

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

*One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic*



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

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### 2021 Anniversary Mass Requests

The Roman Catholic Community of Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny

Scheduling Masses for  
25th & 50th Wedding Anniversaries

Anyone celebrating their  
25th or 50th Wedding Anniversaries  
in 2021 and would like to schedule  
a Mass for a particular day  
at St. Mark, St. Michael,  
Queen of the Rosary, should call the  
St. Michael Office, 412-751-0663  
before Monday, November 30, 2020.

Thank you for your assistance!

The 2021 Mass Request Forms  
will only start to be scheduled on  
Monday, December 7, 2020.

**Patriotic Rosary - Monday Evening**  
**December 14, 2020 - 7:00 pm**  
**Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Rosary, Patriotic Hymns and Benediction

The Pittsburgh Catholic is now On-Line.  
[thepittsburghcatholic.wpccomstating.com](http://thepittsburghcatholic.wpccomstating.com)

## November 29, 2020

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

### Saint Mark

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust  
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McKeesport, PA 15133  
Phone 412-678-6275  
Fax 412-673-1393

Email: [saintmarkparishdiopitt@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarkparishdiopitt@gmail.com)

Saint Eugene Church (StE)  
3210 Liberty Way - Liberty

### Saint Michael

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Elizabeth, PA 15037-2363  
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Fax 412-751-2161

Email: [stmichael11@verizon.net](mailto:stmichael11@verizon.net)

Saint Michael Church (StM)  
101 McLay Drive - Elizabeth

### Queen of the Rosary

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Glassport, PA 15045  
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Queen of the Rosary (QoR)  
530 Michigan Avenue - Glassport



Faith Formation

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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**

**November 29 - December 6, 2020**

**Saturday, 28, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent**

**StM 4:00 pm M Connie Altomare - Lisa & Mike Pollice**

**StE 6:00 pm T Robert Johnson - Family**

**Sunday, 29, First Sunday of Advent**

**StE 8:00 am T Thanksgiving - Plan Family**

**StM 9:00 am M Jennifer Tour - Friends**

**QoR 10:30 am T Helen Marzoch - Thomas & Elena Milczarczyk**

**StM 12 Noon M Marjorie Davis - K of C #10077  
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

**Monday, 30, Andrew, apostle**

**QoR 8:30 am Charly Rafferty - Rose & Sandy**

**Novena - Infant of Prague**

**StM 9:00 am Eric D. Kaczowski - Parents, Cheryll & Thad**

**Tuesday, December 1, Advent Weekday**

**StM 9:00 am Bill Piper - Bill & Dee Domonkos**

**StE 6:30 pm Gene Anitori - Betty, Eugene & Chris Anitori**

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

**Wednesday, 2, Advent Weekday**

**QoR 8:30 am Agnes Barrett - Palmer Family**

**StM 9:00 am Paul Gala - Jan & Ryan**

**Novena - Michael the Archangel**

**Thursday, 3, Francis Xavier, priest**

**StE 8:30 am Mary T. Smith - Friend, Louise Rarick**

**StM 9:00 am Patrick J. Safran, Sr. - Betty**

**Friday, 4, Advent Weekday**

**QoR 8:30 am Alfons Tyszkiewicz - Children & Grandchildren**

**StM 9:00 am Kent Baker - Betty Baker**

**Saturday, 5, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent**

**StM 4:00 pm T Raymond Hock - Jan & Ryan**

**StE 6:00 pm M Michael Pope - Mother, Denice Vanscoy**

**Sunday, 6, Second Sunday of Advent**

**StE 8:00 am M Elda Polidora - Frank Marchetti**

**StM 9:00 am T Deceased of the Zupanc, Borucki, Spindler Families - Family**

**QoR 10:30 am M Paul & Evelyn Gooch - Family**

**StM 12 Noon T Jerry Lucarelli - Wife, Sally  
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

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



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

**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  
 Deacon John E. Ragan, Permanent Deacon

**Mary of Nazareth Catholic School**

Lynda McFarland, Principal, 412-672-2360

**Faith Formation - Religious Education**

**Adult - Children - Youth**

Julie Fleckenstein, Facilitator  
 Amanda Wilt, Co-Children, K-6 Grade  
 Susan Formica, Youth, Junior & Senior High  
 Darla Losteter, Family Support

**Safe Environment**

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**Music Ministry**

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**Parish Nurse**

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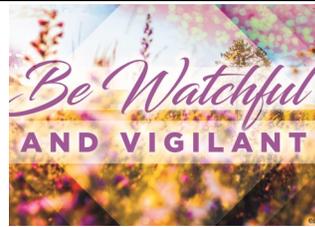
**Advisory Councils**

**Pastoral Council**

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**First Sunday of Advent  
 November 29, 2020**

