

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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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.

March 13, 2022

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Sacraments

Baptism of Infants & Children

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

Previous arrangements are necessary.

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

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

Reconciliation

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

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

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

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

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

Marriage

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

Anointing of the Sick

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

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In

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

Sponsorship Forms

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

Bulletin Information Deadline

2 weeks in advance of publish date.

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

March 13 - 20, 2022

Saturday, 12, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

StM 4:00 pm T Helga Procacina - Husband, Joe

StE 6:00 pm M Stephen Drechsler - Parish Family

Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Ahead One Hour

Sunday, 13, Second Sunday of Lent

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

StM 9:00 am G Ottilda Colflesh - Shirley & Andy Beamon

QoR 10:30 am M Geraldine Sabol - Rita Lees

StM 12 Noon T Kimberly Goettel - David & Patti Stanton

Monday, 14, Lenten Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Joseph & George Shimko - John & Susie Spanbauer
Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Jane McDermitt - Tim & Joan Petty

Tuesday, 15, Lenten Weekday

StM 9:00 am Anthony Hilko - Parish Family

StE 6:30 pm Louise Venturini - Family

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

Wednesday, 16, Lenten Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Melanie Miller - Joe & Barbara Delta

StM 9:00 am Kaczkowski & Emanuel Families - Thad & Cheryll Kaczkowski

Thursday, 17, Lenten Weekday

StE 8:30 am Joseph Kish - Wash Family

StM 9:00 am Mary & John Fasiska - Daughter, Flo Corbin

Friday, 18, Lenten Weekday, Day of Abstinence

QoR 8:30 am Nicholas Rabickow - Family

StM 9:00 am Bertha Curran - Kris Watts & Family

QoR 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

StM 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 19, Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

StM 4:00 pm M Leonard Frost - Frank & Raff Champ

StE 6:00 pm T Timothy Bertoty - Jim Bertoty

Sunday, 20, Third Sunday of Lent

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

StM 9:00 am M Kate Rost - Shirley & Andy Beamon

QoR 10:30 am T Cheryl Hopkins - Busch Family

StM 12 Noon G Joseph & Vincent Ignatius - Mary Jo & Judy

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

Inspired Scripture —St. Basil the Great

The study of inspired scripture

Is the chief way of finding our duty.

Pastoral Staff**Clergy Team**

Reverend Thomas A. Wagner, Pastor
 Reverend Miroslaus A. Wojcicki, Senior Parochial Vicar
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 Deacon Jeffrey P. Formica, Permanent Deacon
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We remember . . . In your charity,
 please remember all those who have died,
 especially: **Robert Hampson,**
Cathy Radmanich, Mary Wagner,
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.
And Let Perpetual Light Shine on them.

Pope Frances' March Rosary Intention

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022



There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate

philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. **Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life?**

Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, **he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God.** We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received.

**In receiving the Eucharist,
 we become what we eat,
 the Body of Christ.**

Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly. ©LPi

**The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom should I fear?**

— Psalm 27:1



Second Sunday of Lent

We can imagine the splendor of the **Transfiguration** in our Gospel, and in a manner similar to the **Baptism of the Lord**, we hear the voice of God booming down announcing Jesus the Son. It is another of the great epiphanies. But if you think about it, each reading this weekend has a sort of **Aha** moment to it. A moment of mutual commitment, of trust. In Genesis, God makes a covenant with Abram, promising him descendants numerous as the stars in the sky. The Psalmist professes his faith and hope: **I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.** Paul's letter to the Philippians lays it out simply in drop the mic fashion: **Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.** That's it. Boom.

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Synod on Synodality

The global synod: Who are your companions on the road to heaven?

As we reflect on our **journeying together** as the Church, think about your traveling companions on the road to heaven. **Who walks together? Who stands on the periphery? Who has been left behind?** Listen to all of them with an open mind and a heart attuned to mercy and reconciliation. Speak what is on your heart in love, free of any desire to dominate. Synodal sessions will be held across the Diocese of Pittsburgh in early 2022.

