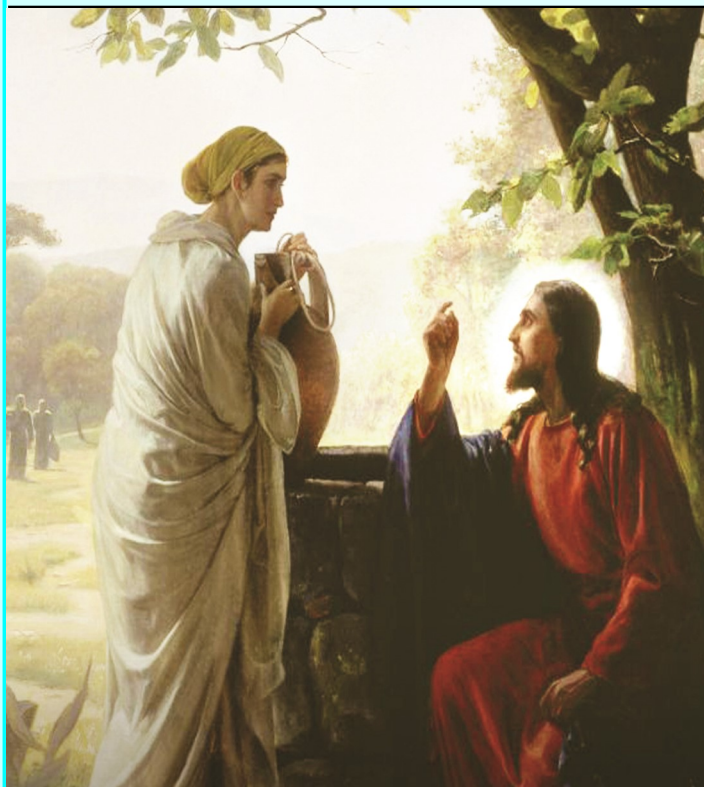


The Roman Catholic Community of Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area, 213

One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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

March 15, 2020

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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.

Offertory Hymn: Companions on the Journey

Refrain

We are com-pan-ions on the jour - ney, break-ing bread and shar-ing life; and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we be-lieve in the love of our God, we be-lieve in the love of our God.

Verse 1

1. No long-er strang-ers to each oth - er; no long-er 1. strang-ers in God's house; we are fed and we are nour-ished by the 1. strength of those who care, by the strength of those who care.

Verse 2

2. We have been gift-ed with each oth - er, and we are called by the 2. Word of the Lord: to act with jus-tice, to love ten-der - ly, and to walk 2. hum-bly with our God, to walk hum-bly with our God.

Verse 3

3. We will seek and we shall find; we will knock and the door will be 3. o-pened; we will ask and it shall be giv-en, for we be-lieve in the 3. love of our God, we be-lieve in the love of our God.

Verse 4

4. We are made for the glo-ry of our God, for ser-vice in the name of 4. Je-sus; to walk side by side with hope in our hearts, for we be-lieve in the love of our God, we be-lieve in the love of our God.

Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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Amen, Amen, Amen

Lamb of God

Cantor *All*
A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.

Cantor *All*
A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.

Cantor *All*
A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Mass XVIII, Chant

Communion Hymn: Now We Remain

Refrain

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our
hearts. Liv-ing; now we re - main with
Je - sus the Christ.

Verses

1. Once we were peo - ple a - fraid, lost in the
2. Some-thing which we have known, some-thing we've
3. He chose to give of him - self, be - came our
4. We are the pres - ence of God; this is our
night. Then by your cross we were
touched, What we have seen with our
bread. Bro - ken, that we might
call. Now to be - come bread and
saved; Dead be - came liv - ing, Life from your
eyes: This we have heard; Life giv - ing
live. Love be - yond love, Pain for our
wine: Food for the hun - gry, Life for the
giv - ing. for to live with the
word.
pain.
wea - ry,
Lord, we must die with the Lord.

