

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest.”
- Lk 19:38

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April 10, 2022

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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.

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

April 10 - 17, 2022

Saturday, 9, Vigil, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

StM 4:00 pm G Laurie Rack - Mom & Dad

StE 6:00 pm M Raymond 'Skip' Zajicek - Family

Sunday, 10, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

StE 8:00 am M Angelo & Barbara Palestra & Steven & Margaret Marshalek
- Robert & Mari Ann Palestra

StM 9:00 am T Saundra Curran - Kris Watts & Family

QoR 10:30 am M Health & Blessings - Jean Kudla - Mary Jean & Duane

StM 12 Noon T Joshua David Huwalt - Pappy & Grannyma Stanton
Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

Monday, 11, Monday of Holy Week

QoR 8:30 am Mickeline Urbanski - Loretta Dabruzzo
Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Rhoda Sedlock - Elaine Kessler

Tuesday, 12, Tuesday of Holy Week

StM 9:00 am William Owens - Mary

StE 6:30 pm Timothy Bertoty - Jim Bertoty

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

Wednesday, 13, Wednesday of Holy Week

QoR 8:30 am Eugene Skerkoski - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Joe Gioia . - Carol

Thursday, 14, Thursday of Holy Week

StE 8:30 am No Morning Mass

StM 9:00 am No Morning Mass

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper —Holy Thursday

StE 7:00 pm Deceased Clergy/Religious who have served our Community
Deceased Parishioners & Family Members

Friday, 15, Friday of the Passion of the Lord — Good Friday

StM 1:30 pm Word, Veneration, Holy Communion

QoR 2:00 pm Word, Veneration, Holy Communion

Saturday, 16, Holy Saturday

StE 12 Noon Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets

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QoR 2:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

StM 7:30 pm Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

Sunday, 17, Easter Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

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

QoR 10:30 am T Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

StM 12 Noon M Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 10, 2022



Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, **To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means**

rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues. Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, **Crucify him!** There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough to **set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues.**

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so. ©LPi

We remember . . . In your charity,

please remember all those who have died, especially: **Clara Stasko, Victor DeMaio,**

Edward Vibostak, Leslie Roy, sister of Jim Callear,

Robert 'Bob' Lee Sr. husband of Loretta Lee,

Alberta Sherman, mother of Linda McEvoy,

Eugene O'Hara, brother of Sara O'Hara,

Theodore Galanski, brother of

Dottie Jiancristoforo, **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.

Pope Frances' April Rosary Intention

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

One of the best ways to remember something truly important is to set it to music. It can be easily recalled and sung by heart and passed on. As you focus on the scriptures for Palm Sunday, it might be helpful to think of them as past, present, and future versions of the same story. In Isaiah, we hear one of four hymns referring to the **Suffering Servant** that paints a poignant picture prefiguring Jesus' crucifixion. **I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.** Psalm 22's refrain is some of the last words spoken by Jesus on the cross. The Philippians hymn is one of the most beloved and poignant passages ever, **Christ . . . becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.** All of these are songs, hymns to be remembered.

Reflection question:

How can I heed Jesus' lesson of patient suffering?

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The Message Of Christ's Love

From the proclamation of the Gospel at the beginning of the liturgy, we know that today is different, not only because we hear two Gospel passages, or because we hold palms and move in procession. Today begins Holy Week, a time set apart, a week in which to listen, pray, reflect, and take to heart the truth of Christ's passion, crucifixion, death, and ultimately, resurrection. It takes a week, and a lifetime, to truly hear the message of Christ's love. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus willingly sacrificed himself, so we must hear the story again and again. Let this week be for us a new moment of faith in which we, together with the criminal who was crucified with Christ, cry out, **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

In life and marriage there are also times of joy and celebration — like Palm Sunday. What is something that your beloved has done that makes you proud of him/her? Rejoice together today and remember it when the hard times of life also creep in.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

As Palm Sunday approaches remember that hype can precede a downfall. Enjoy your child's successes but don't let your love depend on success.

**Christ emptied himself,
and God filled this emptiness with exaltation.**

—Philippians 2:6-11

Do You Know The Story?

