

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

*One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic*



## 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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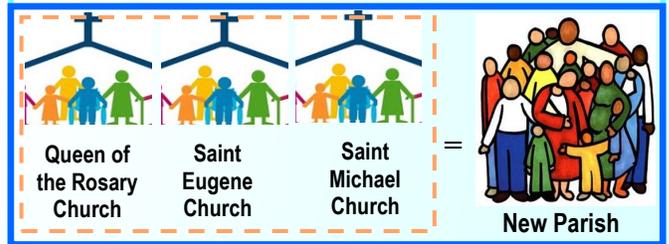
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### Why a new parish name.

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 9, 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 9-16, 2020**

#### 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 Ferraro - 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**

#### Monday, 10, Lawrence, deacon & martyr

**QoR 8:30 am Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

**Novena - Infant of Prague**

**StM 9:00 am Joanne Shaner - Shaner Family**

#### Tuesday, 11, Clare, virgin

**StM 9:00 am Mary Margaret Malandra - Husband, Lou**

**StE 6:30 pm Julia Perkoski - Joe Kish Family**

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

#### Wednesday, 12, Weekday

**QoR 8:30 am Amelia Witkowski - Daughter**

**StM 9:00 am Ryan Malady - Jan & Ryan**

**Novena - Michael the Archangel**

#### Thursday, 13, Weekday

**StE 8:30 am Kenny Kaczka - Joe, Karen & Michael Kaczka**

**StM 9:00 am Theodore Kaczkowski - Family**

#### Friday, 14, Maximillian Kolbe, priest & martyr

**QoR 8:30 am John & Helen Wrona - Anna Wrona**

**StM 9:00 am William & Kathleen Rost - Family**

#### Saturday, 15, Vigil, 20th Sunday in Ordinal Time

**StM 4:00 pm T Helen Gogoel - Charles & Patricia Gala**

**StE 6:00 pm M 55th Wedding Anniversary: Chuck & Jackie Galley - Family**

#### Sunday, 16, 20th Sunday in Ordinal Time

**StE 8:00 am M Mario & Louise Volponi - Ernie & Helen Buccini**

**StM 9:00 am T Bill Owens - Sue & Kathy Raynak**

**QoR 10:30 am M Frank Vukovich - Wife, Dorothy**

**StM 12 Noon T Family of Tom & Kathy Van Horn - Tom & Kathy  
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

**Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.**

— Psalm 85:12

**Pastoral Staff**

**Clergy Team**

Reverend Thomas A. Wagner, Administrator  
 Reverend Miroslaus A. Wojcicki, Senior Parochial Vicar  
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 Darla Losteter, Family Support

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**Pastoral Council**

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	Barry Bisogni, Scribe	
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Sandy Palmer	Judy Shriane	Donald Similo

***We remember . . .*** In your charity,  
 please remember all those who have died,  
 especially: **Darla Pohodich, Anne Sims,**  
**Theodore Govola, Rita Pelter,**  
**all who will die today,**  
**and those who have no one to pray for them.**  
**Resting in Paradise.**

**August Rosary Intention**

We pray for all those who work  
 and live from the sea, among them  
 sailors, fishermen and their families.

**19th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**August 9, 2020**



Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek

and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more **yours** and **mine** but only the oneness of **ours**. There is no longer a need to **figure things out**, and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time

How do we encounter God in the midst of the trials and storms of our lives? Our readings help us reflect upon God's presence with us in difficult times. We hear of the prophet Elijah, who had just boldly demonstrated God's power, and is now terrified as he flees for his life, desperately seeking God's presence. We hear of Peter, after briefly walking on water during the storm, sinking fast as fear overwhelms him. At times our fears, sadness, or fatigue might severely test even our strongest desires to care for others and to serve God. Perhaps these are the moments when, as we encounter our weakness, we may open ourselves more deeply to God's strength. Often with difficulty, and perhaps over a lifetime, we can learn to depend on God, who always extends a loving hand toward us, especially during the storms of our lives.

