

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you to join our community.

You may register by calling the Administration Center.

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.
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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

May 23 - 30, 2021

Saturday, 22, Vigil, Pentecost Sunday

StM 4:00 pm T Mike & Mary Colecchi - Mike & Michelle Vancas

StE 6:00 pm M Frank & Palmerina Molinaro - Maria Dainty & Family

Sunday, 23, Pentecost Sunday

StE 8:00 am M German Plan - Melvyn & Elena Plan

StM 9:00 am T Dante Marraccini - Parish Family

QoR 10:30 am M Happy 90th Birthday, Alice Szmyd - FamilyP

StM 12 Noon T Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Family

Monday, 24, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

QoR 8:30 am James Borucki - Parish Family

Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Michael & Helen Gogoel - Barb & Michele

Tuesday, 25, Weekday - Eighth Week in Ordinal Time

StM 9:00 am Crossen & Mullaly Families - Crossen Family

StE 6:30 pm Barbara Bills - Irene Ferko

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

Wednesday, 26, Philip Neri, priest

QoR 8:30 am Ruth Rushe - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Tom Murz - Ray & Cathy Niccolai

Thursday, 27, Weekday

StE 8:30 am Elda Polidora - Carmen & Gloria Marchetti

StM 9:00 am Thomas J. Eddy, Sr. - Peg & Family

Friday, 28, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Frances Osada - Family

StM 9:00 am Joseph A Gralewski, Jr. - Grandpap & Grandma Franciscus

Saturday, 29, Vigil, The Most Holy Trinity

StM 4:00 pm M Lorraine Babyak - Husband & Family

StE 6:00 pm T Jim & Pat Sivak - 57th Wedding Anniversary - Family

Sunday, 30, The Most Holy Trinity

StE 8:00 am T Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Family - M

StM 9:00 am M Cindy Langford - Roy & Jean Vucinich

QoR 10:30 am T Antonio & Genoeffa Piccione - Son, Carl

StM 12 Noon M Joseph & Irene Rudick - Rudick 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
Virginia Fry from Ladies of Charity.

St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of
Ken & Jean Rheam from Family

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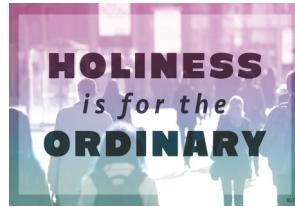
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**Pentecost Sunday**

May 23, 2021

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, **Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.**

Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe **on me** but **in me** and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imitators that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

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May Rosary Intention

Let us pray, that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

In today's responsorial psalm the Church sings out: **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.** All three readings describe how God has answered that prayer already.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel passage from John, we read of astonishing events that called cowering disciples to step out of hiding and proclaim news that would condemn them and change the world forever! In the second reading Paul's words reach out into the future to us: **we were all given to drink of one Spirit** (1 Corinthians 12:13).

It is our task to truly pray today's psalm response. Let us together beg the Holy Spirit to renew the earth by renewing the Church, sending many more men and women to serve in its various ministries.

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Everyday Stewardship -

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: **Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.**

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of **reasons why we can't** together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your-tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

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Pentecost Red Pentecost Sunday Come, Holy Spirit!

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples and on all who are baptized. We also commemorate

the birth of the Church. Before Pentecost, the disciples remained hidden and uncertain; at Pentecost, those who were gathered were filled with the Spirit and proclaimed the wonders of the Good News of Christ to all. The Spirit guides us to the truth of Christ's love and mercy and strengthens us to live as disciples. Without the Holy Spirit, we would perish; with the Spirit, we have life to the full. Relying on the Spirit, we are given the grace to turn away from the many temptations that we face each day and prefer instead what is good and holy. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

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Feast of Faith: Liturgy: Work of the Spirit

