

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

*One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic*



## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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## September 27, 2020

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**Sacraments**

**Baptism of Infants & Children**

Baptism is a joyous event in the life of the church. Baptism is celebrated any Sunday after Mass. **Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism Class.**

Previous arrangements are necessary.

**Instruction in the Faith - R.C.I.A.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program is offered for those interested in the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Fr. Wagner.

**Reconciliation**

**St. Eugene Church, Liberty  
Tuesday, 7 - 7:30 pm**

**St. Michael Church, Elizabeth  
Saturday, 11-11:30 am**

**Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport  
Saturday, 1- 1:30 pm**

**St. Michael Church, Elizabeth  
Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm**

**St. Eugene Church, Liberty  
Saturday, 5:15-5:45 pm**

**Marriage**

The prospective bride and groom are to make arrangements with the priest or deacon at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require all couples to attend an approved pre-marriage preparation program.

**Anointing of the Sick**

the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally on the Second Sunday of the Month.

**Ministry to the Sick and Shut In**

Homebound members of the Parish should call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion at home.

**Sponsorship Forms**

Only registered, practicing, fully-initiated Catholics are eligible for sponsor certificates. Please call the Parish Office.

**Bulletin Information Deadline**

2 weeks in advance of publish date.  
elizabethsalleghenybulletin@gmail.com

**Moving**

Please call or email your new address to the Parish Office.

**Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235**

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**StE St. Eugene Church, Liberty StM St. Michael Church, Elizabeth**

**QoR Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport**

**September 27 - October 4, 2020**

**Saturday, 26, Vigil, 26th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StM 4:00 pm T Helga Procacina - Husband, Joe**

**StE 6:00 pm M Ray Venturini, Sr. - Family**

**Sunday, 27, 26th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StE 8:00 am M Deb Radu - Ladies of Charity**

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

**QoR 10:30 am M Henry Kudla - Duane & Mary Jean Molinaro**

**StM 12 Noon T Anna Mae O'Brien - Sandy Antoinette  
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

**Monday, 28, Weekday**

**QoR 8:30 am Gene Tyler - Family**

**Novena - Infant of Prague**

**StM 9:00 am Kate Rost - Andy & Shirley Beamon**

**Tuesday, 29, Archangles, Michael, Gabriel, Raphael**

**StM 9:00 am Merio Bisogni - Family**

**StE 6:30 pm Eunice Pollak - Family**

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

**Wednesday, 30, Jerome, priest**

**QoR 8:30 am Deceased of the Manno & Aquino Families**

**- Jack Ferko & Family**

**StM 9:00 am Judy Johnson - Fleckenstein Family**

**Novena - Michael the Archangel**

**Thursday, October 1, Theresa of the Child Jesus, virgin**

**StE 8:30 am Joseph Nesteruk - Friends**

**StM 9:00 am William Murtha - Friends & Family**

**Friday, 2, Guardian Angels**

**QoR 8:30 am Stephen Gribshaw - Jeanie Bowie & Family**

**StM 9:00 am Pat Mains - Pat Bilak**

**Saturday, 3, Vigil, 27th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StM 4:00 pm M Lorraine Babyak - Irwin & Family**

**StE 6:00 pm T Ashley Sitko - Daughter, Arlene Stanczak**

**Sunday, , 27th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StE 8:00 am T Robert J. Hornak - Wife, Patricia Hornak**

**StM 9:00 am M Elmer V. Sabol - Rosemary Sabol & Family**

**QoR 10:30 am T Ruth Rushe - R.C.I.A. Team**

**StM 12 Noon M Hilda Latusek - Chris & Kathy Steimer  
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

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

**Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp  
St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of  
Aniano DeJosef from Plan Family.**

**Pastoral Staff**

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***We remember . . .*** In your charity,  
 please remember all those who have died,  
 especially: **William Mains, Melvin ‘Mel’ Harlan,  
 John Richel, 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.**

**September Rosary Intention**

That the planet’s resources will not be plundered,  
 but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**26th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**September 27, 2020**



