

# Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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### Looking For A Faith Community?

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

You may register by calling the Administration Center.

### Administration Center

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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

**September 19, 2021**

### Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

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

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

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### Sacraments

#### Baptism of Infants & Children

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

Previous arrangements are necessary.

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

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

#### Reconciliation

**St. Eugene Church, Liberty**

**Tuesday, 7 - 7:30 pm**

**St. Michael Church, Elizabeth**

**Saturday, 11-11:30 am**

#### Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

**Saturday, 1-1:30 pm**

**St. Michael Church, Elizabeth**

**Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm**

**St. Eugene Church, Liberty**

**Saturday, 5:15-5:45 pm**

#### Marriage

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

#### Anointing of the Sick

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

#### Ministry to the Sick and Shut In

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

#### Sponsorship Forms

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

#### Bulletin Information Deadline

2 weeks in advance of publish date.

elizabethsalleghenybulletin@gmail.com

#### Moving

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

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

### Mass Intentions For The Week

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

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

**September 19 - 26, 2021**

#### Saturday, 18, Vigil, 25th Sunday in Ordinal Time

**StM 4:00 pm M Living & Deceased of the Parish Family**

**StE 6:00 pm T Leonard Lynch, Michael, Laura & Mickey Tutko - Doris Lynch**

#### Sunday, 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinal Time

**StE 8:00 am T Arleigh & Mary T. Smith - Family**

**StM 9:00 am M Dominick & Raffaline Grilli - Luft & Champ Families**

**QoR 10:30 am V Anthony J. Spagnola - Wife & Children**

**StM 12 Noon M Joseph & Antoinette Carrozza - Carrozza Family**

#### Monday, 20, Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

**QoR 8:30 am Carol Stecak - Parish Family  
Novena - Infant of Prague**

**StM 9:00 am Communion Service**

#### Tuesday, 21, Matthew, apostle & evangelist

**StM 9:00 am Communion Service**

**StE 6:30 pm Susan Minkus - Family & Friends**

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

#### Wednesday, 22, Weekday

**QoR 8:30 am Joann Prusko - Ivy League Bowling**

**StM 9:00 am Communion Service**

#### Thursday, 23, Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

**StE 8:30 am Sandra Pomycala - Friends**

**StM 9:00 am Communion Service**

#### Friday, 24, Weekday

**QoR 8:30 am Mary Slafka - Parish Family**

**StM 9:00 am Communion Service**

#### Saturday, 25, Vigil, 26th Sunday in Ordinal Time

**StM 4:00 pm T Mel Harlan - Family**

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

#### Sunday, 26, 26th Sunday in Ordinal Time

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

**StM 9:00 am T Deceased of Luft & Fuga Families - Mary Louise, John & Family**

**QoR 10:30 am M Nick & Juliana Aquilante - Linda & Family**

**StM 12 Noon T Clem Cafasso - Niccolai 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**

**Joseph Kish from the Ladies of Charity.**

**St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of**

**Rob Fleckenstein from Ladies of Charity.**

**Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessings and Health  
of Virginia Kudla from Ladies of Charity.**

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**We remember . . .** In your charity,  
 please remember all those who have died,  
 especially: **Jeffrey Detman, Madeline Burgman,**  
**Robert Fleckenstein**, brother of Julie Fleckenstein,  
**Joseph Breen**, brother of Gertrude Bradley,  
**Robert Butella, Sr.**, brother of Marian Dimpel,  
**Joseph Kish, Leland Offut, 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.**

**September 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.

**25rd Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**September 19, 2021**



There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love

being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPI

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinal Time

Today's first two readings present a striking contrast between two pathways in life. In Wisdom and the letter from James we are told of the path of the wicked, which leads to oppression and violence. We also hear of the path of the faithful, which leads to peace and human flourishing. Then our Gospel reading from Mark takes our reflection farther. The choice is shown to be not so simple or obvious. The path of faithfulness means following Jesus' lead, to expand our circle of care toward everyone, especially the most vulnerable. This path also includes opening ourselves to suffering and trials, as we face resistance from within and from outside us. The two paths essentially diverge over whether we refuse or accept God's love. Each day we face such choices as God invites us into the divine circle of care and enlists us to extend our own circle to those around us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### Everyday Stewardship -