We might assume that we know the scriptures and tend to tune out something as difficult to comprehend as the **Passion of Christ**. What we often end up doing is taking all four of the Gospels and sort of mixing the accounts into one story. The theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this **making Gospel Soup**. Today's **Passion is from the Gospel of Luke**, and there are some elements that are very different from Matthew and Mark (the other synoptic Gospels read in Lectionary years A and B), and John's Gospel text which is always proclaimed on Good Friday. Let's look at the elements that are specific to Luke as we break the Passion into five sections.

The account of Christ's passion according to Luke. —Luke 22:14 — 23:56

The Lukan Passion

Lord's Supper (22:14–38) Luke portrays Jesus as fiery and working for justice, both in his passion and in his ministry. The Passover feast is a very special time for the disciples, and while they are being commissioned, it is clear that they do not understand yet how they will carry on; Jesus warns them to protect them from evil.

Mount of Olives (22:39–53) Luke's Jesus doesn't seem as desolate as in other accounts about his imminent death, and goes to pray in regular fashion. He calls out his betrayer by name, hinting at foreshadowing of knowledge.

Peter's Denial – Sanhedrin (22:54–71) One can see the special care Jesus takes for Peter, and the scene takes place in the courtyard where Jesus was earlier abused as prophet.

Trials before Pilate and Herod (23:1–25) In this account Pilate and Herod both proclaim Jesus to be innocent, and this heals a **rift** between them. Jesus is good even to those who maltreat him.

Crucifixion, Death, and Burial (23:26–56) There are no soldiers; it is the chief priests who take Jesus to Pilate. Jesus' words on the Cross are kind: **Father forgive them.** In Mark' Gospel both criminals mocked Jesus, but here one of them begs forgiveness, and Jesus grants him salvation. Jesus' last words show a sign of trust: **Father, into your hands . . .**

**May we also place our trust in God
as we enter into Holy Week.**

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7a

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely not abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today Jesus tells us **I am among you as one who serves.** In accepting the palm branch today, you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as **one who serves.** Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

Christian Mothers/Women's Guild Communion Mass & Breakfast Sunday May 1, 2022

9 am Mass - St. Michael Church

10:30 am Breakfast, Youghiogheny Country Club
\$24 per person - RSVP by Sunday, April 24, 2022

For reservations or more information,
please call Paula, 412-384-0499, or

Place your name & phone number & check
in an envelope marked Communion Breakfast
and place in the Offertory Basket. Thank You!



Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh comparison, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Luke.

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not **skip** Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

**These are the moments that define us as Catholics.
Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.**

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LP

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp
St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Health & Blessings
of Pat Muic from Ladies of Charity.
St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of
Claudia Pollick from Ladies of Charity.
Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Health &
Blessings of Jean Kudla from Ladies of Charity



Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 15, 2022, 7 pm

Saint Eugene Church, Liberty

On **Holy Thursday**, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his **Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity**.

The whole city (Jerusalem then, our world now) asks the pivotal question, **Who is this Jesus?**

Who is Jesus for us—for me?

Jesus will judge us on our practical charity toward those in need, hungry, thirsty, without clothing or shelter, the infirm and imprisoned.

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

8:30 - 9:30 pm

Saint Eugene Church, Liberty,
will remain open for private prayer until 9:30 pm.

Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.



Friday of the Passion of the Lord

April 15, 2022

1:30 pm Saint Michael Church

2:00 pm Queen of the Rosary Church

Word, Veneration, Holy Communion

On **Good Friday**, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life.

We can look high and low but we will not find a Catholic Mass celebrated anywhere on this day. There is a Good Friday service, to be sure, but there is no Mass. However, we will gather in churches throughout the world to hear scripture tell of the trial, death, and burial of Jesus. We will pray the prescribed 10 prayers of intercession. We will walk in procession to venerate the cross. And, on this second of the three sacred days this week that are known as the Triduum, we will receive the Eucharist, consecrated at the Mass of the Last Supper the night before. On this day of prayer and remembrance, do one thing to imitate the love and compassion of Jesus. **And after this, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus.**

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.



Holy Saturday
April 16, 2022

Holy Saturday is the day of immediate preparation for the celebration of the sacraments of initiation.