For more information text **Synod2021** to **84576** and go to www.diopitt.org/journeying-together to download your Participant Guide.

In **OUR PARISH**, a synodal session will be held on **Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm in Archangel Hall - Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth.**

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray (Luke 9:28). Perhaps you bring your child(ren) to Church to pray. Perhaps your family prays before meals or at bedtime. Good. But try taking a hike this week in the woods/hills. Watch for God's presence in nature. Stop and pray.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus **went up the mountain to pray** and he was **changed**. Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

Everyday Stewardship -

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness

I want to talk about being hangry. I'll give you a quick description of **hangriness**, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. **Hangriness is when you're so hungry you get angry.** You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes.

We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. **When you become spiritually hangry** — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is **occupied with earthly things** — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Reflection question:

How can I be more attentive to God's word?

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Society and church run on both money and volunteers. Generosity is a virtue but it's possible to become a **good cause widow(er)**. Are you spending enough, or too much time, volunteering? Your answer will come from the mouth of your beloved. Consider joint volunteer projects.

We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body.

—Philippians 3:17 — 4:1

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp

St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of Stephen Drechsler from Ladies of Charity.

St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of Rhoda Sedlock from Ladies of Charity.

Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessings and Health Chuck Cunningham from Ladies of Charity



A Glimpse of God

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

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The Recap

When you watch a TV series, they will often provide a quick synopsis of key events from the last couple of shows to set the stage for the current episode. If we do a quick review of the Gospel of Luke, earlier in chapter nine Jesus was sending the disciples out in ministry for the first time, and we had the feeding of the five thousand. Peter realizes that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus gives us the first hint of his own death and tells the disciples to take up their cross and follow him. After all that physical, spiritual, and emotional stress Jesus goes out to pray on the mountain, taking Peter, John, and James with him.

This Week's Episode

Once they were settled on the mountaintop, Jesus began to pray in earnest and, as usual, his wingmen fell asleep. The disciples did not yet have the strength or insights of the Master. Peter, James, and John did not yet have the stamina or the depth to be able to focus during long periods of silent, contemplative prayer, especially after their long hike. One might see visions simply due to exhaustion! As Jesus was transfigured before them, Peter might have bumbled around it in typical Peter fashion, but he realized the significance of what they saw, and he wanted somehow to capture the sacred, to capture the moment, so he asked to build some tents. If we imagined this today, we'd all be there with our phones and selfie sticks trying to get an amazing picture of it, to capture the moment, and to share with everyone on social media. But all the disciples could do was remember it, capture it in their hearts—and tell no one at the time. They were silenced by the sacred. We too must let our busy worlds



Lenten Schedule

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Mass & Adoration of the Eucharist

St. Eugene Church

Tuesday Evening - Mass - 6:30 pm

Adoration & Confession - 7:00-7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent

Queen of the Rosary Church 6:30 pm

Saint Michael Church 7:00 pm

The Light Is On For You!

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Queen of the Rosary Church 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Saint Michael Church 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Saint Eugene Church 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Lenten Regulations

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59.

No one should consider this obligation lightly.

3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.

6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.



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Turn away from sin and return to the Gospel.

and minds and hearts enter into the silence. Start out with a few minutes daily and continue to add a minute or two more each day. Listen for the sacred in the silence, and let the voice of God fill your heart.

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—1 Peter 2:4-5

**Faith Formation Family Mass Sunday
Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 12 Noon**

**Sacrament of Confirmation
Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth**

Spring Pre-Cana Program

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

St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth
Saturday, April 30, 2022, 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.

Easter Egg Hunt

All Children in the Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny
are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday,
April 16, 2022 on the St. Eugene Church Grounds
at 12:30 pm for Children Grade 3 and younger.

**Saints Joachim and Anne Parish
Easter Egg Hunt Registration Form
Sponsored by Saint Michael Youth Group**

Please Print Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Please return to Parish Office by Monday, April 11, 2022.



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

**Save The Date —Family Fun Night
Friday, June 17, 2022**

**Faith, Fellowship, and Food
Lenten Series**

Come and join us as Bishop Robert Barron guides us
through the Nicene Creed, our statement of faith.