What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual’s level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus’ message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God’s presence and a greater willingness to do God’s will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect. ©LPi

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Saturday, October 3, 2020**

**at 12:30 pm**

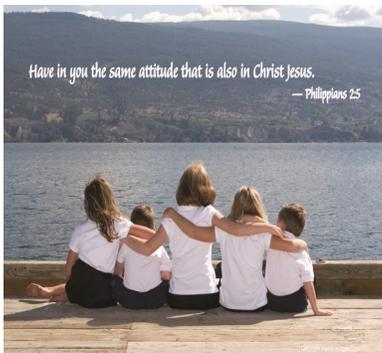
**Saint Eugene**

**Virgin Mary’s Grotto.**

**Pets are asked to be properly restrained.**

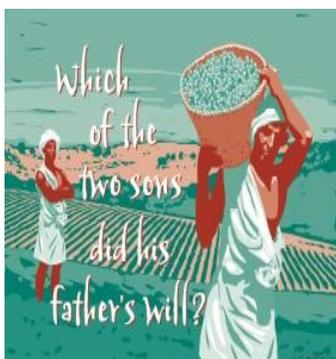


## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinal Time



For the past several weeks, the word of God has drawn us into the mystery of mercy. Today's readings deepen our reflection, reminding us how blessed we are to know God's kindness and sharing practical ways to show compassion to others. The prophet Ezekiel cautions God's chosen people, emphasizing that bad behavior naturally leads to painful consequences. The psalm responds prayerfully: **Remember your mercies, O Lord.** In this prayer, we ask for the mercy of recognizing our sins and receiving the strength to act differently. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul invites us into a daunting challenge of mercy: **humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.** If we scoff at Paul's challenge as impossibly naïve, the Gospel gives us a chance to reconsider. Our natural instincts of self-preservation might reject merciful behavior initially, but like the son in today's Gospel of mercy, we can change our minds.

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## Familiar Insights

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't **fair**, and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. **Actions speak louder than words.** A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. **The proof of the pudding is in the eating.** A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. **Talk is cheap.** Heard that before?

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## Supernature

Animals never object to punishment, only humans. A wounded gerbil wouldn't shake her fist at the skies and ask, **Why me?** But as Ezekiel knows, human beings complain constantly. Humans are supposed to be more logical than animals, yet we irrationally protest natural consequences that we do not like, such as pain or death. Mysteriously, our bitterness against nature is rooted in our unique capacity for greatness. Unlike every other creature in the universe, we humans are made in the image and likeness of God. We may live in the natural world, but God calls us every minute to supernatural glory. Though we are mortal, God's mercy has destined us for immortality. Our hearts long for perfect bliss unlike anything we will ever know on earth. No wonder we demand so much from God! Preserved for glory as we are, we experience pain when earthly life falls short of our divine expectations. Jesus shows us the antidote for that pain—service. Though we share in the kingship of Christ, we must demonstrate our royalty as Jesus does, by serving others. As Saint Paul tells us, **Jesus is God, yet takes the form of a slave—our slave.** The Gospel encourages us to imitate Jesus in this way. We may object to being a servant at first, and even grumble about it. But God's strength can help us overcome natural objections and enter gracefully into our supernatural role, heirs to the kingdom of God.

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**Have in you the same attitude  
that is also in Christ Jesus.**

— Philippians 2:5

## Bereavement Ministry

This group, led by Deacon Dale DiSanto, is for people who have lost a loved one and are experiencing grief.

This is a Support Group, not counseling.

If you need assistance in moving through your grief, this is an ongoing way to be supported during this difficult time. The weekly session begins with suggested topics, open discussion and ends with prayer.

**Thursday Afternoon**

**Saint Michael - Meeting Room - 1:00-2:30 pm**

**November 5, 12, 19, 2020**

**December 3, 10, 17, 2020**

**January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021**

Please RSVP to Jan, 412-751-0663,  
so that we may prepare materials.