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. **Now** moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

**God loves surprises and love thrives on them!** God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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***We remember . . .*** In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: **James Borucki, Robert Younge, Linda Booth, 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.**

**December Rosary Intention**

That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



## First Sunday of Advent

With Advent we begin a new church year as we renew our preparations for the coming of Christ. The scriptures show a profound movement from despair in the first reading, as we feel the wrath of God's anger and a sense of being abandoned, to the responsorial psalm, which begs us to turn toward God, and the second reading where we see a glimmer of hope. Brimstone returns in the Gospel. This sense of unease and pain is much like what we have endured throughout 2020 with COVID-19, racial struggles, and political campaigns. Frankly, everyone is ready for a restart, for a do-over, for a better year. We can understand the heartfelt prayer of the prophet Isaiah: **Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down.** Hide not your face from us, O God, but during these days of Advent may you reveal yourself to each of us once again. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### Watch!

This author was very aware of the language of **master/servant** in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to **Watch!** This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the **Word** and the **Eucharist**, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. **We must watch. We must hope. We must love. We must pray.**

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### *A Family Perspective* by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us to **Be watchful.** This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. **Be watchful,** the Lord is already with you.

## Mark's Jesus

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective **I Am** discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus **cuts to the chase,** we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to **wake up!** and get out into the world to do it.

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### Be Watchful! Be Alert!

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. **Be watchful! Be alert!** One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, **You have to behave for a little bit,** but rather, **You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared."**

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### *Marriage Moments* by Susan Vogt

Sometimes marriage is like our computers. You learn a lot of information, but with time bugs and viruses can creep in. Things get messy and work slower. When all else fails try rebooting your relationship. Let go of old hurts and start from scratch with the same spouse. Programs like **Marriage Encounter** and **Better Marriages** can now be done online.

### *Parenting Pointers* by Susan Vogt

**2020** has been a year of the coronavirus pandemic, protests and riots, racism, and political divisiveness. What's there to be thankful for? Sometimes disruptions like these can push us into facing our common humanity and what's really important. Think of one unintended positive consequence that's come out of a hard year.



Faith Formation

**Faith Formation  
Adult - Children - Youth  
Religious Education**

101 McLay Drive Elizabeth, PA 15037  
412-754-0886 Email: 213faithform@gmail.com  
Facebook: FaithFormation-EGSA

**Faith Formation Sessions have begun.**

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.



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

Wednesday, December 16, 2020  
6:30-8:30 pm - St. Eugene Church  
Doors Open 6:00 pm

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

Sunday, December 13, 2020  
after 12 Noon Mass - Giving Tree

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.

**Save the Date ....**

**Family Fun Night & Car Cruise  
Friday, June 18, 2020  
Sponsored by Youth Ministry**



***Journey to Bethlehem***  
*Join Us!*

We are journeying to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph, come and be a part of this prayerful (socially distanced) experience.

There will be a meet and greet with Saint Nicholas and have a Saints Walk as well.

Saturday, December 5, 2020  
Saint Michael Church and Grounds  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
(Reconciliation will be available at 11:00 am)

There will be Saint Nick treat bags for the kids and take-home doughnut decorating kits for the whole family!

We are asking for a \$15 donation per family to help defray costs.

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 1, 2020.**

**Sponsored by Faith Formation**

**Journey to Bethlehem RSVP**

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

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

Number Attending: Adults \_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_

Please enclose your RSVP and donation and return to the Faith Formation Office  
101 McLay Dr., Elizabeth, PA 15037.

**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  
December 3, 10, 17, 2020  
January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021**

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

**Enlisting Witnesses For Jesus Christ**



**Sunday, November 29;**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**Keep your eyes open**—Nothing is more empowering than a fresh start. Advent brings with it a new gospel to guide us through the new liturgical year: Mark, the shortest of the four narratives about Jesus. Consider reading all 16 chapters at the start of the liturgical year to grasp the breathless beauty of Mark's story. Reflect on other ways to stay alert to new spiritual discoveries, in keeping with Jesus' summons: **Watch!** Pay attention, not just to the news of the day but also to the movements of the Spirit in you. Where might you be prompted to forgive, be generous, get involved, or keep silent? **What I say to you, I say to all: WATCH!**

**Monday, Nov 3; Andrew, apostle** (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)

**First responder**—Saint Andrew has a special place in the collective heart of Scotland. He is sometimes known as the **first called** apostle because of his early encounter and following of Jesus, along side his better-known brother and fellow fisherman Simon Peter. When confronting his own crucifixion in the year 60, it is said Andrew chose an X-shaped cross, or saltire, because he felt unworthy to be crucified on the same kind of cross as Jesus. That saltire is now Scotland's national flag. Follow the Scottish example: Give first-called Andrew a special place in your heart. **Comeafter me, and I will make you fishers of men.**