The Spirit of God who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation—the Holy Spirit who descended upon the disciples at Pentecost in ever-changing forms in the sound of a mighty wind or tongues of flame—hovers also over our celebration of the liturgy, giving it life, making it real. It is the Spirit of God who draws us, gathering us together, Sunday after Sunday. It is the Spirit of God who called loudly to the inspired writers of the scriptures and who continues to whisper to us, revealing ever-new facets of God's word, granting insight just when we need it. It is by the Spirit's power that, when Christ's words are uttered by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. And it is surely the Spirit who inspires us—that is, breathes in us—when, sent forth from the assembly, we seek ways to serve our brothers and sisters, to allow the gospel to come to life in the world. **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

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**There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same Spirit. — 1 Corinthians 12:4**

Marriage Moments

by Susan Vogt

On Pentecost scripture asks, **How does each of us hear them in our own native language** (Acts 2:8). In marriage we sometimes have to stretch to really understand what our beloved means by their words. Is your native language emotional words, acts of kindness, physical touch...? Listen, watch, and feel carefully as you communicate today.

Mary Garden Beautification Project



The **Mary Garden Beautification Project** is being inspired by our parish Youth Group. The **Mary Garden Project** is being planned for the right side of Saint Michael Church (Bell Tower Side).

Currently there are a few different options, (a new Virgin Mary statue, stone & concrete work, water feature, various plants & flowers) and your thoughts and ideas about what should be done within that space are valuable and important.

Also anyone with landscape design experience and is willing to assist with the planning and preparation of the layout of the garden would be greatly appreciated. This will be an extensive facelift to the church grounds.

All support, time, talent, and treasure, for the **Mary Garden Project** will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any ideas or suggestions or would like to volunteer your time, talent, and treasure to this **Mary Garden Project**,

please email the Faith Formation office at
213FaithForm@gmail.com
 or call 412-754-0886.

**Please keep the Mary Garden Project
 in your prayers.**

Thank you for your support and prayers.



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; 2nd Lt. 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.**

Nothing Will Stand In The Way

The Jewish people who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost came from every corner of the world. They spoke many languages and yet were drawn to hear the message of Christ from the disciples who had just experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They were astonished by what they heard—not only the message, but the way in which it was conveyed, in their own language, and by the messengers, people whom they would have considered ordinary and unremarkable, rather than the acknowledged religious leaders of their time. We, too, are called to share the love and mercy of Christ through word and action, even when we feel small and insignificant. We need only to look at the witness and experience of those first disciples and all the saints who have preceded us to know that we are capable of much when we place our lives in God's hands. Nothing can stand in the way of the incredible love of God when we are filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit!

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The Fruit Of The Spirit

As followers of Jesus, we are called to direct our minds and hearts to Christ's love, turning away from all that is not of God in order to be more Christ-like in our daily lives. The more we invite the Holy Spirit to draw us close to God's heart, the more readily we will avoid sin and choose life, faith, and love. In the letter to the Galatians, we hear a list of things that those who live in the Spirit are to avoid. Things like immorality, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness. At first glance, we might think to ourselves, **of course I want to avoid those things**, and yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we likely recognize some of those patterns in our lives. Upon further reflection, however, we also see that these negative behaviors pose temporary pleasure while the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—lead to a life of deep and lasting fulfillment.

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Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Teach your child to pray. Sure, you may already say grace before meals and a bedtime prayer, but help them practice humble prayers from their heart. You may learn a lot by listening to their genuine prayer.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and He expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit guide us to the truth.



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Living Stones of God's House
1 Peter 2:4-5

Rainforest Explorers
Vacation Bible School
Jesus Leads the Way
Every Monday in June (7,14, 21, 28)
6:30 - 8:30 pm at Saint Michael Church
Open to Pre-School (age 3 - Grade 6)
Parents/Guardians/Grandparents are invited to stay and learn with us! Make it a family night!
Questions, or to Register your child/ren or family, call 412-754-0886 or email 213K6ff@gmail.com
Registration Form is in this Bulletin, page 11.

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, June 10, 2021 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.

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.

Thursday Afternoon
Saint Michael, Meeting Room - 1:00-2:30 pm
Please RSVP to Jan, 412-751-0663
so that we may prepare materials.

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.



