

# Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

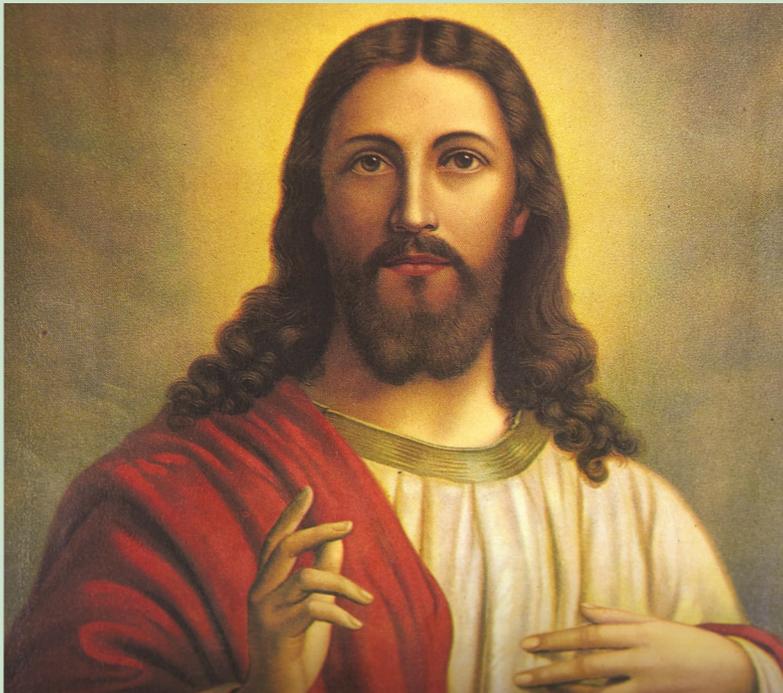
Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:29-30

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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

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## August 21, 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 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](mailto: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**

**August 21 - 28, 2022**

**Saturday, 20, Vigil, 21st Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StM 4:00 pm M Special Intention - Don Kuhns - Family & Friends**

**StE 6:00 pm T Antonio & Isabella Curcio - Curcio Family**

**Sunday, 21, 21st Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StE 8:00 am T Mary Frances Legin - Genevieve Pavlic**

**StM 9:00 am M Mary Ann, Linda, Benjamin Ignatius - Judy & Mary Jo**

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

**StM 12 Noon M August & Maxine Gatto - Joe & Jeanne Amatangelo**

**Monday, August 22, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**QoR 8:30 am Deceased of the Ksiazek Family - Paul & Beth Yurchison**

**StM 9:00 am David Rudick - Family**

**Tuesday, 23, Rose of Lima**

**StM 9:00 am Robert Wible - Crossen & Laychak Families**

**StE 6:30 pm Elvira Slavick - Betty Runtich**

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

**Wednesday, 24, Bartholomew, apostle**

**QoR 8:30 am Roger & Elizabeth Grossi - DeFelice & Grossi Families**

**StM 9:00 am Virginia Rost - Husband, Robert**

**Thursday, 25, Weekday**

**StE 8:30 am Cheryl Hopkins - Family**

**StM 9:00 am Health & Blessing - Aiden & Jessica - Family**

**Friday, 26, Weekday**

**QoR 8:30 am Marietta Norelli - Parish Family**

**StM 9:00 am Antoinette Homa - Patty Smith**

**Saturday, 27, Vigil, 22nd Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StM 4:00 pm T Merio Bisogni - Bill & Rose Pavlic**

**StE 6:00 pm M Living & Deceased of the Parish**

**Sunday, 28, 21st Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StE 8:00 am M Anna Kuk - Parish Family**

**StM 9:00 am T Mike & Virginia Luft - Children & Grandchildren**

**QoR 10:30 am M Raffaele & Teresa Palatis - Ralph & Louis Palatis**

**StM 12 Noon T Kent Baker - Betty Baker**

**Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.**

**Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp**  
**St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of**  
**Julia Karnash from Ladies of Charity**  
**St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of**  
**Joshua David Huwalt from Pappy & Grannyma Stanton.**  
**Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Health &**  
**Blessings Mary Giannandrea from Ladies of Charity.**

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*We remember . . .* In your charity,  
 please remember all those who have died,  
 especially: **Julia Karnash,**  
**John 'Jack' & Barbara Schaut,**  
**Alfred & Gwendolyn Lapsley,**  
**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.

