

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

One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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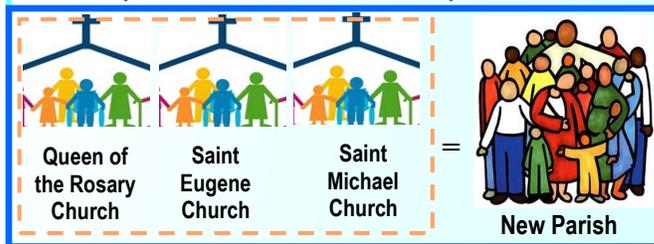
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Why a new parish name.

While the new parish will receive a new name, **each** of our church buildings, Queen of the Rosary Church, Saint Eugene Church, and Saint Michael Church, will retain its current name (the name under which it was consecrated).

A **parish** is a **geographic area** with people and a priest(s). **Churches** are **sacred buildings** designated for divine worship. **Saint Eugene Church, Saint Michael Church and Queen of the Rosary Church will retain their names.**

In January 2021, our **three Churches** will come together to form a **new Parish**, the **geographical area** of Elizabeth, Forward, Glassport, Liberty, Lincoln, Port Vue, etc. (**basically the area made up of the Elizabeth-Forward and South Allegheny School Districts**), hence the need for a new parish name.



August 2, 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.

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.
elizabethsalleghebulletin@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

August 2 - 9, 2020

Saturday, August 1, Vigil, 18th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm T John Honacki - Kenn Bradley & Cheryl Mayola

StE 6:00 pm M Harold 'Buzz' Phillips - Friends

Sunday, 2, 18th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am M George Vanscoy - Janine Wagner

StM 9:00 am T August & Maxine Gatto - August & Tina Gatto & Family

QoR 10:30 am M Daniel & Aleson Fleming - 25th Wedding Anniversary - Family

StM 12 Noon T Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family

Monday, 3, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Stephen Gribshaw - John & Susie Spanbauer

Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am David Shyosky - Brian & Michelle Savko

Tuesday, 4, John Vianney, priest

StM 9:00 am Julie Spernak - Posa & Caldwell Families

StE 6:30 pm Deceased Runtich & Vavrek Families - Tim & Betty Runtich

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

Wednesday, 5, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Clara B. Palumbo - Linda Aquilante

StM 9:00 am Bob Agosti - Anna & Family

Novena - Michael the Archangel

Thursday, 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

StE 8:30 am Frances Germek - Rick & Sandy

StM 9:00 am Pat Mains - Pat Bilak

Friday, 7, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Jean Hvozdk - Sons of the Amican Legion

StM 9:00 am Tim Craighead - Wiegel Family

Saturday, 8, Dominic, priest

StM 1:30 pm Wedding: Zachary Thomas Spate & Samantha Rae Hotz

QoR 3:00 pm Wedding: Sean Jackson & Katie Lapsley

Saturday, 8, Vigil, 19th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm T Helen Shalako - Douglas & Jeannie Skinner

StE 6:00 pm M Elizabeth Hoak - Deb Kebles

Sunday, 9, 19th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am T Carmella Ferrero - Helen Reder

StM 9:00 am M Tom Eddy - Children

QoR 10:30 am T Living & Deceased Topoleski Family - Joanne Topoleski

StM 12 Noon M Deceased Similo & Schmidt Families - Robert Similo Family

Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp

St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of

Helen & Joseph Nesteruk from Gibel Family.

Pastoral Staff

Clergy Team

Reverend Thomas A. Wagner, Administrator
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 Deacon Jeffrey P. Formica, Permanent Deacon
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 Deacon John E. Ragan, Permanent Deacon

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We remember . . . In your charity,
 please remember all those who have died,
 especially: **Bernard Bubanic, Darla Pohodich,**
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.

July Rosary Intention

That today's families
 may be accompanied
 with love, respect and guidance.

