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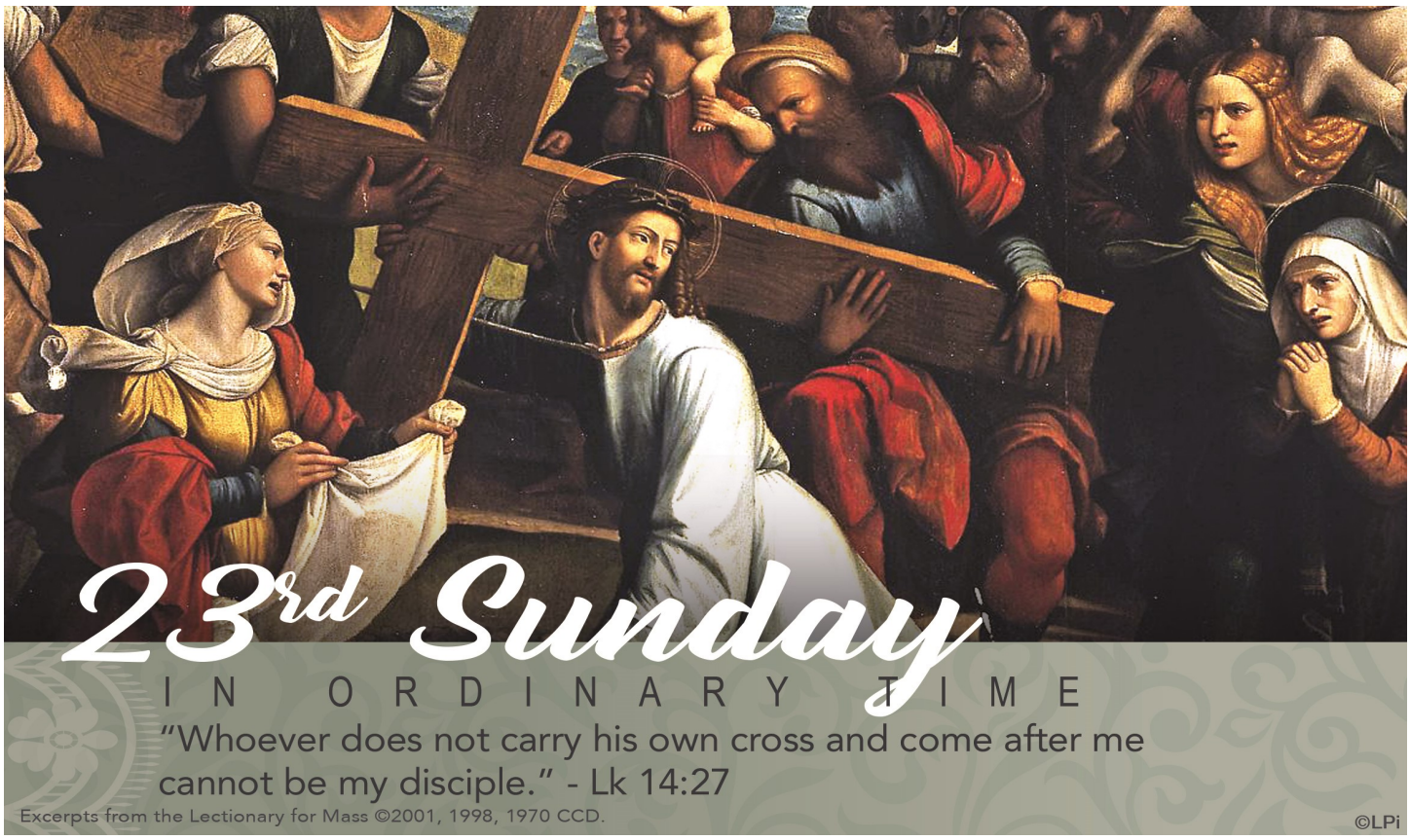

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinal Time

September 8, 2019

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Looking For A Faith Community? Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you to join our community. You may register by calling the Faith Community Office.

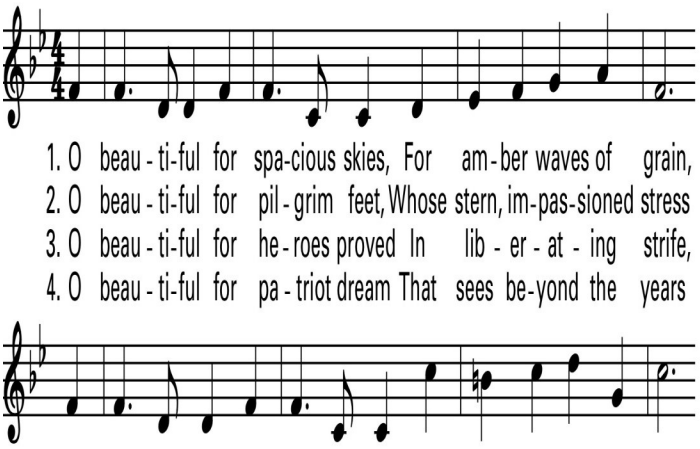
23rd Sunday in Ordinal Time
September 8, 2019