#### The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always **doing** for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we **earn** whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy **doing** for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

**The Lord upholds my life.** —Psalm 54

## Feast of Faith: Doxology and Amen

Doxology comes from a Greek word meaning **words of praise**. The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God:

**Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever.**

It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, **Amen**. Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This **Amen**, sometimes and fittingly called **the great Amen**, is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch 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](mailto: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:  
Tuesday, September 21 - Jericho Hall  
Good Samaritan Parish, Ambridge

## Serra Catholic High School 8th Grade Visit Day

Don't miss this opportunity on

Friday, September 24, 2021 from 9:30 am — 1:00 pm  
to investigate why **Serra Catholic students excel** in the classroom, on the field and in life! Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will explore our campus and meet Serra students and faculty. Students will be placed in small groups, follow an abbreviated schedule, and get answers to all their questions. [Pre-Register at serrahs.org](http://Pre-Register at serrahs.org)



## 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; PFC David R. Saunders, Army National Guard; Sgt. Brandon R. Smith, USAF Pararescueman; Amn. Adam Stitt, USAF; Capt. Andrew Tkac, Army and All First Responders.

**Thank you for your service!**

**May We Never Forget . . . Freedom is Never Free!**

## Communion Fasting

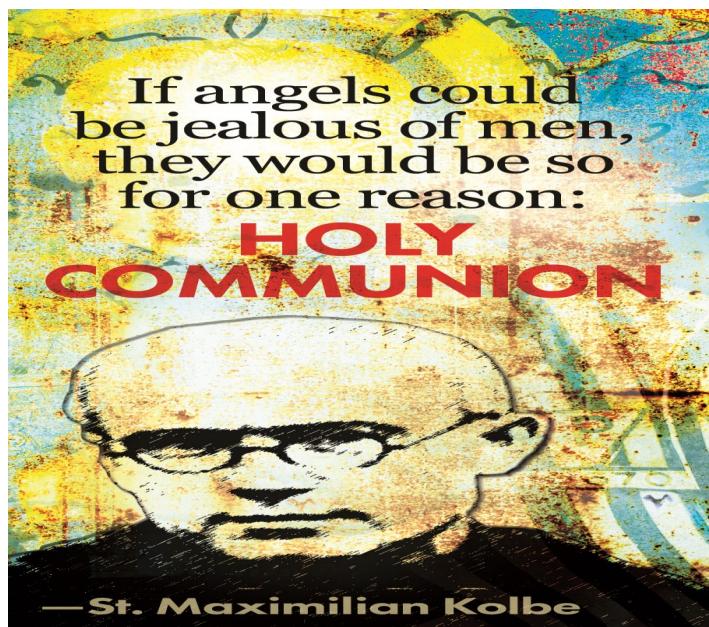
**Question: Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?**

**Answer:** The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: **A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine** (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, **The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour** (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the **letter of the law**, the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — **it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize** — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. **Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.**

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## Faith Formation Adult - Children - Youth Religious Education

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—1 Peter 2:4-5

**Faith Formation, 2021-2022  
Religious Education  
For Kindergarten through 8 Grade  
Also First Reconciliation & First Communion  
and Confirmation Preparation  
Begins Today  
Sunday, September 19, 2021  
and Monday, September 20, 2021.  
To Register, call 412-754-0886.**

**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 John Ragan**  
**Thursday, December 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](mailto:213FaithForm@gmail.com).

Prior to scheduling a Baptism, parents need to attend the Pre-Baptismal Seminar.



