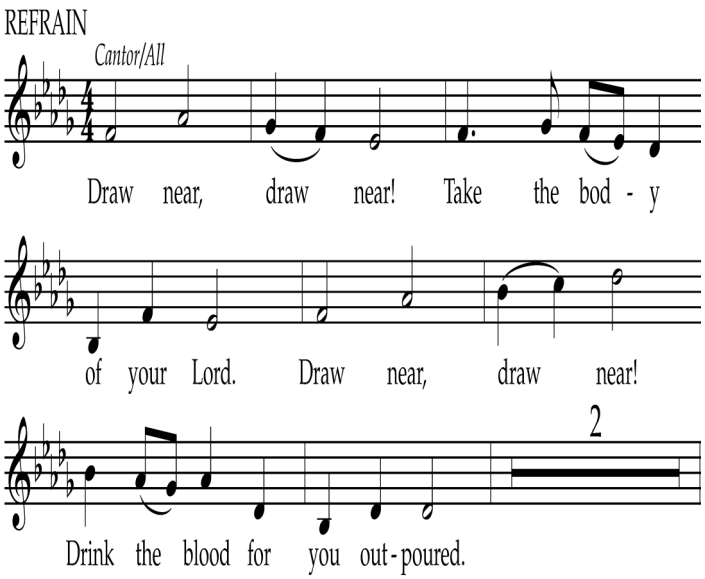
**I believe in GOD, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(All Bow) ***who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*** suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day 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.**

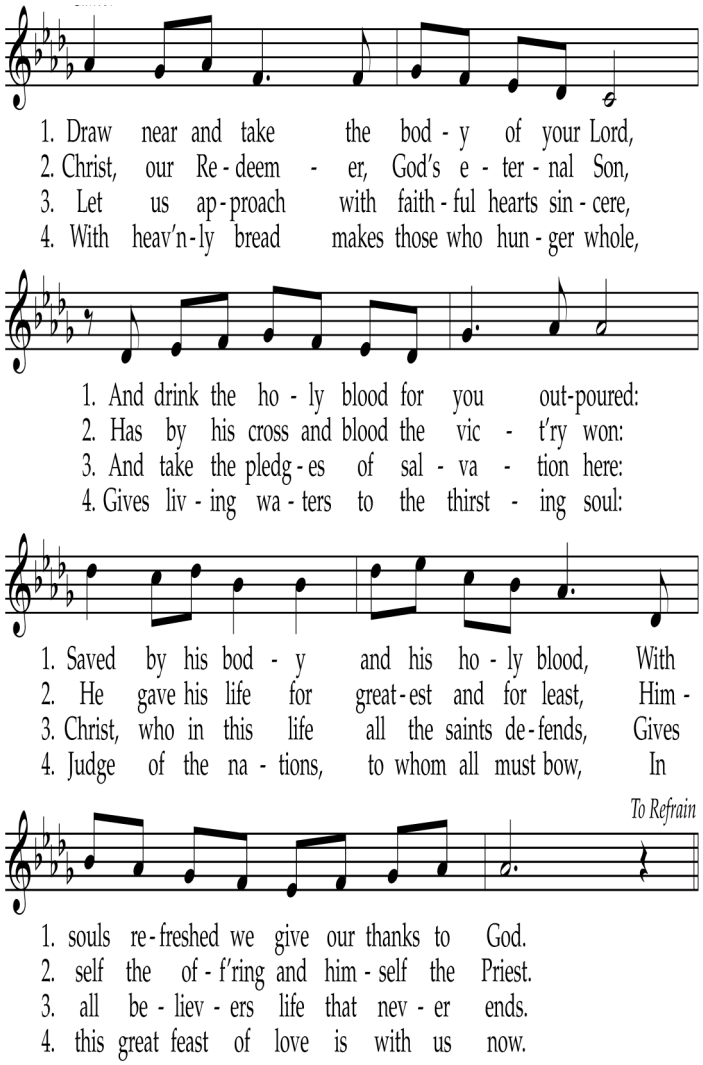
The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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.**