Family Fun Night & Car Cruise

Sponsored by Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
St. Michael Church

Friday, June 18, 2021 - 5:30 - 9:30 pm
Car Cruise, Entertainment, Games, Food Trucks
Pie Baking Contest

All pie bakers are invited to enter your favorite homemade dessert pie on Family Fun Night.
All pies are to be brought the Archangel Hall on June 18 between 103:30 am - 5:30 pm.
You must include your name, phone number, and a copy of the recipe (or a list of ingredients).

Volunteers Needed for Family Fun Night from 5:00 and 10:30
If you are able to help, please email Sue Formica, 213Youth@gmail.com
All volunteers must have clearances.

Car Registration or more information, please email Sue, 213Youth@gmail.com
Hope to see you there!

Faith Formation - Religious Education
Registration Forms 2021-2022
Kindergarten, Grade 1 - Grade 8
For all new and returning Families
Can be found on page 10 of this Bulletin.

Faith, Fellowship and Food Summer Series
Join us in a lively and practical series in which we further discover our **Life in Christ**. The Summer topics are:

Life in Christ - Who is Jesus?, Salvation History, Holy Spirit, Beatitudes, and today's challenges.

Tuesday Evening 6:45-9:00 pm
Saint Michael Archangel Hall

May 18, June 22, July 20, August 17

The evening will include prayer & song, presentation, facilitator led discussion. Sessions are conducted in a spirit of community; all are welcome.

For information or to register, please email 213Youth@gmail.com or call Sue, 412-754-0886
All Covid Protocol Will Be Followed.



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

Sunday, May 23; Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

Sing a new church into being—Pentecost celebrates crowded places, multiple languages, and diverse people uniting in one Spirit. It's a hard feast to celebrate during a pandemic in an era clouded by social conflict. All the more reason to challenge ourselves by celebrating not only what makes us the same, but also what makes us different. God showers on the world **gifts that differ**, as Benedictine hymnist Delores Dufner declares. So Bring the hopes of every nation;/ bring the art of every race. /Weave a song of peace and justice;/ let it sound through time and space. And let the church say: Amen! There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

Monday, May 24; Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34

The mother of all feasts—In 2018, Pope Francis created the new Marian memorial that the universal church celebrates today, the Monday after Pentecost. The title **Mother of the Church** was bestowed on Mary in 1964 by Pope Saint Paul VI at the closing of the Second Vatican Council. Her role as mother of the church goes back to when Jesus, on the cross, gave her and the beloved disciple to one another and to when she became the mother of Christ, whose body we are all members of. Not everyone has a mother figure to rely on—know that you can always rely on the mother of us all. **When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, Woman, behold, your son.**

Tuesday, May 25; Mary Magdalene De' Pazzi, virgin

Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

A Spirit for the dry season—When Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun in 1583, she couldn't foresee the great physical suffering from an unknown disease that would besiege her. Nor could she foresee having the same type of ecstatic religious visions—followed by years of **spiritual dryness**—as did another Carmelite saint, Teresa of Ávila. Magdalene's bout of spiritual dryness, so severe that she considered suicide, ended on Pentecost in 1590. With Pentecost 2021 so recently behind us, pray as she did: **Come, Holy Spirit . . . Come, as you descended on Mary, that the Word might become flesh and work in us through grace. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously.**

Wednesday, May 26; Philip Neri, priest

Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mark 10:32-45

Now is the time to do good—In the middle of Rome in the 16th century lived a man whose joyful nature made him something of a people magnet for both the powerful and the poor. Saint Philip Neri was a deeply spiritual man who exuded natural warmth, listened well, and in loving generously, led others to know God. This spiritual director, priest, and confessor

was known to ask, **Well, when shall we begin to do good?** It is no surprise that Neri, known as the **Apostle of Rome**, inspired followers to join him in caring for the sick and the poor. Where can you do some good today? **For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.**