### Hoagie Sale

\$8.00 — Italian & Limited number of Turkey  
After all Masses September 25/26, 2021

For more information about the Senior and Junior Youth Ministry Program, please email [youth@joachimandannediopitt.org](mailto:youth@joachimandannediopitt.org)

### Adult Faith Formation 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.

We begin with a simple meal, prayer, video presentation,  
a guided small group discussion and closes with prayer.

Please contact Sue for information or to register,  
[youth@joachimandannediopitt.org](mailto:youth@joachimandannediopitt.org) or 412-754-0886.

### 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](mailto:faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org).

## The Meaning of Discipleship

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words **child** and **servant**, thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be **handed over** to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status (**who is the greatest**) becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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### *Marriage Moments* by Susan Vogt

**Where do the conflicts among you come from?**  
(James 4:1) - Jealousy, fatigue, fear, misunderstanding... There are many sources but more important is to search for reconciliation, mercy. We all have our faults. Is there anything I need to ask forgiveness for from my beloved this week?.

### *Parenting Pointers* by Susan Vogt

Taking a child, Jesus placed them in the disciples midst... Whoever receives one child in my name, receives me (Mark 9:36-37). Think of one thing you have learned from your child/ren.

### *A Family Perspective* by Bud Ozar

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question **What are you arguing about?** Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

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## Who is Honored

Today's Gospel passage has two parts:

- Jesus' announcement again of his coming suffering and death,
- and a scene with the disciples arguing about who is the **greatest**.

Mark places these scenes next to each other to emphasize the disciples' failure to understand. Their petty argument was the opposite of what Jesus had described as the way to follow him. The disciples were following the common understanding of group status: to honor the influential and those who seem to contribute the most. Jesus points to the opposite: he honors the vulnerable, the **least** in the community; in this case, a child. And he honors those who welcome the child.

Mark was addressing his own community in the early Church, who were seeking to learn how to live their faith. His questions may be important for us too.

- + Who is honored in our faith community, and why?
- + How do we honor those whom we set as examples?
- + Who benefits from this different kind of greatness?

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## Ask the Hard Questions

Twice in today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are reduced to silence. First when Jesus describes his future suffering and death, and again when caught in their argument about who is the greatest. Perhaps they were afraid to really understand his teachings because of what it might cost them. Maybe they were afraid of being seen as ignorant by Jesus and especially by each other. What if they had dared to admit their confusion and ignorance and asked Jesus hard questions? Would Jesus have welcomed them?

Jesus presents a child who is to be welcomed and embraced. The child sets an example: it is the child who knows that he or she doesn't know. The child is free to ask **childlike** questions, and is open to answers. What if, in the intimacy of our prayer, we asked Jesus our own hard, embarrassing questions:

- about life,
- about ourselves and our relationships,
- about God?

### How might our relationship with God then change?

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**The fruit of righteousness  
is sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace.**

— James 3:18

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

### Sunday, September 19; 25th Sunday of Ordinal Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

**Let the Good News resound**—Religion is often reduced to its most visible aspect: Sunday worship. But the church's ministry includes service, evangelization, healing, and teaching. On Catechetical Sunday we celebrate our mutual call to educate and instruct. **Catechize** means to echo or resound. Saint Paul once modeled for the Corinthians this task of **re-sounding** the Good News when he wrote: **I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.** Does your Catholic faith steer you when making decisions and weighing values? Does it bring consolation? Does it challenge you to sacrifice? Echo these riches to those you love. **Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.**

**Monday, Sep 20;** Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, priest,  
**Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, martyrs**

Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

**Sound the depths of your faith**—This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Kim Tae-gon, the first native-born Korean priest and patron saint of Korea. He was one of an estimated 10,000 who were martyred for their Christian faith in Korea in the 19th century. The theme of the bicentenary celebration is **Are you Catholic?** because Andrew's yes to that question during interrogation cost him his life. The bishop of the Korean city of Daejeon said the theme **calls us to reflect seriously on our identity and our consistency as Catholics.** Take this opportunity to consider what your Catholic identity means to you. **No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed.**

