

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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Church Buildings

Saint Eugene (StE)

3210 Liberty Way

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Queen of the Rosary (QoR)

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March 20, 2022

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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

March 20 - 27, 2022

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

Monday, 21, Lenten Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Frances & Edward Corbin - Tkac Family
Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Jennifer Tour - Mom

Tuesday, 22, Lenten Weekday

StM 9:00 am Sandy Minetti - Husband, Ron

StE 6:30 pm Art & Dolly Wagner - Franciscus Family

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

Wednesday, 23, Lenten Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Raffaele & Teresa Palatis - Ralph & Louis Palatis

StM 9:00 am Edward Buzek - Regis & Cathy Bazylak

Thursday, 24, Lenten Weekday

StE 8:30 am Nicholas Vay - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Marguerite Oeler - Bob & Marge Dietrick

Friday, 25, Annunciation of the Lord

QoR 8:30 am Francis Kaczka - Mother, Betty

StM 9:00 am Johann Franciscus - CCM/WG

QoR 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

StM 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 26, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent

StM 4:00 pm G Barbara Radocay - Family

StE 6:00 pm M Marcia Lombardo - Parish Family

Sunday, 27, Fourth Sunday of Lent

StE 8:00 am M William Barnocky - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am T Andrew J. Ohm, Sr. - Michael & Nina

QoR 10:30 am M Connie Sydeski - Sister, Gert Ormand

StM 12 Noon T Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.



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 Deacon Jeffrey P. Formica, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Stephen C. Pikula, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon John E. Ragan, Permanent Deacon

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022



Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the **I am** of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

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We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: **Patricia Ann 'Patti' Ryan**, sister of Carrie Doonan, **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.

FORGIVENESS —Confucius

Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass.

Third Sunday of Lent

Elizabeth Barret Browning wrote, **Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees, takes off his shoes; The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.** We are challenged today to experience the mystery of God with the image of Moses and the burning bush—a God who answers all questions in a simple, bold manner. Like an exasperated parent telling a child **Because I said so**, God tells Moses **I am who I am, and tell the Israelites I AM sent me to you.** God may as well have said, **Save all your questions, and trust in me. Quit being so stubborn.** The passage from First Corinthians reminds us what happened when the Israelites did not listen to God's message. They grumbled and complained because manna from heaven was not enough! Lastly, an annoyed Jesus calls on his listeners to repent and uses a difficult parable to stress transformation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Synod on Synodality

The global synod:

Journeying praying and worshipping together

We can only **journey together** toward the kingdom of God if we pray and worship and receive the sacraments together. **For the synod, Pope Francis asks us to consider how prayer and liturgy inspire and direct our journey.** How does each baptized Christian follow God as an individual while remaining true to the community? How do we as individuals and communities discern God's call to us? These questions will be part of synodal sessions throughout 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.**

Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 412-751-0663, so that the needed materials can be prepared.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families, there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

Everyday Stewardship -

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is **Laetare Sunday**, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Reflection question:

Undertake an examination of conscience this week and pray for God's loving mercy.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

On the Spring Equinox (March 20) nature reminds us of the equality between light and darkness. During these modern days when equality of the sexes is emphasized, reflect on how each of you contribute equally to your married life. Remember: **Equality is more than sameness.**

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Remember, parenthood is not limited to one gender. Male and female both carry responsibility for their child. If you are the primary caregiver, give yourself a break. If you are not a single parent, perhaps you can provide some respite for a single parent that you know.

Holy Ground

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground.

Do we not also stand on holy ground?