Now through April 6, 2022

**Tuesday Evening (6:45-9 pm, St. Michael Archangel
Hall) or Wednesday Morning Session (9:15-11:30 am,
Queen of the Rosary Social Hall).**

Sessions begin with Fellowship, prayer and praise, a
video teaching from Bishop Barron, and a guided small
group discussion conducted in a comfortable, welcoming
and family-like atmosphere.

For more information or to register or call 412-754-0886
or joachimandannediopitt.org/lenten-series
or sformicaym@comcast.net

Please come and join us in prayer.

**Family! Faith! Fun!
Family Vacation Bible School
will be Monday evenings in June
from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.**

Pre-Baptism Class

Are you expecting? Is this your first child?

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

**Pre-Baptism Class - Deacon John Ragan
Thursday, June 9, 2022, 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
faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org

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



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

Sunday, March 13; Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

A heart-warming witness—She was divorced—twice. Mary Clarke Brenner (1926-2013) lived in Beverly Hills: not an address associated with holy living. Yet this remarkable woman would go on to become the **Prison Angel**, dedicating her life to criminals in a maximum-security jail. Mother Antonia, as she was later known, didn't just visit the incarcerated; she moved into the jail and lived among them for years. Others sought to imitate her generous spirit and formed the **Eudist Servants of the Eleventh Hour**—mindful that any of us might need saving in the end. **Warm the coldest heart**, was her prayer. Pray for prison ministries. **Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.**

Monday, Mar 14; Lenten Weekday

Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

Take a reverent knee in solidarity—The BBC named 45-year-old Xaverian Sister Ann Rose Nu Tawng of Myanmar among the news agency's list of **100 inspiring and influential women from around the world** for 2021. Stunning news photos and videos showed her kneeling with arms outstretched before security forces, asking them to shoot her instead of peaceful protesters of the country's military takeover. Two of the armed police dropped to their knees and folded their hands. On this, the last day of **National Catholic Sisters Week**, it's a dramatic example of the selfless sacrifice of religious women who give their lives in service to and love of Christ. The vast majority don't become sensations for their acts, but they are still heroes. **For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.**

Tuesday, Mar 15; Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

A cardinal's titular role—It was a huge honor for the United States when—on this day in 1875—Pope Pius IX elevated New York's Archbishop John McCloskey to become the first-ever cardinal from the United States. It meant American Catholics finally had a seat at the table. All cardinals belong to the College of Cardinals, which elects and counsels the pope. And all cardinals automatically assume honorary leadership of dioceses and parishes around Rome— meaning they, too, could be promoted bishop of Rome one day. While our church preserves such hierarchical traditions, God sees beyond rank to the quality of service we render, regardless of station. Pray for all to serve the church with wisdom and love. **Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ.**

Wednesday, Mar 16; Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

Be bold in your witness for justice—On this day in 1877, the renowned black Catholic scholar and activist Dr. Thomas Wyatt Turner was born in Hughesville, Maryland. The first African

American to earn a Ph.D. in botany (or in any subject from Cornell University), Turner would go on to cofound both the NAACP in 1909 and the Federated Colored Catholics in 1924. Via both organizations, he would lobby to end segregation at the Catholic University of America as well as in U.S. seminaries (especially that of the Josephites, an order founded to serve African Americans). He died in 1978 at the age of 101. May his legacy be for all of us a model of defiant witness for the oppressed. **Remember that I stood before you to speak in their behalf.**

Thursday, Mar 17; Patrick, bishop, missionary

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

Have you answered the call?—In the modern Western world, middle-class people rarely face death by starvation or religious persecution. Saint Patrick, the great evangelizer of Ireland in the 600s, faced both these threats when he finally acted on his long-avoided calling to bring the Christian message to the people of Ireland. Have you ever inconvenienced yourself to carry out something God called you to? Take a moment today to reflect on your own calling in life and the sacrifice it entails. **If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.**