Offertory Hymn: Draw Near





Sancti, venite, Christi corpus sumite
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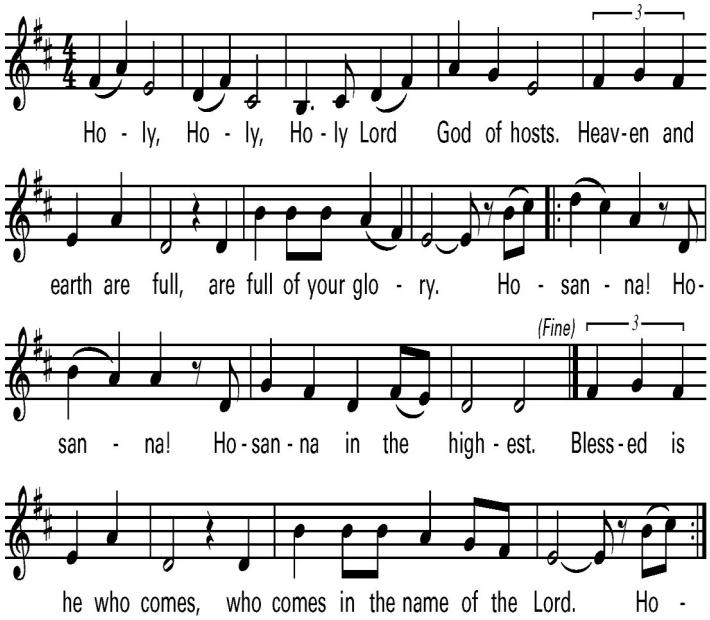
Holy



Lamb of God

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

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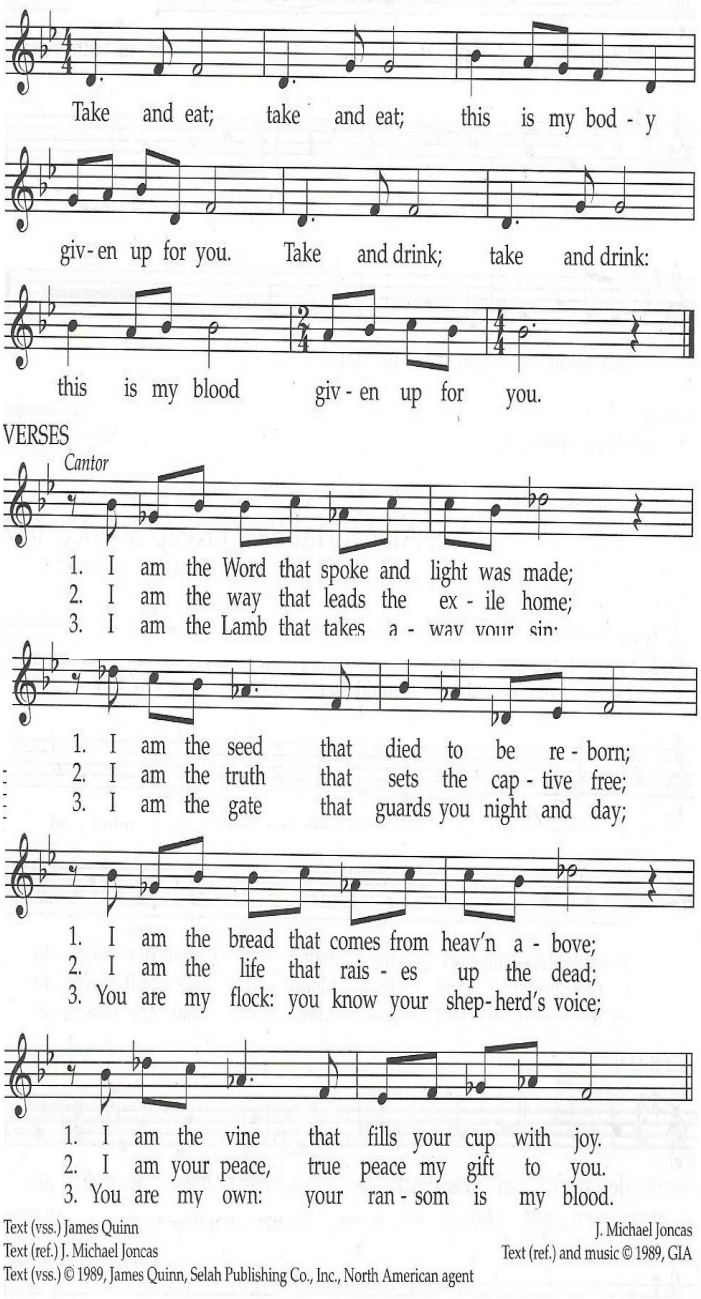
Implementation Prayer

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.