Thursday, May 27; Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

Sirach 42:15-25, Mark 10:46-52

Can't win them all—Augustine of Canterbury, memorialized today, is remembered as a major figure in evangelizing England. The renowned Canterbury Cathedral was built on the site of a church and monastery he built around the end of the sixth century. In spite of his stature now as **Apostle of the English**, he met with bitter disappointment, too. His efforts to bring the English bishops in line with Rome were roundly rebuffed, a disappointment he took to his death. Can you let go of your failures, knowing that, like Augustine, they do not define your life? **He began to cry out and say, Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.**

Friday, May 28; Weekday

Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26

Give a fig!—Figs are a popular fruit in the Bible, from Genesis with Eve and Adam wearing fig leaves clear through the Book of Revelation's apocalyptic falling of winter figs. Why so many figs? The fig itself is sweet and has lots of dietary fiber, calcium, and various minerals and vitamins. It is a great source of energy and flavor. Perhaps because it is so plentiful, delicious, and nutritious, the fig is also rich in symbolism for health and abundance. In the gospels, Jesus expects us to be like figs—to be "nutritious" to others and abundant in our presence and giving. Let us go forth to nurture the world! **As they were leaving Bethany Jesus was hungry. Seeing from a distance a fig tree in leaf, he went over to see if he could find anything on it.**

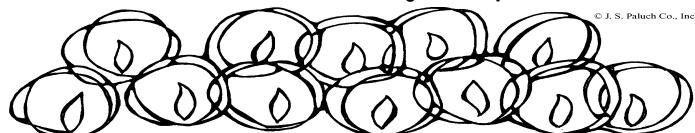
Saturday, May 29; Paul VI, pope

Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33

A Pentecostal pope—The ecumenical movement received a much-needed boost during the papacy of Saint Pope Paul VI (1963-78). After the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Pope Paul went out of his way to promote ecumenical dialogue and partnership. When asked by a cardinal for permission to initiate a joint Catholic-Protestant translation of the Bible, Paul is said to have responded, **I am totally in favor!** He issued formal approval later that year on Pentecost Sunday, our recently celebrated feast commemorating the moment when the Holy Spirit allowed believers of all backgrounds and languages to truly understand each other. **Come, Holy Spirit! By what authority are you doing these things?**

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A suggested offering for each Family is \$20 to the Monthly Envelope. These monies will be used to assist in the upkeep of parish property and help cover the cost of energy and utilities.

Faith Formation Envelope

In your offertory packet, there is a special envelope for Faith Formation.

Thank You For Your Support!

Time, Talent, and Treasure — May 16, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$ 12,674
Monthly Offering	\$ 525
Religious Education	\$ 205
Children's Offering	\$ 10
2021 Parish Share	\$ 1,645
2021 Parish Share to Date	\$96,290
2021 Parish Share Goal	\$137,788
2021 Fish Fry	
Income \$53,935	Expenses \$31,883.29
Profit \$22,051.71	

Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

**Please make all checks payable to
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Mass Attendance

4:00 pm	124	6:00 pm	83
8:00 am	70	9:00 am	170
10:30 am	113	12 Noon	82
Families	1,855	Souls	4,588

Spring Pre-Cana Program

If you are planning planning weddings, especially Summer, Fall & Winter 2021.

St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth

Saturday, June 5, 2021, 9:00 am-3:30 pm

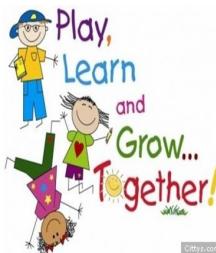
Registration \$50.00 per couple (includes materials & lunch)

Pre-Registration is necessary. Please call Julie

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Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus will meet on
Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:30 pm
in the St. Michael - Archangel Hall.

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on
Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 7:00 am
In the St. Michael Church - Archangel Hall.

Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, May 23, 2021 - 12 Noon to 6:00 pm
Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli
with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert
Take-Out Only 412-673-3915

Saint Joachim and Anne Parish

Faith Formation - Youth Group T-Shirt - Order Form

T-Shirts are available for Adults & Youth — \$10

Complete the Order Form



and place in the mail or collection basket.

Please make checks payable to
Saints Joachim and Anne Parish.

