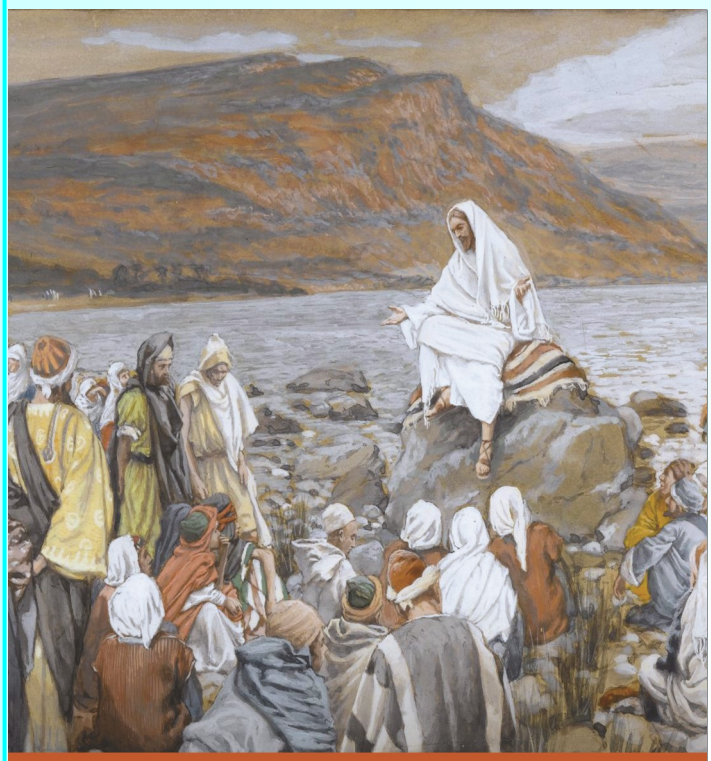
The Roman Catholic Community of Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area, 213

One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

"Yo, en cambio, les digo: Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los odian y rueguen por los que los persiguen y calumnian". - Mt 5, 44

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm St. Michael Church
6:00 pm St. Eugene Church

Sunday

8:00 am St. Eugene Church
9:00 am St. Michael Church
10:30 am Queen of the Rosary Church
12 Noon St. Michael Church

Weekday Mass Schedule

Queen of the Rosary Church
8:30 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

St. Eugene Church
6:30 pm Tuesday & 8:30 am Thursday

St. Michael Church - 9:00 am
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Reconciliation

St. Eugene Church, Liberty
Tuesday, 7:00 — 7:30 pm
Saturday, 5:15 — 5:45 pm

St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
Saturday, 11:00 — 11:30 am
Saturday, 3:15 — 3:45 pm

Queen of the Rosary Church
Saturday, 1:00 — 1:30 pm

February 23, 2020

Website: ElizabethSouthAlleghenyCC.org

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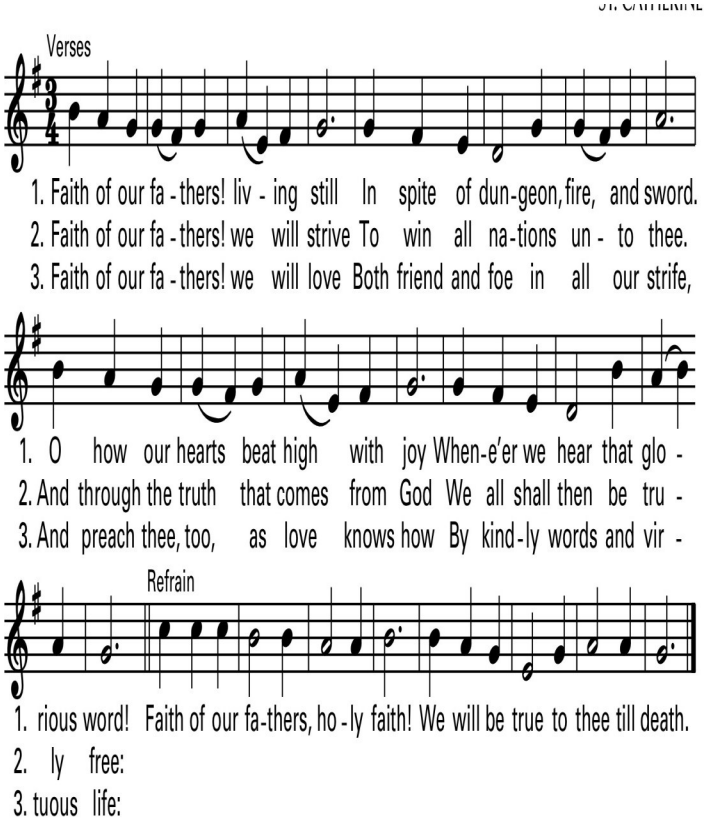
Seventh Sunday of Ordinal Time
February 23, 2020