As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc



A Continuous Lent

In the **Rule of Saint Benedict**, the monks are told that their lives should be a **continuous Lent**. At first, this may sound like a negative, difficult thing, or entirely depressing. Rather, it is simply a call to be open and continue growing. In fact, one of the vows that Benedictines profess is **Conversatio Morum**, that is, **conversion of life**. In a nutshell, that is what Jesus is saying this week. We are being called to change our lives. Some people came to Jesus with gossip and a gruesome story about Pilate; Jesus challenged them with a couple of pointed questions, and then related the parable of the fig tree. To put it in context, usually figs blossom within two years, and then can be harvested twice a year. When a tree has been barren three years, it might be best just to remove it, but this is not the approach that Jesus suggested. Rather, the gardener in the parable chose to nurture the tree, fertilizing it with dung. He was not willing to give up on it.

Growth

There are times when we may feel our lives are covered in dung, and we lie dormant through a plethora of difficult and painful moments. But Jesus is calling us to use this time, to draw strength from it, to use the dung in our lives as fertilizer, to begin a slow and steady transformation to a new and better place, until we too can bear fruit. Growth is always a process, and we have to start somewhere. While there is always a call to repentance and conversion, we are blessed with a God who is loving enough and patient enough to wait for us to come to our senses, however long that may take. This Lent we are being called to life. We are called to repent. We are called to be nurtured and fertilized and take the time and effort to grow.

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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.

Turn away from sin and return to the Gospel.

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp
St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessings & Health for Ernest & Helen Buccini from Ladies of Charity.
St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of Teri Mitchell from Ladies of Charity.
Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessing and Health for Ed Gniazdowski from Ladies of Charity.



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—1 Peter 2:4-5**



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**

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).

For more information call 412-754-0886.
Please come and join us in prayer.

**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.

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.

If you need assistance in moving through your grief, this is an on going way to be supported during this difficult time. The weekly session begins with suggested topics, open discussion and ends with prayer.

**Thursday Afternoon - St. Michael Meeting Room
RSVP Jan, 412-751-0663**

Please RSVP so that we may prepare materials.

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 20; Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
Something to smile about—The **International Day of Happiness** celebrated today isn't about wearing a smiley face. This U.N.-sponsored observance has concrete aims: to end poverty, reduce inequality, and protect the planet. Certainly that would bring happiness, but how do we attain such lofty goals? Consider 19-year-old Catherine Spaulding (1793-1853), who led six women in the forming of the Sisters of Nazareth in Kentucky. Ready or not, Catherine ran a school, orphanage, and nursed the sick during epidemics. Neither age nor inexperience deterred her sisters from answering the needs of their society. Answer this generation's call and discover a reason to smile. **God called out to him from the bush, Moses! Moses! He answered, Here I am.**

Monday, Mar 21; 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30

Commit to a better world—The **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** is observed annually on this, the anniversary of police in South Africa killing 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid in 1960. All these decades later, the violence of racial discrimination continues. The catechism instructs Catholics that racism **must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design**. This year's theme is **Youth standing up against racism** with a focus on how the pandemic has especially hindered the education and employment prospects of young people from minority backgrounds. No matter your age, make a commitment this Lent to help put a stop to racism once and for all. **When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.**

Tuesday, Mar 22; Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Let living waters flow—It's **World Water Day**. This U.N. observance shines a light not only on the critical importance of a clean and adequate water supply—so essential, it's a basic human right—but also how it's endangered. In **Laudato Si'**, Pope Francis identifies no less than five serious threats to our planet's water supply, some impacting our world right now, particularly among the poor. The 2005 murder of Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, an environmental martyr for her fierce protection of the Amazon and its people, highlights that the **global water wars** have already begun. Visit the website of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns for ways you can help. **Deliver us by your wonders, and bring glory to your name, O Lord.**

Wednesday, Mar 23; Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Time is of the essence—Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo was a defender of the voiceless. A Spanish missionary to Peru who became archbishop of Lima, he defended the rights of the indigenous people who suffered terribly during Spanish

colonization. His favorite saying was, **Time is not our own and we must give a strict account of it.** Many times, it can be easy to overlook those who are voiceless, to pass them on the street without a second thought. But as Saint Turibius taught, our time on Earth is limited, and we should spend it on the things that matter and can make a difference. Today, notice those around you who may not have a voice and reflect on how you can help them to be heard. Take a step toward doing so. **Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.**

