

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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Church Buildings

Saint Eugene (StE))

3210 Liberty Way

McKeesport, PA 15133

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Saint Michael (StM)

101 McLay Drive

Elizabeth, PA 15037

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Queen of the Rosary (QoR)

530 Michigan Avenue

Glassport, PA 15045

August 29, 2021

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131

Pre-3, Pre-4, Kindergarten, First-Eighth Grade

School Office 412-672-2360

Webpage: www.maryofnazarethschool.org

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thepittsburghcatholic.wpccomstating.com

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 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.
elizabethsalleghenybulletin@gmail.com

Moving

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

Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235

Mass Intentions For The Week

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

QoR Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

August 29 - September 5, 2021

Saturday, 28, Vigil, 22nd Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm T Taylor Rose Braun - Audrey

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

Sunday, 29, 22nd Sunday in Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am M Patrick Stetar - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am T Trisha Lyle Ten - Dee Peters

QoR 10:30 am M George & Violet Kovtun - Edward Gniazdowski

StM 12 Noon T Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

Monday, 30, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Richard Ferko - Jack & Joe Ferko

Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Jane McDermitt - Crossen Family

Tuesday, 31, Weekday

StM 9:00 am Yvonne Leggett - Bruce & Deborah Piker

StE 6:30 pm Encarnacion Paguirinan - Melvyn & Elena Plan

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

Wednesday, September 1, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Kathleen Smedley - Terry Smedley & Family

StM 9:00 am Mary Lou Holliday - Mitchell

Thursday, 2, Weekday

StE 8:30 am Barbara Lape - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Shirley Gates Noll - Shelley Gates

Friday, 3, Gregory the Great, pope, doctor of the church

QoR 8:30 am Thelma & Frank Spanbauer Family - John & Susie Spanbauer

StM 9:00 am Art & Dolly Wagner - Son

Saturday, 4, Vigil, 23rd Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm M Charles Tullius - Ginny & JR

StE 6:00 pm T Harold 'Buzz' Phillips - Louise & Family

Sunday, 5, 23rd Sunday in Ordinal Time

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

StM 9:00 am M William J. Wilson - Michael & Bonnie Luft

QoR 10:30 am T Felix & Rita Zyra - Carl Piccioni

StM 12 Noon M Anna Bellas - Daughter, Diane Fleishman

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp

St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessings & Health for Virginia Como from the Ladies of Charity.

St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessings & Health for June Andrews from the Ladies of Charity.

Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns Blessings & Health for Marie Grice from the Ladies of Charity

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22nd Sunday in Ordinal Time

August 29, 2021



Albert Einstein said that the true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and

consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling. ©LPi

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: **Thomas Catanzaro, Joseph Reed, Otilda Colflesh**, sister of Mary Ann Young, **Aldia Pavlik**, mother of Bill Pavlik, **Donald Molinaro**, brother of Duane Molinaro, **Winnetta Svenungsen**, **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.

August Rosary Intention

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple & environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to **observe them [its statutes] carefully**. The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to **welcome the word** they have received, that they may become **doers of the words and not hearers only**. The psalmist praises **whoever walks blamelessly and does justice** by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God's laws. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Feast of Faith:

What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said

The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "**I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, *This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me***" (1 Cor 11:23–24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ's command to **do this**. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord's disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Doers Of The Word

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called **catholic** (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today's text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the "first fruits" of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the **word** as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become **doers** of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the **works** of love, for example, by caring for the **orphans and widows in their affliction**.

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Everyday Stewardship - Give it all Back

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. **Justice, we often think, is about taking**. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that's justice.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

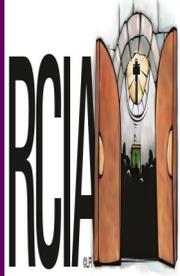
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About **Enrollment.**

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

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a way for adults . . .

- who would like to learn more about and/or become a member of the Catholic Church.
- who have never been baptized or have been baptized in another faith and are interested in the Catholic Church.
- who are Baptized Catholics (over 18 years old) and have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation.
- who are married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become a member of the Catholic Church.

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

The **RCIA Journey** will begin in mid-September.

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



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; 2nd Lt. David 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.*

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus warns **what comes from within can defile** a person. Families need to worry about **outside influences** but also about **inside influences**. The values our children carry for a lifetime are learned at home.

Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child.

