

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

*One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic*



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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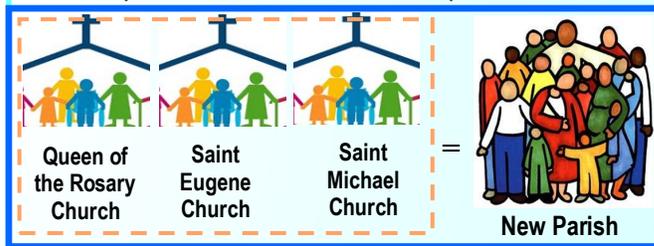
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### Why a new parish name.

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 23, 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.  
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**

**August 23 - 30, 2020**

**Saturday, 22, Vigil, 21st Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StM 4:00 pm M Mike & Anita Vancas - Mike & Michael**

**StE 6:00 pm T John Capozzoli - Louise Phillips & Family**

**Sunday, 23, 21st Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StE 8:00 am T Steve, Margaret & Steven Durosko - Joe & Cathy Knaption**

**StM 9:00 am M Mary Ann, Linda & Benjamin Ignatius - Judy & Mary Jo**

**QoR 10:30 am T Deceased of the Ksiazek Family - Paul & Beth Yurchison**

**StM 12 Noon M Ronaldo Rondinelli - Patti & David Stanton  
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

**Monday, 24, Bartholomew, apostle**

**QoR 8:30 am Deceased of Strelinski & Oshinski Families - Jack Ferko Family**

**Novena - Infant of Prague**

**StM 9:00 am Ronald E. Helsel - Wife & Family**

**Tuesday, 25, Weekday**

**StM 9:00 am Mary Jane Speney - M/M Dom Mondelli**

**StE 6:30 pm Stella Smith - Herget Family**

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

**Wednesday, 26, Weekday**

**QoR 8:30 am Raffaele & Theresa Palatis - Ralph & Louis Palatis**

**StM 9:00 am Pat Mains - Jan & Ryan**

**Novena - Michael the Archangel**

**Thursday, 27, Monica**

**StE 8:30 am Felician Sisters who died of COVID-19 - Crossen Family**

**StM 9:00 am William School - Linda Brown-Franel**

**Friday, 28, Augustine, bishop & doctor of the church**

**QoR 8:30 am Ted Govola, Sr. - Jackie & Chuck Galley**

**StM 9:00 am Mary Lou Holliday - Formica Family**

**Saturday, 29, Vigil, 22nd Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StM 4:00 pm T Stephen Lugarich - Nora Kelley**

**StE 6:00 pm M Antonio & Isabella Curcio - Curcio Family**

**Sunday, 30, 22nd Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StE 8:00 am M Encarnacion Paguirigan - Melvyn & Elena Plan**

**StM 9:00 am T John & Angelina Angel - Bill & Anna Marie Bury**

**QoR 10:30 am M Roger Grossi, Sr. - DeFelice & Grossi Families**

**StM 12 Noon T Ronald McEvoy - Audrey Benz  
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

**Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.**

**The True Measure** —Anonymous

When I die, God won't measure my head

to see how clever I was.

God will measure my heart

to see how loving I was.

**Pastoral Staff**

**Clergy Team**

Reverend Thomas A. Wagner, Administrator  
 Reverend Miroslaus A. Wojcicki, Senior Parochial Vicar  
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 Deacon Jeffrey P. Formica, Permanent Deacon  
 Deacon Stephen C. Pikula, Permanent Deacon  
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 Darla Losteter, Family Support

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Jack Ferko, Facilitator	Patty Smith, Co-Facilitator	
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**21st Sunday in Ordinal Time**  
**August 23, 2020**

**The only way to know God is to love**

**God.** Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, **You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.** Peter came to this knowledge, which is not **head knowledge** because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply **knew** because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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*We remember . . .* In your charity,  
 please remember all those who have died,  
 especially: **all who will die today,**  
**and those who have no one to pray for them.**

**Resting in Paradise.**  
**Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord.**  
**And Let Perpetual Light Shine on them.**

**August Rosary Intention**

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

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinal Time

Jesus poses the question **But who do you say I am?** in today's Gospel passage. It is a question posed to Peter and the disciples, to Matthew's first readers, and to the Church today. Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as Christ and Son of God was a culmination of what the disciples had experienced in their life with Jesus thus far. Jesus affirms Peter's declaration as a gift from God. But it was only the beginning of Peter's understanding of what these words actually meant, and how the disciples saw themselves in light of this truth. As Jesus and the disciples turned toward Jerusalem and to the cross, the disciples perhaps pondered their own identity, together with their dawning understanding of Jesus' identity. For us, the journey of faith, initiated and sustained by the Holy Spirit, means an ongoing reflection upon who Jesus is and who we are.

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## To Bind And To Loose

When Jesus says to Peter **whatever you bind or whatever you loose** in today's Gospel, he describes a distinct power that emerges from Peter's faith in Jesus. The capacity to bind or to loose suggests a new ability, both to restrain or block forces that harm the community of faith, and also to release or liberate energies that strengthen the community.