Thursday, Mar 24; Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Live your truth—Truth-telling is a central tenet of Judeo-Christian ethics. Today is **World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights**, a focus that is essential because the loss of human rights is often built on lies stripping a group of people of their God-given dignity. Like so many Christian virtues, truth and honesty in the social sphere begin in small ways, with individuals living lives of personal integrity and then expecting the same of their leaders. As Saint Augustine says, **The greatest kindness one can render to any person is leading him to truth. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.**

Friday, Mar 25; Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Pregnant with possibilities—Mary's pregnancy seems to get the fast track: Annunciation, Visitation, and then boom, it's Christmas. But the Solemnity of the Annunciation is exactly nine months before Christmas, honoring the natural process of pregnancy. There are not many visibly pregnant Marys in Catholic iconography, but a few stand out. In the Americas, there's Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, with Mary wearing a black sash customary for pregnant indigenous women. In Europe, you'll find Madonna del Parto, often depicted with a book on her belly, an illusion to the Word of God embodied in her womb. These images have been open to many interpretations from the truth of the Incarnation to the important role of women in salvation history. What do the images of Mother Mary inspire in you? **Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.**

Saturday, Mar 26; Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

The heart of mercy—We hear a lot about sacrifice during Lent. Not so much about mercy. Yet as the Lord reminds us in today's responsorial psalm (51), **It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice.** In a sense, mercy requires its own **giving up** activity. Giving up on getting our way, on keeping score, on getting even. Saint Thomas Aquinas defined mercy as the **compassion in our hearts**. Let mercy, the love beating within, be your Lenten offering. **For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.**

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The Lord is kind and merciful.

—Psalm 103

Time, Talent, and Treasure

March 13, 2022

Weekly Offering	\$ 12,949
Monthly Offering	\$ 1,109
Religious Education	\$ 131
Children's Offering	\$ 4
2022 Parish Share Goal	\$134,148
2022 Parish Share to Date	\$31,723

Mass Attendance

4:00 pm	151	6:00 pm	60
8:00 am	48	9:00 am	156
10:30 am	96	12 Noon	153
Families	1,932	Souls	4,548

Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

Mailing Offertory Envelopes:

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish
101 McLay Drive
Elizabeth, PA 15037

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, 42-751-0663.

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, April 2, 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, April 21, 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, April 10, 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.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate, and the gifts of many enable the diocese to provide needed ministries and services that parishes alone could not offer. These include promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, Catholic education and parish services.

Please return your Parish Share pledge card as soon as possible. May God bless you for your generosity.

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; 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; 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 Supplies:** dish Cloths, tea towels, pot holders, small appliances, etc
- ◆ **Puzzle Basket:** crossword, word search, sudoku, 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 you time, talents and support of our parish festival!!!**

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

SPONSORED BY FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES ASSOCIATION!

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH!

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SATURDAY MARCH 26TH 7:00PM
FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY

The Concert Band, Jazz Band, Choir, Musical, Winter Guard and Side-by-Side Concert!

Tickets \$5 **Basket Raffle and Bake Sale!**
Free for ages 13 and under! **Fundraiser for our Music Department!**

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!

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School
ENROLL TODAY!
Preschool through 8th Grade
For Registration, call
412-672-2360

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 or 5

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 Fries, 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!

Third 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: You Have Called Us

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All



You have called us by our name. We be - long to you.



You have called us by our name and we are yours.