Communion Hymn: Take And Eat



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Going Forth Hymn: I Am The Bread Of Life

Jn 6

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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
2 weeks in advance of publish date.
elizabethsalleghenybulletin@gmail.com

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 23-30, 2019

Saturday, 22, Vigil, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi
StM 4:00 pm T **Bill, Irene & William Hunt -** Paula & Maureen
StE 6:00 pm M **Beverlee Kotulsky -** Husband, Charles Kotulsky

Sunday, 23, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi
StJ 9:00 am M **Ricardo Paguirigan - Melvyn & Elena PLan**
StM 9:30 am T **Bernie Stricklin -** Linda Tobin
QoR 11:00 am M **Helen Ksiazek, Anniversary -** Family
StM 12 Noon T **Patrick J. Safran, Sr.** - Family
Living & Deceased of the Parish Grouping Family

Monday, 24, Nativity of John the Baptist
QoR 9:00 am **Kay Gorun -** Family
Novena - Infant of Prague
StM 9:00 am **Kate Rost -** Andrew & Shirley Beamon

Tuesday, 25, 12th Week in Ordinal Time, Weekday
StM 9:00 am **Ryan Malady -** Audrey & Casey
StE 6:30 pm **Jack Doonan** – Doonan Family
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 26, Weekday
QoR 8:00 am **Nick Dabruzzo -** Don & Bernie Leonetti
Novena - Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary
StM 9:00 am **Lois Wagner -** Son
Novena - Michael the Archangel

Thursday, 27, Weekday
StE 8:00 am **Dolores Crossen** – Plan Family
StM 9:00 am **Dennis Kapisak -** Family

Friday, 28, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
QoR 8:00 am **Joseph E. Panchak** - Wife, Virginia & Family
StM 9:00 am **Mike & Anita Vancas -** Mike & Michelle Vancas

Saturday, 29, Vigil, 13th Sunday in Ordinal Time
StM 4:00 pm M **Howley Family -** Kathleen Wagner
StE 6:00 pm T **Arleigh E. Smith** – Wife & Puppy, "Buttons'

Sunday, 30, 13th Sunday in Ordinal Time
StJ 9:00 am T **Nick Kovello** – Doris Lynch
StM 9:30 am M **Living/Deceased of Lantz & Formica Families -** Family
QoR 11:00 am T **Laura E. Govola -** Daughter, Michelle & Janet
StM 12 Noon M **Kathleen & Tony Singer, 72 Wedding Anniversary**
- Kathy & Bob Donnelly
Living & Deceased of the Parish Grouping Family

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

Jesus spoke to the crowd about the kingdom of God and then fed them with five loaves and two fish.

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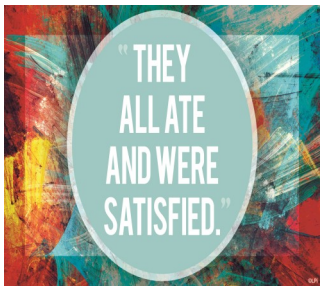
Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp
Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Walter Cross from Wife & Family.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi
June 23, 2019

They all ate and were satisfied. Why read the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves this Sunday? Here we see the mystery of our physical and spiritual realities intermingling. Too often, they can feel separate. When we go to Mass, how often we appear more ordinarily human rather than stretching toward the divine.

Perhaps our experience of the Eucharist is fairly mundane. We notice when a new sacramental wine has been selected. We feel the varying textures of the host and wonder if they'll ever bring back the one that tasted distinctly like wheat. As we shuffle up to the front and stride back to our pew, we notice the looks on people's faces and the clothes on their backs. We get distracted by the crying child, the man blowing his nose, and the mechanical sound of the air conditioner kicking in. How human we are, how earth-bound, how material!

And how good God is for entering into these selfsame realities. How good God is for proclaiming **the kingdom of God,** for **healing those who needed to be cured,** for having mercy on a tired and hungry crowd. How many of the crowd noticed what had been done for them? Did they realize their dinner was a miracle? How often do we miss the deeper reality of the Eucharist? Even if in the moment of receiving Communion we don't experience radical ecstasy and don't feel any different, there is a tangible reality to cling to. Our God loves us enough to become bread for us, not only to feed us but to be fed upon by us.