Friday, Mar 18; Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop,

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

The doctor prescribes some me time—In a series of lectures known as the **Catechesis**, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem instructed fourth-century catechumens in the faith. His lessons continue to be enlightening: **The present is the season of confession**, Cyril writes of Lent. **Confess what thou hast done in word or in deed. . . . Forsake things present and put your trust in things to come. Have you run so many circles [over] the years busied in vain about the world, and have you not 40 days to be free for prayer, for your own soul's sake? Be still, and know that I am God, says the Scripture. . . . You are running for yourself, see to your own interest.** Note well: You have the permission of a saint and doctor of the church to go off the grid for a time and tend to your own spiritual well-being. **Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.**

Saturday, Mar 19; Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16- 18, 22;

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

First spouse—On May 1, 2013, the **Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments** instructed that the name of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, be inserted into all the Eucharistic Prayers of the Mass. So now when the priest invokes the name of the Mother of God during the prayers at the altar, he includes **with Blessed Joseph, her spouse**. Joseph is our model of the just man, the good husband. Pray for husbands everywhere, that Joseph be their model and a source of strength. **He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.**

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Time, Talent, and Treasure

March 6, 2022

Weekly Offering	\$ 14,660		
Monthly Offering	\$ 3,021		
Religious Education	\$ 379		
Children's Offering	\$ 9.50		
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,059.16		
Ukraine	\$ 2,429.58		
2022 Parish Share Goal	\$134,148		
2022 Parish Share to Date	\$29,903		
<u>Mass Attendance</u>			
4:00 pm	221	6:00 pm	92
8:00 am	74	9:00 am	188
10:30 am	102	12 Noon	136
Families	1,932	Souls	4,548

Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

Mailing Offertory Envelopes:

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish
101 McLay Drive
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Monthly Envelope

The Monthly Envelope replaces the old Capital Improvement, Building & Grounds, Upkeep and the Utility & Energy/Fuel envelopes.

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.

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish 50/50

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

Thank You For Your Support!

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity. —2 Corinthians 9:11

Knight's of Columbus Council #10077
Invites you to attend a social evening
Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:30 pm
Saint Michael - Archangel Hall
Deacon Jeff Formica, guest speaker,
speaking on Faith, Hope & Love
(theological virtues),
and the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

A light dinner will be served.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 412-751-0663.

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, March 19, 2022 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, March 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm** in the **St. Michael Church - Meeting Room**. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend.

All are invited ...

Keeping yourself safe in the computer age ...
Sponsored by Christian Mothers/Women's Guild
Guest Speaker, The Honorable Beth S. Mills
Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm
St. Michael - Archangel Hall
Open to all interested parishioners.

Holy Name Society will meet on **Sunday, March 13, 2022 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, March 12, 2022 at 10:00 am** in the **St. Michael Church - Archangel Hall**.

Knights of Columbus will meet on **Monday, March 21, 2022 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, April 4, 2022 at 10:00 am** in **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.

Ushers Meeting will meet on **Thursday, May 12, 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, March 27, 2022 - 12 Noon to 6 pm
Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli
with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert
Eat-In or Take-Out, 412-673-3915.

Parish Share 2022

Finding Joy in Giving

Families in our parish should have received their Share materials, if not Parish Share brochures and pledge envelopes can be found in the Gathering Space. The season of Lent gives each of us an opportunity to grow in our relationship with Jesus, and one way is by sharing our gifts.

This year, recognizing a serious decline in parish revenue due to COVID-19 restrictions, Bishop Zubik is offering a new incentive program.

Parishes that raise between 80% and 89% of their Parish Share goal will receive a 1% discount. Parishes that raise between 90% and 94% of their goal will receive a 2.5% discount. Parishes that raise between 95% and 100% of their goal will receive a 5% discount. Parishes will still keep 100% of monies raised in excess of their goal.