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: Faith of Our Fathers

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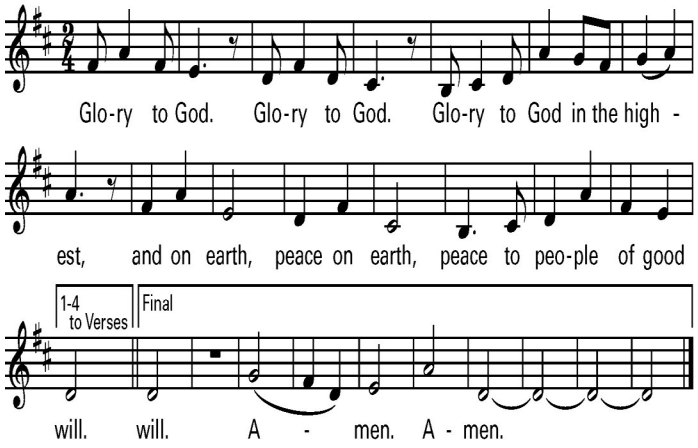
Mass & Adoration of the Eucharist
St. Eugene Church, Liberty
Tuesday Evening - Mass - 6:30 pm
Adoration - 7:00-7:30 pm
Confession - 7:00-7:30 pm

Gloria

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte



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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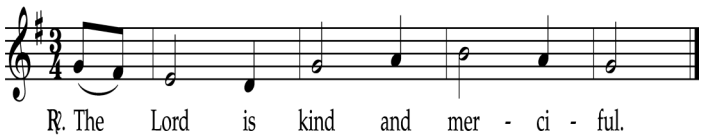
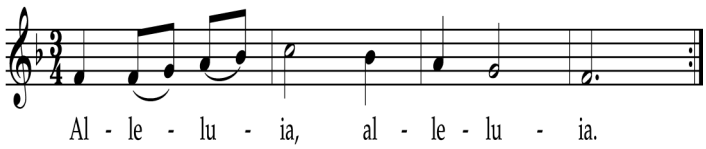
The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading — **Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

Responsorial Psalm — **Psalm 103**



Second Reading — **1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel — **Matthew 5:38-48**

Homily: Reflection of the Word

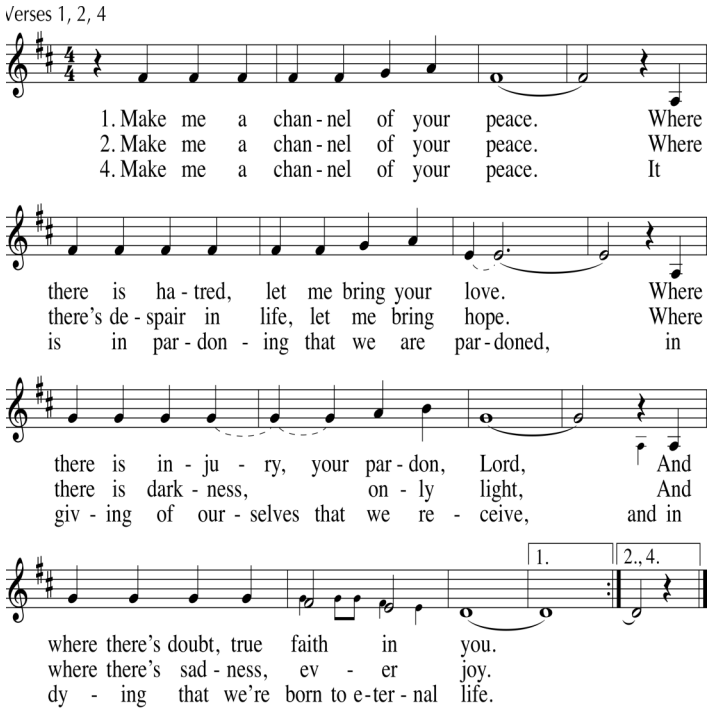
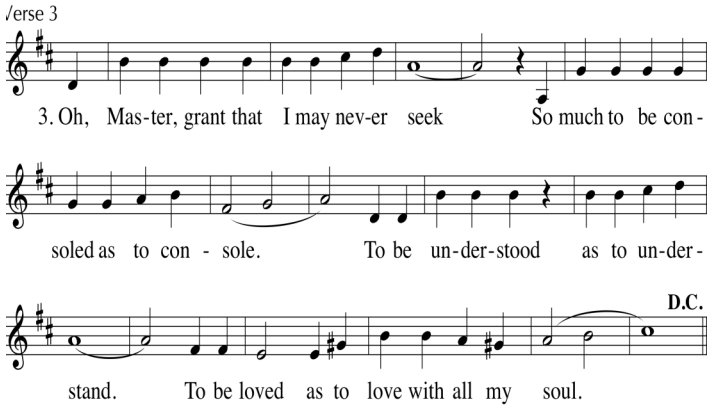
Nicene Creed

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.

Offertory Hymn: Prayer of Saint Francis



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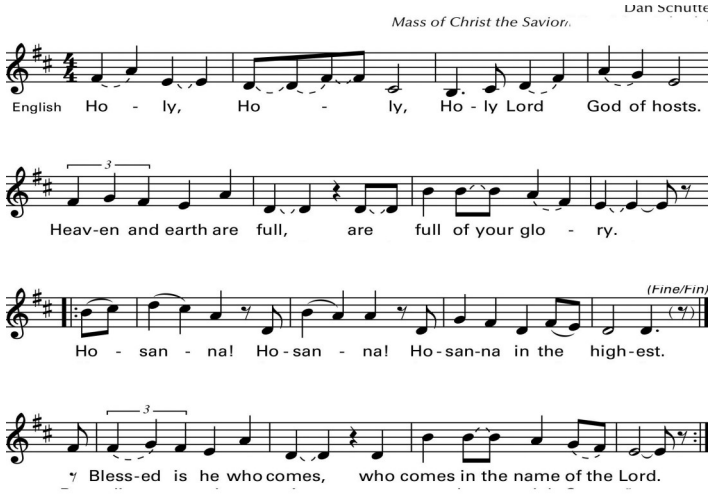