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### The Presence of God

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, **Truly, you are the Son of God** (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, **Truly you are the Son of God.**

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### Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

It's hot in the northern hemisphere. Perhaps you have air conditioning, but not everyone does. Invite your child to help you offer a cool drink to someone who needs it. Recently I saw a cooler in front of a house with a sign, **Free bottles of water to anyone who wants one.** If you live in the southern hemisphere, wait 6 months.

### A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be **by himself and pray**. When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: **Lord, save me.**

## A LITTLE Faith

In Matthew's Gospel, Peter often serves as a representative of Jesus' other disciples, and of all who strive to follow Jesus. When Peter desires to imitate Jesus by walking on the water in the middle of the storm, maybe wishing to show how strong his faith is, he encounters his own limitations and his need to be rescued by Jesus. Jesus then says to Peter, with tenderness as well as with challenge, **O you of little faith.** Jesus accepted the fragile and limited faith of Peter and the other disciples and loved them unconditionally.

The early church identified with Peter, as people with a **little** faith. Their faith was not fully mature, or as extraordinary as others' faith might seem to be. But they knew that their faith, however small or imperfect, was real and true. We might remember that our own **little** faith is cherished by God. God loves us as we are, and always seeks to form us toward a fully mature Christian life of faith.

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### Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

55 years ago on August 6 & 9, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It destroyed many lives. In any marriage there are times when we hurt each other, sometimes seriously. In your own marriage how do you heal? How do you forgive? It's not always easy because love is not easy.

### 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; 2nd Lt. 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.**



**Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

***Congratulations!  
May the Risen Lord and the Holy Spirit,  
Strengthen You On Your Journey Of Faith!***

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Amanda Marie Bedzik       | Caitlyn Marie Kelley      |
| Caitlyn Michelle Berkley  | Garret James Kent         |
| Kaitlyn Marie Bloomer     | Ashley Kaitlin Kifer      |
| Kristen Victoria Brack    | Jacob Stanley Leszczynski |
| William Parker Bratkowski | Travis Robert Leszczynski |
| Megan Rae Brown           | Chad Jason Licht          |
| Maitlyn Rose Cegelski     | Syndney Erinne Mannion    |
| Cole Thomas Crookham      | Maya Ann Martell          |
| Bobbi D. Davis            | Ava Milan Martorelli      |
| Nathan Albert Denk        | Paulina Meili Meek        |
| Mia Isabella Donato       | Damon Nicholas Michaels   |
| Lily Marie Douglass       | Ava Marie Mignogna        |
| Alyssa Chance Dulla       | Justin Thomas Neal        |
| Katelyn Nicole Duval      | Addison Mary Scheiber     |
| Julieann Kay Ferrante     | Carlee Joanne Soukup      |
| Austin John Finney        | Emma Lynn Stover          |
| Griffin Lucas Galloway    | Gabrielle Lyn Tedesco     |
| Johnathan Nicholas Hasek  | Isaiah Thomas Turner      |
| Gabriella Lynn Jockson    | Molly Rae Zrenchak        |

***May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you! — Psalm 67:6***



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

**Come and join in the fun and fellowship**

**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, 202 from 9 am - 4 pm**  
For more information or reservations (required),  
please call, 412-271-0809. Cost is \$60 per couple



**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.**



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

### **Sunday, August 9; Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time**

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

**Ghosts of the past, spirit of the present**—Nagasaki was the second and last city to date to endure attack by atomic weapon. In the instant after the bomb's release, 35,000 people were killed, mostly factory workers. Those factories, which supported the Japanese war effort, were the targets of the attack. It all made sense in a war room at the time. After the mushroom cloud clears, however, we have to reckon with the ghosts of our choices. The animated drama, **In This Corner of the World**, offers a moving reflection on the personal cost of these attacks on ordinary Japanese citizens. Pray for all victims of war, and for lasting world peace. **The disciples saw him walking on the sea. . . . It is a ghost, they said, and they cried out in fear.**

