

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

Established January 4, 2021

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

Website: joachimandannediopitt.org



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

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August 4, 5, 6, 2022
Fun - Food - Games
3210 Liberty Way, Liberty Boro

Faith Formation

Adult - Children - Youth

101 McLay Drive

Elizabeth, PA 15037

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Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine:
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Looking For A Faith Community?

Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you to join our community.
You may register by calling the Administration Center.

Administration Center

101 McLay Drive

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Phone 412-751-0663

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Safe Environment

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Church Buildings

Saint Eugene (StE)

3210 Liberty Way

McKeesport, PA 15133

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Saint Michael (StM)

101 McLay Drive

Elizabeth, PA 15037

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Queen of the Rosary (QoR)

530 Michigan Avenue

Glassport, PA 15045

July 31, 2022

Sacraments

Baptism of Infants & Children

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
Saturday, 5:15-5:45 pm

St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
Saturday, 11-11:30 am
Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm

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

Marriage

The 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, 412-751-0663.

Victim's Assistance Hot Line
Diocesan 412-456-3093 (Office)
1-888-808-1235 (Hot Line)
PA Childline 1-800-932-0313
Immediate Danger Call 911

Mass Intentions For The Week

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

QoR Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

July 31 - August 7, 2022

Saturday, 30, Vigil, 17th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm G Dan & Nancy Pavlic - 60th Wedding Anniversary - Family

StE 6:00 pm M Mario Molinaro - Wife, JoAnn & Family

Sunday, 31 17th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am M Cheryl Hopkins - Family & Friends

StM 9:00 am T Flo & Ed Steindl - Family

QoR 10:30 am M Dennis Marini - Hopkins Family

StM 12 Noon T Living & Deceased of the Parish

Monday, August 1, Alphonsus Liguori, bishop

QoR 8:30 am Robert & Charles Gorun - Andrew Tkac Family

StM 9:00 am Champ, Grilli, Gatto, Semko Families -Frank & Raffaline Champ

Tuesday, 2, Weekday

StM 9:00 am Special Intention—William Brogna - Liz & Larry

StE 6:30 pm Helen Petro - Partyka Family

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

Wednesday, 3, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Edwin Wichman - Family

StM 9:00 am Rev. John T. Markus - Patty Smith

Thursday, 4, John Vianney, priest

StE 8:30 am Leland Offut - Family & Friends

StM 9:00 am August & Maxine Gatto – John & Mary Louse Fuga

Friday, 5, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Thomas Lapsley - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Bob Agosti - Family

Saturday, 6, Vigil, 18th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm M John M. Fuga - Family

StE 4:00 pm T Living & Deceased of the Parish

Sunday, 7, 18th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am T Angelo & Barbara Palestra, Steven & Margaret Marshalik
 - Robert & Mari Ann Palestra

StM 9:00 am G Lucia Rosetti Martin - Joanne Martinelli

QoR 10:30 am T Nicholas Aquilante, Sr. - Linda & Family

StM 12 Noon M Teresa Giarnelli -Family

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp
St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of
 Donald Kmetz from Ladies of Charity
St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Health & Blessings
 Phyllis Tansky from Ladies of Charity.
Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Health &
Blessings Edward Urbanski from Ladies of Charity.

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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: **Judy Johnson**, wife of Scott Johnson,
Robert Braun, brother of Betty Kaczka,
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' August Rosary Intention

We pray for small and medium sized businesses;
 in the midst of economic and social crisis
 may they find ways to continue operating
 and serving their communities.

18th Sunday In Ordinal Time
July 31, 2022



What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of

goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime **in the future** while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. **Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude** (St. John Chrysostom). We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God. ©LPi

NOTHING BETTER —Thomas à Kempis
 Nothing . . . is sweeter than love; nothing higher,
 nothing stronger, nothing larger, nothing fuller,
 nothing better, in heaven or on earth.