It might be helpful to observe, within your own parish or faith community, where God might be working now. Perhaps you can see persons and groups working to restrain toxic forces of resentment or fear. You might see those who are releasing new energies, and empowering the faithful to care for their neighbors. When we are grounded in a prayerful trust relationship with Jesus, we can receive this power to participate in God's work, to bind and to loose.

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## Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

**Who are my enemies (or at least people I don't like)?** If your child is old enough, pose this question to them also. Then... try to think of at least one positive quality of the person you don't like. Try to understand what might have led him or her to act the way you dislike.

## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best.

## Who do they say you are?

### A Good Test —Anonymous

A test of worship is how sensitive it makes me to the needs of those around me.

## Awe And Praise

In today's passage from Romans, Paul concludes his complex reflections on the Jewish people, the emerging Gentile churches, and God's work among them. Paul has struggled to understand the responses of both the Jewish and Gentile communities, with their mix of acceptance and rejection of Jesus. He warns the Roman church to avoid any sense of superiority over Jews or non-Christian Gentiles, for everyone is in need of God's mercy. Paul acknowledges the limits of his understanding, and gives way to prayers of awe and praise. He concludes by marveling at the limitless mercy of God, whose designs are ultimately mysterious.

Sometimes our own prayer can be like that of Paul. In conversation with God, we try to make sense of life, especially its difficulties. The full truth of what's going on in our lives or in our world eludes us, and so we work humbly with the truth that we can understand. If we believe our mysterious God is indeed trustworthy, we can open our hearts in praise, and allow God to shape our lives.

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## Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

**TIME:** During Covid-19 you may feel you have more free time or the opposite, **I don't have enough time.** Either way, we all have 24 hours in a day. It's a matter of prioritizing. **What's the most important thing you can do for your beloved today?**

## 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. Barranto, 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; Lt. Col. James Hock, Army; E5 Sgt. Brian Imundo, Army; Sgt. Russ Langley, Marines; Staff Sgt. Raymond Massung, Jr., USAF; Sgt. First Class William Nellis, Army; Staff Sgt. Timothy Oeler, USAF; LTJG. 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. *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  
Adult - Children - Youth  
Religious Education**

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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.**



**YOUTH MINISTRY**

For more information please email 213Youth@gmail.com or call Mrs. Formica, 412-754-0886  
**Come and join in the fun and fellowship**

**Fall Pre-Cana Program**

for engaged couples planning weddings,  
St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth  
Date to be announced, 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Pre-Registration is necessary. Please call the Parish Office, 412-751-0663, for a registration form.

Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands. —Psalm 138



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

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

- who would like to learn more about and/or become a member of the Catholic Church.
- who have never been baptized or have been baptized in another faith and are interested in the Catholic Church.
- who are Baptized Catholics (over 18 years old) and have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation.
- who are married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become a member of the Catholic Church.
- Sessions will be held on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in St. Michael Archangel Hall.**

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

The **RCIA Journey** will begin **Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Saint Michael - Archangel Hall.**

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

Jesus asked the disciples,  
**Who do you say that I am?**  
Peter replied, **You are the Christ.**



**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 23; Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinal Time**

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

**What is to be healed must first be acknowledged**—Today, on the **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition**, we seek forgiveness for what's been called the **original sin** of our nation: seeing people of color as exploitable resources. Generations of slaveholders were unrepentant about horrific acts they deemed to be entirely moral. The sin of racism that made such attitudes possible has been condemned heartily by the church in more recent generations—though some church leaders in generations past were late coming to that perspective as slaveholders themselves. If racism is to be overcome, we each have confessions to make, repentance to do, and voices to raise. **The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.**

**Monday, Aug 24; Bartholomew, apostle**

Revelation 21:9b-14; John 45-51

**Take your place**—Bartholomew gets only a mere mention as one of the 12 apostles in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and is believed to have been the one called Nathanael in the Gospel of John. But what does a name matter, when Jesus knows you, and knows your character, before you even meet? The **greater things** to come that Jesus promised Bartholomew didn't include the glory of a leading role in salvation history, since little else is known about him, but did include being a firsthand witness to God's glory. There's a front-row seat waiting for you, too. **Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him.**

**Tuesday, Aug 25; Louis**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26

**A royal example of God's kingdom**—No wonder Saint Louis is the patron saint of the Franciscan Secular Order. He used his position in the world—as King Louis the IX of France—to help build the kingdom of God. Like Francis of Assisi, Louis fed lepers and beggars, usually waiting on them himself. He built hospitals and orphanages to take care of his people. He was committed to being a just ruler: **upholding the cause of the poor**. Pray such a priority might overcome partisan politics among policy makers. **Cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean.**

**Wednesday, Aug 26; Weekday**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32

**Keep it real**—Hypocrisy is the **practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform**. Jesus made it clear that he had no patience with such duplicity, as he called out those who spent more time criticizing the religious practices of others rather than living his law of love. Examine your attitudes and words today to see how often critical judgment of others is your prevailing state of mind.