Faith Formation

**Faith Formation  
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**Faith Formation Sessions have begun**

If you have not registered your child/ren for Faith Formation, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Parents are reminded that children must complete two consecutive years of formation before receiving any sacraments (Holy Communion or Confirmation).

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.



**Junior/Senior Youth Group Meeting  
Students in Grades 6 - 12**

**Sunday, September 27, 2020 - 6:30-8:30 pm  
St. Eugene Church - Doors Open 6:00 pm**

**Junior Youth Group Meeting  
Students in Grades 6 - 8**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2020  
6:30-8:30 pm - St. Eugene Church  
Doors Open 6:00 pm**

For more information or to register, please email 213Youth@gmail.com or call Mrs. Formica, 412-754-0886  
Come and join in the fun and fellowship  
CDC Guidelines will be followed.

**An Evening of Story and Song**

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

**at Saint Michael Church**

**Doors Open at 6:30 pm Music Begins at 7:00 pm**

The Stapletons are a husband and wife duo, featuring a unique blend of harp, guitar and vocals. Join us for an evening of story and song as this couple shares their talents as well as their faith story.

Please contact the Faith Formation office to register, 412-754-0886 or 213Youth@gmail.com.

**All CDC Guidelines will be in effect.**

**Adult Faith Formation  
Faith, Fellowship, & Food**

**The Sacraments**

with Bishop Robert Barron

Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
Founder of the Catholic Organization Word on Fire

**Session begins on Tuesday, October 6, 2020  
at 6:45 pm - Saint Michael - Archangel Hall  
with a light dinner. Session 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm  
October 6 - November 17 (no session November 3)**

Our evening begins with a light dinner, prayer, a video presentation, and a small group discussion. This Autumn, Bishop Barron will lead us in his new series to a deeper understanding of these channels of God's grace, so that we can seek out the Sacraments—and the holiness of life they produce—with renewed clarity and energy.

Please contact Sue at [sformicaym@comcast.net](mailto:sformicaym@comcast.net) or 412-926-8412 to register, and joins us as we learn more about our Catholic Faith.

**All social distancing protocol,  
and CDC guidelines are being followed.**

**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 John Ragan  
Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm  
St. Michael 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, September 27; 26th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

**Still time to change your mind**—One of the lovely things about having a mind is that you can change it. A working brain takes in new information, reflects on it, and makes connections. Sometimes the result is a revised perspective on ideas you thought were chiseled in stone. People of faith also pray for wisdom and inspiration, which can be troubling prayers to have answered if you're banking on the status quo. Jesus told his followers that folks they had counted out of the circle of grace were being counted in by God. A thoughtful faith will be able to absorb the divine curveballs. **Son, go out and work in the vineyard today. He said in reply, I will not.**

### **Monday, Sep 28; Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, martyrs**

Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

**Make an offering of your life**—Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, patron saint of the Philippines and the first canonized Filipino martyr, died in 1637 and was elevated to sainthood in 1987. A Dominican-educated altar boy who grew up to become a clerk, marry, and have children, he was falsely accused of murder and fled on a ship to Japan in the company of missionaries. Once there, he was arrested and tortured for being a Christian, but he refused to recant his faith and was executed, saying, **Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer.** What sacrifices are you willing to make for your faith? **Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.**

### **Tuesday, Sep 29; Archangels, Michael, Gabriel, Raphael**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51

**Pray for heavenly healing**—Some Christians call today **Michaelmass**, for Michael the archangel. And indeed, among the three archangels the Catholic Church honors today, the mighty Michael—depicted in art battling Satan—is probably best known. Almost as well known is Gabriel, who announces to Mary that she will conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit and bear the Messiah. Raphael is least familiar. But, as the angel most known for healing—his name meaning **God's medicine**—Raphael is arguably the heavenly help we need right now. Ask for Saint Raphael's intercession today, to heal a world reeling from a pandemic. **You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending.**

