

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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Faith Formation

Adult - Children - Youth

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Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

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

School Office 412-672-2360

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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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Safe Environment

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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 26, 2021

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 26 - October 3, 2021

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

Monday, 27, Vincent de Paul, priest

QoR 8:30 am Frank Todaro - Parish Family

Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Pat Canavan - Debbie Balliard

Tuesday, 28, Wenceslaus, martyr

StM 9:00 am Kate Rost - Andrew & Shirley Beamon

StE 6:30 pm Ray Venturini, Sr. - Family

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

Wednesday, 29, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Susan Nordine - Daughter

StM 9:00 am Merio Bisogni - Bisogni Family

Thursday, 30, Jerome, priest & doctor of the church

StE 8:30 am Patrick Stetar - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Betty Kaczowski - Parish Family

Friday, October 1, Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the church

QoR 8:30 am Ruth Rushe - Joe & Carol Megahan

StM 9:00 am Edmund & Eleanora Hamill - Theresa Piekut

Saturday, 2, Vigil, 27th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm M Ed & Irene George - Parish Family

StE 6:00 pm T Norma & Sam Milice - Family

Sunday, 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am T John A. & Mary Stasko - Son, John Robert

StM 9:00 am M Frank Parker - Wife & Family

QoR 10:30 am T Anthony Spagnola - Mary Ann Geary & Family

StM 12 Noon M Living & Deceased of the Parish 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 Patrick Stetar from the Ladies of Charity.

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

Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessings and Health of Mickeline Urbanski from the Ladies of Charity.

Pastoral Staff

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We remember . . . In your charity,
 please remember all those who have died,
 especially: **Anthony Hilko, 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.
 Let Perpetual Light shine upon them.**

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinal Time

September 26, 2021

What are the little ones?



They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those

mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, **When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.** Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used.

Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, **charity begins at home.** Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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The Presence of God —St. Bernard of Clairvaux
In all our thoughts and actions
we ought to remember the presence of God,
and account all lost in which we think not of God.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinal Time

Today's readings remind us that God is free: **God acts as God wills regardless of what human beings might expect.** In the reading from Numbers, God's spirit enters two men, Eldad and Medad, even though they had not been with the others who had received the spirit of God. And in Mark's Gospel, Jesus endorses an unknown exorcist, who did God's work in the name of Jesus but was not officially sanctioned by the disciples. That God's spirit is shared widely does not threaten Moses or Jesus. They celebrate the notion that God's spirit blows where it wills. Moses was shaping the people of Israel, and Jesus similarly was shaping the community of disciples, to encounter a radically free God who doesn't fit their preconceptions. This encounter, when received with humility, widens their vision and deepens their faith. God continues to shape the Church similarly today, to open us up to God's freedom. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Feast of Faith: The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great **Amen**, the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly eucharistic.

- When we ask for our **daily bread**, we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist.
- When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—**so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 81).**

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all anxiety and distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence, we await his coming in joyful hope. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Everyday Stewardship -

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves?

- **I could never serve on the Parish Council. That's for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.**
- **Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn't need my help.**
- **I can't afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn't matter even if I did increase it.**

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren't in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren't likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren't privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it's outside our comfort zone, even if it's something that never occurred to us before.

There's only one Person

**who can tell us what God wants from us.
Do we even think to ask Him?**

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

40 Days For Life Pittsburgh

From September 22nd – October 31st,

- you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting** for an end to abortion.

You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

- Campaign Director Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com
- To adopt a time slot for your group, contact Fran Morrow at franmac98fmc@gmail.com
- To sign up for hours as an individual, contact Donna Goss at gdgoss620@gmail.com

Visit our websites for more info at:

40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh or 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

Proclaim The Wonder Of God

The gift of the Spirit is given freely, not according to human expectations, but according to the generosity of God. Joshua wants Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying in the camp, when they were not with the others as the spirit was bestowed on them. Moses, so close to God's mind in the matter, wishes everyone could possess the spirit of God and proclaim it to the nations.

Psalm 19 celebrates the perfection of God's law, and how it brings joy and delight. It is better than the finest gold or the sweetest honey. Moreover, God gives the wisdom of the prophets to everyone, especially the simple and lowly ones, even to children. It is the **little ones** who proclaim the wonder of God to all.