18th Sunday in Ordinal Time

August 2, 2020



Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. **Come to the water and then help another get there.**

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All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1a

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time

Our readings today remind us of our hunger and thirst, and how God works within us. We human beings are created dependent on food and water, and much more. And God deeply desires that our needs be met. Our physical hunger and thirst point to our deeper hungers: our need for meaning, purpose, and belonging; and most of all, for unity with God. In Matthew's Gospel passage today, Jesus' heart is moved with compassion for the people. Jesus not only cures the sick and feeds the multitude, he also establishes bonds of community through the shared meal. Saint Paul shows us that nothing can ultimately separate us from God. Isaiah reminds us of God's ongoing invitation to us to come and receive. God's gifts cannot be earned or purchased. God's grace is offered in abundance. God's nourishment is the very best possible, and we should accept no substitutes. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Imagining God's Abundance

When reflecting upon today's Gospel passage from Matthew, the story of the feeding of the multitude, we might consider the role of Jesus' disciples. Unlike the very similar story in Matthew 15, Jesus responds to the disciples by saying, **Give them some food yourselves**. Jesus is pushing his disciples to think beyond the apparent scarcity, and to open their imaginations to God's abundance. They are to join in with what God is doing. Jesus then takes, blesses, breaks, and shares the bread (anticipating his action at the Last Supper), and the disciples share the loaves with the crowd.

The stories of the feeding of the multitudes also point ahead to the practice of Eucharist in the Church. The Eucharist itself points ahead to God's banquet at the consummation of the reign of God, when all will share God's abundance. **We the Church are called to open our imaginations to God present and active, who continually works toward God's promised future.** We are to share in God's passionate desire to feed the people, and join in what God is doing here and now.

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Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Treat your company like family and your family like company. —Tom Fogle

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The apostles were just being practical when they asked Jesus to **dismiss the crowds to go buy food**. Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with just 5 loaves and fishes.

Trust is the bridge to miracles.

Nothing Can Separate Us

Today's passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans concludes Chapter 8 with a flourish. It is the exclamation point of Paul's teaching on the presence of the Spirit within them and among them. The church in Rome faced great suffering as they were marginalized and persecuted for their faith. Paul names both social and cosmic forces that oppress them, over which they have no control. Their trials likely provoked questions that led them to wonder,

Where is God?

Paul teaches that God is so deeply present within us that nothing can separate us from God. This includes our own forms of resistance. Even when we find myriad ways to avoid and run away, God is waiting patiently. Even when God seems distant or absent, God continues to invite, to welcome, and to speak to us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Recreation refreshes our bodies and souls. During these Covid-19 days, however, vacations, sports, and parties have to be rethought. Jim and I have enjoyed cribbage and gin (rummy that is). Brainstorm new ways to have fun at home as a couple.

Prayer and Humility —St. Dominic

**Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword;
wear humility rather than fine clothes.**

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: **Cpl. Peter A. Barranté, 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; Staff Sgt. 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!

**May God Bless Our Health Care Workers
and All First Responders.**



Faith Formation



Faith Formation
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Fall Registration for Faith Formation

Registration Forms will be mailed to families already in our program and there will be a Registration Form in the Bulletin for new families to the program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email 213FaithForm@gmail.com or call the Faith Formation Office, 412-754-0886 and leave a message.

Faith Formation Substitute Catechists

The Faith Formation Program is looking for parents and other adults who would like to be substitutes when our catechists cannot be at session.

If you are interested and feeling called to this ministry, please call Julie Fleckenstein, our Faith Formation Facilitator at 412-754-0886 or email her 213FaithForm@gmail.com.

Thank you for considering being a part of this life changing ministry.



Picnic for the Youth Group and their Families
 Sunday, August 2, 2020, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
 at St. Eugene Church Grounds

Along with fellowship, food and games; We will be honoring our High School Graduates that are moving on to college, jobs or military.

Youth Group will provide the main dish and drinks; members/families are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

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

Come and join in the fun and fellowship

Easter Sacraments 2020

Bishop David Zubik has delegated Fr. Wagner to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Saint Michael Church.

Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

A Family of Faith

Family-Based Religious Education

All families are welcome to join

***A Family of Faith* coming this Fall!**

The goal of this program is to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. With one adult meeting and one family meeting each month, this program will give you the knowledge and tools to bring your children up in the Faith.

If you are interested in Family of Faith or would like more information, please email 213FaithForm@gmail.com and put **Family Catechesis** in the subject line.



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.

Pre-Baptism Class - Deacon Dale DiSanto
 Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm
 St. Eugene Meeting Room

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.

Marriage Prep - Pre-Cana Program

sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker Parish will be held at St. Maurice Church, Forest Hills on Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 9 am - 4 pm

For more information or reservations (required), please call, 412-271-0809. Cost is \$60 per couple

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

There will be a joint meeting held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Saint Michael - Archangel Hall, Elizabeth.

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



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

Sunday, August 2; Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time

Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

The glass is still half empty—August is National Water Quality Month, which may not sound exciting, or even like a religious issue. Yet the sacred character of water is attested from the Creation story, in which God's Spirit hovers over the waters, during the corrective flood in Noah's time, at the Red Sea's freedom crossing, up to the cleansing sign of Baptism. Isaiah issues the divine invitation: Come to the water! But what if that water is risky to drink, as it is for some of our nation's citizens and a sizeable percentage of the world population? Support clean water projects, because water is life. **Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water!**

Monday, Aug 03; Weekday

Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36

A port for any storm—Jesus' mother Mary has many titles—one of them is **Our Lady, Star of the Sea**. Under this name, she is a protector of seafarers. But Mary is a guiding star for all of us as we seek her son through the storms of life. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux wrote: **If the winds of temptation arise; if you are driven upon the rocks of tribulation look to the star, call on Mary. If you are tossed upon the waves of pride, of ambition, of envy, of rivalry, look to the star, call on Mary.** Don't lose sight of her, and you won't lose your way to Christ. **Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.**

Tuesday, Aug 04; John Vianney, priest

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36

Come to the curer of souls—Most male Catholic saints were priests. Some were priests whose great intellect sparked important theological concepts. Others traveled to exotic places to teach about Christ. Still others died as courageous martyrs. But the French saint John Vianney—commonly known as the Curé of Ars—became a saint simply by being an ordinary, but extraordinarily dedicated, parish priest. In French, the word curé means **pastor**, or one who is **charged with the care of souls**. Vianney cared for thousands of souls who sought spiritual healing in the confessional, where he spent up to 16 hours a day. Seek ordinary ways to be holy today. **People brought to him all those who were sick.**

Wednesday, Aug 05, Dedication of the Basilica Mary Major

Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

The Word made flesh set in stone—How many papal basilicas are there in Rome? There are four: **St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major** pays homage to Mary our mother and her role in the life of her son. Pope Sixtus III built this basilica after the Council of Ephesus (431) decreed that Mary is the mother of God incarnate (Theotokos). The theology is important. Once again, the church makes clear that Jesus was both divine and human. Thus, we believe in the sacredness of human life, and we look to Mary's

unflinching love, as God-bearer and first disciple, for inspiration. **With age-old love, I have loved you.**

Thursday, Aug 06; Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Shining like the sun—The story of Jesus' **Transfiguration** is important enough to be part of Matthew, Mark, and Luke's gospels, and the Feast of the Transfiguration has been celebrated since the ninth century and officially on the Roman Catholic calendar since the mid-15th century. This emphasis points toward our deep human longing for transcendence, for a glimpse of divine light such as that experienced by Peter, James, and John. What can you do today to open yourself up to Jesus' light? Perhaps pray for the gift of perception, of receptivity to God's presence. **And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.**