Parish Share offers a wonderful opportunity to say Yes! to Jesus' call to follow him. This is especially important during these difficult times, as many of our fellow parishioners and neighbors need our help.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

May God Bless Our Service Personnel



We pray for and remember our Service Men and Women who are serving on active duty in the Armed Services, especially: Cpl. Peter A. Barrante, USMC; Maj. Damian Baskerville, USAF; Col. Richard

Collage, PA NG; Staff Sgt. Nicholas DeLuca, Army; Ens. David DeMaio, USCG; Capt. Craig Dolhi, Army; Capt. Anthony Formica, Army; Jacob Formica, E-4, Army; 2nd Lt. John Formica, Army; SPC Samuel Formica, Army National Guard; Capt. Markus Gibson, USMC; 2nd Lt. Miles Gibson, USMC; PO2. Mason Gibson, USN; T/Sgt. Michael Goodman, USAF; Lt. Col. James Hock, Army; E5 Sgt. Brian Imundo, Army; Sgt. Russ Langley, Marines; Staff Sgt. Raymond Massung, Jr., USAF; Sgt. First Class William Nellis, Army; Staff Sgt. Timothy Oeler, USAF; 2nd Lt Nickolas Pasek, Army National Guard; 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; Maj. Andrew Tkac, Army and All First Responders.

Thank you for your service!

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

Warming Station Food Items Needed

Sponsored by Faith Formation

Faith Formation together with Catholic Charities are asking for your help in restocking the Warming Station in downtown Pittsburgh.

Individually Packaged Items: Coffee, Tea, Coffee Creamers, Cup of Soup/Cup of Noodles, Oatmeal, Granola Bars, Snack Packs, etc.
Please place these Items in the Tote in the Sanctuary that is labeled Warming Station.

We will be collecting your donations from February 14 through March 14, 2022.

Kind Deeds can change the world! Thank 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, soup, 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. **Thank You!**

Spring Fling TICKET

Benefits Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Try a chance at winning a total of \$4000.00 in the month of April. Minimum payout is \$100.00.

\$10.00 per ticket with 30 chances to win!

Pays out on the 7pm PA Daily Pick 3. No bonus numbers.

All numbers are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank You for your ongoing support!

Saint Joachim and Anne Parish Easter Flower Memorials - 2022

St. Eugene St. Michael Queen of the Rosary

Please Print _____

Requested by _____

Donation \$ _____ Phone # _____

Suggested Donation \$10.00 Deadline Monday, April 4, 2022

Please place in an envelope marked Easter Flowers Memorial and deposit in the collection. Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE

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

Festival Specialty Baskets

Thank you so much for your generosity!



We continue to receive items in our labeled specialty baskets. All these donations will start us on our way to designing the beautiful baskets that are an important part of our Saints Joachim & Anne Community Parish Festival.

P.S. Look in the clearance aisle.

Save money while you donate!

BASKET THEMES:

- ◆ **Holiday Themes:** New Year's Day, Valentines Day, St. Patrick Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc
- ◆ **Cleaning:** cleaner, sponges, soaps, dusting items, etc
- ◆ **Going Green:** environmentally friendly products
- ◆ **Kitchen:** dish cloths, tea towels, pot holders, small appliances, kitchen gadgets, etc
- ◆ **Puzzle Basket:** crossword, word search, sodoku, etc
- ◆ **Toys:** Hot Wheels Basket, etc
- ◆ **Gardening:** hose, shovels, watering can, hoe, etc
- ◆ **Car Spa:** car shine, sponge & chamois, wax, wheel & window cleaner, wiper fluid, etc

If you are interested in being involved with the festival please contact Cathy, 412-980-2918 or 412-672-8666.

**Thank you for your generosity!!!
We couldn't do it without you!**

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!!!

Our craft basket area needs your talent!

What better way to spend a cold, snowy winter day than by creating your special crafts for our **Saints Joachim and Anne Community Parish Festival**. Floral arrangements, wreaths, wood working, afghans, baby items, etc.

Donations can be dropped off at each church in the Gather Space. If you have any questions, please call Cathy, 412-980-2918. **Thank you for your time, talents and support of our parish festival!!!**

WE ❤ OUR VOLUNTEERS

Help Wanted Meals on Wheels



Meals on Wheels of Elizabeth Forward, based at Central Highlands Community Methodist Church, is looking for volunteers on Monday through Friday Mornings.