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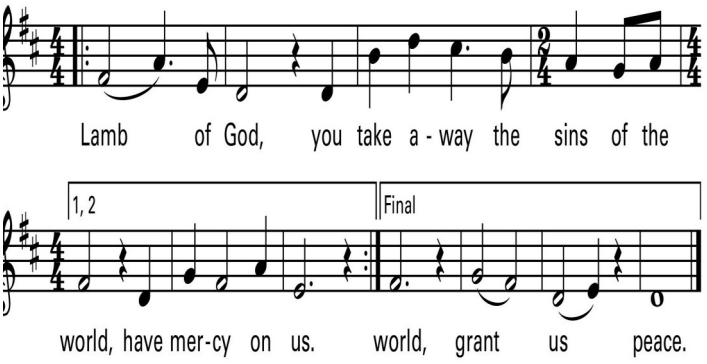

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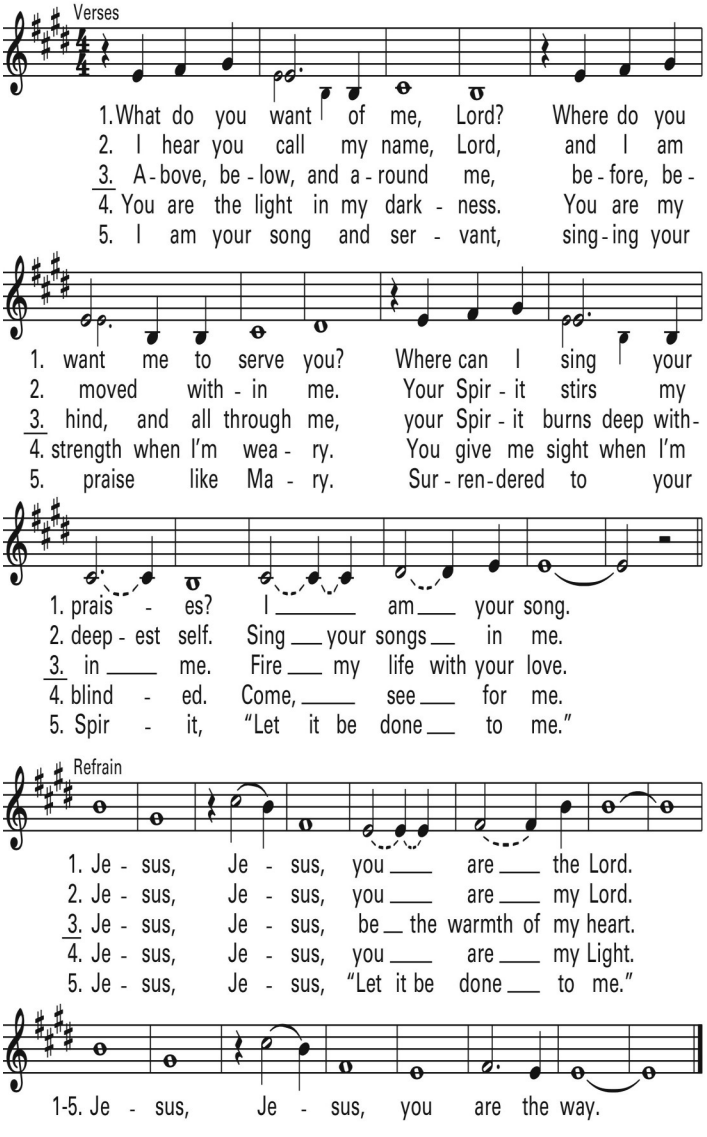
Communion Hymn: Servant Song