**21st Sunday In Ordinal Time**

**August 21, 2022**



The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. **Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance.**

When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean -Pierre de Caussade).

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, **all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it** (Heb).

What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade). Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God's creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before.

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**Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

**Are You Looking for something?****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.

Enjoy delicious meals; listen to teachings; and explore the meaning of life with Jesus Christ.

**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 please visit

[joachimandannediopitt.org/discovering-Christ](http://joachimandannediopitt.org/discovering-Christ)

or call 412-751-0663.

**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.

**21st Sunday in Ordinal Time**

The term **fair-weather friend** might need a technological -era updating. Perhaps **short attention span friend** would work. In our world of multiple communication platforms, it somehow has become increasingly easy to lose track of friends. We shouldn't be surprised when we reach out and they've moved on due to our indifference. The God who is love and whose covenant is one-hundred percent about relationship is depicted in the same way by Jesus today. Hey God, remember us? There was that one time we were really in trouble and you helped out; well, we're in trouble again. But we may find that God has moved on since we turned out to be only foul-weather friends. The covenant relationship has two parties: God and us. If that covenant relationship falls apart, and we're no longer **friend**ed by God, it's not because God failed as a friend. Keeping up the friendship and relationship with God is equally our responsibility.

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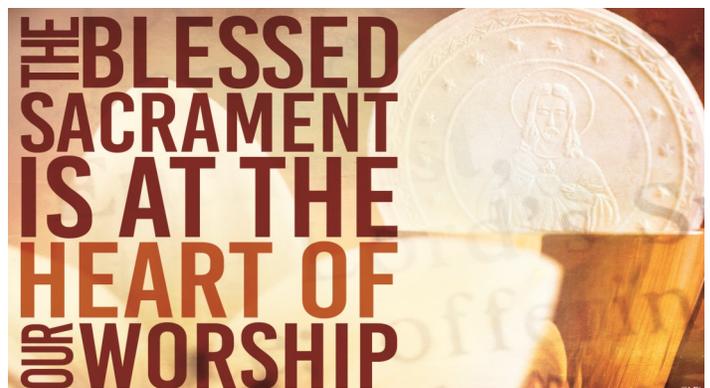
**God's People Gather**

Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God's purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity's rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God's promised future "will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God's table. Each people has its unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multi-cultural Church. When God's diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other's gifts and blessings.

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**Reflection question:**

How can I know what God commands?



## Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

### Chancing the Narrow Gate

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got **gentle parenting**, predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got **attachment parenting**, based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got **free-range parenting**, where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting **expert** worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth.

And yet we become this way with God. Even the most **devout** among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: **No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace.**

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the **narrow gate**, sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself? —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi

### Offertory Gift Procession

It is a great honor to be asked to fulfill this **responsibility**. Those who carry the gifts for the Mass are representatives of all the gifts that we offer to the Lord.

We remind those who have scheduled the Mass intention to inform the Ushers that you are at the Mass and are willing to take up the gifts; so they do not ask others.

Those who are invited by the Ushers to represent us in the carrying of the gifts are encouraged to accept this honor so that we may be represented by different people and families each week.

## From East To West

With our modern understanding of the world and its various cultures and religions, it's hard to grasp how shocking Isaiah's words today would have been to those who first encountered them. After all, they were the people God called **Chosen**. It was easy for them to presume that after the sufferings of exile that God's freeing redemption would be for them and them alone. Yet here is Isaiah saying that the saving hand of God will extend to *all* nations, even those of varying ways and languages. Perhaps most shocking to Isaiah's initial audience would have been today's final line: that God would take these outsiders and fugitives, elevating them to the priesthood, to include them in the descendants of one of Jacob's sons, Levi. It's not difficult to imagine that this sweeping vision of God's mercy and love beyond the bounds of the Chosen People was met with resistance, much as similar messages are met with resistance today.

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## From North And South

Jesus shows himself to be firmly in Israel's prophetic tradition, a true son of Isaiah today, as he proclaims a similar message. Those who had been chosen as disciples could not presume that merely keeping physical proximity with Jesus or remaining in his company gave them any real claim to call themselves true disciples. As important as table fellowship is in Luke's Gospel, even eating and drinking with Jesus does not guarantee an eventual seat at the table of God's reign. Even being a **pureblood** (a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) doesn't make your final destination a sure thing. How the world has placed you into its categories—first or last—just might get scrambled too. It is those who follow Jesus through the **narrow gate** of discipleship, truly abiding by his example who are sure to find themselves reclining at table in the kingdom.