Faith Formation - Youth Group T-Shirt - Order Form

Please Print

Name _____

Phone _____

Adult: Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ X Large ____ 2XLarge ____

Youth: Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____

____ (Number of T-Shirts) X \$10 (per T-Shirt) = _____

**Please place Order Form in an envelope marked
Youth Group T-Shirt with your Payment
and deposit in the collection. Thank You!**

**Stuffed Cabbage for Our Festival
Volunteers Needed and Appreciated!
We are making Stuffed Cabbage
Tuesday, June 22 at ?? Am**

Queen of the Rosary Social Hall. Lunch provided.

Please consider offering your time and talent to help our Parish. We also need assistance washing dishes and cleaning up. **Lots of fun! Good times! Laughs!**

Smiles! Hugs! Friends! Hope to see you there.

Filled Propane Tanks Needed for Festival

We are requesting filled, 20 lb. propane tanks, to be donated for our festival. Tanks should be **marked with your name** and be dropped off at St. Eugene Church on or before **July 15, 2021**. Tanks will be available for pickup after the festival. If you can help, please contact Cathy at 412-980-2918 **by June 30, 2021**.

Community Festival Flea Market

Flea Market is in need of gently used, but loved items, that you may find in your spring cleaning and would like to donate to the flea market. All donations must be in good working condition. These following items will not be accepted: clothing, draperies, tires, computers or broken electronics and unclean items.

Drop-off Dates will be July 19-23 from 6-8 pm.

Treasures will not be accepted prior to Drop-off Dates!

Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

**Be a BOOTH SPONSOR
for our COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

For a **\$50.00 donation**, your name or business name will appear on one of our booths for all three nights of the Festival. A complete list of Booth Sponsors will be listed in the bulletin prior to the Festival. **Return by July 9, 2021**.

Please detach and return with your check (\$50) to the
Parish Office 101 McLay Dr. Elizabeth PA 15037..

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

**Saint Joachim and Anne Community Festival
Booth Sponsor - \$50 Donation**

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Name to read as _____

Please detach and return to Parish Office marked Booth Sponsor,
Checks should be written to Sts. Joachim & Anne
101 McLay Drive Elizabeth, PA 15101 by Friday July 9, 2021.

**Saints Joachim and Anne Parish
Annual Community Festival 2021
August 5, 6, 7, 2021**

Community Festival Specialty Baskets

A huge **Thank You** to all our generous parishioners who continue to donate items weekly to fill our **Festival Specialty Baskets**. We are continuing to accept new items (never been used) to fill the lovely baskets for our **Community Festival**. Items can be placed in the labeled baskets at each church

Here are some of the items still needed:

- **Car Wash Supplies**
- **Pet supplies (toys, food, bedding etc.)**
- **Items for grilling**
- **Items used to tinker in the garden**
- **Patriotic items**

Please remember we can't do it without your help!

And as always, **Thank You** for your generosity in helping us to create **70+ baskets** for each night of our festival in addition to our **craft baskets** and **3-night baskets**.

Please note all basket donations need to be received by **Sunday, July 25, 2021** to allow for preparation and sign-making. All items received after that date will be held and used for future events. **Thank You for your generosity!**

Attention All Crafters - It's festival time!

We need You and Your Skills and Talents for making afghans, floral arrangements, wreaths, pillows, fleece blankets, wood working, sports blankets/pillows and any other craft items that you can share for the craft baskets. We also need blankets and pillows to be made. Fiberfill is available for your use. For drop-off information, call Cathy, 412-980-2918. **Crafts can also be donated during Flea Market drop-off times, July 19-23 from 6-8 pm.**

Community Festival Wheelbarrows of Cheer

(Themes - USA, Day at the Beach and Backyard BBQ)

One Wheelbarrow of Cheer will be raffled each night of our **Community Festival**. Donations are greatly appreciated. Sports, beach & summer, (coolers, beach chairs), all kinds of alcohol, wine, wine coolers, beer, soda, mixers, snack & party food items are all needed.