Donna Marie McGargill, OSM



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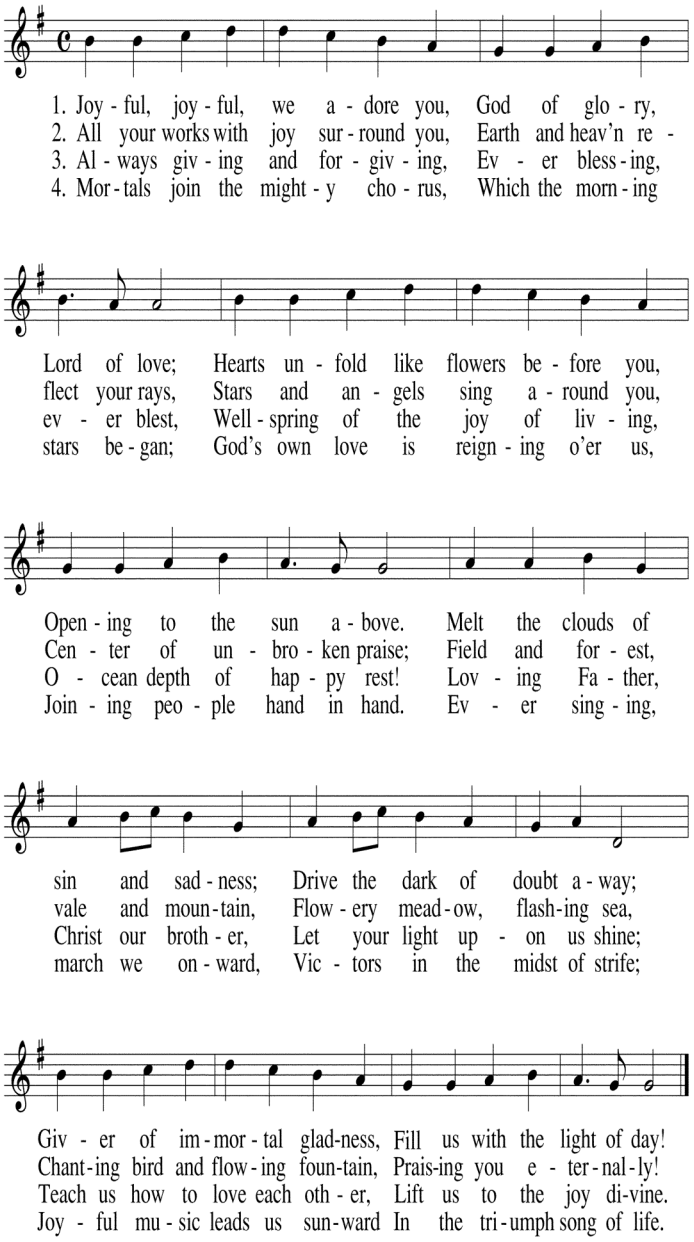
Implementation Prayer

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: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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Sacraments

Baptism of Infants & Children
Baptism is a joyous event in the life of the church. Baptism is celebrated any Sunday after Mass. **Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism Class.**
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 StM St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
QoR Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport
February 23 - March 1, 2020

Saturday, 22, Vigil, Seventh Sunday in Ordinal Time
StM 4:00 pm T **Thomas O'Toole** - Bob & Catherine Macey
StE 6:00 pm M **Michael Wilks -** Mary Wilks, Wife

Sunday, 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinal Time
StE 8:00 am M **Phyllis Bator -** Becky Peterson
StM 9:00 am T **Anna Chasko** - Family
QoR 10:30 am M **Dominic DiStasi** – Family
StM 12 Noon T **Walter Sedlock -** Rhoda & Family
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family

Monday, 24, Weekday
QoR 8:30 am **Stephen Gribschaw–** Andrew Vojtko
Novena - Infant of Prague
StM 9:00 am **Paul & Sue Gemerchak –** Daughter, Rita

Tuesday, 25, Weekday
StM 9:00 am **Julia & Angelo Vergona -** Don & Rosemarie Garofolo
StE 6:30 pm **Deb Radu -** Dorothy Kovac
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 26, Ash Wednesday, Day of Fast & Abstinence
QoR 8:30 am M **Jean Hvozdik–** Sons of the American Legion
StM 9:00 am T **Edgar "Red" McCloskey–** Neighbors
Novena - Michael the Archangel
StE 12 Noon D **Liturgy of the Word & Ashes**
StE 5:00 pm T **Betty Pikula—**Crossen Family
QoR 6:00 pm M **Liturgy of the Word & Ashes**
StM 7:00 pm T **Tim Dailey—**Uncle Mike & Faye

Thursday, 27, Weekday after Ash Wednesday
StE 8:30 am **Jack Gosney** - Mary Komarnisky & Family
StM 9:00 am **Martha Hubans -** Jean & Rich Seckel, Norene Prodan

Friday, 28, Weekday after Ash Wednesday, Day of Abstinence
QoR 8:30 am **Elizabeth Grossi -** DiFelice & Grossi Families
StM 9:00 am **Marshall Fiore** – Fred & Marcia Bercik

Saturday, 29, Vigil, First Sunday of Lent
StM 4:00 pm M **Angelo & Raffaline Gatto** - Nicholas Gatto, Jr.
StE 6:00 pm T **Clifford Hoak -** Shirley & Family

Sunday, March 1, First Sunday of Lent
StE 8:00 am T **Kenny Kaczka -** Joe, Karen, & Michael Kaczka
StM 9:00 am M **Alfred Pasek** - Family
QoR 10:30 am T **Edward "Radar" Kuzio** – Paul & Linda Skalski
StM 12 Noon M **George Konchak -** Fran Ferencak & Family
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping
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February Rosary Intention
That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters,
victims of criminal trafficking,
may be heard, considered and never forgotten.

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Friday, February 21, 2020, Bishop Zubik issued a Decree accepting our recommendation to close Saint Joseph Church and building. The decision to make such a proposal was incredibly difficult. It is never good news to have to close a church, a place where generations of people have come together to share the Eucharist and one another. If you've been following the Bulletin announcements, and the Saint Mark Informational Meeting this past August, you know that the faith community, Advisory Councils and many people have studied and prayed over this decision, coming to the difficult realization that in order to build a sustainable future for our three faith communities of Saint Mark, Saint Michael and Queen of the Rosary.

After the failure of the boiler and going over details of building structure, (and so much more) those present at the Informational Meeting and the Advisory Councils, comprised of parishioners from Saint Mark, Saint Michael, and Queen of the Rosary, recommended a closure of Saint Joseph Church and building. After carefully considering all the information, the Advisory Councils agreed to support the recommendation for closure.