### **Monday, Aug 10; Lawrence, deacon & martyr**

2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

**Be inspired by the martyrs among us**—Lawrence, a Roman deacon who was martyred in 258, is one of the most venerated of saints, and there are many legends about his gruesome death, which prompted widespread conversions to Christianity in his city. Most Christians aren't called to such spectacular sacrifice, but there are other types of martyrs—ordinary folks in every generation who face adversity with total commitment to God and sow the seeds of faith all around them. They are martyrs at the hands of disease, hatred, bigotry, selfishness, and cruelty. They fight the good fight and leave us all the better for it. Pray for that level of faith and perseverance. **Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.**

### **Tuesday, Aug 11; Clare, virgin**

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**We are what we love**—Those who enter consecrated life in the Catholic Church make at least three vows—of **poverty, chastity, and obedience**. Known as the **Evangelical Counsels**, the vows are meant to shield disciples from greed, lust, and pride. For most religious orders, poverty is simply a commitment to shared (rather than individual) ownership. But Clare of Assisi, among the first followers of Saint Francis and the first woman known to write a set of monastic guidelines, made sure her order of Poor Clares owned nothing at all. **We become what we love, she wrote. If we love things, we become a thing.** In honor of Clare, take some time to examine what you love and what you own to see whether anything is hampering your spiritual life. **Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest.**

### **Wednesday, Aug 12; Weekday**

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20

**Get engaged**—One of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching—**Call to Family, Community, and Participation**—asserts that we have a right and a responsibility to participate in

society and to seek the common good, taking special care of the poor and vulnerable. Since 1999, the United Nations has set aside August 12 as **International Youth Day** to celebrate and enhance the global efforts of youth to build a better world. This year's theme is **Youth Engagement for Global Action**, and we've certainly seen evidence of that in recent street protests. What are you doing to engage youth? Offer young people you know a call to action—or better yet—respond to the call they offer you. **Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst.**

### **Thursday, Aug 13; Pontian, pope & Hippolytus, priest**

Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1

**Bring them out of exile**—Today's saints—Pontian and Hippolytus—endured exile together. They were forced by third-century Roman emperor Maximinus to work in the mines of the island of Sardinia and eventually perished there. Formerly, they had been a pope (Pontian) and theologian (Hippolytus). The church advocates at many levels for migrants who have been exiled from their homeland by war, poverty, or persecution. In homage to exiles across the centuries, consider taking a step today to aid migrants in your region of the world. **Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus answered, I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.**

### **Friday, Aug 14; Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr**

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12

**Witness to the world**—Many young Catholics may have had the opportunity to read the comic book **Soldier of God**, about the life of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, who was killed in the Auschwitz concentration camp. It begins: **This is a true story of a real flesh-and-blood hero of God.** Young readers were captivated, and most could not forget the images of Maximilian volunteering to take the place of a man who was selected to be killed. **Would I do that?** is an instinctive question when faced with such powerful witness. Not all are called to martyrdom, but each Christian commits to being an example of God's deep love and care for people, especially the most vulnerable. **How can I be God's witness?** is a good question to ask yourself each day. **Live in your blood and grow like a plant in the field.**

### **Saturday, Aug 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Hidden glory revealed**—Mary, now united totally with her son, with whom she suffered excruciating ordeals, shows us how suffering transforms to glory. She gathers all her human children close in this season of harvest, her bounteous fruits and flowers. Today's gospel shows Elizabeth affirming in Mary a vigor and holiness, mirroring God's, that she herself might not have recognized. This feast points to the same glory in each of us, perhaps hard to believe, but still hidden, vital, intact. **My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

**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.**

**Community Festival 2020  
has been postponed for 2020**

**Community Festival 2021  
is tentatively scheduled for  
August 5,6, 7, 2021**

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

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

The Third Sunday of the Month



is our **Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping Food Bank Sunday**. We accept all non-perishable food items and paper products to administer to the needy of our local community.