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: America the Beautiful

MATERNA



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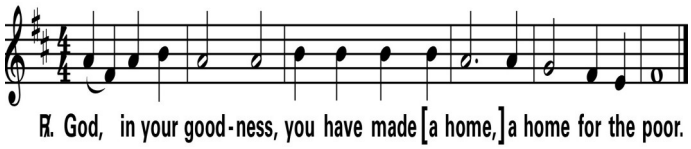
Glory To God

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
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 of the Father,
have mercy on us.
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. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading — **Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

Responsorial Psalm — **Psalm 68**



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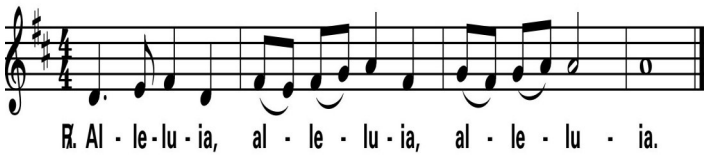
Second Reading — **Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24**

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel — **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Homily: Reflection of the Word

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

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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten
Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made. for us men
and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
All Bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again
on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

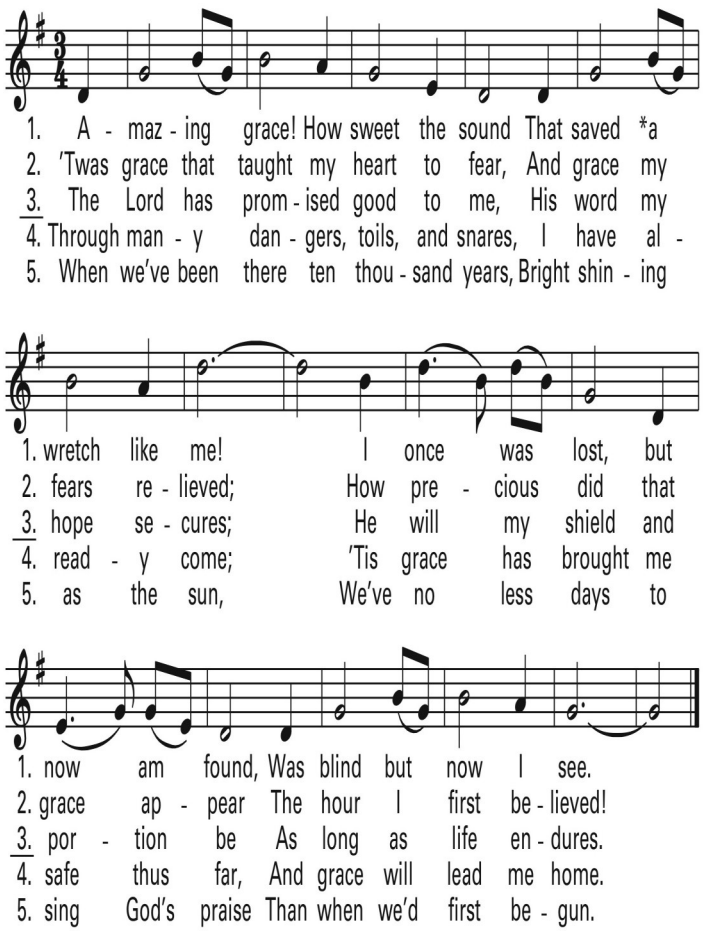
Prayer for On Mission for the Church Alive!

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.

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

Offertory Hymn: Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN



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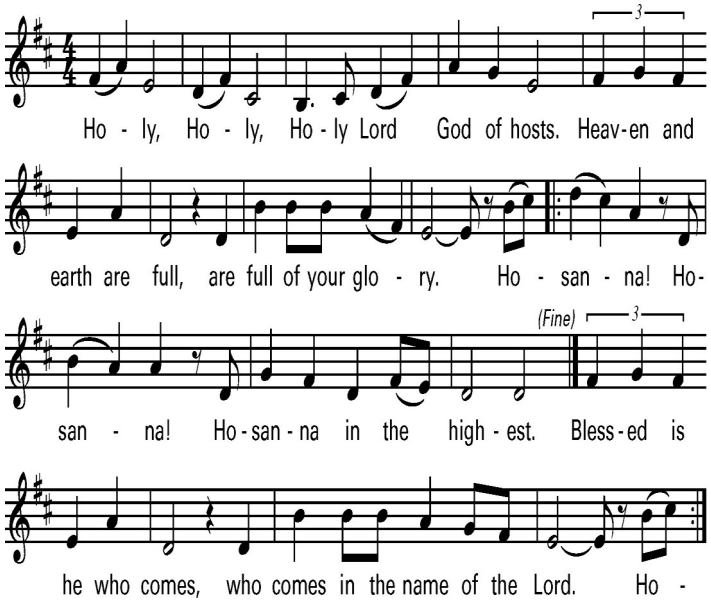
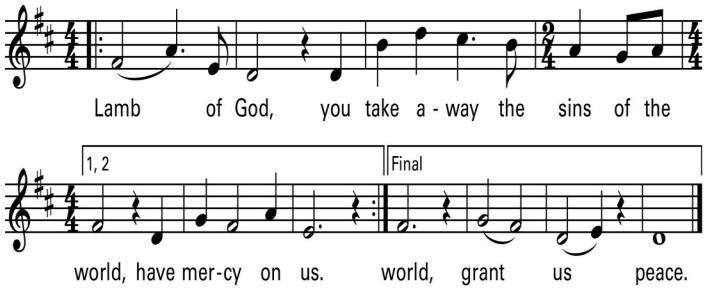
Holy