Kitchen Help (7-9 am), Drivers & Meal Deliverers (9-11 am)

There is a shortage of volunteers. You do not need to be there everyday of the week—you can volunteer a few hours a week or a month. You can volunteer as a substitute during vacations. **Give it a Try!**

New Clients

Meals on Wheels is offered on a daily, weekly or on a temporary basis or long term. The Cost is \$4 per day which provides a hot, freshly prepared delicious meal and a bagged lunch items, including milk—all delivered right to your doorstep. There is no age or financial requirement for this service.

Just as important as the meals, caring, compassionate volunteers connect with the clients daily with compassionate smiles, friendship, a safety check, and peace of mind for clients and their families.

If you would like more information, or to volunteer or to add a new client for delivery, please call Linda, 412-751-2230.

**If no answer, please leave a message.
Thank you, Kind deeds change lives!**

Festival Wheelbarrows of Cheer **One Wheelbarrow of Cheer will be raffled each night of our Community Festival.**

Donations are greatly appreciated. Sports, beach & summer, (coolers, beach chairs), all kinds of alcohol, wine, wine coolers, beer, soda, mixers, snack & party food items are all needed.

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

Community Festival Volunteers

Our Community Festival is less than five months away.

All returning volunteers wishing to help with this year's Festival are reminded that your clearances and training need to be current.

All new volunteers can contact Jeannie to begin the safe environment process.

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

Central Food Pantry of Elizabeth Township

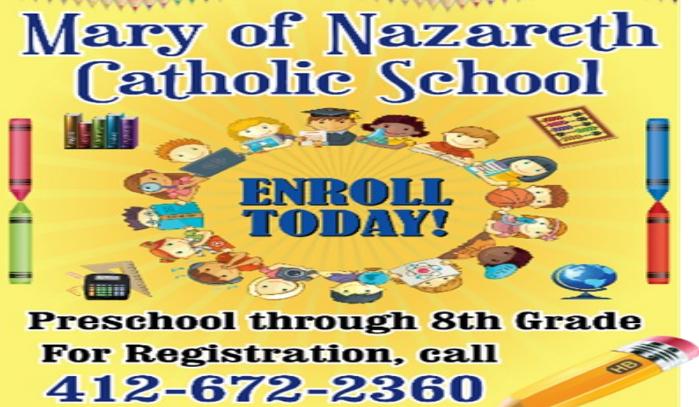
Central Food Pantry is accepting New Clients.
Food distribution is held monthly
on the 2nd Tuesday of the month
beginning at 12 Noon.

There are guidelines for Household Income beginning at \$1,610 for one and increases with each additional household member. You will need a working phone number, a picture ID, proof of residence (rent receipt or utility bill in your name), proof of income (Social Security Statement, Pay Stub or Unemployment Letter). Please call Barb for more information or to pre-register, 412-384-8607.

The Vina March Senior Citizens Center

The Center is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am — 1:00 pm.
Chair Exercises 10:00 am
Lunch served 11:15 am
Other activities will be added soon
412-672-2310

544 Monongahela Avenue, Glassport, PA
New Members are always welcome!



Snow Cancellations

Mass at Saint Eugene Church

Tuesday Evening & Thursday Morning

For everyone's safety, a delay or cancellation at Elizabeth-Forward or South Allegheny School Districts is our notice of Safety First. Mornings with a delay or cancellation—**There will be no morning Mass at Saint Eugene Church.** Please listen to the radio or watch TV for delays or cancellations. **Safety first! Be careful!**

Join Us **FOR A FISH FRY!**

All Fridays of Lent.

No Fish Fry on Good Friday, April 15, 2022

Fish Fry will be Eat In or Take Out.