Blessing of the Baskets

It is the tradition of many people to ask God's blessing on the festive foods to be used at the Easter meal.



12 Noon Saint Eugene Church, Liberty

12 Noon Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth

2:00 pm Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

Easter Egg Hunt

sponsored by Faith Formation & Youth Group
on the **St. Eugene Church Grounds**
at **12:30 pm for Children**
Grade 3 and younger



EASTER SCHEDULE



Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
April 16, 2022

St. Michael Church - 7:30 pm

The Easter Vigil, the **mother of all vigils** (as Saint Augustine called it), moves people through its intense symbolism of **fire, light, dark, incense, and song**. The lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom **the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection.**

The Easter Vigil reminds us that faith isn't just an idea; it is a full-body experience and a way of life. Whether or not you attend the Easter Vigil, you can allow your faith to be a full-sensory experience, **perceiving God in touch, song, aroma, and beauty. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

8:00 am St. Eugene Church

9:00 am St. Michael Church

10:30 am Queen of the Rosary Church

12 Noon St. Michael Church

Come, let us worship.



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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

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

You're invited

Shroud of Turin Presentation

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth
Please come and join us in prayer.

**First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday, April 24, 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, April 10; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56

Revealing companions—Today the church follows Luke's narrative of the Passion, where participants are revealed by the company they keep—or avoid. Most of Jesus' followers flee his side, fearing to share their teacher's fate. Meanwhile, the Roman governor Pilate makes a strange alliance with local puppet-king Herod, a man he despises. Both agree on one thing: Holding onto power is their highest priority. Then Simon, a Jew from the African dispersion, finds himself forced to carry Jesus' cross: something the disciples were terrified of doing. Tradition holds this Cyrenian and his family later joined the early church. Whose company are we keeping? **As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian . . . laying the cross on him.**

Monday, Apr 11; Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

What's your pet project?—Everyone knows Saint Francis of Assisi loved animals—but so did many other saints. Saint Basil the Great urged Christians to see animals as our brothers. Saint Cuthbert made friends with birds. Saint Giles was a vegetarian. And Saint Gertrude of Nivelles, the patron saint of cats, is known for feeding and loving the strays around her monastery. **The Catechism of the Catholic Church** teaches that **God surrounds animals with His providential care** and Catholic moral theology and ecology have always insisted that it is an act of cruelty to abuse an animal. Today is **National Pet Day**, a chance to thank God for all creatures—as well as advocate for their welfare. **You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.**

Tuesday, Apr 12; Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Reoiled and ready to serve—During this Holy Week your diocese will celebrate its annual Chrism Mass. Diocesan priests join their bishop as he mixes and blesses a year's supply of sacred oils to be used across the diocese for the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (Oil of Catechumens), the **Anointing of the Sick** (Oil of the Infirm), and the sanctification of those who receive **Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders** (Holy Chrism). We are anointed for a noble purpose and receive a healing balm. Give glory to God who seals us with inherent dignity and makes us whole. **Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.**

Wednesday, Apr 13; Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Cinema that inspires—On this day in 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Actor for his performance in **Lilies of the Field**. The moment was also notable in that Poitier was an immigrant from the Bahamas and a black Catholic—bringing two marginalized

groups together in one historic personage. His role was also unique, that of a handyman who helps a group of nuns—immigrants themselves—with their aging farm property. With its vision of interracial harmony and positive portrait of the church, the film attained legendary status. May we all aspire to live out the call of unity. **I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.**

Thursday, Apr 14; Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Lean into the Real Presence—Do we ever plumb the depths of what the Eucharist means in our lives? Christ present. Blood poured out for the world. Unifying meal. The many ways to understand what Jesus gave to us on Holy Thursday may take more than a lifetime to truly grasp. Some of the deepest truths of faith are those that we cannot completely unlock intellectually. Perhaps today is a moment to let go and just relax into Jesus as we receive him at Mass. **He is present for your happiness, Saint Francis de Sales tells us. Welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence. This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

