

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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Church Buildings

Saint Eugene (StE)
3210 Liberty Way
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Saint Michael (StM)
101 McLay Drive
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Queen of the Rosary (QoR)
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November 21, 2021

Faith Formation

Adult - Children - Youth

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Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131

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

School Office 412-672-2360

Webpage: www.maryofnazarethschool.org

Pittsburgh Catholic: pittsburghcatholic.org

Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine:

diopitt.org/pittsburgh-catholic-magazine

Looking For A Faith Community?

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

You may register by calling the Administration Center.

Sacraments

Baptism of Infants & Children

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

Previous arrangements are necessary.

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

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

Reconciliation

St. Eugene Church, Liberty
Tuesday, 7 - 7:30 pm

St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
Saturday, 11-11:30 am

Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport
Saturday, 1-1:30 pm

St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm

St. Eugene Church, Liberty
Saturday, 5:15-5:45 pm

Marriage

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

Anointing of the Sick

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

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In

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

Sponsorship Forms

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

Bulletin Information Deadline

2 weeks in advance of publish date.

office@joachimandannediopitt.org

Moving

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

Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235

Mass Intentions For The Week

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

QoR Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

November 21 - 28, 2021

Saturday, 20, Vigil, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

StM 4:00 pm T Robert Burchesky - Connie & Bob

StE 6:00 pm M Margaret Marshalik - Mari Ann Palestra

Sunday, 21, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

StE 8:00 am M Erlinda Paguirigan - Melvyn & Elena Plan

StM 9:00 am T Deceased of the Curran & Crum Families - Kris Watts & Family

QoR 10:30 am M Cil Sowa - Molinaro Family

StM 12 Noon T Elmer & Lillian Grooms - Betty Baker

Monday, 22, Cecilia, virgin & martyr - 34th Week in Ordinal Week

QoR 8:30 am Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Sheila Heck - Linda McEvoy, Alberta Sherman, Marilyn Militzer

Tuesday, 23, Miguel Agustin Pro, priest & martyr

StM 9:00 am Joseph Olson - Mike & Bonnie Luft

StE 6:30 pm Chuck Ulakovich - Deb Kebles

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

Wednesday, 24, Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & Companions, martyrs

QoR 8:30 am Joanne Prusko - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Lenny Frost - Charles & Patricia Gala

Thursday, 25, Thanksgiving Day

StE 8:30 am Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

Friday, 26, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am George Zalac - Wife, Gertrude

StM 9:00 am Andrew & Katherine Korona - Granddaughters, Barb & Michele

Saturday, 27, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent

StM 4:00 pm M Kirk Barrett - Mother

StE 6:00 pm T Deborah Pikula - Mick & Family

Sunday, 28, First Sunday of Advent

StE 8:00 am T Gene Anitori - Anitori Family

StM 9:00 am M Jerry Lucarelli - Wife, Sally

QoR 10:30 am T Eugene Urbanski - Sue Long

StM 12 Noon M Zip Zupanc - Patty, Justin, Jeremy, Melissa, Derek & Evan

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 for Blessings & Health of

Doris Lynch from The Ladies of Charity

St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of

Mary Prokop from The Ladies of Charity

Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of

Josephine Panek from the Ladies of Charity

Pastoral Staff

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 Deacon Stephen C. Pikula, Permanent Deacon
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**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe
 November 21, 2021**

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. **One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.** ©LPI

We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: **Ronald VanFossen**, **Curtis Ramsey**, brother of Craig Ramsey, **Josephine Panek**, **Rose Banko**, **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.**

November Rosary Intention

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**. It is likely that when we think of a king, the image that comes to mind is of pomp, ceremony, and civic authority. Jesus is a king like no other. He is not bound by the constraints of time or place. His authority is everlasting. He is the one **who is and who was and who is to come**. Jesus does not rule as earthly kings govern. Jesus reigns in humble obedience to the will of God the Father and calls us to do the same. It is by following the truth of Christ's command and listening to his voice of love that we are made into a kingdom, serving the One whose dominion is everlasting. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**For this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.** —John 18:33b-37