That's the good news! That can also be the bad news!

You're Invited. . .



American Heroes Flight 93 Memorial Flight 93 Memorial Chapel & Quecreek Mine Rescue

Friday, November 12, 2021 Departure 7:30 am

St. Michael Church Parking Lot, Elizabeth

Return Approximately 8:00 pm

Cost per person \$109.00

Includes: transportation, admissions/donations at sites, guide, commemorative magnet, lunch & meal gratuity and taxes

You will pay your respects

at the **Flight 93 Memorial & the Memorial Plaza** with the wall of names of the 40 Heroes.

The Tower of Voices

is a 93 foot tall tower housing 40 wind chimes.

Visitor Center has exhibits regarding 9/11.

Lunch will be enjoyed at the **Oakhurst Grille**.

Then on to the **Quecreek Mine Rescue**, where 9 miners were miraculously rescued from a mine 240 feet beneath the surface.

and to end the day, a visit to the

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel.

Sponsored by Saints Joachim & Anne Parish

For more information, call Pat Zupanc, 412-596-9683.

Reservations Due on or before October 29, 2021.

For Reservations please call, Merrill Jones,

at Lenzner Tour & Travel, 412-761-7000.

Payment can be made online or by check.

Saints Joachim & Anne Parish

American Heroes Trip - Friday, November 12, 2021

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail Check with Full Payment to:

Lenzner Tour & Travel, 110 Lenzner Court, Sewickley, PA 15143



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Living Stones of God's House

—1 Peter 2:4-5

**Faith Formation - Religious Education
Registration Forms 2021-2022
Kindergarten, Grade 1 - Grade 8
For all new and returning Families
Can be found on page 7 of this Bulletin.**

**Open House for K-6
Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 10:30 am
Monday, September 13, 2021 at 5:45 pm**

**Faith Formation Sessions Begin
Sunday, September 19, 2021
and Monday, September 20, 2021.**

Candidates for Sacraments (Holy Communion or Confirmation) should be adequately prepared to receive these gifts, and a proper understanding of the Sacrament should be gained and demonstrated. Generally, **two (2) consecutive years of instruction is necessary** for the reception of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation for children & youth.

Pre-Baptism Class

Are you expecting? Is this your first child?

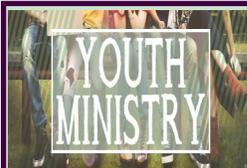
Pre-Baptism Class is for expectant parents and Godparents or anyone who is seeking a Catholic Baptism for their child.

Pre-Baptism Class - Deacon Dale DiSanto
Thursday, September 9, 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.



Kick-Off Picnic
Junior/Senior Youth Ministry
Sunday, September 12, 2021
St. Eugene Grounds
3:00 - 6:00 pm

All 12th to 6th Graders and their families are invited and welcome to join us for food, fellowship and FUN.

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry will provide the main dish and drinks.

Families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

For more information or to RSVP by September 6, please email youth@joachimandannediopitt.org

Hope to see you there!

Adult Faith Formation

Who is Saint Joseph?

Come and hear Dr. Maureen Crossen talk about the importance of the foster father of Jesus, Saint Joseph.

Saint Eugene - Tuesday, September 14, 2021
starts after the 6:30 PM Mass (7 PM)

Faith, Fellowship & Food

Come and Learn about the Holy Spirit
Father Dave Pivonka's *The Wild Goose* series
Starting Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:45 pm
in Archangel Hall (Saint Michael Church)

A seven week series on the wonders and gifts of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit works in and through our entire lives.

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.

Fall Pre-Cana Program

If you are planning planning weddings, especially Winter, Spring & Summer 2022.

St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth
Saturday, Date to be determined, 9:00 am-3:30 pm

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

Pre-Registration is necessary. Please call Julie
In the Faith Formation Office, 412-754-0886
or email faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org.

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: _____
(Important for Church Records)

Address (where the child primarily resides): _____

Email: _____ Secondary Email: _____

Mother's Cell phone: _____ Father's Cell phone: _____

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)

_____ Saint Michael- Mondays; 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm
101 McLay Dr. Elizabeth (2 times per month)

_____ Family Catechesis (Homeschool)
(1 parent/ 1 community meeting per month)

Please list up to 3 individuals that have permission to pick up your child(ren).

Please also list the relationship to the child(ren) as well. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Special Information for 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.