Lamb of God

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte



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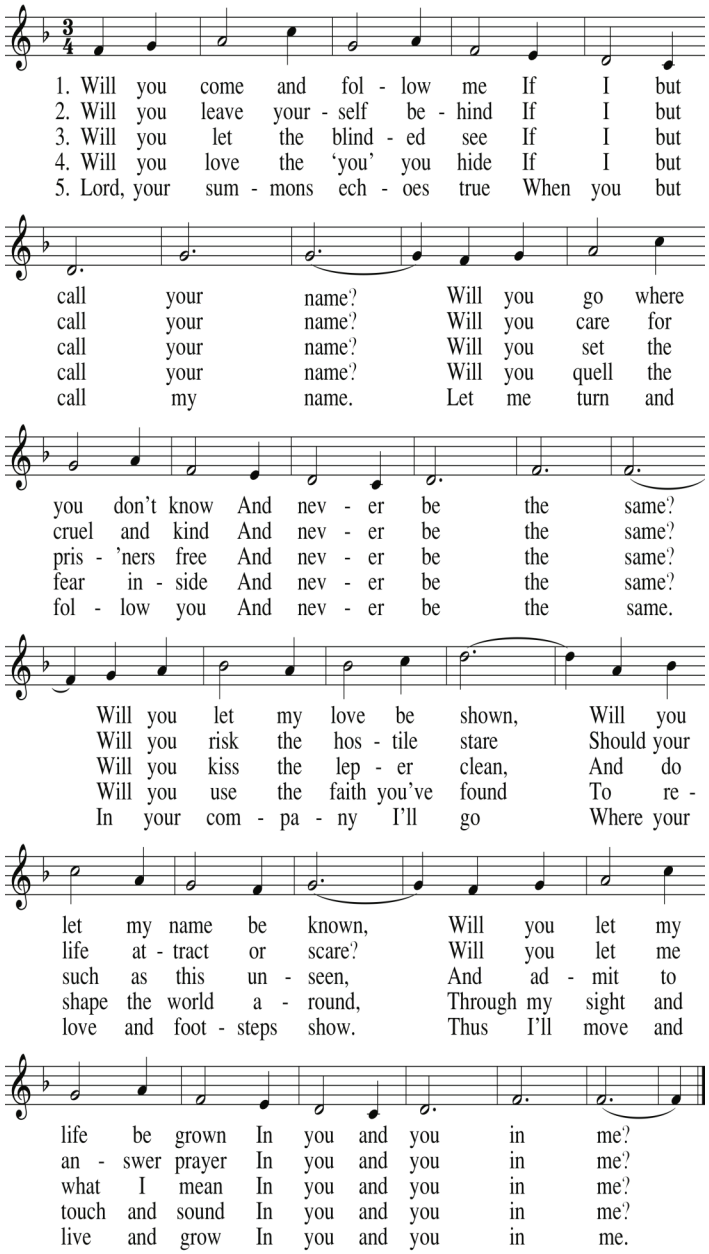
Communion Hymn: The Summons



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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: God Bless America

**God Bless America,,land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God Bless America
My Home sweet home,
God Bless America my home sweet home..
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God Bless America my home sweet home.**

Irving Berlin

Saturday, Vigil and Sunday Mass Schedule Begin Today

Saturday Vigil - Effective, September 7, 2019

4:00 pm St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
6:00 pm St. Eugene Church, Liberty

Sunday - Effective, September 8, 2019

8:00 am St. Eugene Church, Liberty
Religious Education - Sunday Morning
Queen of the Rosary, Glassport - 8:45-10:15 pm

9:00 am St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
Religious Education—Sunday Morning
St. Michael, Elizabeth - 10:15-11:45 am

10:30 am Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

12 Noon St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
Religious Education - Monday Evening
St. Michael, Elizabeth - 5:45-7:15 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, 5:15-5:45 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 1-888-808-1235

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

September 8 - 15, 2019

Saturday, 7, Vigil, 23rd Sunday in Ordinal Time
StM 4:00 pm T **Marshall Fiore** - Jan
StE 6:00 pm M **Leonard Lynch, Michael & Laura Tutko, Mickey Tutko** – Doris Lynch

Sunday, 8, 23rd Sunday in Ordinal Time
StE 8:00 am M **George Van Kirk & Charles Wilson** – Family
StM 9:00 am T **George Astrab -** Kim & Bill Goettel
QoR 10:30 am M **Eugene Komondor -** Wife, Theresa & Sons
StM 12 Noon T **Walt Sedlock** – Family
Living & Deceased of the Parish Grouping Family