Verses



1. You have cho - sen us to be mem - bers
2. You will lead us to your light, walk be -
3. You will hold us when we fall, give new
4. You will nour - ish, you will lead, giv - ing
5. Through our shar - ing here to - day may our



1. of your fam - i - ly. In your love you have cre -
2. fore us through the night. You will guide us on our
3. strength to hear your call. You will nev - er be be -
4. ev - 'ry gift we need, for your reign will be es -
5. faith and life con - vey Christ our light and Christ our

to Refrain



1. at - ed us to live in u - ni - ty.
2. jour - ney. You will keep our vi - sion bright.
3. yond us, for your love is all in all.
4. tab - lished from the small - est of all seeds.
5. vi - sion, Christ our pur - pose, Christ our way.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103



R. The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel Acclamation



Praise to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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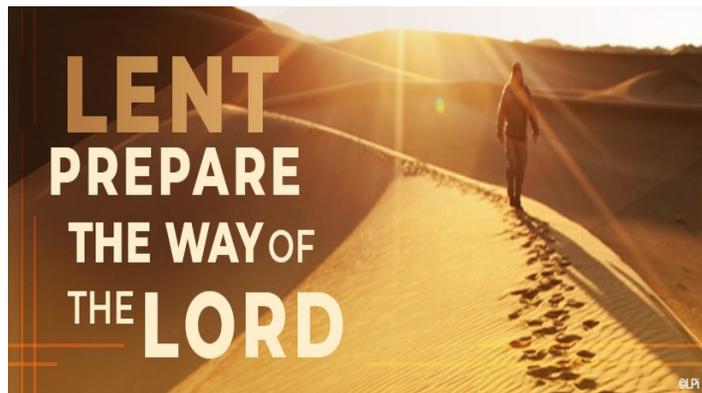
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Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Homily: Reflection of the Word



Patriotic Rosary

Monday Evening

April 11, 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

God Of Boundless Mercy, 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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Offertory Hymn: Hosea

Verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart.
 † Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
 2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
 In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,
 3. † You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.
 so must we to oth - ers' call. (To refrain)
 to your heart where I will speak.
 With ten - der - ness, † you shall know. (To refrain)
 faith - ful - ness will be your joy. (To refrain)

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Text: Based on Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16,21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Norbet, b.1940
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**Holy
 Mystery of Faith**

*Mass of Christ the Savior
 Dan Schutte*



Save us, save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your



Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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Amen, Amen, Amen

Lamb of God



Lenten Season

Communion Hymn: Change Our Hearts

Refrain

Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our minds this time, your life could make us free. We are the people your call set a-part, Lord, this time change our hearts.

1-3 to Verses Final
 hearts. hearts. This time change our hearts. This time change our minds. This time change our hearts, change our hearts.

Verse 1
 1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams, one foot in
 1. par-a-dise, one in the waste; drawn by your prom-is-es,
 1. still we are lured by the shad-ows and the chains we leave be-hind. But

to Refrain

Verses 2, 3
 2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, of-f'ring a - bun - dan - ces, — full - ness of joy. Your milk and hon-ey seem dis-tant, un-
 3. Show us the way that leads to your side, o - ver the moun-tains — and sands of the soul. Be for us man-na, — wa - ter from

to Refrain

2. real, when we have bread and wa - ter in our hands. But
 3. stone, — light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

Going Forth Hymn: Beyond The Days

Refrain

Be - yond the days of hope and mys - t'ry we see a light of faith re - newed, and in our long - ing we thirst for guid - ance to walk with you day by day.

1-4 to Verses

Final Verses
 day, to walk with you day by day. 1. For - ty days and
 2. Not on bread a -
 3. In your hands, O
 4. On our Lent - en

1. nights, you guide the steps of our jour - ney. May your
 2. lone are we to walk on this jour - ney. Speak the
 3. God, we feel the touch of your guid - ance. Keep us
 4. path we see the dawn of a new day. Be our

to Refrain

1. pres - ence be felt in the whis - per of your voice.
 2. words that give life to the yearn - ings of our hearts.
 3. safe in your care: may your gen - tle - ness be there.
 4. vi - sion of hope; be the prom - ise of our lives.