From there, a petition was submitted to Bishop Zubik to close Saint Joseph Church. You can find Bishop Zubik's decree of closure at www.elizabethsouthalleghenycc.org.

While we work toward a future of increasingly mission-driven ministry, loving fellowship, and a life centered in Christ, we know that losing a church is very much like a death, and that we need to grieve together. We also need to celebrate and honor what has been. Saint Joseph Church has nurtured generations of families from Port Vue and beyond. With that in mind, there will be a closing Prayer Service scheduled, (Date and Time to be Announced). We hope you will join us to pause, to pray, to remember, and to look forward to our future together.

As Saint Paul reminds us, **If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy** (1 Cor 13:26). May we bear one another's burdens, honor one another's memories, and move into the future together in collaboration, courage and compassion with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Wagner

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Day of Fast & Abstinence

QofR	8:00 am	Mass & Ashes
StM	9:00 am	Mass & Ashes
StE	12 Noon	Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
StE	5:00 pm	Mass & Ashes
QofR	6:30 pm	Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
StM	7:00 pm	Mass & Ashes

Repent and Believe In The Gospel.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent

Saint Eugene Church	5:00 pm
Queen of the Rosary Church	6:30 pm
Saint Michael Church	7:00 pm

Enrich Your Lenten Season!
Festival of Praise!
Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA
Sunday, March 15, 2020
Immediately following 12 Noon Mass
Eucharistic Adoration & Confession
Music by Katy (Blythe) Praetzel
Reflection - Jeff Formica, Deacon Class 2020
Contact 213youth@gmail.com for information

Lenten Regulations

1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are **days of fast and abstinence**.

The **Fridays of Lent** are **days of abstinence**.

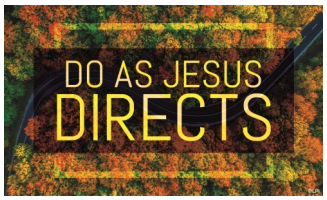
2. The **obligation of abstinence** (refraining from eating meat) **begins at the age of 14**. **The law of fasting** (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) **obliges all between the ages of 18-59.**

No one should consider this obligation lightly.

3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. **All members of the Christian Faithful** are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

Turn away from sin and return to the Gospel.

7th Sunday in Ordinal Time
February 23, 2020



The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of **an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.**

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy. ©LPi

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Faith Formation Program Sessions
Religious Education Program
Kindergarten, First - Eighth Grade

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

Monday Evening
5:45 - 7:15 pm St. Michael

Easter Sacraments 2020

Confirmation
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA
Bishop William J. Winter, Presiding

First Holy Communion
Sunday, April 19, 2020, 12 Noon Mass
Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA

Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

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

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
Mother's/Father's Day Baby Bottle Drive
Together we collected $8,036.96. Thank You!

Religious Education

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Upcoming
Senior Youth Group meeting,
Sunday, March 1, 2020
St. Eugene Church, Fr. Rowan Hall.
3210 Liberty Way, Liberty
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Junior Youth Ministry
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
St. Eugene Church, Fr. Rowan Hall
Doors open at 6:00 pm

Senior & Junior Youth Group Meeting
Sunday, February 23, 2020
St. Michael Church, Archangel Hall.
101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth
Doors open at 4:00 pm

For more information or to RSVP please call Mrs. Formica, 412-754-0886 or 213Youth@gmail.com

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Faith, Fellowship, & Food
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Our Tuesday evenings run from 6:30-9:00 pm
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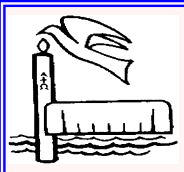
Our evening begins with a light dinner, prayer, a video presentation, and a small group discussion. There is no cost for these events, however a goodwill donation is greatly appreciated. Please contact Sue at sformicaym@comcast.net or 412-926-8412 to register, and joins us as we learn more about our Catholic Faith.

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



Pre-Baptism Class

Are you expecting?
Is this your first child?

Pre-Baptism Class is for expectant parents and Godparents or anyone who is seeking a Catholic Baptism for their child.

The Pre-Baptism Class will be facilitated by Deacon John and Deacon Dale. The class will be offered four times a year. Parents are invited to attend once they know they are with child.

Pre-Baptism Class - Deacon Dale
Thursday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm
St. Eugene - Rectory Conference Room

There will be light refreshments served.
Grandparents are also welcome at these classes.

Please register by calling the **Faith Formation - Religious Education** office, 412-754-0886 or emailing 213FaithForm@gmail.com.

Prior to scheduling a Baptism, parents need to attend the Pre-Baptismal Seminar.

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: **LCpl. 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; SPC Samuel Formica, Army National Guard; T/ Sgt. Michael Goodman, USAF; E5 Sgt. Brian Imundo, Army; Sgt. Russ Langley, Marines; Staff Sgt. Raymond Massung, Jr., USAF; 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!

Forgiveness —George Herbert

People who cannot forgive others
break the bridge over which they must pass
if they are to reach heaven;
for everyone has a need to be forgiven.

We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: **Christine Sikoski, John Hodinko, Jr.,** brother of Joel Hodinko**, John Heck,** brother of Casey Wagner**, all who will die today, and those who have no one to pray for them. Resting in Paradise.**

Bereavement Ministry

This group, led by Deacon Dale DiSanto, is for people Who have lost a loved one and are experiencing grief. This is a Support Group, not counseling. If you need assistance in moving through your grief, this is an on going way to be supported during this difficult time. The weekly session begins with suggested topics, open discussion and ends with prayer.