Monday, 9, Peter Claver, priest
QoR 8:30 am **John & Natalie D'Amico -** Steve & Janet Kochuba
Novena - Infant of Prague
StM 9:00 am **Albert J. Ragan, Sr. –** Dcn. Steve & Betty Pikula

Tuesday, 10, Weekday
StM 9:00 am **Richard Vezzani -** Jean Vezzani
StE 6:30 pm **Nick Kovello** – Arlene & Nina
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 11, Weekday
QoR 8:30 am **Ray Graboski, Jr. -** St. Vincent de Paul Society
Novena - Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary
StM 9:00 am **John & Helen Ribovich -** Family
Novena - Michael the Archangel

Thursday, 12, Weekday
StE 8:30 am **Al & Dee Supernovich** - Doonan Family
StM 9:00 am **Dot, Madeline, Mike Jenco -** Family

Friday, 13, John Chrysostom, bishop
QoR 8:30 am **Alessandro Piccioni** - Cousin, Carl Piccioni
StM 9:00 am **William H. Owens** – Family

Saturday, 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross
StE 2:00 pm **Wedding - William J. Fedorchak & Alicia M. Braddock**
StM 2:00 pm **Wedding - Jared J. Cunning & Julia M. Gentile**

Saturday, 14, Vigil, 24rd Sunday in Ordinal Time
StM 4:00 pm M **Robert & Lube Medvidovich** - Family
StE 6:00 pm T **Helen Shalako** – Diane, Gary & Brianne Anonella

Sunday, 15, 24rd Sunday in Ordinal Time
StE 8:00 am T **Stephen Potocsnak & Donald Vayda** – Elizabeth Ganter
StM 9:00 am M **August & Maxine Gatto -** Family
QoR 10:30 am T **Mary Ann Urbanski -** Kent Urbanski Family
StM 12 Noon M **Andrew J. Kraemer** – Family
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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Deacon John E. Ragan, Permanent Deacon
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September Rosary Intention
That politicians, scientists and economists
work together to protect
the world's seas and oceans.

23rd Sunday in Ordinal Time
September 8, 2019

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - **his own cross** - and for the need even to **hate** what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost? Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. **This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!**

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week?

Let God lay another brick on the tower.

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Post-Summer Challenges

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with **timid deliberations** and **unsure plans**. Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to **let the good you do be voluntary**. Jesus instructs **great crowds** traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together **three separate layers of prayers**: a **liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests**, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a **liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon** in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of **private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful**. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was **full, conscious, and active,** a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

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August 29, 2019

Notice to Parish Families:

Due to On Mission growth, please be advised that Saint Mark Parish and Parish Grouping 213 are not sponsoring a trip to NCYC this year. Any communications you may receive about this event are not affiliated with nor sponsored by the parish or Diocese of Pittsburgh. As a result, no parish or Diocesan grants or scholarships are available for participants this year.

Instead, the parish is sponsoring a Fall Retreat the weekend of November 23 & 24. Information shall be forthcoming on the parish website and in our bulletin from our youth facilitator, Sue Formica.

Thank you in advance for your support of the development of our new community of Catholic Faith for faithful throughout our grouping. Please join me in prayer for the successful restructuring, enlivening and formation of this program.

Respectfully,

Fr. Wagner

Reverend Thomas A. Wagner
Administrator

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping Food Bank Sunday
Third Sunday of the Month

St. Mark, St. Michael, Queen of the Rosary Parishes

The Third Sunday of the Month is our **Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping Food Bank Sunday**. The St. Mark Food Bank, Central Food Pantry and the Elizabeth Clergy Food Bank all accept non-perishable food items and paper products to stock their shelves, and administer to the needy of our local community.

Please bring your donations to Mass with you and leave them in the church. Checks should be made payable to **St. Mark Food Bank, Central Food Pantry** or **Elizabeth Borough Clergy Food Bank.**

Kind deeds change lives, Thank You!

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Faith Formation Program Sessions
Kindergarten, First - Eighth Grade

Open House - Sunday, September 8, 2019
Queen of the Rosary - 8:45-10:15 am
St. Michael - 10:15-11:45 am

Open House - Monday, September 9, 2019
St. Michael - 5:45-7:15 pm

Sunday Morning - Begins, September 15, 2019
8:45 - 10:15 am Queen of the Rosary
10:15 - 11:45 am St. Michael

Monday Evening - Begins, September 16, 2019
5:45 - 7:15 pm St. Michael

Faith Formation Registration

All Parents with children in Kindergarten, First through Eighth Grade in the Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping are reminded that all child/ren (new & returning students) need to be **re-registered** for the 2019-2020 year.

Please be aware that the St. Michael Sunday Morning Session is **full,** except for Kindergarten.

Please rank the other two sessions according to preference.

If you have questions or are new to the Faith Formation Program please call, 412-754-0886. Julie is in the office Monday afternoon, 1:00-5:00 pm, Tuesday, afternoon or you may call and leave a message.

A Registration Form is available by call the Faith Formation Office, 412-754-0886.