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

Sunday, August 29; 22nd Sunday of Ordinal Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Purity is not an abstinence test—Many of us who grew up in a moralizing culture were taught to imagine purity as having mainly to do with chastity. In which case, our aim was higher than the almost-but-not-quite perfection you might get from Ivory Soap, which years ago advertised itself as 99 and 44/100 percent pure. We may therefore be astonished that, according to the apostle James, purity in religion has something to do with how we respond to the abandoned in this world. Think charity, not chastity, to bump up your purity percentile. **Religion that is pure . . . is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction.**

Monday, Aug 30; Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30

Remember your name—After being baptized with water, Catholics are anointed with oil and these words are said over them, **As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body . . .** That means we share in those offices of Christ. Those are big roles—how to live up to them? **Priests worship and make offerings to God, prophets speak the truth and live the gospel, royalty leads and takes care of others.** If you remind yourself regularly of the sacred titles you were given at Baptism, how might that help you fulfill your promise? **Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.**

Tuesday, Aug 31; Weekday

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37

Hope works—Today, in Poland, it's the Day of **Solidarity and Freedom—a modern Independence Day** celebration after years of oppressive Soviet rule. In the 1980s, labor activist Lech Walesa helped stoke the flames of democratic social change. But it was Poland's favorite son, Pope John Paul II, who provided the spark. In his 1979 papal visit, John Paul II gave the people an electric hope that change was possible. "Let the Spirit descend and renew the face of the Earth. This Earth," he said. With Labor Day nearly here, remember how solidarity and workers' rights are cornerstones of Catholic Social Teaching. **They were all amazed and said to one another, What is there about his word?**

Wednesday, Sep 01; Weekday

Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44

Living waters run deep—The annual **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** celebrated today offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as **custodians of creation**, says Pope Francis, who elevated this day in 2015 with the publication of his encyclical on the care of creation, **Laudato Si'**. As we move past August, **Water Quality Month**, be particularly mindful of your stewardship over the

precious resource of clean drinking water. May all of us **come to the water** together as we care for our common home. **I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent.**

Thursday, Sep 02; Weekday

Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11

Get unstuck—In today's gospel Simon Peter is so overcome by his own sinfulness, he tells Jesus to go away from him. What exactly is **sinfulness**? Lots of actions and inactions fall into that category, but the essence of Catholic teaching on sin is that it separates us from God. Selfishness, violence, and other sins drive a wedge between us and God. Peter knew that instinctively. Remove that wedge by asking God for forgiveness, and ponder what you can do to free yourself to reconcile a relationship that has become estranged. **Jesus said to Simon, Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.**

Friday, Sep 03; Gregory the Great, pope

Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39

Keep it all in balance—It's never easy to find the right balance between sitting quietly and attentively on the sidelines and joining in the scrum of life's adventures. Our life of prayer helps us to discern how best to hold these together and to respond with love for ourselves and the common good. Gregory was a Benedictine monk of the late sixth century and loved his life as a contemplative. Yet, when called upon to take the helm of a church suffering from the fall of Rome and the plague, he stepped up and found his calling expressed in new ways through prayer, caring for those in need, and leading compassionately. Find the right balance between action and contemplation. **In him all the fullness was pleased to dwell.**

Saturday, Sep 04; Weekday - Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

The fruits of creation for all of creation—It's interesting to note that in the story of Jesus' hungry disciples eating the grain from a farmer's field, the objection raised by the Pharisees is not that they took the grain, but that they did so on the Sabbath. In fact, eating grain or produce from a neighbor's farm while passing through was permitted by Jewish law (Deuteronomy 23:25-26), provided one did not carry off any surplus. It was considered a common courtesy and obligation of charity to share the abundance of creation with one's neighbor. Perhaps we can embrace that same ethic in our own stewardship of the abundance God has entrusted to us. **While Jesus was going through a field of grain on a sabbath, his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them.**

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Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Be doers of the word and not hearers only (Jas 1-22). This scripture is followed by instruction to care for orphans and widows. Don't know any orphans or widows? What about people without friends or money? This week find a way to care for someone alone or in need.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Listening is not the same as being quiet. After the quiet must come an effort to show your spouse you understand. If you tend to be the less verbal spouse, make an effort to share your feelings and then show that you understand your partner's feelings and position.

STOP THE FLYING —Anonymous

A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing.