Tuesday Evenings - St. Eugene Rectory
7:00-9:00 pm RSVP Jeannie, 412-678-6275

February 25	March 03
	March 10
	March 17
	March 24

Thursday Afternoon - St. Michael Meeting Room
1:00-3:00 pm RSVP Jan, 412-751-0663

February 27	March 05
	March 12
	March 19
	March 26

Please RSVP so that we may prepare materials.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth (Mt 5:38). It's tempting in marriage to try to keep things fair and even. It's tempting, but not loving. Look for a way today (or this week) to let a minor offense slide, to do more than your fair share of the world...

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Ash Wednesday (February 26) - Discuss with your family whether there is something you would like to **give up** or **do** in common. Can you go beyond giving up sweets? Consider **fasting** from social media for a day or single use plastics for all of lent.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking or driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be **FAMILY** to others.

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, Feb 23; Seventh Sunday In Ordinal Time
Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

See clearly beyond racism—How do we fight the popular recommendation to circle the wagons around **our stuff** or, worse, **our kind**? In their 1979 pastoral on racism, our bishops noted: **Racism is not merely one sin among many; it is a radical evil that divides the human family and denies the new creation of a redeemed world. To struggle against it demands an equally radical transformation, in our own minds and hearts as well as in the structure of our society.** Racism affects **everything:** immigration, education, economics, zoning laws, healthcare, and criminal justice. Pray to see the color of your values. **For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God.**

Monday, Feb 24; Weekday
James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29

Let your doubt strengthen your faith—Faith is a gift that invites us to believe in that which cannot be seen with our eyes, only our hearts. So it is not unusual to experience some doubts along life's way. A sudden death, a violent crime, or nothing you can pinpoint can trigger doubts. When doubts arise, do not be afraid. Do not run from the questions but trust that facing them can lead you to a deeper faith. When darkness clouds what you once took for granted, speak honestly to God even if you doubt God is listening, read God's word in scripture for each day, and beg the unseen God to increase your faith, as the Catechism puts it. **I do believe! Help my unbelief.**

Tuesday, Feb 25; Weekday, Mardi Gras
James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37

Time to resolve our differences—Traditionally today was a day to finish off all the rich and fattening foods in the household, including meats, which were given up for Lent. Thus the origins of the term **Mardi Gras** (**Fat Tuesday** in French), and the word **carnival** might be derived from the Latin for **removing or taking away meat**. The excesses of some modern-day celebrations of the Carnival season, however, have obscured its connection with Lent. The tension between celebration and fast is nothing new. In 1559, the Dutch master Pieter Bruegel the Elder painted **The Fight Between Carnival and Lent,** contrasting scenes of raucous celebration on one side of the painting and solemn religious observance on the other. How do you resolve the tension of excess in your own life? **Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.**

Wednesday, Feb 26; Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

When we do without, we grow within—Is there any spiritual practice more tied to Lent than fasting? Forgoing creature comforts is the biblical way to express our sorrow for sin. It's a sacrifice that reminds us of what Jesus sacrificed. It also has the knack of clearing the clutter from our hearts so that our minds can focus on prayer. Make the most of your fasting this Lent by taking some advice from Saint Peter Chrysologus: **Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself.** ***Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting.***

Thursday, Feb 27; After Ash Wednesday
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Set your intention—Well begun is half done, quipped the eminently practical Benjamin Franklin. Today is a great day to get into the spirit of Lent, if Ash Wednesday didn't fully accomplish that for you for whatever reason. We have a rare opportunity to slow down and quiet our lives for the next few weeks. What is complicating life right now that you can simplify? How about giving up stress and fasting from complications this Lent as part of your spiritual practice? Turn Lent into a positive experience of drawing ever closer to Jesus, the source of life, light, and love in your life. **I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then.**

Friday, Feb 28; After Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

Think fast—Catholics abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent for many reasons. It is a sacrifice—a reminder of Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday. It is an act of humility as we eat modestly. It is an experience of solidarity with those who go without. It is penance for our past wrongdoings and an exercise in discipline to help us abstain from sin in the future. It is a form of preparation as we hunger, symbolically, for the eucharistic meal. Jesus fasted to draw closer to God and draw upon him for help. Now's your chance to do the same. **The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.**

Take no revenge and cherish no grudge;
love your neighbor as yourself
—Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Saturday, Feb 29; After Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

Take a leap of faith—It's nice to know that the leap year has a historical connection to the Catholic Church. In 1582, Pope Gregory introduced the Gregorian calendar, still in use in much of the world today. The calendar corrected the former Julian calendar by providing a more accurate calculation of the year with the addition of an extra day every four years so that the calendar did not drift too far away from the actual movement of the earth around the sun. Let's give a special nod to Pope Gregory today for keeping us on track as we work to stay on course with our Lenten promises. **If you call the sabbath a delight, and the LORD's holy day honorable . . . Then you shall delight in the LORD.**

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Helping Hands Ministry

will be available on Sunday, February 23, 2020
in the Queen of the Rosary Social Hall
from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm.
Canned and boxed food items will be available
while supplies last for those in need.