Friday, Apr 15; Good Friday — Day of Abstinence & Fast

Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

You were there for the long haul—**Good Friday**, called **Long Friday** in some cultures, marks the close of the long fast of Lent. The word Lent, itself, derives from Old Germanic words for long, or lengthening, days, likely referring to spring. Regardless of what we call this day or the season that brought us here, it has indeed been a long fast. Have you spent these 40 days the way you had intended? Or did you perhaps pass the cup of self-sacrifice early on? Not to worry. In the end, it is more about quality than quantity. As Doctor of the Church Saint John Chrysostom says, **No matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great. See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.**

Saturday, Apr 16; Holy Saturday

Vigil: Gen 1:1—2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7

Experience the real absence—Today the church is silent, the altar is bare, the tabernacle is empty. Holy Saturday is observed without ceremony of any kind. The Easter Vigil does not start until the sun goes down. Before the kindling of the Easter fire, Holy Saturday remains a blank spot in the church's calendar signifying the real death of Jesus. Perhaps it is a good time to visit your church and experience our lifeless Lord. If you get there before the hubbub of Easter preparation begins, you can keep vigil in the quietude of a church reflecting on its beloved Christ, crucified. **Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**

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Time, Talent, and Treasure

April 3, 2022

Weekly Offering	\$ 10,990
Monthly Offering	\$ 2,947
Religious Education	\$ 234
Children's Offering	\$ 10
2022 Parish Share Goal	\$134,148
2022 Parish Share to Date	\$58,155

Mass Attendance

4:00 pm	197	6:00 pm	101
8:00 am	75	9:00 am	195
10:30 am	108	12 Noon	169
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, April 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Saint Michael - Archangel Hall

Riley McLaughlin, guest speaker

and a Junior at Elizabeth-Forward High School, will share a Pro-Life presentation discussing the value of human life.

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, April 16, 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, May 14, 2022 at 10:00 am
in the **St. Michael Church - Archangel Hall**.

Knights of Columbus will meet on
Monday, April 18, 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, May 2, 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, April 24, 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

Thank you your support.

As we continue to prepare for the coming of our Lord on Easter Sunday, our self-sacrifice should include support of parish ministries through our Parish Share program. Parish Share provides training for lay leaders who serve our faith communities, and especially for helping young people grow closer to Jesus. As disciples, we follow Jesus who gives us hope and the command to serve and love one another.

Please remember that Parish Share is different than a one-time special collection. You can make a gift payable in installments over the coming year.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes participate, and together our gifts provide much needed services.

If you've not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider your support for this important initiative. All funds raised beyond our assessment will stay right here in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**Thank You! Thank You!
Thank You Crochet Club!**

A Great Big Thank You to the Crochet Club for making all the prayer cloths.

If you would like to join the Crochet Club they meet on Thursday - 11:30 am-1:30 pm at Saint Eugene Rectory. All are Welcome!

Tithing vs. Stewardship

Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both **tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life** that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for **ten**. The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! **Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.**

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I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

— Philippians 3:8

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. —Psalm 126

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!



PRAY FAST GIVE

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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.

BASKET THEMES:

- ◆ **Spring Gardening:** seeds, tools (small shovels or rakes), potting soil, gardening gloves, garden statues or flags, garden hose, nozzles.
- ◆ **Patriotic:** red, white & blue items, flags, picnic
- ◆ **Italian:** sauces, tomato paste, canned tomatoes, pastas, cooking pots, colanders and kitchen utensils.
- ◆ **Summer:** beach balls & pool items, beach towels, picnic items, folding outdoor chairs or picnic table.
- ◆ **Fall:** seasonal decorations (leaves & pumpkins), plates & napkins, Tablecloth, orange and shades of browns
- ◆ **Halloween:** decorations, black & orange plates, tablecloths, napkins, items for a party.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving:** turkey platter, pumpkin tablecloths, plates, napkins, gravy boats or decorations
- ◆ **Men's:** tools, flashlights, work gloves, bandanas, men's soaps & colognes
- ◆ **Women's:** candles, beauty items, nail care, spa gift certificates
- ◆ **Children's:** toys, puzzles, balls, games, dolls
- ◆ **Hot Wheels:** match box or hot wheel toy cars.
- ◆ **Baby:** diapers, blankets, clothing, baby bottles, baby toys, baby powder & lotions
- ◆ **Baking:** cookie sheets, pie pans, measuring cups, bowls
- ◆ **Small Appliance:** assorted small kitchen appliances (toasters, can openers, crock pots and coffee makers)
- ◆ **Back to School:** lunch boxes, backpacks, pencils, paper, calculators, & folders.
- ◆ **Car Wash:** window cleaner, towels, paper towels, wax, tire cleaner, bucket, shammy
- ◆ **Cleaning:** Mr. Clean, Windex, paper towels, magic erasers & Clorox clean up.
- ◆ **Pet:** Cat/Dog - pet food, treats, bowls, toys, bedding.
- ◆ **Holiday Themes:** New Year's Day, Valentines Day, St. Patrick Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc
- ◆ **Going Green:** environmentally friendly products
- ◆ **Kitchen Supplies:** dish Cloths, tea towels, pot holders, small appliances, etc
- ◆ **Puzzle Basket:** crossword, word search, sudoku, etc