### **Wednesday, Sep 30; Jerome, priest**

Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62

**Being a saint doesn't make you perfect**—Saint Jerome (345-420) is a highly regarded scholar of the church who translated the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek into Latin. He was also a complex human being whose crabby nature sometimes complicated his life. In other words, he was fully human. In addition to his enduring Latin translation, called the **Vulgate**, there are many homilies, quotes, letters, and commentaries attributed to Jerome. This quote is one to contemplate on his

feast day: **It is our part to seek, His to grant what we ask; ours to make a beginning, His to bring it to completion; ours to offer what we can, His to finish what we cannot. Let my prayer come before you, Lord. Daily I call upon you.**

### **Thursday, Oct 01; Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin**

Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12

**Love greatly in small ways**—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux is one of the most accessible role model ever canonized. Her spirituality, affectionately known as the **Little Way**, is a path anyone in any walk of life can follow because its central tenet is simple (though not easy to follow!): **What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love.** She lived a short, quiet life as a French Carmelite nun, modeling the conviction that people can live in profound union with God simply by carrying out our daily tasks with a loving spirit. Choose one task today that you can carry out with loving kindness. **Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand.**

### **Friday, Oct 02; Holy Guardian Angels**

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

**Watching over you**—The Catechism of the Catholic Church is clear about the existence of angels. **The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition.** In Genesis 16, Hagar's angel rescues her. In Exodus 23, when God told Moses to lead the people, he said, **My angel will go before you.** In Numbers 22, an angel kept the oracle Balaam from the mistake of cursing Israel. Psalm 91 says that **God commands his angels . . . to guard you wherever you go.** In the Book of Tobit, young Tobias is accompanied by the Archangel Raphael. Angels are the loving care of God personified in celestial beings, God faithfully standing at our side. You can call on angelic support in your time of need. **Their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.**

### **Saturday, Oct 03; Weekday**

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

**Divinely inspired**—Job is a famous biblical character many of us can admire from a distance but few would take the opportunity to imitate up close. During a pandemic, however, all of us get to taste some of what Job experienced. Job's story invites us to examine a central question: In whom or what do I place my trust? In a time of crisis, we're invited to dig down to a deeper truth underneath the shifting conditions—the unconditional love of God for all of us, regardless of the circumstances. Try offering your own love to others unconditionally and learn something about how God operates. **I had heard of you by word of mouth, but now my eye has seen you.**

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**Remember your mercies, O Lord. -Psalm 25**

## Proposed Names For Our New Parish

As part of the petition to merge the parishes in our Grouping #213, Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny, the following five names will be given to Bishop David Zubik for his prayerful consideration.

Bishop Zubik will make his announcement regarding our New Parish Name in late November.

### **Saint John, the Beloved Disciple - 27%**

**December 27, apostle & evangelist, 1st Century**

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

### **Saint Catherine of Siena - 18%**

**April 29, virgin/doctor of the church, 1347-1380**

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

### **Saint Francis Xavier - 16%**

**December 3, priest, 1506-1552**

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

### **Saints Joachim and Anne - 15%**

**July 26, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

### **Saint Catherine of Alexandria - 13%**

**November 25, virgin & martyr, 4th Century**

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

### ***A Family Perspective*** by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus asked, **What is your opinion?** Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by **your opinion**.



## Feedback from Virtual Parish Assembly

**Question:** How will the elderly access the Virtual Parish Assembly, since many do not have internet access?

All parishioners received three letters from Fr. Wagner regarding the merger. The first letter solicited names for the new parish; the second letter asked for Feedback on the six approved names from Bishop Zubik; and the third invited everyone to view and offer their Feedback and Questions concerning the Virtual Parish Assembly. The Virtual Parish Assembly was posted on the parish webpage, published in the bulletin for three weeks and presentations were shown after all the Masses September 5 & 6 at St. Mark and Queen of the Rosary, and September 12 & 13 at St. Michael.

**Concern:** It is likely that the new merged parish will only have one priest five years from now. As a result, it is possible that at least one additional church in our grouping may close. It would be difficult for some parishioners to get to Mass at St. Michael Church. It was suggested that the bishop should allow priests to offer more than three Masses per day and/or bring in priests from India.