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Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

You rich, weep and wail ... You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure ... (James 5:1-5). Most of us do not think of ourselves as really wealthy. There's always somebody richer. It usually depends on who we compare ourselves to. This week notice who is poorer than you. Do something about it.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Monday, September 27 is

Eat Dinner Together Day

Maybe you usually do this anyway. Good. If not, take heed. **The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse says that one habit of healthy families is**

that they eat dinner together most every night.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The words in today's gospel, **Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward** hits us at home. As parents we gain our reward when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to parched five-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. **It is that simple and that sacred.** In our homes we give until it hurts **in the name of Christ.**

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Look Within

A wrestling match of sorts takes place in this section of Mark's Gospel. Jesus tries mightily to describe what it will mean to be his followers, and the disciples try mightily to avoid the subject. They point to an outsider, and the dangers he poses. Jesus turns the tables and asks his disciples to look within themselves: how are they a danger to Jesus and his work? Jesus uses graphic language, invoking self-amputation, to underscore his point.

Sometimes our most difficult obstacles lie deep within. Like our hands and feet, some attitudes and habits are deeply a part of us, and their removal would be traumatic for us. Yet we know that some beliefs (such as idolatries based on race, wealth, or gender) or behaviors (such as addictions) seriously harm ourselves and many others. We need a prayerful, non-neurotic watchfulness about our inner life. When necessary, we need a fierce resistance to anything that places us or others in danger.

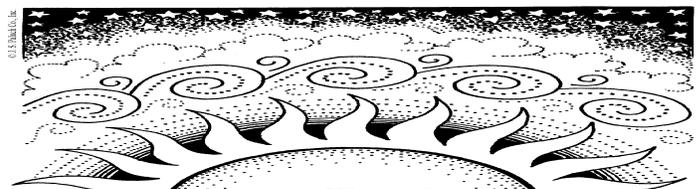
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Unity In Christ

Jesus, in today's Gospel from Mark, says **whoever is not against us is for us.** Mark was speaking to his own Christian community. From its beginnings, there were tensions in the Church about who speaks for Jesus. Jesus himself always called for unity of heart and a diversity of expression as a sign of the truth of the Gospel. It is no secret that in Christian history and continuing today, divisions have seriously damaged the message and cause of Christ.

In our own time and place, cultural and political divisions have reduced our ability to solve problems and to live together in a just and peaceful society. Perhaps this is a time for Christians to step up, to remember that our unity in Christ is far deeper than the differences that we perceive. We are called to reach out and listen to each other, to honor each other as members of the Body of Christ. Christians can lead the way, and show everyone watching how it's done.

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**The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.** — Psalm 19:8



Faith Formation Adult - Children - Youth Religious Education

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

Faith Formation, 2021-2022 Religious Education

For Kindergarten through 8 Grade
Also First Reconciliation & First Communion
and Confirmation Preparation has begun.

**For Information or to Register,
Please 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.

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

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)

An eight-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 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.

Time, Talent, and Treasure — September 19, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$ 10,142
Monthly Offering	\$ 544
Religious Education	\$ 156
Children's Offering	\$ 5
2021 Parish Share	\$ 2,078
2021 Parish Share to Date	\$126,503
2021 Parish Share Goal	\$137,788

Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

Please make all checks payable to
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Mass Attendance

4:00 pm	173	6:00 pm	109
8:00 am	82	9:00 am	177
10:30 am	117	12 Noon	114
Families	2,079	Souls	4,880

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, Knight's 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!**



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

Sunday, September 26; 26th Sunday of Ordinal Time

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Well done, good and faithful servants—Mother's and Father's Days aren't occasions for parents to toot their own horns about how fabulously they fulfilled the tasks of child-rearing. These dates are for their children to recall and celebrate the special people who made their lives possible. Similarly, today's Priesthood Sunday isn't meant for priests to beat the drum about their vocation. It's an opportunity for the rest of us, who benefit from their fidelity, to thank the men who were present to the first moments of our life in faith and will be there at the last—plus countless moments in between. **Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!**