Upcoming Events

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on **Saturday, September 4, 2021 at 7:00 am** in the **St. Michael Church - Meeting Room.**

Holy Name Society will meet on **Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:00 am** in the **Queen of the Rosary - Social Hall.**
All men are welcome to attend.

Ladies of Charity will meet on **Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 10:00 am** in the **St. Michael Church - Archangel Hall.**

Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm** in the **St. Michael - Meeting Room.**
Third Monday of the Month is a social meeting, all men of the parish are invited to attend.

Rosary Makers will meet on **Monday, September 20, 2021 at 10:00 am** in **St. Michael - Meeting Room.**

Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, August 29, 2021 - 12 Noon to 6:00 pm
Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli
with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert
Take-Out Only 412-673-3915.

Time, Talent, and Treasure — August 22, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$	15,976
Monthly Offering	\$	945
Religious Education	\$	139
Children's Offering	\$	88
2021 Parish Share	\$	790
2021 Parish Share to Date	\$	120,699
2021 Parish Share Goal	\$	137,788

Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

Please make all checks payable to
Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Mass Attendance

4:00 pm	175	6:00 pm	102
8:00 am	86	9:00 am	170
10:30 am	116	12 Noon	150
Families	2,079	Souls	4,880



**Adult Choir - Bell Choir - Cantors
Resurrection Choir**

Celeste Cafasso Carol Gioia Pam Whitney

The Music Ministry of Saints Joachim and Anne Parish are looking for interested adults (graduated from high school), who would like to join the Music Ministry Program.

Adult Choir - Cantors - Resurrection Choir



If you enjoy and love singing (even in the shower) and you would like to be a member of the Adult Choir, a Cantor, or a member of the Resurrection Choir please speak to one of the organists following any weekend Mass.

Hand Bell Choir



If you enjoy music and like making music, please consider joining our Hand Bell Choir. The Hand Bell Choir rehearses on **Sunday at 9:00 am in St. Eugene Church** and will play at least monthly. No experience is necessary only a love of music and service. For more information, call Pam, 412-628-4112.

**Queen of the Rosary & Saint Eugene
Adult Choir - Cantors**

**Cantors rehearsal is on Wednesday at 6:00 pm and
Adult Choir rehearsal is on Wednesday at 6:30 pm
in Queen of the Rosary Church.**

Information or questions, see Pam after Mass.

Saint Michael Adult Choir

**Adult Choir Rehearsal is on Wednesday,
at 7:00 pm St. Michael Church.**

Information or questions, see Carol after 9:00 am Mass.

Saint Michael Cantors

Cantor rehearsal scheduled as needed.
Information or questions, see Celeste after Mass.

Saint Michael Resurrection Choir

Information or questions, see Celeste after Mass.

All returning or new members of the Music Ministry Program must have completed their Safe Environment Requirements prior to participation in rehearsals.

For information, questions, or to begin the process please contact Jeannie at 412-751-0663. **Thank you!**

Let us joyfully sing to the Lord.



SAVE THE DATE



**Saints Joachim & Anne Parish
Annual Community Festival
August 4, 5 and 6, 2022.
Thank You! Thank You!**

Annual Clothing Give Away

Sponsored by Faith Formation

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Queen of the Rosary Social Hall

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

A Clothing Drive will be held through the month of September. Now would be a good time to gather together your gently used or new, unwanted clothing and household items. Please be sure they are clean.

Donations may be left in the Gathering Space of the church thru Sunday, September 19, 2021.

Please no drop offs at the Church Offices.

For information, please call Darla, 412-953-8119.

Thank you for supporting the Clothing Drive!

Children's Vaccine News

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School has been selected as a site to give the Pfizer vaccine to students 12 years old and older.

The first vaccine will be given on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021 from 2 - 4 pm.**

The second vaccine will be given on **Wednesday, September 29, 2021, from 2 - 4 pm.**

UPMC Children's Hospital will administer the vaccine.

Students need a sign parental permission form to receive the vaccine.

For more information, please call, 412-672-2360.

Open Enrollment

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

Lil' Saints

Educational Discovery Program

Three and Four Year Olds

- Full-Day Program
- Age-appropriate activity
- 3 yr old - must be 3 by 8/31
- 4 yr old - must be 4 by 8/31
- Must be potty trained

For information or to register, please call 412-672-2360.