**Tuesday, Sep 21;** Matthew, apostle & evangelist

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

**Let peace begin with me**—The United Nations designates today as the **International Day of Peace.** It's also the feast of Saint Matthew—the evangelist whose list of Beatitudes includes the words **blessed are the peacemakers.** According to the **Catechism of the Catholic Church,** the Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They **shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life** and are the **paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations.** Matthew must have experienced such tribulations when he, as a hated tax collector, joined the other apostles. Be a peacemaker today, especially among people you're nearest to. **I desire mercy, not sacrifice.**

**Wednesday, Sep 22;** Weekday

Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

**Share the wealth**—Power sharing and collaborative ministry are thorny questions within church circles and many faith communities. Jesus can be our model and our guide, in this as in all questions. When he sent the apostles out he did so in pairs and **gave them power and authority.** Add it up and it

equals shared, collaborative ministry. Those who are sure of their own authority are able to share it freely and without fear. More ministries and leadership positions will open up in the church when those with power learn to trust the faith community the way Jesus did. **He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.**

**Thursday, Sep 23;** Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

**Be an everyday mystic**— In a secular world that prizes material possessions, the mystical aspect of the church can captivate. Saint Padre Pio (1887-1968) certainly drew attention for his mystical attributes. A relatively obscure Italian Capuchin priest, he gained fame for reportedly displaying the wounds of Christ, called stigmata, and for his insightful (some called it psychic) abilities as a confessor. He spent up to 10 hours a day with people who sought guidance and forgiveness in Confession. Only a few of us become mystics, but all can seek holiness and insight. Today meditate and act on the path to holiness that God has placed before you. **Herod said, John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?**

**Friday, Sep 24;** Weekday

Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22

**Grounded in a sense of belonging** In our Western mindset, we often think of land as **property**, owned and available for human use. But if we hope to stem climate change, we need to realize it's really the other way around. The land doesn't belong to us; we belong to the land. Writes Pope Francis in his encyclical on caring for creation, **Laudato Si': Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone.** How will you commit to the care of this land that sustains us in so many ways? **In this place I will give you peace.**

**Saturday, Sep 25;** Blessed Virgin Mary

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

**Ripe with possibilities**—Jesus was born to Mary "in the fullness of time," as one scripture passage puts it. This rich metaphor of time ripening rings true to human experience. Think of the blessings in your own life, and how they have developed often from small beginnings or mere glimmers of hope: deep and lasting relationships, hard-earned insights, lifelong achievements and legacies. Good things take time, patience, perseverance, courage, and perhaps most of all, trust. Think of Mary's journey of trust in response to God's call, and make it your own. And may the blessings in your own life ripen in the fullness of time! **Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the LORD.**

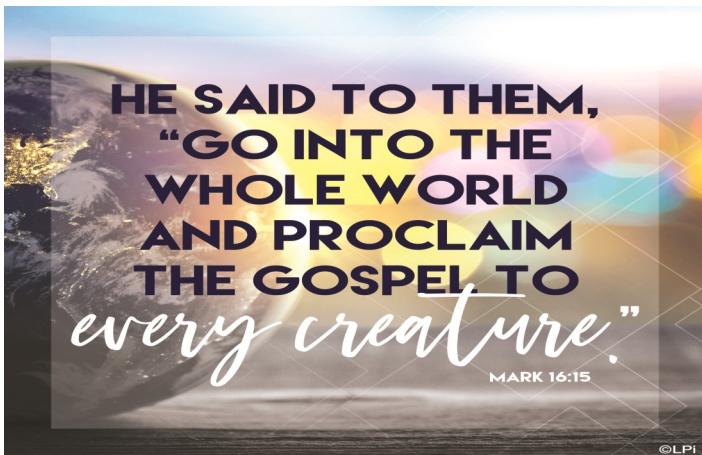
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**Sing and rejoice... See, I am coming  
to dwell among you, says the LORD.**

## Second Collection Today Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund

The US Catholic Conference of Bishops have asked that a second collection for the victims of the Haiti Earthquake be taken up on the weekend of September 18-19, 2021 to provide direct emergency aid.