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### *Marriage Moments* by Susan Vogt

**Yeah, you won**, said the irate wife to her husband, **and now you get to live with the loser. Retrouvaille** ([retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org)) leader on why **win/win** outcomes are a better way to resolve disagreements.

### *Parenting Pointers* by Susan Vogt

**...for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines** (Heb 12:6). What does discipline look like in your family? As a parent is it easy for you to find effective ways to correct a toddler or teen? As a child do you resent a punishment or get over it quickly. Are there any changes that any of you would like to make?



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*Living Stones of God's House***

—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: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://joachimandannediopitt.org/baptism) or by emailing [faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org](mailto: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.



**Your Invited ...**

**Attention Youth in Grades 6 - 12**

You and your family are invited to join us for our annual Youth Group Kick-Off Picnic on Sunday, September 11, 2002 at St. Eugene Church grounds from 3 - 6 pm.

Youth Ministry will provide the drinks, main dish, and paper products.

Please bring a dish to share.

This is always a fun event, and a perfect time to check out what youth ministry is all about.

Please contact Mrs. Formica, 412-754-0886 or [youth@joachimandannediopitt.org](mailto:youth@joachimandannediopitt.org)

for more information or to register for the picnic.

For the schedule and more information about the Senior and Junior Youth Ministry Program, please email [youth@joachimandannediopitt.org](mailto:youth@joachimandannediopitt.org)

**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](mailto: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, Aug 21; 21st Sunday in Ordinal Time**

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

**Don't leave home without it**—If you've ever been locked out even once because you forgot your key, chances are you now check your pockets before you step outside the door. Being on the wrong side of a barred door is tough when it's due to hapless error. It's positively brutal when a door remains shut in your face because of something you did or failed to do. We've all received the key to a warm welcome at the threshold of God's realm: love. Church-going and check-writing may be basic but not key. The door opens to those whose hearts are open. Wherever you go today, check your pockets for love. **I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!**

### **Monday, Aug 22; Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22

**A throne on high**—In many ancient cultures, including Israel's, it wasn't the wife of the king who was queen. Rather, the mother of the king was queen. And while her son was the unquestionable ruler, she often had tremendous influence over him. The same goes in heaven. Today's memorial is eight days—an octave—after celebrating Mary's Assumption. Pope Pius XII, who declared the dogma of the Assumption, said of his instituting the feast of Mary's Queenship, **so that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and maternal sway of the Mother of God.** Remember to hail your queen, Mary, today. **One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who is seated on it.**

### **Tuesday, Aug 23; Rose of Lima, Third Order Dominican**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26

**It's your serve**—Saint Rose of Lima—like her saintly role model before her, Catherine of Siena—proved that you didn't need to become a nun to live a notable life of Christian piety and service. Both women were drawn to holiness at a young age, both resisted their parents' pressure to marry, both even took measures to make themselves less attractive to suitors. Each joined the lay Dominicans. Rose sought a sacrificial life as she brought home needy people to care for, saying, **When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus.** How will you serve Jesus today? **Cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean.**

### **Wednesday, Aug 24; Bartholomew, apostle**

Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

**As I lay dying**—Elisabeth Kübler-Ross died on this date in 2004. Early in her medical training, she was horrified to see the term **hopeless patient** commonly applied to the terminally ill, who were often overly sedated and neglected. She went on to transform the way we look at terminal illness. A pioneer in hospice and palliative care, bioethics, and near-death research,

she led the movement to **treat the dying with dignity** and her 1969 classic **On Death and Dying** changed the way we look at grief. Perhaps appropriate that today is also the feast of Saint Bartholomew, the apostle famed for his painful death as a martyr. We can all play a part in bringing comfort and dignity to the dying process. **Philip said to him, Come and see.**

### **Thursday, Aug 25; Joseph Calasanz, priest, founder**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

**Be resilient in the face of resistance** Saint Joseph Calasanz is now widely recognized for his devotion to educating needy students. However, during his 17th-century lifetime Joseph encountered strong resistance. His family opposed his becoming a priest, and after he had founded innovative schools for the poor and the Piarist religious community to tend those schools, enemies attacked. In his 80s, the church removed Joseph from education leadership, and dissolved the Piarists. After his death, the Piarists were restored, and they continue their education ministry around the world today. If you struggle with a seeming failure, look to the life of Saint Joseph of Calasanz for a model of faithfulness and endurance. **Jesus said to his disciples: Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.**