Learn Jesus, Love Jesus, and Live Jesus

Kick Off Picnic Today
Youth Ministry & Faith Formation
Sunday, September 8, 2019
3:00 - 6:00 pm
Saint Eugene Church, Liberty

The **Kick Off Picnic**, an annual event, is open to all students in grades K-12 and their families. Please bring a side dish or dessert (to serve 8). Main dish and drinks will be provided.

Volleyball/badminton available, please also bring frisbees, footballs, Whiffle ball, lawn chair, etc.

R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Formica, 412-754-0886
or 213Youth@gmail.com

This event is for all children and youth in the Faith Formation (Religious Education), Junior and Senior Youth Ministry!

Come and join in the fun and fellowship!

Pre-Cana Sponsor Couples Wanted

Do you love Jesus? Do you love your spouse?
Would you be willing to share your faith and love story with engaged couples preparing for marriage? Core Team is willing to assist and support couples as they prepare their presentation to the engaged.
If you would be willing to volunteer for this rewarding ministry.
please call the Parish Office, 412-751-0663.

Archangel Education Grants (AEG)
Catholic Elementary & High School Grants

AEGrant Applications are available by calling the Parish Office at 412-751-0663 and are due by Monday, **Monday, September 30, 2019**.

Eligibility: Registered and active parish Family in our grouping; and registered in a Diocesan-approved school.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus, #10077 is accepting applications for their scholarship program for any high school graduate, who is a resident of the Elizabeth-Forward School District. Applications are available by contacting the Parish Office, 412-751-0663; Earl, 412-751-6954; or Regis, 412-751-4612. Applications are due by **Tuesday, October 1, 2019**.

What is the R.C.I.A.?

The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults is a way for adults . . .

- who would like to learn more about and/or become a member of the Catholic Church.
- who have never been baptized or have been baptized in another faith and are interested in the Catholic Church.
- who are Baptized Catholics (over 18 years old) and have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation.
- who are married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become a member of the Catholic Church.

Have Questions, need more information, or want to register, please call Fr. Wagner, 412-751-0663.

The **RCIA Journey** will begin in mid-September.

The experience of learning with other adults in a relaxed atmosphere has been a lifetime **high point** for many who have been a part of the **RCIA** in the past. There is no charge, and there are no tests. Moreover, those making this **RCIA Journey** of Faith are accompanied by members of the parish family team, some of whom attend each week with them. The Parish Team is an important part of the Journey and welcoming new members.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

September 11 took most people by surprise (as did the recent shootings in Dayton and El Paso). You don't know the time or the place you or your beloved will die. Take advantage of the time you have today to show your love.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Today is Grandparents Day. Most grandparents would appreciate a call, visit or homemade expression of affection more than a store bought-gift. This could be an occasion to link up with history. Ask a grandparent to tell stories, maybe even slightly embarrassing stories of how you were raised.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.

Volunteers Needed for Vacuuming Church

We are looking for some volunteers willing
to vacuum St. Michael Church during the week.
No experience is necessary.
Information or interested, please call, 412-751-0663.

Faith, Fellowship, & Food
Acts of the Apostles:
The Spread of the Kingdom

Fall Series, October 1 - November 19, 2019
Winter Series - February 11 - March 31, 2020
Spring Series - April 28 - May 19, 2020
Our Tuesday evenings run from 6:30-9:00 pm
St. Michael - Archangel Hall, Elizabeth

Acts is a story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit carried the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, hostile crowds, and through it all they proclaimed the Kingdom of God to a broken world, and the love of God to a broken humanity in need of healing.

Our host, Jeff Cavins, an American Catholic evangelist, author and biblical scholar, will guide us through the joys and struggles of these early Christians as they live their lives in Christ and apply it to us today.

Our evening begins with a light dinner, prayer,
a video presentation, and a small group discussion.
There is no cost for these events, however
a good will donation is greatly appreciated.
A workbook will be available for purchase.
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

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.

Thank you for your service!
May We Never Forget . . . Freedom is Never Free!

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

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, Sep 08; 23rd Sunday In Ordinal Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Embrace the hard sayings - Nice-guy Jesus inhabits our religious imagination, a carryover from the coloring books. This smiling Lord seeks lost sheep and welcomes prodigal kids home. He banishes fevers and wipes away tears. It can be a jarring wake-up call to encounter the gospel Jesus, who does all those things but also says we have to give up everything to be his followers. Can't we negotiate here? Does **all** really mean all? A very few will take this saying literally. The vast majority of us spend our lives seeking a comfortable compromise. Jesus is asking for ultimate loyalty, not personal poverty. Does he have your heart? **Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.**

Monday, Sep 09; Peter Claver, priest

Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11

Step up - What can we do in the face of injustice and inhumanity? We read and hear about it in the news, we see it play out on our borders and in our cities. But what can one person do? Peter Claver, a pious seminarian from Spain who volunteered for the Spanish colonies, was deeply troubled by the treatment of slaves brought from Africa to Cartagena. He headed for the wharf as soon as a slave ship entered the port, boarded, and ministered to the desperately ill human cargo who had managed to survive the horrendous journey. He also advocated and petitioned, insisting that human rights be respected. No evil is so great that you cannot be a force for lessening it. **I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?**