Monday, Sep 27; Vincent de Paul, priest

Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50

God works with us as we are—Saint Vincent de Paul is known for founding two religious orders, reforming the church, and serving the poor to such an extent that he is the patron of all works of charity. Many schools and parishes bear his name. But in his lifetime, he was also known for being irritable and quick-tempered—which his friends confirmed and he himself admitted. He said it was only God's grace that made him compassionate, humble, and generous. He's a perfect example that we don't have to be perfect to do saintly work—if we let God soften our hard-heartedness, what great things we might do. **For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest.**

Tuesday, Sep 28; Wenceslaus, martyr

Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

A faith that runs in the family— Good King Wenceslaus is, of course, best known for his care of the poor and the concern he showed his servant, as immortalized in the famous Christmas carol. Indeed, it was young Wenceslaus' habit to sneak out in the middle of the night and—with his servant assisting—roam the countryside looking for poor or imprisoned people he could anonymously help with his almsgiving. But Wenceslaus and his grandmother, Saint Ludmila, could also be patron saints for grandchildren who are raised in the Catholic Christian faith primarily by their grandparents. Pray for all modern grandparents who assume this role. **Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord.**

Wednesday, Sep 29; Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

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

God's special care for migrants—Every minute of the day 20 people in the world leave everything behind to escape war, persecution, or terror. The archangels of the Bible represent God's special care for these migrants. Michael was the guardian of Israel during their captivity in the foreign land of Babylon. Gabriel is the patron saint of diplomats and ambassadors living in foreign countries. Raphael is featured in the Book of Tobit accompanying the story's hero, Tobias, on his journey to a

foreign land to find a wife. The church recognized World Day of Migrants and Refugees last Sunday. Pray that the archangels guide and protect migrants and refugees making perilous journeys everywhere. **You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.**

Thursday, Sep 30; Jerome, priest, doctor of the church

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12

Translating the faith for the ages—Where would the church be without the word? If you have ever read a verse from the Bible, thank Saint Jerome (347-419). His translation of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into Latin set the standard until the mid-20th century, paving the way for scholarship that affects our contemporary translations of scripture. His pivotal writing and translating earned him the rare title of **doctor of the church**. Give a nod to Saint Jerome by reading a favorite scripture passage today. **Say to them, The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.**

Friday, Oct 01; Therese of the Child Jesus

Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

Graceful glances—Glances are totally underrated. They seem trivial, hurried and fleeting, even stolen! They are the smallest of gestures, barely registering a flick of the eye. It is surprising then that a glance can also be a prayer. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux wrote, **For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something.** Our prayerful "glances" are significant. They register with God. A glance can communicate everything to God, especially when life leaves us wordless. Pause now for a moment and glance at God. **Justice is with the Lord, our God.**

Saturday, Oct 02, The Holy Guardian Angels

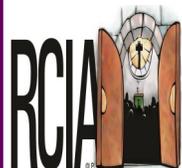
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

All night and all day—Years back, in perhaps what were more innocent times (or at least appear so to us now), Catholic school children were encouraged to leave a little space on their chairs for their guardian angels. This charming bit of nostalgia reveals a deeper article of faith. From biblical times to the present, the testimony on angels guiding us has been consistent. Saint Augustine said, **Go where we will, our angels are always with us**, while Saint Bernard encouraged Christians to **Make the holy angels your friends . . . we have nothing to fear under the protection of these guardians.** Perhaps the larger truth is that although suffering and even tragedy may come our way, if we leave our hearts open, we will not be left alone. God will be at our side. Scoot over a bit! **Their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.**

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**Moses said, Would that all the people
of the LORD were prophets!**

—Numbers 11:25-29



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** is a learning experience 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; 2ndLt. Miles Gibson, USMC; PO2. Mason Gibson, USN; T/Sgt. Michael Goodman, USAF; Lt. Col. James Hock, Army; E5 Sgt. Brian Imundo, Army; Sgt. Russ Langley, Marines; Staff Sgt. Raymond Massung, Jr., USAF; Sgt. First Class William Nellis, Army; Staff Sgt. Timothy Oeler, USAF; LTJG. Timothy Ragan, USN; Amn. Stephanie A. Reichenbach, USAF; PFC David R. Saunders, Army National Guard; Sgt. Brandon R. Smith, USAF Pararescueman; Amn. Adam Stitt, USAF; Capt. Andrew Tkac, Army and All First Responders.