Our Kids Are Going Places!

Knights of Columbus Soup Sale Order Form

Provided Frozen by Rockwell Red Lion

Delivered to St. Michael Parking Lot

On Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - 4:00-5:00 pm

Please send Order Form & Check, payable to the Knights of Columbus #10077, to

Barry Bisogni

2114 Neal Drive, McKeesport, PA 15135

Order Form & Check are due by Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Please Print

Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ # Wedding X \$11.00 = _____

_____ # Chicken Noodle X \$11.00 = _____

_____ # Pepperjack Crab X \$12.00 = _____

_____ # French Onion X \$10.00 = _____

_____ # Shrimp Bisque X \$12.00 = _____

_____ # Beer Cheese X \$11.00 = _____

_____ # Vinegar & Oil (4 pack) X \$16.00 = _____

Amount Due _____

Thank You for your support!

Faith Formation - Youth Group T-Shirt - Order Form

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



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

FALL FROLIC TICKET

Benefits Saints Joachim & Anne Parish

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

Minimum payout is \$100.00.

\$10.00 per ticket with 31 chances to win!

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

No bonus numbers.

If you would like a certain number,
please call Cathy, 412-980-2918 before August 27, 2021.

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

If you would like to help with selling a few tickets
or helping to sell before and after Masses,
please contact Cathy or Parish Office.

Thank You for your support!

Protecting Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults

Taking reasonable measures to assure that Church personnel comply with all required certifications and background checks for the purpose of providing a safe environment for children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

Diocesan Database & Regulations for all Ministries

All parish staff and volunteers including: **Faith Formation:** Catechists & Aides, R.C.I.A. Team, Youth Ministry; **Liturgical and Music Ministry:** Adult Servers, Cantors, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers; **Parish Organizations:** Christian Mothers/Women's Guild, Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Ladies of Charity, Rosary Society; **Fund Raising:** Festival, Fish Fry, Fund-Raising Volunteers, etc. are required to be cleared in the following ways:

- 1. Be registered on the Virtus® Online Safe Environment database:** (Unsure whether you have an existing account? Call the Diocese Office for Compliance at 412-456-3093. If your record exists, they will provide you with login information)
- 2. Be cleared by the Department of Public Welfare (PA Child Abuse History)**
- 3. Be cleared by the FBI (Fingerprint Clearance or Waiver for PA residents past 10+ years)**
- 4. Protecting God's Children Online Training**
- 5. Mandated Reporter Online Training (applies to certain volunteers – contact Jeannie for more information)**

The **Protecting God's Children Seminar** (an online one-hour seminar) is a requirement for all adults 18 years of age or older who are involved in the public ministry (work) of the church.

For more information, questions, or to begin the process of certification, please call Jeannie, 412-751-0663 or email protect@joachimandannediopitt.org, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator.

Safe Environment Requirement Q&A's

Safe Environment Requirements have been in place for many years. The message from the **USCCB** (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) and the **Diocese of Pittsburgh** is clear: **compliance is mandatory.**

I volunteer for just a few hours a year.

Do I really need to go through all this?

Your service is needed. Your service is appreciated.

But no one is to be scheduled or permitted to serve until all clearances are in place and up to date.

Can I help at the fish fry/bingo/festival if my clearances are in progress?

No. Every new volunteer must be 100% in compliance **before** beginning volunteer service. This means being registered on the Safe Environment Database, with Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, and FBI clearance or waiver.

Protecting God's Children training, and **Mandated Reporter Training** (if required for the volunteer position) must be completed within 90 days. **Current volunteers** must renew their **Pennsylvania Child Abuse History** and **FBI clearance** or **waiver every five years.** Volunteers are informed when renewal is due. Please respond promptly to ensure your volunteer service can continue uninterrupted. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History clearances can be obtained as quickly as one business day when submitted online.

I have clearances from my employment/another volunteer organization. Can I submit them?"

Copies of **Pennsylvania Child Abuse History** and **FBI clearances** obtained for another organization may be submitted if they were issued less than five years ago. You will still have to register on the **Safe Environment Database** and complete **Protecting God's Children** training, and **Mandated Reporter Training** if required for the volunteer position.

I'm not a criminal. Why do I have to prove it?

The welfare of children, youth and vulnerable adults is the focus and the goal of the safe environment program.

Everything we do, we do for them.