Tuesday, Sep 10; Weekday

Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19

Begin anew - A new school year is underway, and many people have stored their vacation luggage and thrown themselves back into work. Today's gospel is also filled with a sense of new beginnings: apostles newly chosen, plenty of healing, crowds eagerly seeking Jesus. New beginnings abound in our faith: at Easter, Baptism, house blessings, Confession, and many other moments. As you read these words, even if you are **not feeling it,** be steadfast knowing that new beginnings are a central part of your faith and can emerge from the shadows at any moment. **Power came forth from him and healed them all.**

Wednesday, Sep 11; Weekday

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26

Practicing your faith is rewarding - In psychology, **positive reinforcement** occurs when there is a good result or reward from a behavior, causing the person (or animal) to behave that certain way repeatedly in order to keep getting the reward. Think of the lab rat who gets a treat when it presses a button—and keeps pressing it to get more treats. But this concept predates modern medicine—it goes back to biblical times with the Beatitudes delivered at the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus assures those who are meek, who hunger for justice, and who have poverty of spirit that they will be blessed for it. There's no greater reward. **Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.**

Thursday, Sep 12; Weekday

Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38 (440).

Do what is just - Catholics have a tradition of sharing the gifts we have been given. Not for the sake of charity but for the sake of justice. Remember, the early Christian community **shared all things in common.** And Saint John Chrysostom wrote that the goods we possess really belong to the poor. Similarly, Saint Gregory the Great taught that when we take care of those in need, we give them what is rightfully theirs, not ours. Make a contribution of your **time, talent, and treasure** today in pursuit of doing what is just. **For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.**

Friday, Sep 13; John Chrysostom, bishop

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42

Come together - In the fourth century, Roman Emperor Constantine built a city (naming it after himself, modestly), and moved the empire's capitol from Rome to Constantinople. John Chrysostom was an early archbishop of Constantinople. It was always understood that the bishop of the capitol city was the head of the church. So it became clear to some that Chrysostom should now lead the church. Those still in Rome begged to differ. This conflict, along with others, went on for centuries and resulted in the Great Schism of 1054, which separated the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. In July of this year Pope Francis presented the current archbishop of Constantinople, Patriarch Bartholomew, with a reliquary with bones believed to be of Saint Peter as a gesture of goodwill in the ongoing hope that the two churches might reunite. Pray for the unity of all Christians. **Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.**

Saturday, Sep 14; Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
Avoid heated exchanges - Along with honoring the saving power of the cross, today's feast commemorates the dedication by Constantine in 325 of the basilica and shrine in Jerusalem where the Church of the Holy Sepulcher stands today. Reputed to be Jesus' burial site, arguably the most hallowed location in all of Christendom is not immune to petty squabbles. On a hot day in 2002, an Egyptian (Coptic) monk moved his chair into the shade, which was taken by Ethiopian Orthodox monks to be an encroachment on their territory. Stones, fists, and even chairs flew, resulting in a number of injuries (and frowns worldwide as the news circulated). It's all well and good to be passionate about things devotional, but don't forget to love your neighbor too—even if you think they're throwing shade at you. **God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.**

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Faith Formation Clothing Drive

A Clothing Drive sponsored by Faith Formation will be held through the month of September. Now would be a good time to gather together your gently used or new unwanted clothing and household items. Please be sure they are clean.

Donations may be brought to church the last two Sundays of September (14/15 or 21/22).

For more information, please call Darla at the Faith Formation Office, 412-754-0886.

Thank you for your support for the Clothing Drive!

Kind deeds change lives, Thank You!

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping
Pastoral Council & Finance Council Meeting
There will be a joint meeting held on
Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm
In Saint Eugene Rectory, Liberty.
If you are unable to attend, please call Jan, 412-751-0663.

Stewardship - *Time, Talent and Treasure*
Sunday, September 1, 2019

Due to an early Publication Schedule
Offertory Totals will be in next's week Bulletin.

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.

Upcoming Events

Ladies of Charity will meet on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 11:30 am due to an afternoon wedding at Saint Eugene, Liberty Borough.

Rosary Makers will meet on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 9:30 am in the St. Michael Meeting Room.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the St. Michael 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, September 21, 2019 at 7:00 am in 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!

Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, - 12 Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Eat in or take out, call 412-673-3915.

Community Day - Glassport Crime Watch
Saturday, September 14, 2019
Community Day begins at 8:00 am
National Night Out program begins at 5:00 pm
Free Concert Following Program
All are welcome to attend!

Save the Date - Celebrating Generations
Sunday, September 29, 2019 following the 11:00 am Mass at St. Angela Merici Church
Afternoon will include lunch and other activities.
More details will be available soon!

Capital Improvements Collection
Next Sunday, the second collection will be the Capital Improvements Collection. Each family is asked to contribute to this Collection. Your continual support assists the parish in its on going maintenance and improvement of the parish facilities.
Thank you for your sacrificial giving!