### **Friday, Aug 26; : 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13**

**Dialogue to break new ground**—There's a lot of talk right now. Talk about gun control, women's rights, dismantling racism—or not. The conversations are urgent yet often feel futile. What we need, writes Father Raimon Panikkar, whose anniversary of death is today, is not talk, but dialogue. **Dialogue is not a simple conversation, not a mere mutual enrichment by the supplementary information that is contributed; it is not exclusively a corrective of misunderstandings . . . It is the joint search for the shared and the different.** How can you foster this kind of dialogue that nourishes what each person contributes? **Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?**

### **Saturday, Aug 27; Monica, Mother of Augustine**

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

**Don't stop believing**—At some point or another, each of us loses our way in life. Some only briefly, others for a long time. Sadly, some never find their way home. But if we are blessed with someone as special as Saint Monica, we might be fortunate enough to share the fate of her famous son, Saint Augustine. He wrote in his Confessions that she had **brought me to birth, both in her flesh, so that I was born into this temporal light, and in her heart, that I might be born into eternal light.** Give thanks for the people in your life who never stopped believing in you. **His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'**

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**Pray over Sacred Scripture.**  
**You can keep whatever you find...**

### Time, Talent, and Treasure

August 14, 2022

Weekly Offering	\$ 11,858
Monthly Offering	\$ 1,347
Religious Education	\$ 298
Children's Offering	\$ 15

#### 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	\$102,005

**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!**



### Saints Joachim and Anne Parish Food Bank Sunday

We accept all non-perishable food items and paper products to serve 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!**

### Upcoming Events

**Crochet Club** will not be meeting until the Fall.

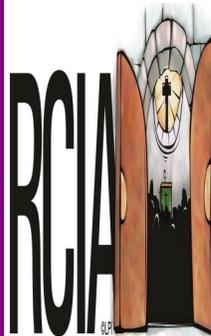
**Quilting Club** will not be meeting until the Fall.

**Catholic Men's Fellowship** will meet on **Saturday, September 3, 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 **Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7:30 pm** in the **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.

**Rosary Makers** will meet on **Monday, October 3, 2022 at 10:00 am** in **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.

**Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner** **Sunday, August 28, 2022 - 12 Noon to 6 pm**  
Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert  
**Eat-In or Take-Out, 412-673-3915.**



### What is the R.C.I.A.?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a way for adults . . .

- who would like to learn more about and/or become a member of the Catholic Church.
  - who have never been baptized or have been baptized in another faith and are interested in the Catholic Church.
  - who are Baptized Catholics (over 18 years old) and have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation.
  - who are married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become a member of the Catholic Church.
- Have Questions, need more information, or want to register, please call Fr. Wagner, 412-751-0663.
- The **RCIA Journey** will begin in mid-September.
- The experience of learning with other adults in a relaxed atmosphere has been a lifetime **high point** for many who have been a part of the **RCIA** in the past. There is no charge, and there are no tests. Moreover, those making this **RCIA Journey of Faith** are accompanied by members of the parish family team, some of whom attend each week with them. The Parish Team is an important part of the Journey and welcoming new members.

**Saints Joachim and Anne Parish**  
**Office of Faith Formation - 101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037 - 412-754-0886**  
**2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM**

REGISTRATION FEE: 1 Child \$35/ 2 Children \$60/ 3+ Children \$75 FAMILY CATECHESIS (Homeschool) \$60 per Family

Please make checks payable to **Saints Joachim and Anne Parish**

If you need tuition assistance or scholarships, please contact the Office of Faith Formation.

**ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

Please Print

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Important for Church Records)

Address (where the child primarily resides): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

1st Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2022/23): \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies/Medications/Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2022/23): \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies/Medications/Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2022/23): \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies/Medications/Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose your session preference for when your child(ren) will be going to Faith Formation.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Saint Michael- Sundays; 10:15 am to 11:45 am**  
101 McLay Dr., Elizabeth

\_\_\_\_\_ **Saint Michael- Mondays; 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm**  
101 McLay Dr. Elizabeth

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family Catechesis (Homeschool)**  
**(1 parent & 1 community meeting per month)**

Please list up to 3 individuals that have permission to pick up your child(ren).