Thank you for your consideration and support as we assist our brothers and sisters in need and may God give rest to those who have died. Thank you!



### Time, Talent, and Treasure — September 5, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$ 10,649		
Monthly Offering	\$ 2,440		
Religious Education	\$ 253		
Children's Offering	\$ 6		
2021 Parish Share	\$ 1,447		
<u>Mass Attendance</u>			
4:00 pm	156	6:00 pm	82
8:00 am	87	9:00 am	175
10:30 am	125	12 Noon	102
Families	2,079	Souls	4,880

### Time, Talent, and Treasure — September 12, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$ 13,519
Monthly Offering	\$ 2,132
Religious Education	\$ 251
Children's Offering	\$ 4
2021 Parish Share	\$ 1,651
2021 Parish Share to Date	\$124,827
2021 Parish Share Goal	\$137,788

Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

Please make all checks payable to  
Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

<u>Mass Attendance</u>			
4:00 pm	185	6:00 pm	80
8:00 am	73	9:00 am	201
10:30 am	116	12 Noon	101
Families	2,079	Souls	4,880

## Upcoming Events

**Catholic Men's Fellowship** will meet on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 7:00 am in the St. Michael Church - Meeting Room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Christian Mothers/Women's Guild** will meet on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the St. Michael Church - Meeting Room. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend.

**Holy Name Society** will meet on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Queen of the Rosary - Social Hall. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Ladies of Charity** will meet on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 10:00 am in the St. Michael Church - Archangel Hall.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:30 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.

**Ushers Meeting** will meet on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 7:30 pm in St. Michael - Archangel Hall.

**Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner**  
Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 12 Noon to 6 pm  
Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli  
with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert  
Take-Out Only 412-673-3915.

## 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.

Specific Number requests are no longer available.

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!**

## Annual Clothing Give Away

Sponsored by Faith Formation

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Queen of the Rosary Social Hall

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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!**



## Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131

### Drive-Thru Pasta Dinner

**Take a break from cooking**

**and join us for our**

### 2nd Annual Drive-Thru Pasta Dinner

**Saturday, October 16, 2021 — 3:30-6:00 pm**

**Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children, and a Family of Four meal for \$30.00.**

**Dinner includes: Pasta, Sauce, Meatball, Salad & Dressing, and Cake for Dessert.**

**Advanced orders are required.**

There are three ways to order.

Call the school at (412) 672-2360,  
email Amy, [asullivan@maryofnazarethschool.org](mailto:asullivan@maryofnazarethschool.org)

or by using the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/JqVTHeeu9cxrav1w5>

Let us know what pick-up time works best for you!

**We look forward to seeing you!**

### Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

The loss of a spouse is a traumatic experience, The Beginning Experience ministry provides a weekend program to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women pass through grief and move forward with their lives.

The next program weekend is **October 15-17, 2021**

at the **Martina Spiritual Renewal Center**

**5244 Clarwin Avenue, West View, PA 15229 (Ross Twp.)**

Visit [www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com](http://www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com) to register or make a confidential call to Rob, 412-584-5575 or Kim, 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

## Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

### Food Bank Sunday



We accept all non-perishable food items and paper products to administer to the needy of our local community on the **Third Sunday of the Month.**

**Items needed are pasta and sauces, tuna fish, rice, stews, cereal, canned fruits & vegetables, coffee & tea, hot chocolate mix, peanut butter & jelly, sugar, flour, crackers, Jell-O gelatin, puddings, powdered milk, cocoa, infant formula & baby food, juices, facial soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, diapers, facial tissues, paper towels, toilet tissue, cleansers, etc.**

Please bring your donations to Mass with you and leave them in the **Gathering Space of the Church.** Cash or checks are also welcome.

