

# Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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Website: [joachimandannediopitt.org](http://joachimandannediopitt.org)



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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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

Glassport, PA 15045

## October 23, 2022

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131

Pre-3, Pre-4, Kindergarten, First-Eighth Grade

School Office 412-672-2360

Webpage: [www.maryofnazarethschool.org](http://www.maryofnazarethschool.org)

Pittsburgh Catholic: [pittsburghcatholic.org](http://pittsburghcatholic.org)

Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine:

[diopitt.org/pittsburgh-catholic-magazine](http://diopitt.org/pittsburgh-catholic-magazine)

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**

**October 23 - 30, 2022**

**Saturday, 22, Vigil, 30th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StM 4:00 pm T Marvin & Catherine Gray - 50th Wedding Anniversary - Family**

**StE 6:00 pm M Michael & Anna Chemsak – Tom & Pat Ponchak**

**Sunday, 23, 30th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StE 8:00 am M Mary Frances Legin - Bernie Ivory**

**StM 9:00 am T Connie Altomare - Lisa & Mike Pollice**

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

**StM 12 Noon T Dominick & Raffaline Grilli - Family**

**Monday, 24, Anthony Mary Claret, bishop**

**QoR 8:30 am Rev. James Bruney - Carol McMahon**

**StM 9:00 am John Capane – Joe Sabo & Melanie**

**Tuesday, 25, Weekday**

**StM 9:00 am John Sandor - Clare Ann & Denny Kuremsky**

**StE 6:30 pm Helen Bertoty - Jim Bertoty**

**Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 7- 7:30 pm**

**Wednesday, 26, Weekday**

**QoR 8:30 am JimDavid - Wife, Elaine**

**StM 9:00 am Johann Franciscus - Jim & Family**

**Thursday, 27, Weekday**

**StE 8:30 am Mayme & Jacob Eichler - Joan Johnson**

**StM 9:00 am Mary Margaret Malandra - Husband, Lou**

**Friday, 28, Simon & Jude, apostles**

**QoR 8:30 am Joseph & Theresa Beres - Tom & Family**

**StM 9:00 am Paul Dell - Friend**

**Saturday, 29, Vigil, 31st Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StM 4:00 pm M June Hammling - Libby Bisogni**

**StE 6:00 pm T Mike Weeks – Family**

**Sunday, 30, 31st Sunday in Ordinal Time**

**StE 8:00 am T Cheryl Hopkins - Family & Friends**

**StM 9:00 am M Edward O'Brien & Patty O'Brien Trapani - Kathy Groll**

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

**StM 12 Noon M Theresa Dobrich - Children**

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

**Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp**  
**St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Health & Blessings**  
**of Louise Rarick from Ladies of Charity**  
**St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of**  
**Johann Franciscus from Jim & Family.**  
**Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of**  
**Mary Ferko from Ladies of Charity.**

**Pastoral Staff**

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**30th Sunday In Ordinal Time**

**October 23, 2022**



There is a thing called **false piety**. It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive **club**, they divide things between **mine** and **yours** and **us** and **them**. They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for **club membership** are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of **status** or **salvation**, they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to **my beliefs, my parish, my way of thinking**, they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered **least** in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly **pious**. They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s only between you and God. It is nobody else’s business. LPi

***We remember . . .*** In your charity,  
 please remember all those who have died,  
 especially: **Sr. Mary Ann Dujanovic, SDR,**  
**Patricia Sadowski,**  
**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 Francis’ October Rosary Intention**

We pray for the Church, ever faithful to  
 and courageous in preaching the Gospel;  
 may the Church be a community of solidarity,  
 fraternity, and welcome  
 always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

**30th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

In these waning weeks of the liturgical year, our readings present us with God's vision for the world, in which the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds and the humble are exalted in God's sight. It is not always easy to follow Jesus, to stand for justice, share love, and bring peace when there is so much division, poverty, loneliness, and pain in our homes, workplaces, cities, and world. We do not stand alone, however. We who are disciples and servants are assured that the Lord will hear our petitions, stand by us, and give us strength as we strive to bear witness to the good news of salvation.