Feast of Faith: Procession

The Mass is ended, go in peace. At the beginning of Mass, the ministers entered in solemn procession, an emblem of the diverse community that comes together around the altar each week to celebrate the Eucharist. As Mass ends, another procession forms, and the ministers go forth from the church. This concluding procession also acts as an emblem of the entire assembly, who, nourished by the Eucharist, will now go forth to our scattered homes and places of work to be a transforming leaven of the gospel in the world. At the beginning of Mass, the priest kissed the altar as a sign of greeting, a gesture of reverence for Christ. Now, the priest reverences the altar again, this time in a gesture of farewell. We gather our things and go forth as we entered—but not quite. **Through our celebration of the Eucharist, we have renewed our commitment to service of Christ our King, and we go forth nourished, strengthened, renewed—changed.**

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

A Thankful Heart —Cicero

**A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue,
but the parent of all the other virtues.**

Saint Joachim and Anne Parish Archangel Education Grants (AEG)

Catholic Elementary & High School Grants

AEG Applications are now available by calling the Parish Office at 412-751-0663 and are due by, **Monday, November 22, 2021.**

Eligibility: Registered and active parish Family in our grouping; and registered in a Diocesan-approved school.

Everyday Stewardship - Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself **Laird So-and-so**. Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their **king**, but most of us have those we think of as **our people**.

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Inviting and Calling

**anyone interested in participating in
Advent Lessons and Carols,
Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm.**

**The Celebration of Advent Lessons and Carols
includes prayers, readings from scripture,
and the singing of carols
from the Advent and Christmas seasons.**

*If you are interested in being a reader,
or singing in a choir.*

*You are asked to contact Celeste,
either after the 4 pm or 12 Noon Sunday Mass,
or by contacting the Parish Office.*



Christ, The King

The selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution.

Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to **one like a Son of Man** is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy **layers** passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context.

The celebration of **Christ the King** allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the **Ancient One** on his heavenly throne. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Thanksgiving is coming up this week. You've probably already told your beloved many qualities that you appreciate about him or her. Can you think of a new one? Or perhaps just thank them for something simple he or she did yesterday.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

My kingdom does not belong to this world (John 18:36). But what if you were king or queen of the world? What would you like to do for your child (ren)? Ask them what they would do if they were king or queen for a day?

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Christ the King—When we are young, our parents tell us about Jesus and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: **Are you the King?** Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

As you prepare for **Thanksgiving**, look back on this year to all the moments God visited your family in unexpected blessings, or disasters avoided, or kindness and compassion received.

Baptized Into Christ

In the waters of Baptism, we were drawn into Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king and called to be **alter Christus, other Christs**. Christ who is priest sanctifies the everyday stuff of life, building a bridge between God and humanity. Christ who is prophet proclaims God's love and mercy in a world that desperately needs it. Christ who is king rules the universe in loving, sacrificial service. We who are baptized into Christ are called to bring God's love into our hearts, homes, places of work, and the wider world. We are called to show and share God's love to others, especially those who most need the care, compassion, and forgiveness that is at the heart of Christ's eternal message. We are called to give of ourselves beyond what might seem reasonable, in imitation of our Lord and king who gave himself on the cross and who reigns forever.

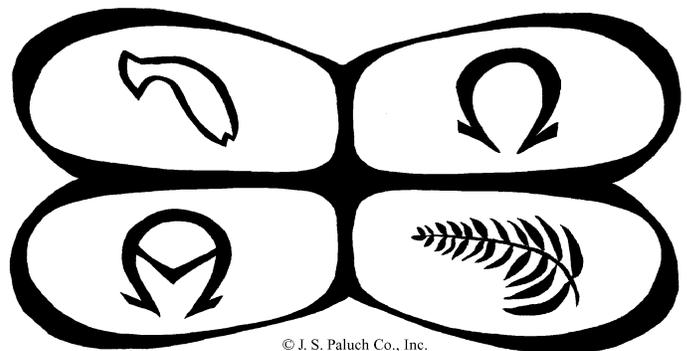
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Called To Listen And Serve

Jesus said to Pilate, **Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice**. Jesus spoke to the disciples and his voice reaches through the ages in the words of sacred scripture and the tradition of the Church. In prayer, participation in the liturgy, and learning from the saints and the teachings of the Church, we grow in belonging to the truth of Christ's love. We hear and follow Jesus' command to wash others' feet, to love as he loves, to serve as he serves. And while it is certainly our duty to do so, there is more to our service than merely fulfilling the instructions of another. We fulfill Christ's command as a grateful response to the incredible love of God for us.