Friday, Aug 07; Cajetan, priest

Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28

Faith takes courage—Since the first followers of Jesus, the church has had its struggles, but always, the Holy Spirit keeps the church faithful. Courageous people in every age rise up to lead renewal within the church. In the early 1500s, that person was Cajetan, who felt the pain of the Body of Christ and dedicated himself to doing something about it. With friends, he founded a group of clergy dedicated to trusting in God's providence and claiming no property nor money from the people—the opposite of clergy at the time who were becoming wealthy off the backs of the people. In time, the same church that Cajetan sought to reform recognized him as a saint. Who are the courageous ones in your life who help you stay faithful? Draw strength from them to help institute necessary reforms in our time. **Whoever wishes to come after me must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me.**

Saturday, Aug 08; Dominic, priest

Habakkuk 1:12—2:4; Matthew 17:14-20

Listening is the first step in preaching—Into a 13th-century world where few knew basic theology, and wealthy, mediocre preachers traveled with retinues, Dominic brought dramatic change. He encouraged his friars to study the essentials of the faith, preach eloquently, live simply on what they could beg, and leave enclosed monasteries to reach out to people where they saw the need. By putting himself amid people, Dominic found opportunities to brilliantly counter the **Albigensian heresy, a popular dualism that saw spirit as good, matter as evil, and denied the Incarnation**. Take time to hear what others are saying so that you are sure to respond as Dominic did with the gospel of love that promotes the dignity of all. **"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed . . . nothing will be impossible for you."** Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

**Coming Soon.....
FALL FROLIC TICKET**

Benefits Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping

Try a chance at winning a total of
\$4000.00 in the month of October.

Minimum payout is \$100.00.

\$10.00 per ticket with 31 chances to win!

Pays out daily on the 7pm PA Daily Pick 3.

No bonus numbers.

If you would like a certain number,
please call Cathy, 412-980-2918 before August 3, 2020.

Numbers will be dispersed
on a first come, first serve basis.

If you would like to help our Catholic Community
with selling a few tickets or helping to sell
before and after Masses, please contact Cathy or Fr. Wagner.

Thank You for your support!

Parish Share Program - 2020

Your self-sacrifice includes support of our local ministries and your support of the Parish Share Program provides training for lay leaders who serve our faith communities, and especially for helping young people grow closer to Jesus.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider your support for this important initiative. All funds raised beyond our assessment will stay right here in our Grouping.

Thank you for your sacrificial gift.

Parish Share Program 2020

Saint Mark

Goal \$53,127 Received \$22,010

Saint Michael

Goal \$88,214 Received \$56,567

Queen of the Rosary

Goal \$26,745 Received \$ 9,215

Naming Our New Parish

Thank You for taking the time to submit suggestions for the name of our New Parish.

A total of 257 suggestions were given and 136 different names were suggested. The Advisory Councils met on Monday, July 13 to review the suggestions and then added a few, each member present gave a list of 15 names. Those lists were then compared to the criteria for selecting the names to be submitted to Bishop Zubik were as follows:

- Met the criteria listed on the form that was used to submit a name
- The rationale for the name
- Relevance to our grouping in some way
- No church by the same name, of any denomination, is in close proximity to our grouping.

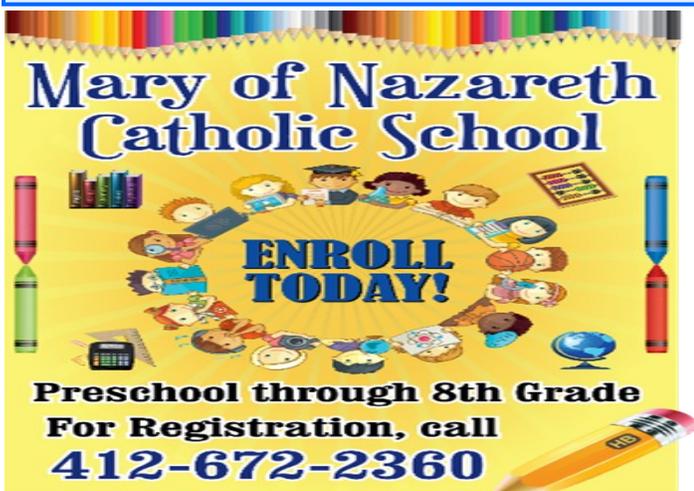
After much prayer and discussion, the following names (listed alphabetically) were chosen to be submitted to Bishop Zubik.