Please join us in prayer.

discovering CHRIST

**Almighty God and loving Father,
we humbly ask you for the conversion of our Parish.**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
setting us on fire for love of you.**

**Teach us to live our lives
in loving service to one another
and not in selfish attention to our own wants.**

**Grant that our parish community
may shine forth as the Body of Christ,
bearing witness to our Savior's
continued presence with us.**

**We ask this as we ask all good things
in the most powerful name of Jesus your Son. Amen.**

18th Sunday in Ordinal Time

Teach us to number our days aright. Is there a more wise and prudent prayer for people of all ages than this verse from today's responsorial psalm? As we savor the lovely but limited days of summer we are reminded that nothing lasts forever. In today's first reading, the master teacher (Qoheleth) asserts **All things are vanity!** while the Gospel of Luke describes the ease with which our possessions can possess us. The second reading makes the point as well: **Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.** We see the problem of wealth from both sides today—from the viewpoint of the wealthy person who inevitably has to leave his riches to someone else and from the perspective of the potential inheritor who is at odds with his brother over how to divide their inheritance. The problem is clear; the wisdom is also.

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The Center Of A Meaningful Life

Today's readings invite us to reflect upon some of life's deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus' parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God's purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God's love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others.

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You Can't Take It With You

Stephen Covey, in his book **The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People**, lists as his second habit: Begin with the end in mind. Is that not the point of our scripture reflections today? We know we will die. We know we **can't take it with us.** If you've ever been tasked with cleaning out the home of a deceased person, you know how easily once-treasured items simply become another burden to deal with. Or you may have experienced how quickly the joy of owning the latest smart phone becomes as outdated as the model itself. So how do we think about all the stuff that we buy, accumulate, fret over where to store, and pay taxes on? Heaven forbid if we ever have to move!

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Rich In What Matters To God

Luke sets us on the right path when he affirms that we must be **rich in what matters to God.** Needless to say, he is not saying that possessions themselves are evil. Today's psalm asks God—twice—to **prosper the work of our hands for us!** The danger is that, as one wag put it, **we never have enough of what we don't really need.** What **does** matter to God? What is the opposite of vanity? Kindness to one another, mercy, forgiveness, generosity to the poor and needy—all of these remain beyond death. These are what we can take with us when we die. The great mystery in all this is that God is never outdone in generosity; the more we give away, the more we have.

July 31 is also the feast day of **Ignatius of Loyola**, founder of the **Society of Jesus** (Jesuits). He epitomizes richness in what really matters. His military and court aspirations evaporated after he was seriously wounded in battle. His subsequent change of heart led him to found one of the most influential religious orders in the history of the Church. If the opposite of vanity is wealth that remains after death, Ignatius is most appropriately honored today.

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Reflection question:

How has the Lord answered my prayers?



Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors **with wisdom and knowledge and skill**, in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

**But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story.
I've only told you part of it.**

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

**This is what it means to be a true steward:
to seek what is above.**

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Eccl 1:2). Each of us is probably vain about something—a skill, an accomplishment...even not appearing vain. It's part of our human ego, otherwise we might be gripped by gloom. Tell your beloved one thing you yourself think you're honestly good at. Affirm each other.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

It's been a hot summer for most of us. Heat, politics, war, family squabbles, etc. can take a toll on our emotional and physical health. Why not take a break, aka a **home vacation**. Take an evening, or maybe just an hour, to do something frivolous as a family this weekend.

WORRY —Anonymous

Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good.
I know better. The things I worry about *never* happen.

Discovering Christ



In September of 2022, our Parish Family invites you to embark on an adventure called **Discovering CHRIST**.

For some this will be a new adventure and for others it will be a journey rediscovering a familiar path.

Discovering CHRIST is designed to deepen our faith, wherever we are on our journey, and help us apply our faith to everyday life. There are 7 weekly sessions and one Saturday Retreat in which we will enjoy a meal, video teaching, and small guided group discussion about the meaning of life with Jesus Christ.

Discovering CHRIST is conducted in a comfortable and welcoming, family-like atmosphere. You can join the conversation or simply listen.

The sessions will be held beginning on

Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm,

September 27 at Saint Michael-Archangel Hall or

Wednesday mornings at 9:15 am,

September 28 at Queen of the Rosary Social Hall.

Discovering CHRIST is designed to deepen our faith. Join us on this adventure and consider inviting your friends and family who are searching for an encounter with Jesus Christ. All are invited and welcome!

For more information or to register visit

joachimandannediopitt.org/discovering-Christ

or call 412-751-0663.