- **How will you listen to and serve the Lord?**
- **How will you make Jesus the king of your heart and life?**

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**Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.**

— Revelation 1:5



Faith Formation Adult - Children - Youth Religious Education

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



For the schedule and more information about the Senior and Junior Youth Ministry Program, please email youth@joachimandannediopitt.org

World Youth Day

There will be a meeting for families and parents in learning more about World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023. Anyone is welcome to come and learn about this great opportunity to meet Catholics from around the world.

We will discuss the origins of World Youth Day as well as the benefits of going to this event.

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7 pm, Archangel Hall



The Giving Tree providing Christmas gifts to those in our local community who need our help.

The Giving Tree's Ornaments will be available the weekend November 27/28 in all our churches.

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

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

All gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 12, 2021. All the gifts will be sorted after the 12 Noon Mass for distribution.

Thank You for caring!
Kind deeds change lives, Thank You!

Fall Pre-Cana Program

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

St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth
Saturday, November 20, 2021, 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.



Breakfast with St. Nicholas
Saturday, December 4, 2021
9:30 - 11:30 am

Saint Michael Church
Archangel Hall

Suggested Donation \$15 per family

RSVP by calling the Faith Formation Office
412-754-0886

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.

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.

The Light is Still On for You!

The Light is Still On for You! is an initiative of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is the best way to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. Confession will be available on:

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

**Saint Eugene Church - Liberty
(Mass at 6:30 pm and Confessions - 7-8 pm)**

and on

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport, 6-7 pm

Saint Michael Church - Elizabeth, 6-9 pm.

All Roman Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be offering Confession from 6:00-9:00 pm in one of their churches.

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.

You're Invited

**What: Mystery Dinner Theater
Silent Night Who Stole the Silver Bells?**

When: Sunday, December 5, 2021

Doors open at 4:00 pm

Show starts at 4:30 pm

**Where: Saint Michael Church
Archangel Hall**

Presented by:

Saints Joachim & Anne Youth Group

Please wear your tackiest Christmas sweater or most festive Christmas outfit and join the festivities. Raffles and Door Prizes

Tickets: Adults \$12

Children (ages 4 > 18 yrs) \$8.00

Children under 4 are Free

Menu: Baked Chicken, potato, green beans, tossed salad, rolls & butter, cake, coffee, tea, water.

For more information or tickets, please contact Sue,

youth@joachimandannediopitt.org

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 Pararescuer; 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!



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

**Sunday, November 21; Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b37

A game of 20 questions—Actually, only 11 questions are exchanged in the fateful interview between Pilate and Jesus. Pilate asks 10, the most famous being, **What is truth?** Equally significant, however, is Pilate's other inquiry, **Are you the King of the Jews?** To which Jesus replies with his own bold interrogation: **Are you saying this on your own or have others told you about me?** It remains a significant inquiry. On this day when the church honors Jesus as King of the Universe, we might ponder the question ourselves: Does Jesus rule our hearts? Or is his authority just something we hear tell about? **Pilate said to Jesus, Are you the King of the Jews?**

Monday, Nov 22; Cecilia, martyr

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4

Sing out your life—Saint Cecilia is the patron of music and musicians—because as she was wed against her wishes to a nobleman of no particular faith, she sang in her heart to God. (Her husband ended up becoming Christian and both were martyred by the Romans.) Her patronage of music has created an immense legacy as musical institutions all over the world are named after her, and concerts and festivals are held today on her feast day—all because of a sweet, simple, silent song of fidelity to the Lord. You may not be blessed with musical talent, but God loves to hear your heart-song nonetheless. **I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest.**

Tuesday, Nov 23; Columban, abbot

Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11

Take the gospel everywhere—After years of studying scripture in an Irish monastery, Saint Columban sought permission at age 40 to depart for Europe with a boatload of companions. Their mission: to preach the gospel everywhere they went, proclaiming Christ after barbarian invasions collapsed the Western Roman Empire. Pray some of Columban's eloquent words to begin your day:

Lord, may everything we do this day

begin with your blessing and continue with your help.