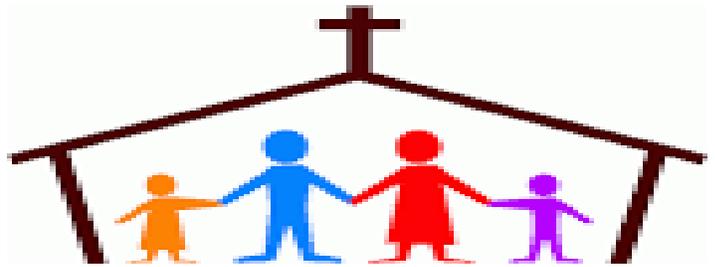
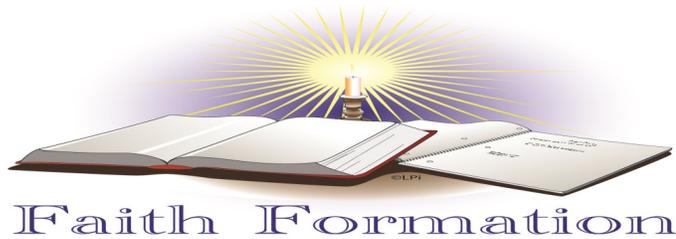
- Saint Barnabas**
- Saint Catherine of Alexandria**
- Saint Catherine of Siena**
- Saint Faustina**
- Saint Francis Xavier**
- Holy Innocents**
- Saints Joachim & Anne**
- Saint John Neumann**
- Saint John the Beloved Disciple**
- Saint Jude**
- Saint Lucy**
- Saint Luke**
- Saint Lydia of Thyatira**
- Saint Rita of Cascia**
- Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

These names were submitted to Bishop Zubik for his prayerful review. The Bishop will send back to the grouping a list of approved names. From the approved names, parishioners will once again have the opportunity offer their suggestions from the approved list. The top three names will then be submitted to Bishop Zubik along with the required documentation for completing the merger process. Bishop Zubik will then announce the name of our new parish (an area or territory) with our three church buildings retaining their names, Saint Mark, Saint Michael, and Queen of the Rosary.

You will be informed of each step of the process.

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July 14, 2020

Dear Faith Formation Family,

In these troubling times, we hope that you and your family are safe and healthy. With the constant changes in policies and procedures, we are staying up to date with what the CDC, Commonwealth of PA, the PA Department of Education and the Diocese of Pittsburgh are recommending and enforcing.

- + We will be sanitizing after each session just like we have been after every Mass;
- + we have hand sanitizer stations/hand washing stations
- + and we will be able to isolate children if they begin to not feel well during session.

With the uncertainty of what the pandemic will be doing, Father Wagner and the Office of Faith Formation have made some changes to how we are having sessions beginning this September. We have chosen that **in-person sessions will be only twice a month for our students**, and the students will be split according to their last names in the more popular sessions. We have also changed the textbook to minimize issues if we are quarantined at any time during the year while sessions are on going. Both the calendar and the textbook will be discussed at our **Faith Formation Open House**

Faith Formation Open House

Sunday Morning Sessions, September 13, 2020

Queen of the Rosary — 8:45 - 10:15 am

Saint Michael — 10:15 - 11:45 am

Monday Evening Session, September 14, 2020

Saint Michael — 5:45 - 7:15 pm

All Parents/Guardians, Please plan on attending one of the Open Houses that we are holding to ensure you get all the necessary information and materials from Faith Formation staff.

If for some reason, you cannot attend ANY of the Open Houses please call or email the Faith Formation Office to make an appointment to meet with a staff member to get all necessary material.

Enclosed is the registration form for this upcoming Faith Formation Year.