**Tuesday, Dec 01; Advent Weekday** (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)

**A light shines in the darkness**—In this first week of Advent, the church highlights the theme of hope. We remember that the **people who walk in darkness will see a great light.** Good news at this time of long nights as we are reeling mentally, physically, financially, emotionally from the coronavirus pandemic and find it hard to cope. But today is also **World AIDS Day**, a time to remember another virus-borne pandemic that has killed more than 30 million worldwide, calling to mind the inspiring way our world can come together at its best to respond to terrible diseases. Pray for an increase in hope and healing today. **There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain.**

**Wednesday, Dec 02; Advent Weekday** (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)

**Martyrs in our time**—Forty years ago today, four American churchwomen were murdered and dumped in a shallow grave in a cow pasture in Santiago Nonualco, El Salvador. Maryknoll sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline sister Dorothy Kazel, and lay missionary Jean Donovan were victims of the country's civil war, killed by members of the Salvadoran National Guard. The women knew they faced danger and yet they could not leave the people. Jean Donovan wrote in a letter two weeks before her death: **Several times I have decided to leave El Salvador. I almost could, except for the children, the poor bruised victims of this insanity.** Inspired by the life and martyrdom of Archbishop Saint Oscar Romero, all four women shared a commitment to the church's **preferential option for**

**the poor.** Ita, Maura, Dorothy, and Jean—you walk with us still and we remember. **Jesus summoned his disciples and said, My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, for they . . . have nothing to eat.**

**Thursday, Dec 03; Francis Xavier, priest**

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Gain from apparent loss**—While focus is often on Francis' youthful fervor, which sparked his missionary adventures in Asia, less emphasis falls on his maturation. In Japan, he learned to appreciate local culture, connecting it with the gospel. While ocean travel in the 16th century was perilous, long separation from Ignatius of Loyola may have been an even greater suffering. Francis was one of Ignatius' first companions at the founding of the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits, as they are commonly known. And imagine Francis' disappointment when he couldn't reach his ultimate dream destination: China. Have you ever had a **dream deferred**, an unrealized goal? What have you learned from the apparent failure that you might not have learned from success? **The house . . . did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.**

**Friday, Dec 04; John of Damascus, priest**

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

**An iconic witness**—History takes some strange turns. John Damascene is considered one of the great fathers of the Eastern Church, known today for its beautiful iconographic representations of the communion of saints. Yet back in the seventh century, John had to defend the use of icons against a movement in the East to ban them. And who protected him from being arrested by his powerful opponents? The Muslim caliph of Damascus under whose rule John lived and served administratively. Beneath the twists of history, search for the hidden story of salvation, unfolding through the centuries and before our eyes in these iconic times as well. **Then he touched their eyes and said, Let it be done for you according to your faith. And their eyes were opened.**

**Saturday, Dec 05; Advent Weekday**

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a,6-8

**Pay it forward**—Why is it that the season of **Lent** seems to get all the instructions of what to do—**prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**—but with Advent, we have no handy summary about what to actually do during the season—besides wait? Sure, we have our creches and wreaths, maybe even a Jesse tree or, better yet, an Advent calendar with chocolate hidden behind each door. While all these customs are good, how can we “effect”—that is, bring about—the new life we so eagerly await? The world may have an answer for us. Today marks International Volunteer Day. How can you put into action on behalf of others your faith and expectation of new life in God? **Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to.**

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**Catholic Community of  
Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area  
Announce this Year's**

This year our Faith Family will be sponsoring a **Giving Tree**, providing Christmas gifts to those in our local community who need our help.



The **Giving Tree's Angel Ornaments** will be available next weekend **November 28/29** in all our churches.

You are asked to take an angel ornament off the tree and purchase the gift listed. The gifts can range from Clothing Items, Gift Card (Dollar Store, Grocery Store, Subway, etc.), Toys, etc. There are angels on the tree for Children, Teens, Adults, Nursing & Personal Care Residents, Shut-Ins, etc. all from our local community.

Once you have purchased your gift, place it in Christmas packaging, and **attach your Angel Ornament on the outside of the package** and return to the Angel Tree.

All gifts should be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 13, 2020. All the gifts will be sorted after the 12 Noon Mass for distribution.**

**Thank You for caring!**

*Kind deeds change lives, Thank You!*

**Time, Talent, and Treasure**

**Weekly Offering**

**November 29, 2020**

**Weekly Offering Unavailable early publication**

**Parish Share Received \$126,218**

**Parish Share Goal \$168,086**

The **Weekly Offertory** is used to offset the costs associated with the day-to-day operations of the parish and its programs. These costs include Masses, Liturgical Programs, Faith Formation (Adult, Children, Young Adult, Youth), Sacramental Preparation, Elementary School Subsidy, Insurance, Maintenance & Upkeep of Buildings and Property, Utilities, Supplies, and Payroll. Average amount needed per week for a balanced budget is \$24,904.

**Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!**

**New Parish Updates**

This weekend marks the **First Sunday of Advent**, the beginning of a new liturgical year. Five weeks from now, our new parish will begin. As we celebrate throughout Advent our anticipation of Christ coming again into our lives, so do we anticipate the merger of our old parishes into the reality of one new parish. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, let us continue to prepare for the coming merger, by strengthening the bonds of unity among our parishes, praying for those in leadership, dedicating ourselves to accept the mission of Christ to be missionary disciples of his Gospel of divine love. **One parish family is our way of the future.**

**Let us anticipate it with joy and hope.**

**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.**

**Proposed Names For Our New Parish**

**Saint John, the Beloved Disciple**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

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

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

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**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.*



**Patriotic Rosary  
Monday Evening  
December 14, 2020 - 7:00 pm  
Saint Michael Church  
Elizabeth, PA**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Rosary, Patriotic Hymns and Benediction**

Join us at Saint Michael Church on Monday Evening December 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm to pray the Rosary in honor of **Virgin Mary, Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of the United States of America**. There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction** to conclude the recitation of the Rosary.

The **Patriotic Rosary** will include brief reflections on The Mysteries and Hymns after each decade.

We are planning a **Patriotic Rosary** for each month on the Second Monday of the Month.

**All are invited and most assuredly welcome!**

**Upcoming Events**

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

**Ladies of Charity** will meet on **Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 10:00 am** in the St. Michael-Archangel Hall.

**Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Sunday, November 29, 2020 - 12 Noon to 6:00 pm**  
Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli  
with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert  
**Take-Out Only 412-673-3915**



**Change Our Lives**

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish.

As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a **thief at night** (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

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**Use Your Talent** —Anonymous

Having only modest talent  
is no excuse for not using it.  
Think what the morning would be like  
if only talented birds sang!

Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light.

—1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

**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!*

**Available soon.....**  
**CUPID CIRCLE TICKET**

Benefits Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping

Try a chance at winning a total of

**\$4000.00 in the month of February.**

**Minimum payout is \$100.00.**

\$10.00 per ticket with 28 chances to win!

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

No bonus numbers.

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!**

**Available Now.....**  
**CUPID CIRCLE TICKET**

Benefits Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping

If you would like to request a certain number

for the **February - Cupid Circle Ticket**,

please call Cathy, 412-980-2918

before **Tuesday, December 1, 2020.**

Numbers will be dispersed

on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Thank You for your continual support!**

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

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

The holidays are rapidly approaching and our basket team is gearing up to start producing those specialty baskets for the **Community Festival**. We give away approximately 60 baskets every night of the festival, so it does take us some time to create them. Before you know it will be August 2021.

So keeping that in mind, we are asking that you kindly keep all those donations coming in. You can put those items in the gathering space of every church.

**Fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving** items will soon be on clearance. These themed seasonal items make great baskets. We also do themed baskets such as popular children's characters, men's items from tools to car washing supplies, pet supplies, assorted candles or books and crossword puzzles, etc.

If you are shopping online these days, look for the clearance section for some great deals before you check out. Remember we accept any new items (never been used).

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!**  
**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.**

**2021 Mass Intention Requests**  
**Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community**  
**Saint Mark Saint Michael Queen of the Rosary**

Offering Mass for a special intention is a longstanding practice in our Catholic Tradition. Mass is offered for many reasons, i.e. remembrance of someone who is deceased; for the health/well-being of someone, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, etc (please mark Living Intention). If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone or a special occasion, **please complete this form and return it to the Parish Office by the US Mail (101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037) or the Offertory Basket.**

**The Mass Stipend is \$10.00 for each Mass Intention. Please include stipend with your request.**  
**Please return the Entire Mass Intention Form (entire page) to the Parish Office by Monday, January 11, 2021.**

**No requests will be taken over the telephone, 412-751-0663, until Wednesday, February 3, 2021.**

- **Three (3) Mass Intentions per family (please only one weekend date).**
- **No Mass intentions will be accepted for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, All Souls Day or Thanksgiving Day.**
- **After Wednesday, February 3, 2021, you may call for any open dates.**  
**At that time, you will be welcome to schedule additional Mass Intentions.**
- **If you do not have an Email address, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to receive confirmation of the dates requested. Thank you.**

**Please Print**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Intention For: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Living Intention: \_\_\_\_ Church Request: \_\_\_\_ St. Mark \_\_\_\_ St. Michael \_\_\_\_ Queen of the Rosary \_\_\_\_ First Available

Mass Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Mass Time Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Date #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Date #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Intention For: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

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