This isn't the way it has been done before.

Differences in how these requirements have been enforced from parish to parish and pastor to pastor have led to confusion. Our **Safe Environment Coordinator** will be working with each organization and event coordinators to identify and assist each volunteer as needed to reach 100% compliance.

I don't have a computer/internet access.

The entire Safe Environment process can be accessed through **VIRTUSONLINE.ORG**. At this time, the **Protecting God's Children** and **Mandated Reporter Training** are both available only online. Those without internet access can register on the database and complete the clearance applications with the assistance of the Safe Environment Coordinator by phone.

Online training sessions can be completed at our office by appointment. For information, questions, or to begin the process contact Jeannie at 412-751-0663. **Thank you!**

22nd Sunday in Ordinal Time

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: Christ, Be Our Light



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
 Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
 Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
 Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
 Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



light for the world to see.
 Make us your liv - ing voice.
 shared un - til all are fed.
 walls made of liv - ing stone.
 mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will,
 We praise you, we bless you,
 we adore you, we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
 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, receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
 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. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15



℟. The one who does jus-tice will live in the pres-ence of the Lord.

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel Acclamation



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

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Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Homily: Reflection of the Word

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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
 the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
All Bow.
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
 and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead
 and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
 I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer 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.

Offertory Hymn: I Am the Vine

1. I am the one vine grow - ing; Come, make your
 2. I am the one bread ris - ing; Come, set your
 3. I am the Spir - it bring - ing Ho - ly

1. home in me. I am one riv - er
 2. hun - ger free. I am the one cup
 3. fire and light. I am the shep - herd

1. flow - ing Gen - tly to the sea.
 2. cry - ing: "Come and drink from me."
 3. sing - ing Love songs in the night.

Sha - lom. Come, make your home in
 me; Come, make your home in me.

Jack Miffleton
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Holy

Mystery of Faith

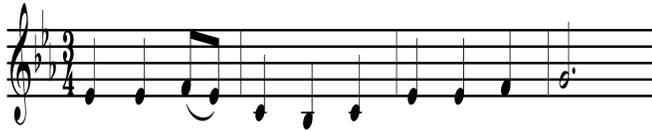
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we
 proclaim your Death, O Lord until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen



Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: Make Us True Servants



1. Make us true serv-ants to all those in need,
2. Lord, make us proph-ets to cry out the way,
3. Lord, make us heal-ers of bod-y and mind;



1. Filled with com-pas-sion in thought, word, and deed;
2. Tell-ing the na-tions of mer-cy's new day.
3. Give us your pow'r to bring sight to the blind;



1. Lov-ing our neigh-bor, what-ev-er the cost,
2. Let us break bar-riers of ha-tred and scorn,
3. Love to the love-less and glad-ness for pain,



1. Feed-ing the hun-gry and find-ing the lost.
2. Speak-ing of hope to all peo-ple for-lorn.
3. Fill-ing all hearts with the joy of your name.

Susan G. Wente
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Irish folk song

Going Forth Hymn: We Are the Light of the World

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit;
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

REFRAIN

We are the light of the world,
May our light shine before all,
That they may see the good that we do
And give glory to God.

Blessed are they who are meek and humble,
They will inherit the earth.
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble;
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow,
They will be comforted.
Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow;
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice,
They will be satisfied.
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Text based on the Beatitudes; adapt. By Jean Anthony Greif
Vernacular Hymns Publishing Co.

Learning About Marriage Annulments
Anyone interested in learning more about the Annulment process is welcome to attend a free workshop with Jay Conzemius, JCL, Tribunal Director and Judge.

Jay will speak on the theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal; marriage annulment types; and why, when, and how to start the petition process. Afterward participants can ask questions and/or start the process. No reservation is needed, but if you do plan to attend please call 412-456-3033 or email Annulmentsintake@diopitt.org so that seating arrangements can be made.

All presentations are from 7:00 - 8:00 pm
on the following dates and locations:

Thursday, September 9 - Lourdes Center
St. Bernadette Church, Monroeville

Tuesday, September 14 - Le Gras Hall
St Louise de Marillac Church, Upper St. Clair

Thursday, September 16 - Auditorium
Sacred Heart Church, Shadyside

Tuesday, September 21 - Jericho Hall
Good Samaritan Parish, Ambridge



Patriotic Rosary
Monday Evening
September 13, 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.