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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: From Ashes to the Living Font

1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
3. (sing verse appropriate to the Sunday below)
4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
1. Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in
2. voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to
3.
4. Church must jour - ney still, Through cross and tomb to
1. grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.
2. ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.
3.
4. Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

Year A

Lenten Sundays I & II

3. From desert to the mountaintop
In Christ our way we see,
So, tempered by temptation's might
We might transfigured be.

Lenten Sunday IV

3. We sit beside the road and plead,
"Come, save us, David's Son!"
Now with your vision heal our eyes,
The world's true Light alone.

Lenten Sunday III

3. For thirsting hearts let waters flow,
Our fainting souls revive;
And at the well your waters give
Our everlasting life.

Lenten Sunday V

3. Our graves split open, bring us back,
Your promise to proclaim;
To darkened tombs call out, "Arise!"
And glorify your name.

Alan J. Hommerding
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The Whole Book of Psalms, London, 1562

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

March 15-22, 2020

Saturday, 14, Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

StM 4:00 pm M Helga Procacina - Husband, Joe

StE 6:00 pm T Clifford Hoak - Gerry Coleman

Sunday, March 15, Third Sunday of Lent

StE 8:00 am T John Richel - Pat & Larry Muic

StM 9:00 am M Sandra & Bertha Curran - Family

QoR 10:30 am T Living Members of the Christian Mothers – Q of R CCM

StM 12 Noon M Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family

Monday, 16, Lenten Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Lucille Honacki - Family

Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Paul Gala – Pat & Judy Shriane

Tuesday, 17, Lenten Weekday

StM 9:00 am Bill Owens - Knights of Columbus

StE 6:30 pm Julia Ann Sitko - Daughter, Arlene Stanczak

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

Wednesday, 18, Lenten Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Jean Todaro - Loretta Dabruzzo & Family

StM 9:00 am Thomas O'Toole - Bob & Cathy Macey

Novena - Michael the Archangel

Thursday, 19, Josesph, Husband of Mary

StE 8:30 am Deb Radu - Tim & Betty Runtich

StM 9:00 am Beth Wargo - Parents

StJ 6:30 pm Mass of Farewell - Saint Joseph Church - For The People

Friday, 20, Lenten Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Clara Borkowski Palumbo - Sandy & Tom Urbanski

StM 9:00 am John Heck – Audrey Benz

StE 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

QoR 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

StM 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 21, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent

StM 4:00 pm T Anna Szarko - Ann & Bob Sibole

StE 6:00 pm M Kenny Kaczka - Joe, Karen & Michael Kaczka

Sunday, March 22, Fourth Sunday of Lent

StE 8:00 am M Jack Gosney - Joseph E. Kish

StM 9:00 am T Joseph & Vincent Ignatius - Mary Jo & Judy

QoR 10:30 am M Edna Ashton – Ladies of Charity

StM 12 Noon T Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

**Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping
Pastoral Staff**

Clergy Team

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Reverend Miroslaus A. Wojcicki, Senior Parochial Vicar
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Deacon John E. Ragan, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Dale J. DiSanto, Permanent Deacon

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We hope you will join us as

**We pause, We pray, We remember
as We look forward to our future together.**

**Mass of Farewell - Saint Joseph Church
Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm**

Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: **For this just man was given by you as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God and set as a wise and faithful servant in charge of your household to watch like a father over your Only Begotten Son...our Lord Jesus Christ** (Preface of Saint Joseph, **Roman Missal**). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive **Saint Joseph's Table**, welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David's house, which God finished **building** through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and **Annunciation** (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's **Let it be done to me according to your word** (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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.

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.

May we also hear the words of the angel to Joseph, **Joseph do not be afraid...** (Matthew 1:20) and **When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him** (Matthew 2:21).

Speak Lord, your servants are listening.

Fr. Wagner

March Rosary Intention

That the Church in China
may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel
and grow in unity.

Enrich Your Lenten Season!
Praise and Worship Festival
Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA
Sunday, March 15, 2020
Immediately following 12 Noon Mass
Eucharistic Adoration & Confession
Music by Katy (Blythe) Praetzel
Reflection - Deacon John Ragan



will be prayed on Fridays of Lent at
Saint Eugene Church 5:00 pm
Queen of the Rosary Church 6:30 pm
Saint Michael Church 7:00 pm

Remain here and keep watch with me. —Mark 14:35

Bishop's Spring Listening Sessions

You are invited to take part in an evening of prayer, information, and discussion with Bishop David Zubik and members of his senior staff designed to help you better understand the role of finances in daily parish operations.