The Facilities Task Force will evaluate all parish buildings and property. There are no decisions made concerning the closing of other buildings currently.

The Task Force will provide information and be a resource to the Advisory Councils in making any recommendations for Mass Schedules and building uses or closures.

### **One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic**

### **Marriage Moments** by Susan Vogt

**You say, The Lord's way is not fair** (Ezekiel 18:25). It's tempting these days to say, **Life is not fair!** Innocent people are dying of coronavirus. Rich people often do not pay their fair share of taxes, etc. Marriage is also sometimes unfair. One partner gives more than the other. You may not be able to magically make the world fair, but you can do one unnecessary kindness for your beloved today.

### **Parenting Pointers** by Susan Vogt

**...humbly regard others as more important than yourselves** (Philippians 2:3). Humility is a hard lesson for children to learn for a strong ego is a necessary developmental stage. Discern whether your child is mature enough to defer to another without compromising self-worth.

## Enlisting Witnesses For Jesus Christ



### The Holy Trinity

Catholics often begin prayers by making the **Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.** We are

expressing our faith in three divine persons, the **Holy or Blessed Trinity.** This simple prayer links us to a mystery at the heart of our Christian faith and life. The Holy Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian faith and life.

The Church uses the word **mystery** because three persons in one God is difficult to comprehend. It's a religious mystery, a deep truth beyond anything we can experience or understand in this life. The heart of the mystery of the Holy Trinity is that **God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in the exchange** (CCC 221).

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is like love or grace. As much as we begin to understand, there is still more to be revealed and known.

We are called to communion (come together as one) with others because we are created in the image and likeness of God.

### The Trinity In The Bible

Belief in the Trinity is rooted in our Christian understanding of God from the beginning of the early Christian community. Saint Paul (57 AD) wrote: **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you** (2 Corinthians 13:13). His greeting recognizes three person in God.

The mystery of God's life and identity is gradually revealed in Scripture;

- The Father reveals himself to ancient Israel as one God who created the world and all within it. The Old Testament hints at the Trinity. God created the world by his **Word and Breath.**
- The Son is revealed in the Incarnation: **In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us** (John 1:1-14). We celebrate the Incarnation at Christmas.
- The Holy Spirit was sent and revealed. At the Baptism of Jesus the Trinity is manifested as the Father speaks, the Spirit descends like a dove (Matthew 3:13, 16-17).

As the passion and death of Jesus approached, Jesus began to tell his disciples of the coming of the

Spirit after the resurrection. This promise is fulfilled with the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Throughout Salvation History, the three persons of the Trinity are revealed in order: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In our Journey of Faith we all encounter the three persons of the Holy Trinity not necessarily in that order.

### A Vocabulary of Faith

A good way to learn what Catholics believe is to look at the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed. The Creed is a basic statement of what we believe in the Holy Trinity.

- **We believe in one God...** Each person is complete and distinct from the others yet wholly and eternally God. We understand the Father as creator.
- Jesus is **the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.** Jesus existed from the beginning in oneness with the Father. We understand Jesus as the redeemer.
- The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. The Spirit comes forth from the Father and the Son, together and from the beginning. We understand the Holy Spirit as the sanctifier.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are in a relationship of equal yet distinct persons in one God.

### The Work of the Trinity

Each person of the Trinity works as one in every divine action. All saving action of God proceeds from the Father, through the Son, toward completion in the Holy Spirit.

**When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman...to ransom us...so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, Abba, Father** (Galatians 4:4-6).

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

**Guardians For Valuable Souls —St. Jerome**  
So valuable to heaven is the dignity  
of the human soul that every member  
of the human race has a guardian angel  
from the moment the person begins to be.



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

**Available soon.....**

**WINTERWONDERLAND TICKET**

Benefits Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping

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

**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 October 5, 2020.

Numbers will be dispersed  
on a first-come, first-served 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 Jan.**

**Thank You for your support!**

***Upcoming Events***

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on **Monday,**  
**October 5, 2020 at 7:30 pm**  
in the St. Michael - Archangel Hall.