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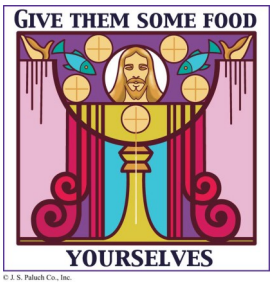
The Eucharist —St. Irenaeus

Just as the bread, which is made from the earth,
when God is invoked is no longer common bread
but the Eucharist, both earthly and heavenly,
so our bodies, after we have received
the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible,
since they hold the hope of the resurrection.

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.



This Sacred Meal

Today we celebrate the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. Each of the readings includes a blessing and a sharing of food. They remind us of the central place of meals in our lives. Each meal brings to mind other meals: the sharing of cookies and milk, pizza and beer, loaves and fishes, bread and wine. When we prepare a meal for our family, our friends, even strangers, we always put something of ourselves into the preparation and the meal itself. **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** reminds us of what God put into the preparation for this meal that we celebrate today. We share this sacred meal and are transformed as we remember the death of Jesus and the sacrifice that nurtures our faith, sustains our lives, and supports our work.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that **nobody wanted**. He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.

Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the Eucharistic Bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an **anchoress**, a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning.

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Mother's Day - Father's Day
Loose Change Baby Bottle Drive

Thank you for supporting the annual Mother's Day to Father's Day Loose Change Baby Bottle Drive.

Thank You For Your Generous Support!

Faith, Fellowship, & Food

Summer Speaker Series Returns!

Louis Bosco, Director of Religious Education, Wexford Grouping

Dates for our live speaker are:
Tuesday, July 16, Papacy
Tuesday, August 20, Redemptive Suffering
Our evening runs from 6:45 - 9:00 pm

Discovering the continuity of Catholic teaching from the days of Apostles to today, and why these teachings still matter today. We will investigate the evidence for the faith found in Sacred Scripture, as well as in the writings of the Early Church Fathers. We will discuss why these teachings are important today and how they bring us closer to Jesus. Our evening begins with a light dinner, time for prayer, a presentation, and an opportunity for questions, answers, and discussion.

There is no cost for these events, however a good will donation is greatly appreciated. Please contact Sue at sformicaym@comcast.net or 412-926-8412 to register, and joins us as we learn more about our Catholic Faith.

May God Bless Our Service Personnel

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; Ens. David DeMaio, USCG; 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,USN; Amn Stephanie A. Reichenbach, USAF; PFC David R. Saunders, Army National Guard; Sgt. Brandon R. Smith, USAF Pararescueman; Amn. Adam Stitt, USAF; Capt. Andrew Tkac, Army.** If you would like to add or update an active Service member, please call the Parish Office.

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

Religious Education

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Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ

Religious Education - Faith Formation
Adult - Children - Youth

After consultation with the Advisory Councils, Blue Print Team and the Clergy Team, the Religious Education Program is being restructured. There will be one Faith Formation Team for our Grouping beginning July 1, 2019. The Faith Formation Team will be lead by a Facilitator, who will coordinate all Faith Formation for our Grouping, adult, children, and youth.

The Faith Formation Facilitator will be assisted by team leaders for Children, Youth, Family Support and a dedicated and faithful team of catechists and volunteers.

Vacation Bible School

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

Blessing Bags - We Need Your Help!

Blessing Bags are kits given to the homeless and less fortunate to give them food & self-care items. Please place your donation Sunday, June 23, in the special Basket in the Sanctuary of the church. Monetary donations are welcome, place in envelope marked Blessing Bags.

Blessing Bag Suggestions: tuna packs, granola bars, fruit snacks, peanut or cheese crackers, small packs of mints, cough drops or gum, individual packs of trail mix or nuts, socks, fast food gift cards ($5 or $10), rain poncho, band aids, individual hand wipes, toothbrush/small tooth paste, Chapstick, small comb or brush, plastic utensils.

Thank You in advance for your generosity!

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

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

Learn Jesus, Love Jesus, and Live Jesus

4th Annual St. Michael Classic Car Cruise
Friday, July 12, 2019, 5:30-9:30 pm
101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth
Food, Games, Raffles
Live Music & Dancing

Classic Car Cruise
Bring your classic car and join our Car Cruise
(no fee - 1st 100 cars receive a dash plaque)

Youth Group Raffle
Raffle tickets available for sale after all Masses
$5.00 per ticket - Two chances to win
straight wins $1500 & reverse wins $450
winner determined by PA Daily Number
on July 13 at 7:00 pm

Dessert Pie Baking Contest - Prizes
Recipe must accompany each entry
along with name and home phone number
(Recipe will not be shared).