Saving Lives on the Sidewalk

Monday, September 16, 2019 — 7:30 pm
at St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
in the Meeting Room

A discussion on the peaceful and prayerful approaches being used on the sidewalk outside the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Pittsburgh. Numerous saves (turn-always) have occurred over the last five years. Opportunity exists for those being called to become Prayer Partners, Sidewalk Advocates for Life, **sidewalkadvocates.org**, and participants in 40 Days for Life campaign, **40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/pittsburgh**.

Light refreshments will be served.
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Fall Pre-Cana Program

for engaged couples planning weddings,
especially Winter, Spring & Summer 2020.
St. Michael - Archangel Hall, 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.

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping
Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp

St. Mark: St. Eugene

___ Altar Bread & Wine ___ Sanctuary Lamp

St. Michael: ___ Altar Bread & Wine

___ Sanctuary Lamp Chapel ___ Sanctuary Lamp Church

Queen of the Rosary:

___ Altar Bread & Wine ___ Sanctuary Lamp

Please Print

___ Intention (Living) ___ Memorial (Deceased)

Date Requested _____

Alternate Date: _____

Please Print _____

Requested by _____

Donation $_____ **Phone #** _____

Please place your request and donation ($15.00) in an envelope marked Altar Memorials and deposit in the collection. Thank You! For Altar Flower Memorials please call the Parish Office to check availability.

Roman Catholic Community of Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny

Adult Choir - Bell Choir - Cantors Resurrection Choir

St. Mark - St. Michael - Queen of the Rosary
Celeste Cafasso Carol Gioia Pam Whitney

The Roman Catholic Community of Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny are looking for interested adults (graduated from high school), who would like to join the Music Ministry Program in our Grouping.

Adult Choir - Cantors - Resurrection Choir

If you enjoy and love singing (even in the shower) and you would like to be a member of the Adult Choir, a Cantor, or a member of the Resurrection Choir please speak to one of the organists following any weekend Mass.

Hand Bell Choir will practice on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in St. Eugene Church beginning September 29, 2019. No experience is necessary-only a love of music and service. For information, call Pam, 412-628-4112.

Saint Mark & Queen of the Rosary

Adult Choir - Cantors, for ministry at St. Mark & Queen of the Rosary Churches, will begin practicing on Wednesday evening, September 11, 2019, Cantors at 6: 00 pm and Adult Choir at 6:30 pm in Queen of the Rosary Church. For information, please call Pam, 412-628-4112 or see her after Mass.

Saint Michal Adult Choir

Adult Choir Rehearsal begins on **Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm St. Michael Church.**
Information or questions, see Carol after Mass.

Saint Michael Cantor - Resurrection Choir

Interested in being a Cantor or a part of the Resurrection Choir. Information or questions, see Celeste after Mass.

Congratulations to Festival Raffle Winners

Thank You to all who purchased tickets for the various raffles at this year's Festival. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thursday

50/50 - C. Crisiallini
Ground Prize - Mary Wilks
Lottery Board - Vicky
Wheel Barrow of Cheer - 2968508
$2,000.00 Nightly Raffle - Helen Holland

Friday

50/50 - Monica Gatchie
Ground Prize - Sara Ank
Lottery Board - Judy Scheets
Wheel Barrow of Cheer - 2968689
$2,000.00 Nightly Raffle - Ernest Buccini

Saturday

50/50 - Tracy Z.
Ground Prize - CW
Lottery Board - Maria Kosnurba
Wheel Barrow of Cheer - 2968771
$5,000.00 Nightly Raffle - Fr. Wagner

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
What is it? Who can receive it?

Anointing of the Sick gets its' roots from Jesus whose words and touch brought healing to those who were sick or afflicted. This is one of the 7 sacraments of the Catholic church, a Sacrament of Healing.

Anyone, adults or children, experiencing problems of mind, body, or spirit should seek this sacrament. If you are experiencing any of the following please consider receiving the Anointing of the Sick: **Seriously ill, Alcoholism, Health issues, Mental disorders, Depression, Addictions, Weakness due to age, Facing or recovering from surgery, Family problems causing physical, mental, or spiritual illness, Caregivers caring for seriously ill family member.**

During the Anointing of the Sick, those present will pray for healing and forgiveness. The priest will lay his hands on the head of the sick person and pray. Next, the priest will make the sign of the cross on the forehead and palm of the hands of each person with the Oil of the Sick.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated after all the Masses on the second Sunday of the Month. Anyone wishing to be anointed is welcome to come forward to receive this sacrament of healing and strength. All are welcome to share in the wellspring of God's healing grace and love.

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping Food Bank Sunday
Third Sunday of the Month

St. Mark, St. Michael, Queen of the Rosary Parishes

The Third Sunday of the Month is our **Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping Food Bank Sunday**. The St. Mark Food Bank, Central Food Pantry and the Elizabeth Clergy Food Bank all accept non-perishable food items and paper products to stock their shelves, and administer to the needy of our local community.

Items for your consideration are pasta and sauces, tuna fish, rice, stews, cereal, canned fruits & vegetables, coffee & tea, hot chocolate mix, peanut butter & jelly, sugar, flour, crackers, jell-o gelatin, puddings, powered milk, cocoa, infant formula & baby food, juices, facial soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, diapers, facial tissues, paper towels, toilet tissue, cleansers.