Please join us in prayer.

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. Barranto, 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; LT. 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!



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—1 Peter 2:4-5

Faith Formation is looking for a few Catechists for Sunday morning 10:15 -11:45 am and Monday evening 5:45 - 7:15 pm.

We are in need of Weekly Catechists and also those willing to substitute as well.

Catechists are needed in the following grades:

Sunday morning: Kindergarten, and 1st, 4th, 6th and 7th grade.

Monday evening: 3rd, 4th, and 7th Grade

Please prayerfully consider becoming a living witness to your faith by sharing your faith journey with our children,

the next generation of believers.

Please contact Julie, 412-754-0886 or email faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org

All Catechists and Volunteers need to be current with their Safe Environment and Virtus Training, as well as the Mandated Reporter Training through the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Please contact Jeannie, 412-751-0663 or email protect@joachimandannediopitt.org

Pre-Baptism Class

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

Pre-Baptism Class - Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm in St. Michael Meeting Room.

Please register at joachimandannediopitt.org/baptism or by emailing faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org or by calling the Faith Formation Office, 412-754-0886.

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



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

Faith, Fellowship, and Food Summer Series

Tuesday 6:45-9 pm - St. Michael-Archangel Hall with Dr. Maureen Crossen

Join us in a lively and practical series in which we further discover our Journey of Faith.

August 9 I am telling this to you that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete

(John 15:11)

Living our profession of faith that we are apostolic by announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ to others.

The evening includes prayer & song, presentation, facilitator led discussion. Sessions are conducted in a spirit of community; all are welcome.

Please come and join us in prayer.

Discovering Christ

September 27 - November 16

Tuesdays 6:45 - 9 pm, St. Michael Church
Wednesday 9:15 - 11:30 am, Queen of the Rosary

Registration or Information: 412-751-0663 or joachimandannediopitt.org/discovering-christ

Pre-Cana Program

If you are planning weddings, especially Winter, Spring & Summer 2023.

St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth
Saturday, November 12, 2022, 9 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.

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.



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

Sunday, Jul 31; 18th Sunday in Ordinal Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9- 11; Lk 12:13-21

Dizzy yet?—Do you ever feel like the world is spinning out of control? You're not alone: Pope Francis has called this effect of modern culture **rapidification**. It's not just you: Things really are happening, progressing, and becoming obsolete faster—including what many of us do for a living. We're not unlike the tragic lamplighter in Catholic author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's classic, **The Little Prince**. The lamplighter's planet is turning faster, but he still operates at the same mortal speed. He must now respond to 1,440 sunsets where there used to be just one. Now more than ever, we need to honor our Sabbaths and take our rest. **For what profit comes to [us] from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which [we have] labored under the sun?**

Monday, Aug 01; Alphonsus Liguori, founder

Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21

Vocation is deeper than a job—Alphonsus Liguori is the patron saint of many things, including the work of laypeople. Even though he was a founder of a religious order, the Redemptorists, he was, of course, first a layperson himself—and one with a successful career. A lawyer who didn't lose a case for eight years straight, he still found time in his busy schedule to visit the terminally ill, which is how he discovered his true vocation and became a priest and leading theologian. Liguori might be the first to advise: Take a break from work to give back to the community and you might get your big break in finding your mission. **His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.**

Tuesday, Aug 02; Peter Julian Eymard, priest & founder

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22- 36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Be present to the presence—Peter Julian Eymard, the French Catholic priest who founded the **Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament**, had a deep love and understanding of the Eucharist. **How kind is our Sacramental Jesus! He welcomes you at any hour of the day or night. His Love never knows rest, he said. When you visit Him, He forgets your sins and speaks only of His joy, His tenderness, and His Love. By the reception He gives to you, one would think He has need of you to make Him happy.** Take such words to heart as we begin the U.S. bishops' new **Eucharistic Revival**. **Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.**

Wednesday, Aug 03; Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

Let your life be one of service—Sor Isolina Ferré Aguayo, M.S.B.T., a Missionary Sister, died on this day in 2000 after a lifetime of service to the poor of her native Puerto Rico and New York. Known as the **Mother Teresa of Puerto Rico**, Aguayo served people living on the margins and opened schools and resource centers throughout Puerto Rico and beyond. For her tireless work, she received 17 honorary degrees and more than