Saint Michael Fish Fry
Fridays of Lent - 4:00-7:00 pm
call 412-751-0663, Extension 7

Queen of the Rosary Fish Fry
Fridays of Lent - 11:00 am - 6:30 pm
call 412-872-5136 or 412-672-7209

Menu

Baked or Fried Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$15.00
Includes: Baked or Fried Fish Sandwich or Shrimp;
choice of Haluski, Mac & Cheese or Pierogies;
& Cole Slaw

Ala Carte Items

Fried Fish Sandwich	\$10.00
Fried Shrimp	\$10.00
Cheese Pizza	\$ 3.00
Haluski	\$ 3.00
Mac & Cheese	\$ 3.00
Pierogies (3)	\$ 3.00
Dozen Pierogies	\$10.00
Cole Slaw	\$ 3.00

Thank you for supporting our Fish Frys!

Fish Fry Volunteers

For the annual Parish Fish Fry to be a success, a great number of hands are needed to carry the load. If we all work together as a family, the Fish Fry will continue to be such a great success.

Thank you for Volunteering!



Bakers Needed

Bakers needed to make their favorite sweets (the delicious sweets the Fish Fry is known for), and bring them to Archangel Hall or the Social Hall all the Fish Fry Days of Lent. Thank you for baking!

Thank You for making our Fish Fry Special!

Hope to see you there!

Second Sunday in Lent**Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**

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

Gathering Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light

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



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



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



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



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



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



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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The Liturgy of the Word**First Reading** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 27

R. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion;



the Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

Second Reading Philippians 3:17—4:1**Gospel Acclamation**

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Gospel**Luke 9:28-36****Homily: Reflection of the Word****Patriotic Rosary**

Monday Evening

March 14, 2022 - 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.

Apostle's Creed

The Apostle's Creed is the Baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church and may be used during the Lenten and Easter season.

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

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Glorious 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.

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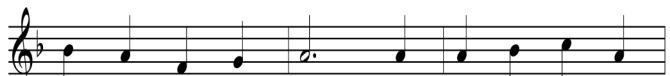
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Offertory Hymn: From Ashes to the Living Font

1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
3. (sing verse appropriate to the Sunday below)
4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your



1. Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in
2. voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to
3.
4. Church must jour - ney still, Through cross and tomb to



1. grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.
2. ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.
3.
4. Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

Year A

Lenten Sundays I & II

3. From desert to the mountaintop
In Christ our way we see,
So, tempered by temptation's might
We might transfigured be.

Lenten Sunday IV

3. We sit beside the road and plead,
"Come, save us, David's Son!"
Now with your vision heal our eyes,
The world's true Light alone.

Lenten Sunday III

3. For thirsting hearts let waters flow,
Our fainting souls revive;
And at the well your waters give
Our everlasting life.

Lenten Sunday V

3. Our graves split open, bring us back,
Your promise to proclaim;
To darkened tombs call out, "Arise!"
And glorify your name.

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Holy
Mystery of Faith

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte



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Amen, Amen, Amen
Lamb of God



Lenten Season

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Communion Hymn: We Remember

We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death,
and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here;
and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come
in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we
cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

Verses

1. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls are
2. Now we re - cre - ate your love, we
3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A - men" to
4. See the face of Christ re - vealed in
yearn-ing just to touch you and be healed.
bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart,
ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side,

D.C.
Gath - er all your peo-ple, and hold them to your heart.
Sign of grace and mer-cy, the pres-ence of the Lord.
Peace be-yond all tell-ing, and free-dom from all fear.
Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem-ples of your love.

Going Forth Hymn: Companions on the Journey

Carey Landry

Refrain

We are com-pa-nions on the jour - ney, break-ing bread and
shar-ing life; and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we be -
lieve in the love of our God, we be - lieve in the love of our God.

Verse 1

1. No long-er strang - ers to each oth - er; no long-er
1. strang - ers in God's house; we are fed and we are nour-ished by the
to Refrain
1. strength of those who care, by the strength of those who care.

Verse 2

2. We have been gift-ed with each oth - er, and we are called by the
2. Word of the Lord: to act with jus-tice, to love ten-der - ly, and to walk
to Refrain
2. hum-bly with our God, to walk hum-bly with our God.

Verse 3

3. We will seek and we shall find; we will knock and the door will be
3. o-pened; we will ask and it shall be giv-en, for we be - lieve in the
to Refrain
3. love of our God, we be - lieve in the love of our God.