Please bring your donations to Mass with you and leave them in the **Gathering Space of the Church.** Cash or checks are also welcome.

Checks should be made payable to **St. Mark Food Bank, Central Food Pantry** or **Elizabeth Borough Clergy Food Bank.** Please mark **St. Mark Food Bank, Elizabeth Food Bank** or **Central Food Pantry** on the envelope of your donation.

Kind deeds change lives, Thank You!

Fall Back Cash Bash
Total of $6000 up for grabs!
Saturday, November 2, 2019
6:00 -10:00 pm

Liberty Borough Fire Hall
900 Haslage Street
(located 0.2 miles from Saint Eugene Church)
Numbers drawn every twenty minutes
starting at 7 pm and final drawing at 10 PM
Winner will be notified–winner need not be present.
Must be 21 to attend. BYOB
Ticket $30.00 (Includes three numbers, Food & Beer)
Guest tickets ($15.00) will be available
after all regular tickets have been sold.
For tickets contact the Parish Office, 412-678-6275
or Cathy Esack at 412-980-2918.

Continue To Change —Anonymous
When you're through changing, you're through.

A FESTIVAL THANK YOU

It is hard to believe that another festival has come and gone. God blessed us with 2 beautiful days on Thursday and Saturday and we got through the mini microburst on Friday afternoon. The crowd was amazing and it seemed as if everyone that came had a great time.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to **THANK** the entire Festival Team, the parishioners and businesses that donated and supported our festival financially, the volunteers that came from all 3 churches in our grouping that gave their time before, during and after the festival. I would also like to thank Cub Scout Pack 53 and those who helped with flea market drop off and the families of our festival team that were available every day of festival week, the South Allegheny Football Team members, the South Allegheny Girls Soccer Team, the students from Serra Catholic and the members of our communities that came to assist us during festival set up, tear down and during the festival itself. We all came together to assist wherever help was needed because of the love that we have for one another, for our community and for the love that we have for our Catholic Faith.

All of your efforts are deeply appreciated!!!!!
It is because of you that our festival is a huge success.

Please know that all of this would not have been made possible without the help and efforts of each member of our wonderful **FESTIVAL TEAM** who started meeting with me in January and gave so freely of their time to help coordinate and plan our festival. Please thank these outstanding people for a job very well done. It is an honor and a privilege to work with such extraordinary people. They are: **Zac Allan, Maria Biesler, Glenn Bonczek, Adam Carlson, Emily Carlson, Patrick Fisher, Bernadette Grese, Brandy Irish-Gerjuoy, Kevin Hopkins, Tony Hutskow, Rose Kaiser, Louise Kyslinger, Janice Matyasovsky, Heidi Metz, Danica Miller, Pat Muic, Marcie Nagy, Anita Niecgorski, Mari Anne Palestra, Brian Phillips, Tom Ponchak, Jeannie Premozic, Vickie Reitz, Melissa Riggs, Donna Ruhl, Judy Shriane, Lisa Sinay, Lisa Spyra, Mary Stehle, Chris Uziel, Missy Winzek and Judy Zajicek.**

I also need to thank Brian Niecgorski, Jay Riggs, Chris Spyra and their families for all of the assistance you gave the entire week of the festival. We were so blessed to have you as an extension of our festival team.

Thank You for giving of yourselves for the betterment of our Church. You are the BEST!!!!

Lastly, **THANK YOU Father Wagner** for your support of our festival team.

If you have any ideas to make our festival better, please pass them along. **Remember that this is your church and we are here to thrive as members of the Body of Christ, the Church.**

I would love to hear from you personally if you have any suggestions, comments or concerns. My ear is always available.

Please mark your calendars for next year's festival: August 6, 7 & 8, 2020.

Cathy Esack,
Festival Facilitator

Friday Night BINGO!

Join us for BINGO on Friday, October 18, 2019
Saint Eugene Church
3210 Liberty Way, Liberty Borough.
Doors open at 5:30 pm Early birds at 6:30 pm
Regular games start at 7:00PM. All paper format.
Advance Ticket – $20.00 Ticket at Door – $25.00
Includes: 20 Regular Games $50, 3 Specials $150

Sold Seperately: Early Birds, 'All Nighter', Magic Number, Quickies, Must Go Jackpot $700, Winner Take All Double Bingo

50/50, Chinese Auction, Door Prizes, Food, Rip Opens are also available

For tickets or special need seating, call the Church Office, 412-678-6275 or Cathy, 412-980-2918.

Attention All Bakers!

We are requesting baked goods for our **Friday Night BINGO**. Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday, October 18 at St. Eugene Church, Father Rowan Hall.

Thank you for your generous support!

Attention Bowlers

St. Michael Bowling league is looking for 4 bowlers (men or women). We bowl on Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm at Brunswick Lanes, Belle Vernon. For Information or to join, call Paula, 412-384-0499.

The Value of Education —Cicero

What greater or better gift
can we offer the republic
than to teach and instruct our youth?