HEALTH CONCERNS at Mass

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

Repentance —Thomas Carlyle

Of all human acts, repentance is the most divine.
The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping
Pastoral Council & Finance Council Meeting
There will be a joint meeting held on
Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm
in Saint Eugene Rectory, Liberty.
If you are unable to attend, please call Jan, 412-751-0663.

Spring Pre-Cana Program

for engaged couples planning weddings,
especially Summer, Fall & Winter 2020.
St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth
Saturday, April 25, 2020, 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.

Protecting God's Children
Safe Environment for Children

To take reasonable measures to assure that Church personnel comply with all required certifications and background checks for the purpose of providing a safe environment for children.

Diocesan Database & Regulations for all Ministries

All parish staff and volunteers including: Catechists and Class Aides, Cantors, Choir, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Festival, Fish Fry, Fund-Raising Worker, Christian Mothers, Women's Guild, Rosary Society, Holy Name Society, etc. are required by the USCCB, the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Catholic Community of Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping to be cleared in the following ways:

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

The Protecting God's Children Seminar (an online 3 hour seminar) is a requirement of the national, diocesan and grouping for all adults 18 years of age or older who are involved in the public work of the church.

For more information or questions,
please call Mary Jo, 412-751-0663
our Grouping Safe Environment Coordinator.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School
1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131
Pre-School 3 & 4, Kindergarten, First - Eighth Grade
If you have any questions or would like more info,
please call the school office, 412-672-2360.
Webpage: www.maryofnazarethschool.org

Stewardship - *Time, Talent and Treasure*
Sunday, February 16, 2020

Saint Mark
Offertory **$ 2,940.50**

Saint Michael
Offertory **$ 5,929.25**

Queen of the Rosary
Offertory **$ 2,026.00**

Thank You for Your Sacrificial Giving!

Have you remembered your Parish in your will?

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny
Friday Night BINGO!

Join us for BINGO on Friday, February 28, 2020
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 Separately: Early Birds, '**All Nighter' - $437++,**
Magic Number - $174++, Quickies,
Must Go Jackpot $700,
Winner Take All Double Bingo
50/50, Chinese Auction, Door Prizes, Food,
Rip Opens are also available
For tickets call the Church Office, 412-678-6275
or Cathy, 412-980-2918.

Attention All Bakers
Baked Goods Needed

Your favorite Baked Goods are requested
for the Friday Night Bingo.
Baked Goods can be dropped off
Friday, February 28, 2020
at St. Eugene Church, Fr. Rowan Hall.
Thank you for your support!

Basket Items Needed

Our basket team is in need of items to fill baskets for the Friday Night Bingos.

Requested items include: cleaning items, car care, fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines, Easter, Spring, snacks, and related items. etc.
Any and all donations - **NEW & UNUSED ITEMS** are deeply appreciated. Please leave items in the Gathering Space or the Parish Office. **Thank You!**

Strong Beliefs —Walter Bagehot
Strong beliefs win strong people and make them stronger.

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny
Festival 2020 - August 6, 7, 8, 2020
Flea Market & Grounds Facilitators Needed

The Festival Team is looking for someone who would be interested in being the Facilitator for the **Flea Market Team** and **Grounds Team**.

If you would like more information
or to volunteer, please call Cathy, 412-980-2918.

Calvary Cemetery, Port Vue
2 Graves Available for Purchase - $1800 for both plus transfer fees, located in Section D1, lot 127.
For more information, please call 724-864-1825.

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny
FESTIVAL 2020
AUGUST 6, 7 & 8, 2020

Festival Specialty Baskets

Specialty baskets are one of the most popular attractions at the festival and would not be possible without your support.

We are accepting new items (never been used) which can be placed in the labeled baskets at all the churches in our grouping.

THANK YOU in advance for your donations.

Basket Theme Ideas:
Holiday Themes: St. Patrick's Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, etc.
Cleaning: cleaner, sponges, soaps, dusting items, etc.
Going Green: environmentally friendly products
Puzzle Basket: crossword, word search, sudoku, etc.
Hot Wheels

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

Crafter Ideas: flower arrangements, wreaths, afghans, pillows, fleece blankets, woodworking, sports blankets/pillows and any other craft items that you can share for the craft baskets. Fiberfill is available for blankets and pillows to be made.
For drop-off information, call Cathy, 412-980-2918.
If you are interested in being involved with the festival please contact Cathy, 412-980-2918.

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.

Starting the Journey A Discernment Retreat Day
for women, ages 18-35 years of age
Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 9 am - 6 pm
Come and visit to see a convent first-hand
and join us in prayer, presentations and discussions
with others who also are discerning Religious Life.
Lunch and Dinner will be served.
Divine Redeemer Motherhouse, 999 Rock Run Rd, Elizabeth
For information or register please call
Sr. Anne or Sr. Joanne, 412-751-8600.

SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Spring Open House
Thursday, March 5, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Incoming Freshmen, spend time with current students
and find your place in our clubs, activities, and sports.
Parents, attend workshops & answers on Financial Aid,
College in High School, School Counseling, etc.
For information, call Mrs. Lyons, 412-751-2020.

SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Placement Test for incoming freshmen
Saturday, March 7th from 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon
To Register, call Mrs. Lyons, 412-751-2020.

You're Invited...