Please also list the relationship to the child(ren) as well. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Information for the Office of Faith Formation:

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**Social Media/Webpage**

There will be activities and events where your child will be photographed and/or videotaped.

These might be used on our social media, our webpage or in house for advertising.

If you do not wish for your child's image to be used, please ask for the social media waiver.

### Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131  
maryofnazarethschool.org or 412-672-2360



**Is Enrolling Students for  
Pre-school 3 & 4,  
K — Grade 1 - 8.  
Call 412.672.2360  
to Speak to Someone  
about Enrollment.**

**Open Enrollment is currently underway.  
Pre-School 3 & 4, Kindergarten,  
First through Eighth Grade**

Please visit us at [maryofnazarethschool.org](http://maryofnazarethschool.org) or call, 412-672-2360, to schedule a tour. We also invite you to follow us on Facebook.

#### Appliance Dolly Wanted

The parish is looking for an appliance dolly. If anyone has an appliance dolly and would like to donate the dolly to the parish please call Tony, 412-751-0663.

#### Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a Christian-based ministry that offers help to couples to improve their marriages and rediscover the love they once shared, no matter how bad it may be, even for separated and divorced couples. It is an eight-week program that begins with a weekend retreat. The initial weekend is followed by seven weekly virtual follow-up sessions. Optional, ongoing monthly meetings are offered for support and growth. It is not counseling or group therapy. **Retrouvaille of Pittsburgh is hosting a weekend September 30-October 2, 2022.** For information: visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 412-277-3434.

#### FALL FROLIC TICKET

Benefits Saints Joachim & Anne Parish

Try a chance at winning a total of  
**\$5000.00 in the month of October.**

**Minimum payout is \$100.00.**

\$10.00 per ticket with 31 chances to win!

Pays out daily on the 7pm PA Daily Pick 3.

No bonus numbers.

If you would like a certain number,  
please call Cathy, 412-980-2918 before August 22, 2022.

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

If you would like to help with selling a few tickets  
or helping to sell before and after Masses,  
please contact Cathy or Parish Office.

**Thank You for your support!**

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

What is it? Who can receive it?



**Anointing of the Sick** gets its roots from Jesus whose words and touch brought healing to those who were sick or afflicted. This is one of the 7 sacraments of the Catholic church, a **Sacrament of Healing.**

Anyone, adults or children, experiencing problems of mind, body, or spirit should seek this sacrament. If you are experiencing any of the following please consider receiving the **Anointing of the Sick: Seriously ill, Alcoholism, Health issues, Mental/Health Issues, Depression, Addictions, Weakness due to age, Facing or recovering from surgery, Family problems causing physical, mental, or spiritual illness, Caregivers caring for seriously ill family member, etc.**

During the **Anointing of the Sick**, those present will pray for healing and forgiveness. The priest will make the sign of the cross on the forehead and palm of the hands of each person with the Oil of the Sick.

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

#### 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; 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!*



## Saints Joachim & Anne Parish Annual Community Festival 2022 Thank You! Thank You!



### Congratulations to All Festival Ticket Winners!

#### FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKET

##### Early Bird Winners - \$50

July 11, 2022 - Mike Nowak

July 18, 2022 - Mary Zsak

July 25, 2022 - Jim Reilly

August 1, 2022 - Dan Petkovich

##### Festival Raffle Winners

Thursday, August 4, -\$2,000

Irene Ferko

Friday, August 5, -\$2,000

Carol Gioia

Saturday, August 6, -\$5,000

Nancy Marks

##### Winning Tickets

###### Thursday, August 4

50/50 – Char Gray

Lottery Board – 315500

Ground Prize – Mari Ann Palestra

Wheel Barrow of Cheer - 0566083

Mini Fridge – Melissa

###### Friday, August 5

50/50 - Val McCarthy

Lottery Board – Cindy Swank

Ground Prize – M.A. McLaughlin

Wheel Barrow of Cheer - 2893552

Mini Fridge – Amy Elm

###### Saturday, August 6

50/50 – Sherry

Lottery Board - Botti

Ground Prize – Liz Bartko

Wheel Barrow of Cheer - 1634103

Mini Fridge – Beth Kimball

*Thank you to all who participated  
in the various raffles. Thank You!*



## Thank You!

**Many, many thanks** to all the Festival Donors, Patrons, Bakers, Entertainment, First Responders, Festival Team, Team Leaders, and our Facilitator, Cathy Esack, who worked so hard and faithfully to help make the Parish Community Festival a reality!