The list of small critiques, like little pinpricks, can easily deflate a joyful spirit. Ask for the grace to be centered in Divine love. **Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing. Woe to you, . . . You hypocrites.**

**Thursday, Aug 27; Monica**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

**Stick-to-itiveness pays off**—Saint Monica, one of a relatively small number of African saints, is typically described as Saint Augustine's long-suffering mother, who prayed, cajoled, and urged him to abandon his wayward life and embrace Christianity, which he eventually did. Her own intellectual and leadership abilities are unrecorded except as they influenced her family members, but her story of persistence and strength continues to inspire. Many in the church uphold her as a model of enduring faith. If you feel like quitting when faced by a difficult problem or problematic family member, pray to Saint Monica for wisdom and perseverance. **Jesus said to his disciples: Stay awake!**

**Friday, Aug 28; Augustine, bishop & doctor of the church**

1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

**A sin for the ages**—In his theological work **The City of God**, Saint Augustine (354-430) proposed that slavery, an accepted practice of his day, was sinful and did more harm to the slaveholder than the enslaved person. Although Augustine's sentiment may have seemed enlightened for its time, slavery, particularly among poor people and people of color, continues to this day in various forms around the world. We can see the evil that racism perpetuates. All of humanity is straining under the weight of this sin. It is time for each of us to **open wide our hearts**, as the U.S. bishops advised in their 2018 pastoral letter on racism. We do well to have a first (or fresh) look at it today. **Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.**

**Saturday, Aug 29; The Passion of John the Baptist**

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (430); Mark 6:17-29

**Bravely lead the way**—Speaking up—when staying silent would have been easy—cost John the Baptist his earthly life, though it gained him a special place in the heavenly pantheon. He stands as a unique witness to the coming of the Lord, and along with Jesus and Mary, is the only individual honored with multiple feasts in the liturgical calendar. You may not always risk death to speak out against injustice, but it does take courage and a sense of duty to something greater than yourself. Let John the Baptist be the inspiration you need to be a prophetic voice. **When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.**

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**Patience** —St. Augustine  
**Patience is the companion of wisdom.**

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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.

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!**

**Upcoming Events**

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on **Tuesday,**  
**September 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm**  
in the St. Michael Parking Lot  
weather permitting.

**The True Measure** —Anonymous  
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to see how clever I was.  
God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.

**Mary of Nazareth  
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**ENROLL  
TODAY!**

**Preschool through 8th Grade  
For Registration, call  
412-672-2360**

**Community Festival 2020  
has been postponed for 2020  
Community Festival 2021  
is 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**



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.

*Kind deeds change lives, Thank You!*

**Knights of Columbus Soup Sale Order Form  
Provided Frozen by Rockwell Red Lion  
Delivered St. Michael Parking Lot  
On Wednesday, October 14, 2020 - 4:00-5:00 pm  
Please send Order Form & Check to: Barry Bisogni  
2114 Neal Drive, McKeesport, PA 15135**

Order Form & Check due by Monday, September 21, 2020  
Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ # Wedding X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ # Chicken Noodle X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ # Pepperjack Crab X \$11.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ # French Onion X \$ 9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ # Shrimp Bisque X \$11.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ # Beer Cheese X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ # Vinegar & Oil (4 pack) X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You for your support!!**



**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**  
101 MCLAY Drive, ELIZABETH, PA 15037  
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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**

**All Parents/Guardians, Please plan on attending one of the Open Houses**

**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**

**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.

### **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.

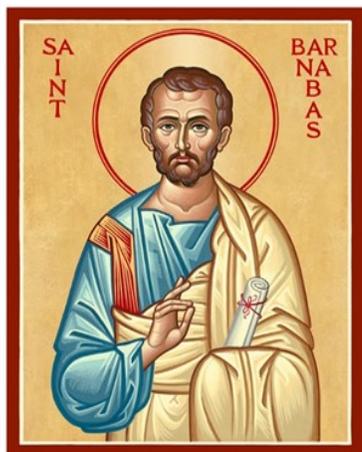
Please know that we have been praying for all of you during this difficult time.  
We are so excited to be able to serve your family and to bring the faith alive.

In Service of Christ,  
Julie Fleckenstein  
Faith Formation Facilitator

## 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.

**Patron:** Italy and Europe

**Rationale:** We are called to renew the Church in our community through reconciliation and healing

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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.

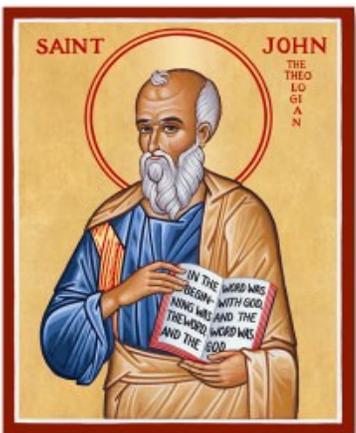


**Saints Joachim and Anne**  
(July 26, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1st Century)

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.



**Saint John, the Beloved Disciple**  
(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.

**Patron:** Asiatic Turkey, symbolized by an eagle

**Rationale:** We are recognizing Jesus' love and friendship with us as we grow in relationship with others and with Mother Mary as our model.

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. *Fr. Wagner*