50 additional awards including the **Presidential Medal of Freedom** in 1999, bestowed for her **passionate fight against poverty, violence, and despair in Puerto Rico and Brooklyn, New York, where she worked to reconcile rival gangs in 1950-1960**. In endowing the award, President Clinton said Sor Isolina taught people **to see the best in themselves and in their communities**. May we all serve so well. **O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.**

Thursday, Aug 04; John Vianney, priest

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23

Persistence is a virtue Sometimes a vocation comes packaged with obstacles. Perhaps it is God's way of testing our resolve. In any case, John Vianney, born in revolutionary France in 1786, modeled persistence in his determination to become a priest. His religious training was disrupted by the anticlerical reign of terror unleashed during the French Revolution. Priests in hiding who risked their lives to administer the sacraments became Vianney's heroes, and once the church was reestablished, Vianney entered seminary. Today we know him as the patron saint of parish priests. May his story inspire us to overcome obstacles that keep us from our God-given vocation, whatever that might be. **You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.**

Friday, Aug 05; Dedication of the Basilica of Mary Major

Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28

At home in a house church—Christians first gathered in homes, or **house churches**, before there were dedicated religious buildings. Remember the **upper room** where the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit? It was likely one of the first house churches. As Christians were able to more freely express their faith, churches were built. One of the most historic and significant churches is the **Basilica of Mary Major** in Rome. It was built out of deep love of Mary and her significance in salvation history. It holds many important relics, works of art, and the sacred experiences of pilgrims since the fifth century. What is a church that has been especially meaningful for you? **See, upon the mountains there advances the bearer of good news, announcing peace!**

Saturday, Aug 06; Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36

Bury the bomb—On August 6, 1945 at 8:15 in the morning, an atomic bomb exploded above Hiroshima, Japan, dropped from an American B29 bomber. In an instant some 70,000 souls were incinerated by the 10,000-degree fireball generated in the blast. By the end of the year, injury and radiation doubled the total number of deaths. Seventy-five years later, Pope Francis declared the use of atomic weapons, even the mere possession of such devices, to be immoral. Reflect on the transfigured Christ who stands in solidarity with the suffering and dead of all crimes against humanity. **While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.**

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Time, Talent, and Treasure

July 24, 2022

Weekly Offering	\$	14,365
Monthly Offering	\$	498
Religious Education	\$	190
Children's Offering	\$	14

Mass Attendance

4:00 pm	146	6:00 pm	96
8:00 am	78	9:00 am	172
10:30 am	139	12 Noon	174
Families	1,931	Souls	4,542

Parish Share

2022 Parish Share Goal	\$134,148
2022 Parish Share to Date	\$97,533

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--Donation \$5.00.

Thank You For Your Support!

Knight's of Columbus #10077 Scholarship Program

The **Knights of Columbus** are now accepting applications for their Scholarship Program for any high school graduate who is a resident of the Elizabeth Forward or South Allegheny School Districts or an eligible member of Saints Joachim and Anne Parish.

**Applications are due Today,
Sunday, July 31, 2022.**

Upcoming Events

Crochet Club will not be meeting until the Fall.

Quilting Club will not be meeting until the Fall.

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on **Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 7:30 am** in the **St. Michael Church - Meeting Room**. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Knights of Columbus will meet on **Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7:30 pm** in the **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.

Rosary Makers will meet on **Monday, August 1, 2022 at 10:00 am** in **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.

Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, July 31, 2022 - 12 Noon to 6 pm
Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli
with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert
Eat-In or Take-Out, 412-673-3915.

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!**

Kind deeds can change lives!