We ask that you prayerfully discuss the options with your family and return the form as soon as possible to the office. For planning purposes, we ask that you please return your form no later than **Thursday, August 20, 2020.**

With the students only coming twice a month to session, we are supplying each family with a parent resource book so that the parent can help the children when they come home from session. Each student will be coming home with their book and a lesson based activity that they will have to complete before they come into the next session. If we are once again in isolation, we will be sending out lessons via Zoom and the parents and children can work on lessons together.

Homeschooling (Family Catechesis)

Homeschooling (Family Catechesis) will also be utilizing the same book as our in-person sessions. Meetings will be with the parents and the parents will, in turn, go home and teach their children the lesson for the month. There will also be Community Meetings where the families will get together, have a meal, and have a lesson-based activity to work on. We ask that families that wish to Homeschool please review the criteria before deciding on being a part of the Homeschool Family Community.

Criteria for Homeschooling (Family Catechesis)

- Have a strong faith in the Catholic Church
 - Regularly attend Mass and receive the Eucharist
 - Adhere to Catholic Teaching
- The parent is willing to attend **9 meetings** and to teach their child(ren)
- The family is willing to attend **9 community meetings** where Mass will be a part of the meeting as well
- The family must maintain and turn in a Scrapbook about their faith journey at the end of the year
- The parent is willing to have correspondence via email or phone with a Faith Formation staff member or one of our catechists on a regular basis
- The family must have a **Bible (Catholic)** and a **Catechism of the Catholic Church** to use as part of the lessons that will be done in the home

If you have any questions about the Family Catechesis program, please feel free to contact the Faith Formation office.

**If you choose this option for your family,
please be aware that the first meeting will be on
Monday, August 31, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Archangel Hall.**

For All Families

Once your registration form is received at the office, we will send you a confirmation letter confirming the session for which you have registered your child. **Please note- we will try to give you the session that is your first choice, however, we do register on a first-come, first-served basis.** Please be flexible and mark the registration form according to the directions on it. We also ask that you send in payment with the registration form. If you cannot afford to pay the registration fee, please call or email the Faith Formation Office and make arrangements for scholarship or for reduced payment.

Please know that we have been praying for all of you during this difficult time.
We are so excited to be able to serve your family and to bring the faith alive.

In Service of Christ,

Julie Fleckenstein

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10 Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Catholic Community

2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 per child/ \$50 per family – Please make checks payable to Saint Michael

If you need tuition assistance or scholarships, please contact the Office of Faith Formation.

ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

Please Print

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Primary Telephone: _____
(Imperative for Church Records)

Address (where the child primarily resides): _____

Email: _____ Secondary Email: _____

Mother's Cellphone: _____ Father's Cellphone: _____

Church of Registration: _____

1st Child Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Church of Baptism: _____

Known Allergies/Medications/Conditions: _____

2nd Child Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Church of Baptism: _____

Known Allergies/Medications/Conditions: _____

3rd Child Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Church of Baptism: _____

Known Allergies/Medications/Conditions: _____

Please choose your preferences for sessions where your child(ren) will be going to Faith Formation.

Please number your preferences 1 (one) through 3 (three).

_____ **Queen of the Rosary- Sundays; 8:45 am to 10:15 am**
530 Michigan Ave., Glassport (2 times per month)

_____ **Saint Michael- Sundays; 10:15 am to 11:45 am**
101 McLay Dr., Elizabeth (2 times per month)

_____ **Saint Michael- Mondays; 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm**
101 McLay Dr. Elizabeth (2 times per month)

_____ **Family Catechesis (Homeschool)**
(1 parent/ 1 community meeting per month)

Please list up to 3 individuals that have permission to pick up your child(ren).

Please also list the relationship to the child(ren) as well. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Special Information to Impart to the Office of Faith Formation:

Social Media/Webpage

There will be activities and events where your child will be photographed and/or videotaped.

These might be used on our social media, our webpage or in house for advertising.

If you do not wish for your child's image to be used, please ask for the social media waiver.