**May everything we say this day begin with your love
and continue with your grace.**

**May everything we plan this day begin with your inspiration
and continue with your peace.**

**The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be
destroyed.**

**Wednesday, Nov 24; Andrew Dung-Lac, priest
& Companions, martyrs**

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19

Make me an instrument of your peace—The Catholic church has a long and complex history in Vietnam, going back to the first European missionaries in the 15th century. Over the

centuries, church-state intrigue and foreign colonial interests competed with genuine pastoral work, and Catholic missionaries often were caught in the crossfire. The martyrs remembered today suffered during a particularly difficult period when Catholic families were broken apart and some were branded on the forehead with the Vietnamese words for **false religion**. Church-state relations have gradually improved in recent decades as wounds from the past heal. May we all learn the lessons history offers, so that our witness may be a reconciling one. **I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.**

Thursday, Nov 25; Thanksgiving Day

Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28

Attitude of gratitude—Truth will out. As we give thanks this day for blessings in our lives, let's treasure the gift of faith, of truth. Little is known of the life of Catherine of Alexandria, whose memorial is today—perhaps not surprising given she was born quite early in Christian history, around 287. Nonetheless, the legends surrounding this early saint demonstrate her persistence in sharing the truth of her faith in Christ. Roman authorities expended great energy in killing those she converted and finally in killing her, but her truth, the Christian gospel, still shines brightly. Let's give thanks for it. **When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.**

Friday, Nov 26; Weekday

Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33

The source of our inspo—The Bible has been and continues to be a treasure of inspiration (or **inspo** to the younger set), guiding us through the difficult, ordinary, and joyful moments of everyday life. Instead of tweets, there are verses; instead of hashtags, there are the great biblical themes of creation, love, mercy, and faithfulness. **#awesome** Even better than tweets and hashtags, however, is the fact that **inspo** for Christians is not just a feel-good motivation; it is also a real-time experience of God. God inspires—**in-spirits**—us. God breathes God's very spirit with us. What does or could **this inspo** mean for you today? **Know that the Kingdom of God is near.**

Saturday, Nov 27; Blessed Virgin Mary

Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

Every day a new challenge—Seems lately that every day is D-Day: division, disease, disaster. The news can be overwhelming, and the temptation, which Jesus warned against, is to pull the covers over our heads and sleepwalk through life. Call on the courageous example of Mary, who faced challenges few of us can imagine as she carried out her mission and trusted the Word living within her. We share in that mission to bring God into the world. Trust and stay strong in the storm! **Jesus said to his disciples: Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy . . . Be vigilant at all times.**

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Time, Talent, and Treasure

Due to early Bulletin submission,
Offertory totals will be
published at a later date.

2021 Parish Share	\$
2021 Parish Share to Date	\$133,737
2021 Parish Share Goal	\$137,788

Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

Please make all checks payable to
Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Mass Attendance

4:00 pm	6:00 pm		
8:00 am	9:00 am		
10:30 am	12 Noon		
Families	2,079	Souls	4,880

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Mailing Offertory Envelopes:
Saints Joachim and Anne Parish
101 McLay Drive
Elizabeth, PA 15037

New Monthly Envelope

The New Monthly Envelope replaces the Capital Improvement, Building & Grounds, Upkeep and the Utility & Energy or Fuel.

Each Family is asked to contribute \$20 to the Monthly Envelope. These monies will be used to assist in the upkeep of parish property and help cover the cost of energy and utilities. **Thank You!**

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish 50/50

In your offertory packet, there is a special envelope marked 50/50 Drawing--Donation \$5.00.