**Kind deeds change lives, Thank You!**

## Saints Joachim & Anne Parish

### Annual Community Festival

**August 4, 5 and 6, 2022.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

### Knights of Columbus Soup Delivery

Provided Frozen by Rockwell Red Lion

Delivered to St. Michael Parking Lot  
on Wednesday, October 13, 2021

**4:00-5:00 pm**

**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!**



### Adult Choir - Bell Choir - Cantors

#### Resurrection Choir

Celeste Cafasso Carol Gioia Pam Whitney

 Our Parish Music Ministry is looking for interested adults (graduated from high school), who would like to join the Music Ministry.

If you enjoy and love singing 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

The Hand Bell Choir 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

Cantor 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 is on Thursday at 7:00 pm.

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.**

**OUR BEST** —Anonymous

**The more the world is at its worst,  
the more we need the Church at its best.**

Thank you Mama Pepino's of Elizabeth for donating pizza for the Festival Team wrap-up meeting.

Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated!

Thank You Mama Pepino Pizza, Elizabeth!

*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

## 25th 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: All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quiet hall on  
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength-en,  
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,  
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger  
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we  
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us  
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus: All are wel-come,  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel-come,  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

## 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 WordFirst Reading Wisdom 2:12, 17-20Responsorial Psalm Psalm 54

R. The Lord up-holds my life; the Lord up-holds my life.

Second Reading James 3:16-4:3

S.A.

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

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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

Gracious God, Hear Our Prayer.

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: Here I Am, Lord

## REFRAIN

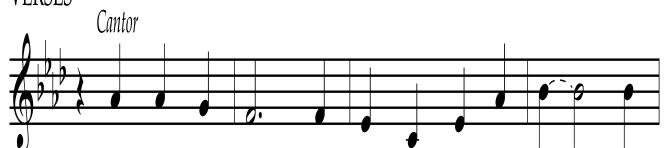


Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. Make of me what



pleas-es you. Here I am, here I am, Lord.

## VERSES



1. You spoke my name and beck-oned me to come. Be -
2. You have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. If
3. What joy it is to stand a - mid your glo - ry. —
4. Show me the path that you would have me walk, And



1. fore you now I stand to lis - ten to your word.
2. I should turn from you, to whom would I go?
3. Let me al - ways stay in your pres - ence, O God.
4. give me grace to do what is good in your sight.

To Refrain

Michael Philip Ward

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HolyMystery 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

## 14 Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

### Communion Hymn: Give Thanks and Remember

REFRAIN

Give thanks and re - mem - ber; Here is a  
liv - ing sign: That one man's dy - ing and  
ris - ing trans - forms our bread and wine.

VERSES

1. As long as we are God's peo - ple And earth has  
2. As long as we live for each oth - er,\_\_\_\_ Plant-ing the  
3. God tends the pines and the spar - rows, And knows us and  
1. fruit to give,\_\_\_\_ So long will God be our  
2. words of the Son,\_\_\_\_ So long will God be our  
3. all our ways,\_\_\_\_ And God is the source of our  
To Refrain  
1. Fa - ther; Thank God for all that lives.  
2. Fa - ther; Thank God for all he's done.  
3. life and love; Thank God with sim - ple praise.

Jack Miffliton  
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### 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.

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.

Blessed are they who show others mercy,  
They will know mercy too.

Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy;  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy,  
They will behold the Lord.

Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy;  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed are they who bring peace among us,  
They are the children of God,

Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us;  
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.

Text based on the Beatitudes;  
adapt. By Jean Anthony Greif  
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### Patriotic Rosary

Monday Evening

October 11, 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.