Topics will include Parish Share, School Subsidy, Insurance and Billing, Sample Financial Statements, and Real Estate Transactions.

Sessions will be held at churches representing each of the regions in our diocese:

Monday, March 16, St. Athanasius, West View

Wednesday, March 18, St. Valentine, Bethel Park

Monday, March 23, St. Margaret Mary, Moon Township

Thursday, March 26, St. Michael the Archangel, Butler

Each session will be held from 7:00-8:30 PM.

You are welcome to attend the session that is most convenient for your schedule.

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 please call the school office, 412-672-2360.
 Webpage: www.maryofnazarethschool.org

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020



We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define,

classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

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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

Faith, Fellowship, & Food

Acts of the Apostles:

The Spread of the Kingdom

Winter Series - Now through 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

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.

Religious Education

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Upcoming

Senior Youth Group meeting,

Sunday, March 29, 2020

St. Eugene Church, Fr. Rowan Hall.

3210 Liberty Way, Liberty

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Junior Youth Ministry

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

St. Eugene Church, Fr. Rowan Hall

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Senior & Junior Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, March 29, 2020

St. Eugene Church, Fr. Rowan Hall.

3210 Liberty Way, Liberty Borough

Doors open at 6:30 pm

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

Come and join in the fun and fellowship

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.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

—Psalm 95



Read the Bible.

Pray over Sacred Scripture.

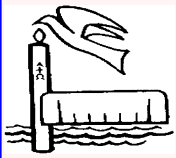
You can keep whatever you find...

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 15 - Thursday, June 18, 2020

More Details Later.



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
Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm
St. Michael Meeting 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; Capt. Markus Gibson, USMC; 2ndLt. Miles Gibson, USMC; PO2. Mason Gibson, USN; 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!

**God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit**

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

We remember . . . In your charity,
please remember all those who have died,
especially: **Anthony Niedzwecki, James Valecko,
Dorothy Valencik, Elizabeth Kaczowski,
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.

Thursday Afternoon - St. Michael Meeting Room

1:00-3:00 pm RSVP Jan, 412-751-0663

March 19

March 26

Please RSVP so that we may prepare materials.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

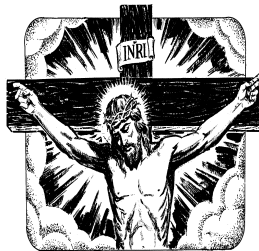
In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses (Exodus 17:3). Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, **Give me a drink** (John 4:7). Water is a universal human need. Each time you drink together this week, may it remind you to refresh your love.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

March 20 is the Spring Equinox, when we have nearly equal light and dark. It's all about balance and equality. Is your family satisfied with the balance of chores that each person contributes to the household?

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the **living water** only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this **living water** they will **never thirst**.



**While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.**

— Romans 5:8



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

Sunday, Mar 15; Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

Great expectations—The view from today is limited. From here, some things may look irreparably broken, from personal relationships to global ones. Yet Jesus promises a future of hope available to anyone who reaches out for it. A Samaritan woman at a well had endured a loop of failure and disappointment that seemed impossible to transcend. When Jesus invited her to step out of it, she did—and was reborn as an apostle to her people. Today, we pray for our Elect (those in the R.C.I.A. Program) as they choose the way of rebirth and hope. Let's choose the same, with them! **But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.**

Monday, Mar 16; Lenten Weekday

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30

Stand with the prophets—Prophets have never had an easy time of it. It's been pointed out that we often assassinate prophets when they speak out too forcefully, and then once they are safely silenced and buried, we might later build a monument to honor them (or perhaps to flatter ourselves for honoring them?). Jesus saw all this and yet continued to speak out despite the resistance and hostility he often faced from his own people. Not all of us are gifted prophets, but each of us can do our best to recognize the prophets in our midst and stand with them when they speak the truth, even against the angry mob. **No prophet is accepted in his own native place.**