Please contact Sue Formica to register pies and/or cars, for raffle tickets, or for more information (sformicaym@comcast.net 412.926.8412)

This event is sponsored by the Youth Group

Family Fun Night Volunteer Form
(Please Print)

Name _____

Phone Number _____

I would like to work Family Fun Night, July 12

____ **Kitchen Help (3-6 pm, Must be 18 +)**
____ **Kitchen Help (5-8 pm, Must be 18 +)**
____ **Kitchen Help (7-10 pm, Must be 18 +)**
____ **Order Taking (5-8 pm, Must be 18 +)**
____ **Order Taking (7:30-9:30 pm, Must be 18 +)**
____ **Games (5-8 pm)**
____ **Games (7:30-9:30 pm)**
____ **Clean Up (Friday Night, 9:30 pm-?)**

Please return completed form to the Rectory Office, by the Collection Basket, U.S. Mail, or Drop Off.

Take Five for Faith
Daily renewal for busy Catholics

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

Sunday, Jun 23; Corpus Christi
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17

Remembering makes the past present - Watching a performance of Lin-Manuel Miranda's **Hamilton** or a movie like Steven Spielberg's stirring portrait of Abraham Lincoln does more than momentarily bring these historical individuals to life again. They also thrill us with the possibilities inherent in American liberty. We are the heirs of this grand experiment. We too participate in making a better nation. In a more visceral way, sharing our Holy Communion awakens once more the life of Christ that we inherit. Christ is present in the bread, the wine—and us. What will you do with the Christ in you? **This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

Monday, Jun 24; Nativity of John the Baptist
Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

Expect the unexpected - What else would we expect from a kid whose first act in scripture is a dancing leap in the womb? Something startlingly new is afoot here. In a patriarchal culture, when the father doesn't name the child, and the mother stoutly gives his unexpected name, stand back! The stage is set. The question asked about John could be asked of every newborn: **What, then, will this child be?** God seems to enjoy unsettling the status quo. We like to hunker safely in custom and tradition. God likes surprises: Let's be attuned to those. **From my mother's womb [God] gave me my name.**

Tuesday, Jun 25; Weekday
Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

The way can be narrow - When the saints go marching in, who will be in the parade? Some would have us think only a select few will walk the road to salvation. Others feel their own unworthiness will send them permanently to the row of spectators. Still others think the road so wide that everyone will make it in the end, however they lived. The decision about who gets to go to God is ultimately up to God. It's not for us to guess the inner workings of the divine mind or put fences around God's mercy. The difficulty is not in figuring out who gets saved but in meeting the challenge of doing what God wants for us. Fortunately the gift of scripture and 2,000 years of church tradition show us the way. **Enter through the narrow gate.**

Jesus fed the crowd with five loaves and two fish.

Wednesday, Jun 26; Weekday
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20

The trees remember - There is an amazing group of olive trees surrounding Jerusalem's Church of All Nations, which itself was built around the rock on which it is said Jesus prayed in agony the night before his Crucifixion—commonly known as the Garden of Gethsemane. These olive trees are believed to be descendants of an olive tree that was present during the time of Christ. It is fascinating to think of the countless generations of these branches and leaves that have been the offspring of an original **witness** to the events leading up to Jesus' arrest, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. These trees remind us of the roots of faith that bear the fruits of witness to the good news in our lives. **Every good tree bears good fruit . . . . So by their fruits you will know them.**

Thursday, Jun 27; Cyril of Alexandria, bishop
Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29

Ponder the mystery - Cyril came to power as bishop of Alexandria during the early fifth century, a time of great contention among church leaders over the identity of the Christ: Was he really God? Was he only human? Could he be both? Who knew? The Nicene Creed of 325 had not yet been fully accepted and there was still a need to work things out. Cyril was in constant conflict with other bishops of the day over who had it right. His arguments helped define the mystical person of Christ as both truly God and truly human. Take a moment today to reflect on the mystical communion of divinity and humanity, realized in Christ and shared with us. **Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.**

Friday, Jun 28; The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7

Wear your heart on your sleeve - The depiction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is among the most evocative in religious art. It is shown aflame, pierced with a lance, shining with light, encircled with thorns, topped with a cross, and bleeding. In some imagery, Jesus is exposing it on his chest. It's intense, to say the least. Given that the heart is the essence of life, literally, and love, figuratively, the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a statement about Christ's humanity, the horror of his suffering, and ultimately the depth of his devotion to us. Express your fidelity in return. **Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.**