Thank You For Your Support!

**You will be enriched in every way
for your great generosity.**

—2 Corinthians 9:11

Sarris Christmas Candy

Rosary Makers are now taking Sarris Christmas Candy orders. Please contact Patty, 412-384-6021, for an order form. Order Forms and Payment (**Please make checks payable to Sts Joachim & Anne**) are due Wednesday, December 1, and will be delivered on Monday, December 20, 2021. Thank You!

Upcoming Events

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

Quilting Club meets weekly on
Monday at 12 Noon
in the **St. Eugene Rectory - Meeting Room.**
New members are always welcomed.

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on
Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 7:30 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, November 18, 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, December 5, 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, December 11, 2021 at 10:00 am
in the **St. Michael Church - Archangel Hall.**

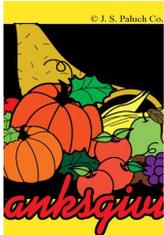
Knights of Columbus will meet on
Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:30 pm
in the **St. Michael - Meeting Room.**
Third Monday of the Month is a social meeting,
all men of the parish are invited to attend.

Rosary Makers will meet on
Monday, December 6, 2021 at 10:00 am
in **St. Michael - Meeting Room.**

Ushers Meeting will meet on
Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:30 pm
in **St. Michael - Archangel Hall.**
Here to serve Our Lord through serving others.

Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, November 28, 2021 - 12 Noon to 6 pm
Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli
with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert
Take-Out Only 412-673-3915.





Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 25, 2021
8:30 am Queen of the Rosary
9:00 am St. Michael Church
Together let us give thanks to the Lord.

A Thanksgiving Family Perspective
by Bud Ozar

As we gather to give thanks this week, we must also ask how well we share with **the least.**

Happiness is secured not by having, but by sharing.

Thanksgiving

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

As you prepare for Thanksgiving, look back on this year to all the moments God visited your family in unexpected blessings, or disasters avoided, or kindness and compassion received.

Realize and give thanks for
The Lord is with you.

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!

Available now..... WINTERWONDERLAND TICKET

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

Minimum payout is **\$100.00.**

\$10.00 per ticket with 31 chances to win!
Pays out daily on the 7pm PA Daily Pick 3.

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

Thank You for your support!

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

SAVE THE DATE

Planning for our Annual Community Festival has already begun. We will gladly accept donations for our **Specialty Baskets, Craft Baskets** and our **Wheel Barrows of Cheer.**

Now would be a great time to pick up those **Fall Clearance Items, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Winter and even items for New Year's.**

Please bring your donations to the Gathering Space in each church and remember that our festival will not be successful without your support.

Thank you for your generosity!!!



Great Stocking Stuffers! Available soon.....

CUPID CIRCLE TICKET

Benefits Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Try a chance at winning a total of **\$4,000** in the month of **February.**

Minimum payout is **\$100.00.**

\$10 per ticket with 28 chances to win!
Pays out daily on the 7pm PA Daily Pick 3.

No bonus numbers.

If you would like to request a certain number for the **February - Cupid Circle Ticket,** please call Cathy, 412-980-2918 before **Monday, December 6, 2020.**

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

Thank You for your continual support!

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish 2022 Mass Intention Requests

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

The Mass Stipend is \$10.00 for each Mass Intention. Please include stipend (please make checks payable to Sts. Joachim and Anne Parish) with your request.

Please return the Entire Mass Intention Form (entire page) to the Parish Office by Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Anyone celebrating their **25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries in 2022** should call the Parish Office, 412-751-0663, before Wednesday, November 17, 2021 to schedule a Mass.