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

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!!!**

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,

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank You! Thank You!

A special Thank you to the over 300 Parish Volunteers who have completed their Safe Environment Recertification.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

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

Gathering Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor

1-5. All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem-er King!

1-5. To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho-san-nas ring.

1. You are the King of Is - ra - el, And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went:
4. To you be - fore your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise:
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

1. Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
2. And mor - tals, joined with all _ things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
3. Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
4. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
5. Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

Text: 76 76 D; Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760-821; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt., *Hymnal Noted*, 1854.
Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22

R. My God, | my God, why have you a - ban - doned me?

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation

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

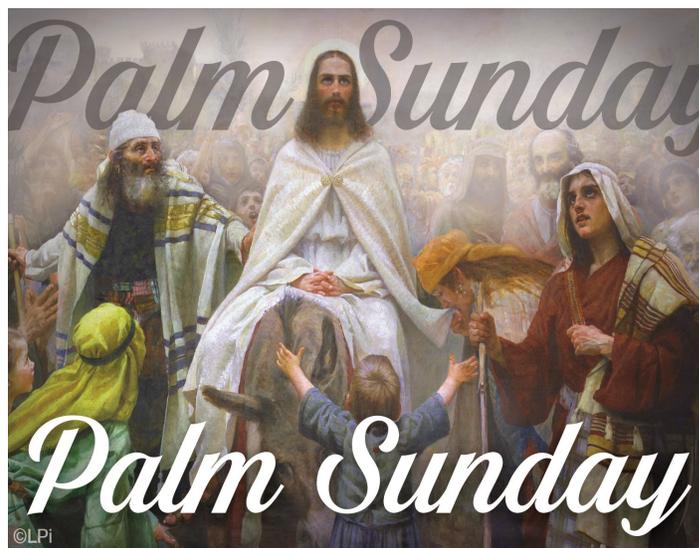
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Gospel

Luke 22:14-23:56

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.



Hosanna!

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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

Heavenly Father, 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: Hosanna, Son of God



Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na, Son of God! We



praise you! We bless you! We ac - claim you, Christ the King!



1. The Lord owns the earth and all that it holds.
2. Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?
3. Who may stand in the temple of the Lord?
4. The pure of heart receive a blessing from the Lord.
5. Lift up, O gates; reach up, ancient doors.
6. Who is this King of glory?
7. Give glory to the Father; Give glory to the Son.



1. To God belongs creation and all who live.
2. The one whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean.
3. The one who seeks God's glory and lives in truth.
4. For holy are the people who seek God's face.
5. Allow the King of glory to enter in.
6. The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord of hosts.
7. Give glory to the Spirit for ever more.

Ps 24:1, 3-8, 10

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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

Communion Hymn: Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

WERE YOU THERE



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!



1-3. Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: 10 10 14 10. Text and music: African American Spiritual

Going Forth Hymn: Ride On, Ride On In Majesty



1. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! The
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In



1. all the world Ho - san - na cry; Your hum - ble beast pur
2. Low - ly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, your triumphs
3. An - gel host a - bove the sky Look down with sad and
4. Low - ly pomp ride on to die; Bow your meek head to



1. sue's his way Where crowds their palms and garments lay.
2. now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin
3. won - dring eyes To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4. mor - tal pain, Then show us, Christ, your pow' r and reign



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