American Heroes
Flight 93 Memorial
Flight 93 Memorial Chapel
& Quecreek Mine Rescue
Saturday, April 18, 2020 Departure 7:30 am
St. Michael Church Parking Lot, Elizabeth
Return Approximately 8:00 pm
Cost per person $107.00
Includes: transportation, admissions/donations at sites, guide, commemorative magnet, lunch & meal gratuity and taxes

You will pay your respects
at the **Flight 93 Memorial & the Memorial Plaza**
with the wall of names of the 40 Heroes.
The Tower of Voices
is a 93 foot tall tower housing 40 wind chimes.
Visitor Center has exhibits regarding 9/11.
Lunch will be enjoyed at the **Oakhurst Grille**
Then on to the **Quecreek Mine Rescue,**
where 9 miners were miraculously rescued
from a mine 240 feet beneath the surface.
and to end the day, a visit to the
Flight 93 Memorial Chapel.
Sponsored by the Christian Mothers/Women's Guild
For Reservations please call, Merrill Jones,
at Lenzner Tour & Travel, 412-761-7000.
Payment can be made online or by check.
Reservations Due on or before March 10, 2020.
Thank You!

Upcoming Events

Ladies of Charity next meeting
will be March 14, 2020 at 10:00 am
Saint Eugene Church, Fr. Rowan Hall.

Quilting Club meets on Monday,
from 11 am-2 pm at St. Eugene Rectory, Liberty.
Crochet Club meets on Tuesday morning,
from 9:30-11:30 am at St. Eugene Rectory, Liberty.

Grouping Christian Mothers/Women Guild
All ladies of St. Mark, St. Michael, Queen of the Rosary
are invited to attend the meeting on
Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm
in St. Michael - Archangel Hall
A light meal will be served followed by a presentation by the Honorable Beth Mills.
For information call, Mary Catherine,412-466-9315
or Linda, 412-945-3310. Hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday,
March 2, 2020 at 7:30 pm
in the St. Michael Meeting Room.
The second meeting of the month is a social meeting,
all men of the Grouping 18 and older are invited.

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on
Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 7:00 am
in St. Michael Church - Meeting Room.

Ushers Club will meet on
Thursday, March 12, 2020,
in the St. Michael Meeting Room

Holy Name Society will meet on
Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 9:00 am
in Queen of the Rosary Church - Meeting Room.
All men of the Grouping are invited to attend.

Rosary Makers will meet on Monday,
March 16, 2020 at 9:30 am
in the St. Michael Meeting Room.

Saint Mark, Saint Michael
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, February 23, 2020 - 12 Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Eat in or take out, call 412-673-3915.

Forgiving An Enemy —Johann Kaspar Lavater
Who has not forgiven an enemy has not yet tasted
one of the most sublime enjoyments of life.

Safety First - Morning or Evening Mass Snow Cancellations

For everyone's safety, a delay or cancellation at **Elizabeth Forward or South Allegheny School Districts** is our notice of **Safety First.**
Mornings or Evenings with a delay or cancellation **There will be no morning or evening Mass at Saint Eugene Church.**
Please listen to the radio or watch TV for delays or cancellations.
Safety first! Be careful!

Coming Soon... A Fish Fry Near You...

Saint Michael Fish Fry
Fridays of Lent - 4:00-7:00 pm
(February 28 - April 3)

Queen of the Rosary Fish Fry
Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent
(including Good Friday)
11:00 am - 7:00 pm
(February 26 - April 10)

Fish Fry is accepting donations of cases of soda pop and water. Please leave donations in the Gathering Space marked Fish Fry.

Fish Fry is in need of bakers, kitchen workers, servers, order takers, and clean up crew just to name a few positions available. Please help in any way you can. Spread the word about the Fish Fry.

See you at the Fish Fry!

Bakers Needed

Bakers needed to make their favorite sweets (the delicious sweets the Fish Fry is known for), and bring them to Archangel Hall or the Social Hall all the Fish Fry Days of Lent.

Thank you for baking!

Fish Fry Volunteers

If you are able to work the Fish Fry, please complete the Volunteer Form below and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Thank You for making our **Fish Fry Special**!

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Michael Parish, Every Friday of Lent (Not Good Friday) from 4:00-7:00 pm
Queen of the Rosary Parish
Ash Wednesday & Every Friday of Lent (including Good Friday) 11 am-7:00 pm

For the annual Parish Fish Fry to be a success, a great number of hands are needed to carry the load. If we all work together as a family, the Fish Fry will continue to be such a great success.

We are in need of bakers, kitchen workers, servers, order takers, and clean up crew just to name a few positions available. Please help in any way you can. Spread the word about the Fish Fry.

Fish Fry Volunteer Form, 2020 (Please Print)

Name _____

Phone Number _____

____ **St. Michael** ____ **Queen of the Rosary**

I am available to work Ash Wednesday or Fridays:

Ash Wednesday (Q of R), **Feb 26** ____ **Feb 28** ____

Mar 06 ____ **Mar 13** ____ **Mar 20** ____ **Mar 27** ____

Apr 03 ____ **Good Friday (Q of R), Apr 10** ____

I would like to work:

____ **Fish Fry Prep (Friday morning)**

____ **Kitchen Help (Must be 18 +)**

____ **Wait Staff or Table Busing**

____ **Order Taking**

____ **Other Duties (Bake Shop, Baskets, etc.)**

____ **Clean Up (Washing Dishes)**

Please return completed form to the Rectory Office.