Tuesday, Mar 17; Patrick, bishop

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

A feast of merriment and mercy—How odd it seems that the feast of Saint Patrick falls during Lent. But despite the merriment of the day, Patrick's story is a serious one—of captivity and freedom, of cruelty and forgiveness—starting with his teen years as a slave to his escape and return to the Emerald Isle where he became a shepherd to his people and shared the Good News. Patrick even set out on a mission of mercy and forgiveness to see his cruel former master. Join Patrick by reciting his lorica (prayer of protection) against the dark forces we battle during Lent, asking **God's host to secure me against snares of devils, against temptations of vices, against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill. Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?**

Wednesday, Mar 1; Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

People come first—Saint Cyril (c. 318-386) was between a rock and a hard place. A severe food shortage was afflicting Jerusalem and the people were starving. As bishop he had to do something. So he sold church treasures, in violation of the rules, to buy food for his people. That got him into trouble with church higher-ups, and he was deposed for a time as punishment. Jesus taught that the rules are there for the sake of people, not people for the rules. Cyril understood that. It's good for us to be mindful of it as well. **“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.**

Thursday, Mar 19; Joseph, Husband of Mary

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Watch for signs—There are times in all of our lives when we face dilemmas or challenges: How to help a child struggling with tantrums. How to guide a teen who is making bad friend choices. How to recognize and act on the need to make a job change. How to listen to a friend who is negative about so much of life. How to support a spouse who is unhappy and grumpy. God is present in all things and will help us if we ask and pay attention to the signs that are sent our way. **When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him.**

Friday, Mar 20; Lenten Weekday, Abstinence

Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Go where no (wo)man has gone before—Mother Catherine Spalding, who died on this day in 1858, was a pioneer in every sense. Not only did she live on the Kentucky frontier, but she was elected to lead a new community, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth—at a time when female leaders, especially young ones, were almost nonexistent. To top it off, she broke ground bringing education to girls and healthcare and social services to those who received none. Her legacy, alive in her sisters and in groups who do the same work, now spans the globe. Where do you see unfulfilled needs, and how can you blaze new trails to meet them? **You are not far from the kingdom of God.**

Wisdom

A wise old owl lived in an oak.

The more he saw the less he spoke.

The less he spoke the more he heard.

Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?

—English nursery rhyme

Saturday, Mar 21; Lenten Weekday

Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Walk humbly—Truly humble people know that in the scheme of life, they have a unique role to play that is theirs alone—but it is no more significant than that of any other human being. Scripture tells us to bring that spirit of humility to prayer, comparing ourselves to no one. We may use words. We may sit in silence. We may tell God what we are thinking, or trust that God knows. We may ask for help or express gratitude. We may share our feelings of sorrow, frustration, contentment, anger, or joy. The most important step is to show up with head bowed. There God awaits you with a crown of love and forgiveness. **For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, while he who humbles himself shall be exalted.**

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**Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping
Pastoral Council & Finance Council Meeting**

There will be a joint meeting held on

Monday, May 4, 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.

Stewardship - Time, Talent and Treasure

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Saint Mark

Offertory \$ 4,285.50

Utilities & Energy \$ 811.00

Parish Share Goal \$53,127

Saint Michael

Offertory \$ 6,100.00

Utilities & Energy \$ 1,411.02

Parish Share Goal \$88,214

Queen of the Rosary

Offertory \$ 2,879.00

Utilities & Energy \$ 375.00

Parish Share Goal \$26,745

Thank You for Your Sacrificial Giving!

Have you remembered your Parish in your will?

Thirst

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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Roman Catholic Community of

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area

April 9, Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm - Saint Eugene Church, Liberty

Veneration of the Holy Eucharist - 8:30 - 10 pm

St. Eugene Church, St. Michael Church, Queen of the Rosary Church

April 10, Good Friday, Friday of the Passion of the Lord

1:30 pm St. Michael Church, Elizabeth

2:00 pm Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

Tenebrae Service - Word & Worship

7:00 pm St. Eugene Church, Liberty

April 11, Holy Saturday, Blessing of the Easter Food

12 Noon St. Eugene Church, Liberty

12 Noon St. Michael Church, Elizabeth

12:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt, St. Eugene Church, Liberty

2:00 pm Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

7:30 pm St. Michael Church, Elizabeth

April 12, Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 am St. Eugene Church, Liberty

9:00 am St. Michael Church, Elizabeth

10:30 am Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

12 Noon St. Michael Church, Elizabeth

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Friday Night BINGO!