Donation drop-off information: Mari Ann, 412-667-0297, or Cathy Esack Hair Styling Center, 412-672-8666, (during business hours). Please do not leave items if the shop is closed. **Thank you for your generous support!**

More information or interested in being involved with the **Parish Community Festival**, Cathy, 412-980-2918.

10 Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community**Saints Joachim and Anne Parish****Office of Faith Formation - 101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037 - 412-754-0886****2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM****REGISTRATION FEE: 1 Child \$35/ 2 Children \$60/ 3+ Children \$75 FAMILY CATECHESIS (Homeschool) \$60 per Family**Please make checks payable to **Saints Joachim and Anne Parish**

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

ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**Please Print**

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

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

Address (where the child primarily resides): _____

Email: _____ Secondary Email: _____

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

Church of Registration: _____

1st Child Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Church of Baptism: _____

Known Allergies/Medications/Conditions: _____

2nd Child Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Church of Baptism: _____

Known Allergies/Medications/Conditions: _____

3rd Child Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Church of Baptism: _____

Known Allergies/Medications/Conditions: _____

Please choose your session preference for when your child(ren) will be going to Faith Formation. **Saint Michael- Sundays; 10:15 am to 11:45 am
101 McLay Dr., Elizabeth (2 times per month)** **Family Catechesis (Homeschool)
(1 parent/ 1 community meeting per month)****Please list up to 3 individuals that have permission to pick up your child(ren).****Please also list the relationship to the child(ren) as well. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.**

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Special Information to Impart to the Office of Faith Formation:**Social Media/Webpage**

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

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

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

Are you ready to follow as Jesus Leads the Way?
Saints Joachim and Anne Parish is proud to present our
2021 Vacation Bible School program: Rainforest Explorers!
Saints Joachim and Anne Parish presents:

Every Monday in June!

June 7th
 June 14th
 June 21st
 June 28th



**Monday Evening
 6:30pm-8:30pm**

**St. Michael Church
 101 McLay Drive
 Elizabeth, PA 15037**

Vacation Bible School 2021

**Every Monday in June (7th, 14th, 21st, 28th)
 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Saint Michael Church**

Open to Pre-School (age 3) through 6th grade

**Registration fee is \$20 per child and includes a take-home kit!
 Adults are encouraged to stay and learn with us! Make it a family night!**

Questions? Please call 412-754-0886 or email 213K6ff@gmail.com

Registration (Please Print):

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Number: _____ **Home Number:** _____

Child's Name _____ **Grade (in Fall 2021):** _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Child's Name _____ **Grade (in Fall 2021):** _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Child's Name _____ **Grade (in Fall 2021):** _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Child's Name _____ **Grade (in Fall 2021):** _____ **Birth Date:** _____

***Alternate Emergency Contact (not parent/guardian):** _____

Relationship to Child(ren): _____ **Phone Number:** _____

***Alternate contact must be available during the hours of 6:30 pm-8:30 pm if there is an emergency.**

****Registration is open to grades Pre-K – 6. Children must be FULLY potty trained to attend Vacation Bible School.
 Children not yet potty trained may register and attend ONLY IF parent/guardian attends entire session with them.**

Please list any Food Allergies/Medical Conditions:

**Please enclose payment with registration form and return to the
 Faith Formation Office, 101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037**

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$20 PER CHILD and includes take-home kit after final session!

Parents/Guardians can attend at no additional cost! Make it a fun family night!

If you need financial assistance for VBS, please contact Julie Fleckenstein 412-754-0886

Please make checks payable to Saints Joachim and Anne Parish.

Office use only: Date Received: _____ Amount: _____ Cash/Check#: _____

Pentecost Sunday**Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him,
we humbly pray; and do thou O Prince
of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Gathering Hymn: Come, Holy Ghost

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our
2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n-ly
3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone Know we the
4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly



hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace
gift of God most high, Thou fount of life,
Fa - ther and the Son; Be this our firm
Spir - it with them one; And may the Son



and heav'n-ly aid To fill the hearts which thou hast
and fire of love, And sweet a - noint - ing from a -
un - chang-ing creed, That thou dost from them both pro - ceed.
on us be - stow All gifts that from the Spir - it



made, To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
bove, And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
ceed, That thou dost from them both pro - ceed.
flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

i: Veni Creator Spiritus; attr. to Rabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.
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Glory to God

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth, peace on earth, peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.