No requests will be taken over the telephone Until Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

- **Three (3) Mass Intentions per family** (please only one weekend date).
- **No Mass intentions will be accepted for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls Day or Thanksgiving Day.**
- After **Wednesday, February 16, 2022**, you may call for any open dates. At that time, you will be welcome to schedule additional Mass Intentions.
- **If you do not have an Email address, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to receive confirmation of the dates requested. Thank you.**

Please Print

Your Name: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Your Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please Print

Mass Intention For: _____

Requested By: _____

Living Intention: ____ Church Request: ____ St. Eugene ____ St. Michael ____ Queen of the Rosary ____ First Available

Mass Date Requested: _____ Sunday Mass Time Request: _____

Alternate Date #1: _____ Alternate Date #2: _____

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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: Gather the People

Dan Schutte

Refrain



Gath-er the peo-ple! En-ter the feast! All are in - vi-ted, the



great-est and least. The ban-quet is read-y, now to be shared.

to Verses



Join in the heav-en-ly feast that God has pre-pared.

*Verses



1. A-round this ta - ble we dine as kin, be - lov - ed
2. A-round this ta - ble we tell great tales, the won - drous
3. A-round this ta - ble God's boun - ty falls on all who
4. A-round this ta - ble God's mer - cy flows to hearts im -
5. A-round this ta - ble new hope is born, the flame of



1. fam - 'ly of God. We share the Bod - y of Christ, the
2. sto - ries of grace. We hold the mem - ry of Christ, the
3. hun - ger and thirst. We drink the full-ness of Christ, the
4. pris - oned by shame. We know com - pas - sion in Christ, the
5. faith in our hearts. We find our cour - age in Christ, the

2 to Refrain



1. Lord. Here we be - come what we eat.
2. Lord. So we be - come what we eat.
3. Lord. So we be - come what we eat.
4. Lord. Let us be - come what we eat.
5. Lord, till we be - come what we eat.

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 Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 93



R. The Lord is king; he is robed in maj - es - ty.

Second Reading Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor, then all:



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

Music: Chant Mode VI

Gospel John 18:33-37

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
Eternal 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: Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
 3. Crown him the Lord of love, Be - hold his hands and
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scep - ter
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, The ris - en Lord sub -



1. throne; Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
 2. grave, And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
 3. side, Rich wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove In
 4. sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab -
 5. lime, Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, The



1. mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and sing
 2. those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing,
 3. beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the sky
 4. sorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end,
 5. Mas - ter of all time. All hail, Re - deem - er, hail!



1. Of him who set us free, And hail him as your
 2. Who died and rose on high, Who died, e - ter - nal
 3. Can - ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward bends his
 4. And round his pierc - ed feet Fair flow'rs of Par - a -
 5. For you have died for me; Your praise and glo - ry



1. heav'n - ly King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2. life to bring, And lives that death may die.
 3. burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 4. dise - x - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 5. shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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: To Jesus Christ,
Our Sovereign King



1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who is the
2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To ev - 'ry
3. To you, and to your church, great King, We pledge our



world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age do we bring And
land and na - tion; For in your King - dom, Lord di - vine, A -
heart's ob - la - tion; Un - til be - fore your throne we sing In



thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
lone we find sal - va - tion. Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor!
end - less ju - bi - la - tion.



Christ Je - sus, Rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

Text: Martin B. Hellrigel, 1891-1981, alt., © 1941, Irene C. Mueller
Tune: ICH GLAUB AN GOTT, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Mainz Gesangbuch, 1870; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

Going Forth Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let
2. Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God Who
3. Oh, cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, A
4. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We



an - gels pros - trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al
from his al - tar call: Ex - tol the stem of
rem - nant weak and small, Hail him who saved you
at his feet may fall, Join in the ev - er -



di - a - dem, And crown him Lord of all. Bring
Jes - se's rod, And crown him Lord of all. Ex -
by his grace, And crown him Lord of all. Hail
last - ing song And crown him Lord of all. Join



forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown him Lord of all!
tol the stem of Jes - se's rod, And crown him Lord of all!
him who saved you by his grace, And crown him Lord of all!
in the ev - er - last - ing song And crown him Lord of all!

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792; alt. by John Rippon, 1751-1836, alt.
Tune: CORONATION, 8 6 8 6 8 6; Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

Patriotic Rosary

Monday Evening

December 13, 2021 - 7:00 pm

Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA

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

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

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

Mary, Queen of the Rosary, pray for us.