Join us for **BINGO** on Friday, March 27, 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' - \$503++,
Magic Number - \$251++, 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, March 27, 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!**

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.

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp
Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory
of Robert A. Cairns from Sandy Palmer.

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: Valentine's Day, 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.

Third Sunday of Lent

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Honest and Open with God

The story of the Israelites' grumbling and threatened revolt, and of God's response in our reading from Exodus today, grapples with difficulties of the life of faith. Those who place their lives in the hands of God, as Israel did by following Moses into the desert, may soon face troubling and fearful moments. Sometimes we lose what we think we need, or somehow find it difficult to get what we really need. In our busy lives, it's easy to gradually forget God's presence and action among us.

Moses' prayer to God and God's compassionate response of providing water resolve the situation. Perhaps it was Moses' admirable honesty in his dialogue with God that made a difference. Moses "cried out to the Lord" and he didn't know how God might respond. Honestly expressing our needs in prayer is essential to the life of faith. Waiting in openness to God's response is equally important.

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Lenten Reconciliation Services

Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 7:00 pm
St. Robert Bellarmine, East McKeesport

The Light Is On For You
Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
St. Michael and Queen of the Rosary

Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm
St. Michael Church

Upcoming Events

Ladies of Charity next meeting
will be April 4, 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's 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 presenta-
 tion by the Honorable Beth Mills.
 For information call, Mary Catherine, 412-466-9315
 or Linda, 412-945-3310. Hope to see you there!

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

Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday,
 March 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm
 in the St. Michael Meeting Room.

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on
 Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 7:00 am
 in St. Michael Church - Meeting Room.

Holy Name Society will meet on
 Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 9:00 am
 in Queen of the Rosary Church - Meeting Room.
 All men of the Grouping are invited to attend.

Ushers Club will meet on
 Thursday, May 14, 2020,
 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, March 29, 2020 - 12 Noon - 6:00 p.m.
 Eat in or take out, call 412-673-3915.

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
Men's Retreat - April 17, 18, 19, 2020
For Information, call Bernie, 412-951-5798
or Bob, 412-916-1267.
Women's Retreats - Please contact the
Retreat Center, 412-381-7676.

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!**
Please remember to pray for the sick.

Smoky Mountains Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

Sponsored by Elizabeth, Glassport,
South Allegheny Grouping

**Join Joan, Lynda & Fr. Wagner on a Bus Trip
June 8 - 11, 2020 (Monday-Thursday)**

Reserve Your Seats Now (Adults Only - 18 years +)
Join us for fun, laughter, and relaxation.
For more information or reservation form,
please contact Jan, 412-751-0663.

- **Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation**
- **Three Nights Accommodations with Breakfast**
Hotel: Ramada North, Pigeon Forge
- **Three Dinners:**
 - Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Pre-show,
Show & Dinner**
 - Elvis Tribute at the Main Event Theater**
 - Dinner at the Bullfish Restaurant**
 - Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Theater**
- **Gatlinburg - admission to Christ in the Smokies**
- **The Island Shopping**
- **Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery Tour & Tasting**
- **Smoky Mountain Opry with reserved seating**
- **The Incredible Christmas Place**
- **Titanic Replica Museum**

Three Night Accommodations, Three breakfasts,
three dinners, baggage handling, taxes & gratuities

Deposit of \$100 per person upon making reservation.

Cost Per Person: Double Occupancy: \$769.00

Triple Occupancy: \$689.00 Quad: \$649.00

Single: \$969.00

Please call Jan for a Registration Form, 412-751-0663



A Fish Fry Near You...

Saint Michael Fish Fry
Fridays of Lent - 4:00-7:00 pm
(thru April 3) 412-751-0663

Queen of the Rosary Fish Fry
Fridays of Lent (including Good Friday)
11:00 am - 7:00 pm
(thru April 10) 412-872-5136

**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 call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank You for making our **Fish Fry Special!**