**Ladies of Charity** will meet on **Saturday,**  
**October 10, 2020 at 10:00 am**  
in the St. Michael-Archangel Hall.

**Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Sunday, September 27, 2020 - 12 Noon to 6:00 pm**  
Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli  
with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert  
**Take-Out Only 412-673-3915**

**Mary of Nazareth Catholic School**  
**Regional Catholic School - PERCES**  
**1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131**  
**Pre-School 3 & 4, Kindergarten, First - Eighth Grade**

If you have any questions, would like more info,  
please call the school office, 412-672-2360.

Webpage: [www.maryofnazarethschool.org](http://www.maryofnazarethschool.org)

We invite you to follow us on Twitter  
and like us on Facebook.

**Archangel Education Grants (AEG)**

**Catholic Elementary & High School Grants**

Archangel Education Grant Applications are  
now available by calling the Saint Michael Church  
Office at 412-751-0663 and are due by, **Monday,**  
**October 12, 2020.**

**Eligibility:** Registered and active parish Family in  
our grouping; and registered in a Diocesan-approved  
school.

**Fall Frolic Ticket Returns**

Please return all ticket stubs and monies  
and any unsold tickets  
before **Tuesday, September 29, 2020.**

**Ticket Stubs must be returned  
For Winners To Be Paid.**

**Thank You For Your Support!**

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

There will be a joint meeting held on  
**Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm**  
in **Saint Michael - Church, Elizabeth.**

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

**Parish Share Program - 2020**

**Thank you for your sacrificial gift** which  
supports our local ministries, provides training for  
lay leaders who serve our faith communities, and  
helping to guide our children and young people as  
they grow closer to Jesus.

If you've 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 community.

***Thank You for your sacrificial giving!***

**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. Barrante, USMC; Maj. Damian  
Baskerville, USAF; Col. Richard Collage,  
PA NG; Staff Sgt. Nicholas DeLuca,  
Army; Ens. David DeMaio, USCG; Capt. Craig Dolhi, Army;  
Capt. Anthony Formica, Army; Jacob Formica, E-4, Army;  
2nd Lt. John Formica, Army; SPC Samuel Formica, Army  
National Guard; Capt. Markus Gibson, USMC; 2ndLt. Miles  
Gibson, USMC; PO2. Mason Gibson, USN; T/Sgt. Michael  
Goodman, USAF; 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.***

**Food Bank Sunday**  
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!**

**The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

—Psalm 145

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping  
Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp  
St. Mark, St. Eugene:

Altar Bread & Wine  Sanctuary Lamp

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Lamp Church  Lamp Church

Queen of the Rosary:

Altar Bread & Wine  Sanctuary Lamp

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Intention (Living)  Memorial (Deceased)

Date Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

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Requested by

\_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your request and donation (\$15.00) in an envelope marked Altar Memorials And deposit in the collection. Thank You! For Altar Flower Memorials please call the Parish Office to check availability.

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

**The Community Festival**  
**will be here before you know it.**

During this time of Covid-19, we are all excited and looking with anticipation for 2021. As a community, we will become a new Parish, with a new Name, in early January 2021.

We are all excited and looking forward to a new beginning. The **Community Festival** will be celebrated in early August 2021 (August 5, 6, & 7).

As we enter into the Fall, we are preparing to transform all the items that have been donated into beautiful baskets for the **Community Festival**.

This is just a reminder to everyone to keep those items coming. Now is the time to start looking for those summer items that are on clearance now. After every holiday and season, stores reduce the price of their seasonal merchandise so that it will sell quickly. You can purchase more items for your money! We can use other items as well.

Any new (never been used, in original packaging) items can be donated. Toys, games, small household appliances, cookware, bakeware, tools, and pet items are all examples of items that make great basket items. You can drop off these items in the Gathering Space of all our churches.

**Thank you in advance!**  
**We couldn't do it without your help!**

**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.

To make a contribution to the Parish Share Program, please place your contribution in an envelope and write **Parish Share** on the outside of the envelope.

**Thank you for your sacrificial gift.**