**Saints Joachim & Anne Parish
Annual Community Festival 2022
August 4, 5, 6, 2022
Fun - Food - Games
3210 Liberty Way, Liberty Borough**



**Nightly Entertainment
Under the Stars
DJ Tim spins the tunes
all three nights
Friday - Country Music
Tim Litvin
& the Nature Boy Band
7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Due to our Festival,
on Saturday, August 6, 2022
there will be NO 6:00 pm Mass
at Saint Eugene,
MASS will be at 4:00 pm.**

Festival Menu

Soda Pop & Turner's Tea	\$ 2.00
Bottled Water	\$ 1.50
French Fries	\$ 3.75
Fries & Cheese	\$ 4.25
Cheese Sticks (5)	\$ 4.25
Fresh Seasoned Potato Chips	\$ 5.50
Walking Taco in a Bowl	\$ 5.00
Nachos	\$ 3.50
Haluski	\$ 4.00
Corn Dog	\$ 3.00 or 2/\$ 5.50
Hot Dog	\$ 3.00
with Cheese or Kraut	\$ 3.50
Hamburger 1/4 lb Angus Beef	\$ 5.00
Cheeseburger 1/4 lb Angus Beef	\$ 5.50
Big J&A Burger 1/4 lb Angus Beef	
Deluxe Burger	\$ 6.75
Hot Sausage	\$ 6.00
Kielbasa & Kraut	\$ 6.00
4 Chicken Tenders	\$ 7.00
4 Chicken Tenders & Fries	\$10.00
Pierogies (each)	\$ 1.25
Pierogies (dozen)	\$13.50
1 Homemade Stuffed Cabbage	\$ 3.50
6 Homemade Stuffed Cabbage	\$20.00
Take out Container for Stuffed Cabbage	\$ 1.00
Will hold 1/2 dozen Cabbage Rolls	
Polish Platter	\$10.00
(Cabbage Roll, 3 Pierogi & Haluski)	
Children's Meal	\$ 6.00
2 Chicken Tenders or Hot Dog, w/Fries & 4 oz Orange Drink or Small Water	
Food Booth Open Nightly at 5:00 pm.	

Bake Sale

Calling all Bakers

We Need Your Gift of Time and Talent!

Each night of the Festival the Bake Sale features your delicious homemade baked goods.

Here are some favorites that sell very well at the bake sale: hand held items, such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes, rice krispy treats, etc.

When choosing which favorite goodies to bake,

Please consider the heat of the summer.

Drop off for baked goods:

before 3PM, in Father Rowan Hall,

after 3PM, at the bake sale booth.

The baking is according to last name:

A through I — Thursday Night

J through Q — Friday Night

R through Z — Saturday Night

If you can't bake on your night,

we welcome your baked goods any night.

Thank you! Your donations are appreciated!

See You At The Festival!



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**Festival Set-Up
Festival Teardown & Clean-Up**

**Attention: Men, Women,
Youth & all Kids!**

**We Need You!
We Need Your Help!**

On Sunday, July 31, we need help setting up tables and tents for the Parish Festival. Come at 9:00 am and we will work together for the day.

On Monday, August 1, we need help with electrical set up and finishing up the booth set up.

On Saturday, August 6, we need help in starting to tear down at 10:00 pm.

On Sunday, August 7, we need help to tear down the chairs & tables, tents, booths & clean up of the church grounds at 9:00 am.

**Food, drinks & blessings
will be offered.**

ALL are welcome!!!



Festival Raffle Tickets
**Please return sold ticket stubs
and money as soon as possible.**
Thank You For Your Support!
Good Luck!!

Festival Specialty Basket

Please be sure to stop by and view all of the spectacular baskets that we were able to create due to your generous donations. It is only with your support that we can continue to provide such quality baskets for our festival.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
Your generosity is appreciated!
See You At The Festival!

Pick up times for unclaimed baskets
Saturday, August 6, 2022 - 12 noon - 2 pm
Post-Festival Specialty Basket Pick-up
Sunday, August 7, 2022 - 12 noon - 2 pm
at St. Eugene Rectory Office

All remaining unclaimed baskets will be available at the St. Eugene Office, 3210 Liberty Way please call 412-751-0663 to make pick-up arrangements.
Thank you! Thank you!

Attention Retirees We Need You!

**Your help is needed in the mornings
and evenings of the festival kitchen.**

We need help setting up and prepping the inside kitchen, the outside food booth, carrying specialty & craft baskets, doing dishes in the evening.

Please think about giving some of your time to help in these areas!