Together we met the inevitable challenges and difficulties of such a huge venture, Neither tropical showers nor humidity nor wind nor a beautiful summer evening stays the faithful festival volunteers from the swift completion of their tasks. With energy, determination, and sacrifice, a three-day event, in preparation for a year, brought fellowship and fun to our community.

The support of this event from volunteers from Saints Joachim and Anne Parish Family, the local community, young and not-so-young, from 6 to 95 years of age continues to show us the abiding presence of Jesus in our midst.

We have seen a glimpse of what the Kingdom of God is all about.

Thank you for sharing your **Time**, your God-given **Talent**, and your **Treasure**, to bring the Festival to life again this year.

May the Spirit of our Loving God direct the minds and hearts of each of us to stand as living signs of Jesus' love and peace in our corner of the world.

So that together, **WE can build and be the Kingdom of God** in our midst.

**Thank you** for all your help, your support, and your witness to the presence of the Spirit of God abiding with us!

*Blessings,  
Fr. Wagner*

Please mark your calendars for next year's festival: August 3, 4, and 5, 2023.

**21st 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: All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
 And all can safely live,  
 A place where saints and children tell  
 How hearts learn to forgive.  
 Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
 Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
 Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
 All are welcome, all are welcome,  
 all are welcome in this place.
  
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
 And words are strong and true,  
 Where all God's children dare to seek  
 To dream God's reign anew.  
 Here the cross shall stand as witness  
 And as symbol of God's grace;  
 Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
 All are welcome, all are welcome,  
 all are welcome in this place.
  
3. Let us build a house where love is found  
 In water, wine and wheat:  
 A banquet hall on holy ground,  
 Where peace and justice meet.  
 Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
 Is revealed in time and space;  
 As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
 All are welcome, all are welcome,  
 all are welcome in this place.

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**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 Isaiah 66:18-21

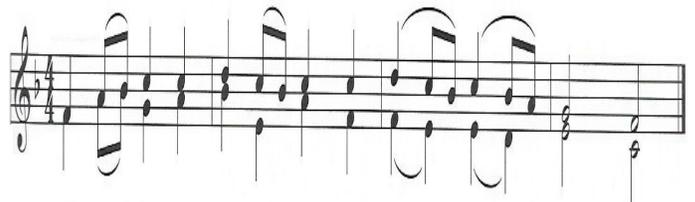
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117



R. Go out, go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation



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

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James V. Marchionda

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

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****Compassionate God, Hear Our 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.

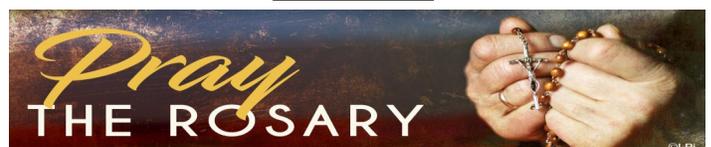
**Offertory Hymn: Gather Us In**

- 1 Here in this place new light is streaming,  
 Now is the darkness vanished away,  
 See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
 Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 Gather us in' the lost and forsaken,  
 Gather us in' the blind and the lame;  
 Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
 We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young' our lives are a myst'ry,  
 We are the old' who yearn for your face,  
 We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
 Called to be light to the whole human race.  
 Gather us in' the rich and the haughty,  
 Gather us in' the proud and the strong;  
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
 Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,  
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
 Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
 Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
 Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
 Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
 Not in some heaven, light years away,  
 But here in this place the new light is shining,  
 Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
 Gather us in and hold us for ever,  
 Gather us in and make us your own;  
 Gather us in' all peoples together,  
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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: Table Of Plenty**

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-  
- ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we  
need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and  
2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; } come to  
3. My bread will ev - er sus-tain you through days of  
4. Your fields will flow-er in full-ness; your homes will

1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and  
2. drink with-out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your  
3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of  
4. flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

to Refrain

1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.  
2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.  
3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.  
4. har - vest, will send my rain on the soil.

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**Going Forth Hymn: Go To The World**

1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray; the
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for

preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, bap -  
Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
nights of tears give way to joy - ous day, As  
I am with you 'til the age shall end, When

tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
ser - vant Church, you fol - low Christ's own way. Al -  
all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

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**Patriotic Rosary**  
**Monday Evening**  
**September 12, 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.**