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

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

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

*Kind deeds change lives, Thank You!*

**GOD'S IMAGE** —Blaise Pascal

Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God's image.

**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.

**Congratulations July Winners**

**Saint Mark - Helen Lasica**

**Saint Michael - Skip & Yvonne Tiberio**

**Queen of the Rosary - June David**

**Thank you for your continual support!**

**Mary of Nazareth  
Catholic School**

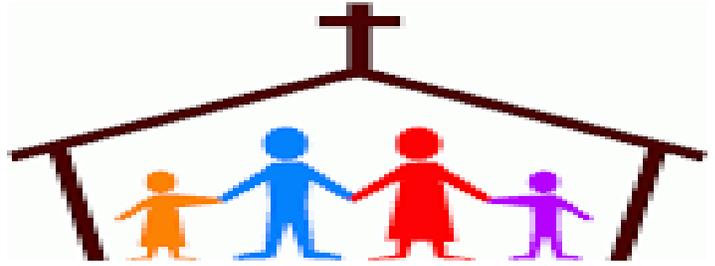


**ENROLL  
TODAY!**

**Preschool through 8th Grade**

**For Registration, call**

**412-672-2360**



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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 ongoing. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

**August 5, 2020**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we continue to adapt to new ways of doing almost everything, I ask God to keep your hope strong so we can be open to new opportunities and possibilities for the future. Please take a moment to consider the following information as we move closer to our January 2021 merger:

**Vision for the New Parish**

**One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic**

**We are a community of believers, rooted in the abiding presence of Christ,  
centered in the Holy Eucharist, proclaiming the Gospel message of Jesus,  
and serving in the tradition of the early church as his disciples.**

**Vision and Hopes for our New Parish:**

**Welcoming, inclusive, joy-filled community of believers**

**Celebrating vibrant, faith-filled liturgies**

**Evangelizing those who have fallen away and welcoming the unchurched**

**Engaging our Adults, Children, Youth and Young Adults with effective faith sharing  
and formation for all ages**

**Helping our families grow in grace and holiness**

**Caring for the elderly and homebound**

**Burying the dead with compassion and grieving with those who grieve**

**Serving those in need and the marginalized**

**Virtual Parish Assembly**

I am writing to invite you to view our Virtual Parish Assembly.

On **September 1, 2020**, our Virtual Parish Assembly will be posted on our website,

**[ElizabethSouthAlleghenyCC.org](http://ElizabethSouthAlleghenyCC.org)**

The Virtual Parish Assembly provides important background for completing the merger process. If you do not have access to the internet, watch the bulletin for details or I invite you to contact any member of the Advisory Councils to talk about the information presented in the assembly.

**Feedback Regarding the New Parish Name**

I invite your participation in the final phase of selecting a name for the new parish. We have received a response from Bishop Zubik regarding the fifteen names we submitted for his initial review.

**Saint Barnabas    Saint Catherine of Alexandria    Saint Catherine of Siena  
Saint Francis Xavier    Saints Joachim and Anne    Saint John, the Beloved Disciple**

From these names, we are to submit five final names for the Bishop's consideration. Please see below for two ways to offer your recommendations on the five names. The timeline for all submissions is **August 5-19, 2020**.

A paper form is enclosed with this letter.

A paper form is available in the Bulletin.

Please return the Naming Form to any parish office, through the collection, or mail (101 Mc Lay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037) **no later than Wednesday, August 19, 2020**.

From your feedback and input, we will arrive at 5 names to be submitted to Bishop Zubik for his final consideration.

Please keep our entire grouping in prayer. I am grateful for your support and involvement in these endeavors. Thank you for participating in this process.