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Saturday, Jun 29; Peter and Paul, apostles

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Be a pillar of the church - It seems strange that the two most significant figures in the early church have to share a feast day! Shouldn't each get their own? Saints' feasts usually mark the days of their deaths. Not with Peter and Paul. Though they both died in Roman persecutions around the same time, it was during a later persecution that their relics were moved for safekeeping together. The two apostles, linked in death, were connected in life as well. They knew one another, argued with one another, and were the main reasons for the spread of the early faith. Both the churches of the West and the East observe their feast. In imitation of these great apostles, how can you work with others to bring unity to your community, the church, and the world? **Upon this rock I will build my church.**

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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.

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

Parish Stewardship - *Time, Talent and Treasure*
Sunday, June 16, 2019

Saint Mark Parish
Offertory $ 3,247.50
Mission Co-op $ 908.00
Parish Share Goal $45,166.00 Received $26,946.00

Saint Michael Parish
Offertory $ 6,169.06
Mission Co-op $ 1,860.60
Parish Share Goal $96,792.00 Received $46,131.00

Queen of the Rosary Parish
Offertory $ 2,035.50
Mission Co-op $ 372.00
Parish Share Goal $28,853.00 Received $11,701.00

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.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Give them some food (Lk 9:13)**.** As spouses we give our bodies to each other in joy and share each other's pain when sickness strikes. Taking care of each other's body is part of being married. Sometimes this means meeting physical needs like food and other times it's emotional comfort. Feed each other today.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

June 21 is the Summer Solstice which means we have an extra long **day.** Use the daylight to do some outdoor family activity together - a hike, a bike ride, a swim ...

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Body & Blood of Christ - In today's gospel Jesus teaches we will find abundance by sharing the little we have. No matter how little time, money or food we have, it is enough to share.

Upcoming Events

Ladies of Charity will meet on
Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 1:00 pm
Queen of the Rosary, Social Hall, Glassport.

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 7:00 am in St. Michael Church & Meeting Room.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, July 1, 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.

Rosary Makers will meet on Monday, July 15 , 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.

Thank you for your continual support!

Attention residents of
Romine Ave. & Washington Blvd!
Festival Yard Signs are available. If you would be willing to post a Festival sign in your yard prior to our Festival, please contact Tom Ponchak or Cathy Esack. Thank you!

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. It is about 6 weeks until Festival. We are in the home stretch and your items are more important than ever. Items must be 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:

- **Men's items (car care, tools, etc.)**
- **Car Wash Supplies**
- **Pet supplies (toys, food, bedding etc.)**
- **Children's Toys**
- **Sports Team Items**
- **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

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 on the weekend.

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 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!!

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!**

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!**

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!***

<u>Before/After Festival</u>:

- _____ **Booth set-up** (Sunday, July 28, 9 am)
- _____ **Electrical set-up** (Sunday, July 28, 9 am)
- _____ **Flea Market set-up**
- _____ **Booth tear-down** (Sunday, August 4, 9 am)
- _____ **Electrical set-up** (Monday, July 29, 9 am)
- _____ **Flea Market tear-down**

<u>Areas for Volunteering</u>:

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

<u>Availability for Volunteering</u>:

- _____ **Each day; all evening**
- _____ **6 - 11 pm - Thursday, August 1**
- _____ **6 - 11 pm - Thursday, August 2**
- _____ **5 - 11 pm - Saturday, August 3**
- _____ **10 pm - Saturday, August 3, tear-down**
- _____ **Other** _____

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.

Thank You! Thank You! We would like to THANK *Mon River Supply* for their very generous donation of the concrete that was needed to pour the pad that will be used for our live entertainment area for our Saint Mark Community Festival. In addition, we would like to thank the following for donating their time, talents, labor and brawn to make this come to fruition: **Kevin Hopkins, Bob Jones, Arbo Arbaczewski, Tony Hutskow, Sam Formica and Dan Ragan. Festival 2019 Here We Come!**

The Catholic Community of Elizabeth, Glassport and South Allegheny

Vacation Bible School - Splash Canyon

Evening Family Vacation Bible School - 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 6:30-8:30 pm 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 Each Additional Child $15 per week

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

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 #: _____