1. We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heav'nly King,
O God, almighty Father.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,

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The Liturgy of the Word**First Reading** **Acts 2:1-11****Responsorial Psalm** **Psalm 104**

**Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13****Gospel Acclamation**

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GospelGospel Acclamation

John 20:19-23

Homily: Reflection of the WordApostle's Creed

I believe in GOD, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 (All Bow) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God,
 the Father almighty; from there he will come
 to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Liturgy of the EucharistPrayer for On Mission for the Church Alive!

Father of Mercy, as we journey

On Mission for the Church Alive! endow us with
 your gifts of collaboration, courage and compassion.
 Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and His Church
 through vibrant parishes and effective ministries.

Raise up selfless, energetic leaders

to serve the Church in fidelity and with care.

May we the Church of Pittsburgh in Allegheny, Beaver,
 Butler, Greene, Lawrence, and Washington counties,
 be sustained and strengthened, by your grace.

Help us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus and to live Jesus.

Hear this prayer and grant it through Jesus Christ
 our Lord, with help of our dear Blessed Mother,
 under the mantle of her love. Amen.



MARY
Mother of the church

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Offertory Hymn: One Spirit, One Church

Kevin Keil

Refrain

fam-ly of be-liev-ers, dis-ci-ples of the Lord. U-nit-ed in one

spir-it, ig-nit-ed by the fire. Still burn-ing through the a-ges, still

1,2 to Vss Final Verses

pres-ent in our lives. lives. A - men! 1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre-a - tor
 2. O Com-fort - er, to thee we

1. blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy
 2. cry, thou gift of God sent from on high. Thou font of

to Refrain

1. grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.
 2. life and fire of love, the soul's a-noint - ing from a - bove.

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HolyDan Schutte
Mass of Christ the Savior.

English Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.

(Fine/Fin)

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body

Refrain

We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,
and the gifts we have we are giv - en to share.
May the Spir-it of love make us one in - deed;
one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de -
spair, one, the cross that we bear.

Verses

1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your
2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is
3. All you seek - ers, great and small, seek the great - est
D.C.
ser-vants true, let us be your love to all the world.
my joy, too; all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.
gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

Going Forth Hymn: Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

HYMN TO JOY

1. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! And from your ce -
2. You, of com - fort - ers the best; You, the soul's most
3. O most bless - ed Light di - vine, May that Light with -
4. Heal our wounds, our strength re - new; On our dry - ness
5. On the faith - ful who a - dore And con - fess you

1. les - tial home Shed a ray of light di - vine!
2. wel - come guest; Sweet re - fresh - ment here be - low;
3. in us shine, And our in - most be - ing fill!
4. pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt a - way:
5. ev - er more, In your sev'n-fold gift de - scend;

1. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Come, O Fa - ther of the
2. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! In our la - bor, rest most
3. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! In your ab-sence, we have
4. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Bend the stub-born heart and
5. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Give them vir - tue's sure re -

1. poor! Come, O Source of all our store! Come, with -
2. sweet; Grate - ful cool - ness in the heat; Sol - ace
3. naught, Noth - ing good in deed or thought, Noth - ing
4. will; Melt the fro - zen, warm the chill; Guide the
5. ward; Give them your sal - va - tion, Lord; Give them

1. in our bos - oms shine! Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
2. in the midst of woe. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
3. free from taint of ill. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
4. steps that go a - stray. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
5. joys that nev - er end. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

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**Patriotic Rosary**

Monday Evening

June 14, 2021 - 7:00 pm

Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA

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

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction** to conclude the recitation of the Rosary.

The **Patriotic Rosary** will be prayed on the Second Monday of the Month. All are invited and most assuredly welcome!

Mary, Queen of the Rosary, pray for us.