Blessings,

**Fr. Wagner**

Reverend Thomas A. Wagner

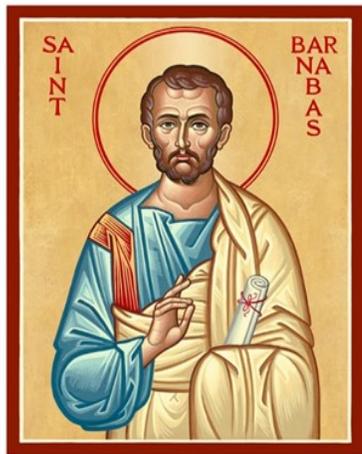
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**One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic**

## Proposed List of New Parish Names (Feast Day, Mini Bio, Fun Fact, Rationale)

Please consider the following criteria,

- I encourage you to consider the broader context for the name;
- What name will be a strong, vibrant indicator of who the parish is now and who this faith community wants to become five years from now?



### Saint Barnabas

(June 11, apostle & martyr, 1st Century)

Barnabas preached the gospel in Antioch; companion of Saint Paul; and attended the Council of Jerusalem.

**Patron:** Cyprus, Antioch, against hailstorms, peacemakers

**Rationale:** We are striving to proclaim Jesus to each other and the world.



### Saint Catherine of Alexandria

(November 25, virgin & martyr, 4th Century)

She was educated and from a noble Roman family. Proclaimed the gospel throughout Alexandria, imprisoned by emperor Magnus Maximus (335-388), during imprisonment she converted the empress and the military leader of the empire. She was beheaded for the love of her faith.

**Patron:** philosophers, preachers and young unmarried women

**Rationale:** We are calling each other to Jesus by the example of faith in our lives.



### Saint Catherine of Siena

(April 29, virgin & doctor of the church, 1347-1380)

Catherine of Siena was born in 1347, the 25<sup>th</sup> child of her parents. As a Dominican, mystic and author she worked for peace in the church and renewal of religious life. She died in 1380 after suffering a stroke.

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**Saint Francis Xavier**  
(December 3, priest, 1506-1552)

Born in Spain to a wealthy family, educated in Paris. He was the co-founder of the Society of Jesus and missionary to Goa, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan. He died while trying to go to China.

**Patron:** Apostleship of Prayer, foreign missions

**Rationale:** We are called to carry on the mission and message of Jesus to a waiting world.

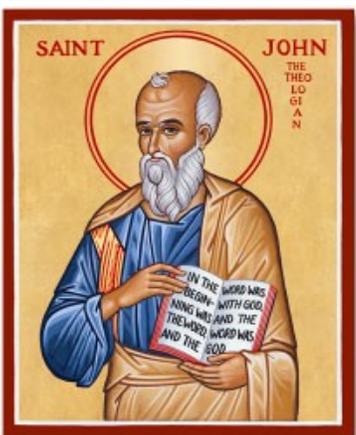


**Saints Joachim and Anne**  
(July 26, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1st Century)

Legend states that an angel visited them and announced Mary's conception and lasting virginity. Witnesses to faith and perseverance.

**Patron:** childless women, miners

**Rationale:** We are witnessing the presence of God in our lives through faith and perseverance under the guidance of the Virgin Mary.



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(December 27, apostle & evangelist, 1st Century)

Son of Zebedee and brother to James, believed to be the longest-lived apostle and the only one not to die a martyr. John was the only apostle not to forsake Jesus after his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. He was given instructions from Jesus from the Cross to take care of the Blessed Mother.

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**Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping #213  
Possible Future Name For Our New Merged Parish**

Please take some time to prayerfully consider the qualities of our three parishes.

Carefully read and think about the names and rationales listed below.

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Please know that you **MUST** include your name, address and phone number  
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Please choose three (3) in order of preference (1,2,3) to be considered. Once a total list is collected and completed, the top five names will then be sent to Bishop Zubik who will then make his choice from the five names or he may choose a different name if the Holy Spirit moves him to do so.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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