Thank you for your service!

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

FALL FROLIC TICKET

\$4000.00 in the month of October.

Minimum payout is \$100.00.

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

No bonus numbers.

Thank You for your support!

Upcoming Events

Crochet Club meets every **Thursday from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm** in the **St. Eugene Rectory - Meeting Room.** New members are always welcomed.

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.

Holy Name Society invites everyone to join us in reciting the Rosary for Jim Ponzo on **Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 10:00 am** at Pearl Street & East Fifth Avenue in McKeesport. This is the site where Jim was shot and killed while driving six years ago.

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, October 4, 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, October 4, 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.**

New Officers of the Ushers Club
Barry Bisogni, President
Frank Chiappetta, Vice President
Chris Kania, Treasurer

Nick D'Antonio, Recording Secretary
Here to serve Our Lord through serving others.

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.

Sts. Joachim & Anne Parish Chicken Dinner

Proceeds will benefit the parish.

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021 — 11:30am - 4pm

Queen of the Rosary Social Hall, Glassport, 15045

Dinner includes: Stuffed Chicken Breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, side salad, roll & butter

Advance Dinner Tickets - \$12.00 per person

Tickets will be available after Mass, at the Parish Office or by calling Darla, 412-953-8119

A limited number of Dinner tickets will be available on day of event.

Cold Drinks & bake sale will be available for \$1. Donations of baked goods and soda will be appreciated!

Thank You!

Keep calm and have a Chicken Dinner



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@marvofnazarethschool.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 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.

CLASSES OF 2026, 2027, 2028
Students and Parents please join us for the
**Serra Catholic High School
OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Meet our students, faculty and coaches
and discover your place as a Serra Eagle!

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



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

26th 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: In This Place



- Verses
1. We are all hun-gry peo-ple, we need shel-ter and
 2. All our lives are a Mys-t'ry; we see not where they
 3. Though the world may— tell us to— look at our-
 4. In the bread that is bro-ken is the Christ that re-



strength. We are one in our hurt-ing, we are
lead. We are asked now to trust you and we
selves, we reach out to an-oth-er where—
stores. As we take, now re-ceive him, we find



one— in our pain. In our suf-f'ring and sad-ness,
know we must be-lieve. As our feet be-come Christ's feet,
suf-fer-ing dwells. As our hands be-come Christ's hands,
love— ev-er-more. As the bread be-comes Bod-y,



1. we are saved by the grace
 2. we go forth with the grace
 3. we are healed by the grace
 4. we are filled with the grace
- } of the pow-er and the



l. Spir-it that is here in this place. We are



gath-ered at ta-ble as— one in the Lord. We are
(*to- geth-er)

gath-ered as peo-ple who are liv-ing the Word. Our—



hearts and our spir-its are nur-tured by grace. It is



Je-sus who fills us. He is here 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 Word

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 19



R. The pre-cepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading James 5:1-6



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

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Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Gospel

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

God Of All Blessings, 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: One Spirit, One Church

Kevin Keil

Refrain

We are a pil-grim peo-ple, we are the Church of God. A
 fam-ly of be-liev-ers, dis-ci-ples of the Lord. U-nit-ed in one
 spir-it, ig-nit-ed by the fire. Still burn-ing through the a-ges, still

1, 2 Final Verses
 to Vss!

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

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

to Refrain

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

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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: On Eagles Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life, Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

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And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

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3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

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4. For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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Going Forth Hymn: Glory and Praise to Our God

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Glo-ry and praise to our God, who a-lone gives light to our days.

Man-y are the bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his

Verses 1-3

ways. 1. We, the daugh-ters and sons of him who
2. In his wis-dom he strength-ens us, like
3. Ev-'ry mo-ment of ev-'ry day our

1. built the val-leys and plains, praise the won-ders our
2. gold that's test-ed in fire. Though the pow-er of
3. God is wait-ing to save, al-ways read-y to

to Refrain

1. God has done in ev-'ry heart that sings.
2. sin pre-vails, our God is there to save.
3. seek the lost, to an-swer those who pray.



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.