Thank You for Your Continual Support!

always
THANKFUL

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

Parish Festival

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Saints Joachim & Anne Parish Annual Community Festival

August 4, 5, & 6, 2022

Fun - Food - Games

**Saint Eugene Grounds
3210 Liberty Way - Liberty Borough**

**Food Booth Opens
Nightly at 5:00 pm**



**Featuring: Haluski, Stuffed Cabbage,
Pierogies, Hot Sausage, Kielbasa,
Burgers, Corn Dog & Hot Dog,
Chicken Tenders, Nachos, and much more
Funnel Cakes with toppings**

Festival 6:00 - 11:00 pm Nightly

**Bake Sale - Bingo - Cash Prize Raffles
Children's Area - Craft Baskets - Flea Market
Games - Instant Bingo - Lottery Boards
Money Games - Nightly Ground Prizes
Raffles - Rides - Specialty Baskets
Super Star Baskets - Wheel Barrow of Cheer**

Nightly Entertainment

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Friday - Tim Litvin & the Nature Boy Band**

**Please No Pets - Only Working Service Animals
We Are An Alcohol & Tobacco Free Event**

18th Sunday in Ordinal Time

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel
 Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

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

Gathering Hymn: Gather Us In

Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 We are the old— who yearn for your face,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,
 Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
 Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,
 Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
 Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;
 Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

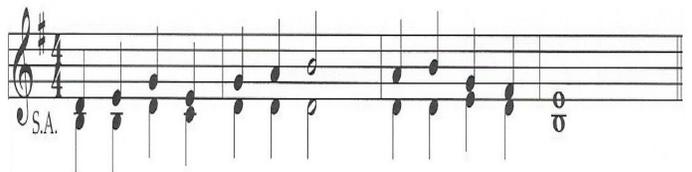
Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will,
 We praise you, we bless you,
 we adore you, we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 90



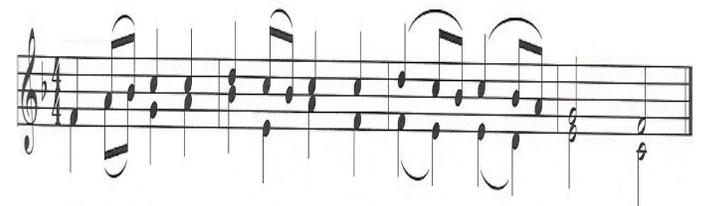
If to - day you hear his voice, hard - en not your hearts. —

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Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel Acclamation



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

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Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Homily: Reflection of the Word

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made. for us men
and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
(All Bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again
on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Liturgy of the Eucharist
God Of All, Hear Our Prayer

Prayer for On Mission for the Church Alive!

Father of Mercy, as we journey
On Mission for the Church Alive! endow us with
your gifts of collaboration, courage and compassion.
Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and His Church
through vibrant parishes and effective ministries.

Raise up selfless, energetic leaders
to serve the Church in fidelity and with care.

May we the Church of Pittsburgh in Allegheny, Beaver,
Butler, Greene, Lawrence, and Washington counties,
be sustained and strengthened, by your grace.

Help us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus and to live Jesus.
Hear this prayer and grant it through Jesus Christ
our Lord, with help of our dear Blessed Mother,
under the mantle of her love. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Seek Ye First

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,
seek, and you shall find,
but by ev - 'ry word
there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



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

2. *Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:*



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



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

**May be sung as a two-voice canon.*

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Holy
Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again

Amen, Amen, Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: Eye Has Not Seen

NCM 1111



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for



those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of



Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Verses 1-3



1. When pain and sor-row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin-gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev-er



Lord, for-give the weak-ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re-flect-ed in the fac-es of

D.C.



bear us up with-in your peace-ful word.
we re-turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low-ly of the world.

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Going Forth Hymn: The Church Is One Foundation

AURELIA



1. The Chur-ch's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ her Lord;
2. E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, And tu-mult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath un-ion With God, the Three-in-One,



1. She is his new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the word:
2. Her char-ter of sal-va-tion, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!"
3. She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more,
4. And with the saints, com-mun-ion With those whose rest is won.



1. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho-ly bride;
2. One ho-ly Name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
3. Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
4. O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1. With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
2. And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
3. And the great Church vic-tor-ious Shall be the Church at rest.
4. Like them, the meek and low-ly, On high may dwell with thee.

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Patriotic Rosary
Monday Evening
August 8, 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.