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**The Lord Hears The Cry Of The Poor**

It is easy for those who do not face food insecurity or homelessness to turn a deaf ear to those who struggle for survival. We may regularly drive by the street corner and ignore the person who stands there each day asking for help. We might see the commercial on TV, hear the plea on the radio or in our churches, and yet not let the message in, ignoring not only the need, but the people whose needs are great. The prophet Sirach and the psalmist tell us that the Lord is not like us—God hears the cries of the oppressed, the orphan and widow, the vulnerable among us. As Christian disciples we are called to become more like our loving, compassionate God who hears the cry of the poor.

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**Do We?**

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel tells the story of two people. The Pharisee is puffed up with his own importance. His prayer is more a statement of self-justification in which he positions himself as being above the rest of humanity. So much so that he prays to himself, thanking God that he is so much better than everyone else! The tax collector on the other hand raises his eyes to God and acknowledges his sinfulness. He is the one Jesus says is justified, exalted in God's sight. What about us? Are we so puffed up with our own importance, so caught up in the stuff of our daily lives that we fail to recognize our failings or to see the needs of the people around us? This week, let us ask the Lord to pierce our hearts, help us to genuinely admit our failings, and truly live as followers of the one who gave his life so that all might live life to the fullest. God hears the cries of the weakest and relies on us to respond.

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**Bingo - Tuesday - October 25, 2022, 12:30-2 pm**  
**Glassport Senior Center**

sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association

**Basket Raffle Benefits the Glassport Senior Center**  
**Steeler-Wine-Italian-Candle-Lottery-Snack**  
**Baskets All Full of Goodies**

**The Bigger the crowd the Bigger the payout!**

**Made Right Before God**

Although the opening lines of today's first reading claim that the Lord **knows no favorites** (Sirach 35:15) and is **not unduly partial toward the weak** (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: **The Lord hears the cry of the poor** (Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus' point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus' day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society's outcasts; didn't this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be **justified** (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

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**Marriage Moments** by Susan Vogt

Need one more national holiday? Probably not. But Oct. 24 is **Take Back Your Time Day**. It's about work/life balance and marriages can use this as much as workaholics. Talk with your beloved about how you use your **free** time. Do something fun together today.

**Parenting Pointers** by Susan Vogt

These days it may feel like our world is more divided politically than united. Why not challenge your family to learn about one unfamiliar nation. What do we share in common and how are we different from the people in the nation you chose?

**Fall Festival**

**Join us at Saint Michael Church and Grounds**  
**On Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 6:30 pm**  
**for an opportunity to meet the Holy Patrons**  
**of our Parish and Nation.**

There is no charge for the Meet and Greet.

**Swing Your Partner!**

**Square Dance & Dinner** to follow in Archangel Hall  
**Oktoberfest Menu - R-Place Restaurant**  
**Door charge:** \$15 - 12 yrs/older  
\$10 - 4 to 12 Kids Free 3 and under

**Enter Chili Cookoff - First 20 Participants**  
**First Prize \$125 Giant Eagle Gift Card**  
**RSVP Deadline Sunday October 23, 2022**  
**For Reservations call Sam, 412-639-0956.**

**Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments  
More Than a Buzzword**

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is **time, talent, and treasure**.

**Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely.**

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi

**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** will not be meeting at the present time.

**Catholic Men's Fellowship** will meet on **Saturday, October 29, 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, November 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm** in **St. Michael - Meeting Room**. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Holy Name Society** will meet on **Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 9:00 am** in the **Queen of the Rosary - Social Hall**. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on **Monday, November 7, 2022 at 8:00 pm** in the **St. Michael - Meeting Room**. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Ladies of Charity** will meet on **Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 10:00 am** in **Queen of the Rosary Social Hall**. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Rosary Makers** will meet on **Monday, November 7, 2022 at 10:00 am** in **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.

**Ushers Club** will meet on **Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7:30 pm** in **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.

**Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner** **Sunday, October 30, 2022 - 12 Noon to 6 pm**  
Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert  
**Eat-In or Take-Out, 412-673-3915.**

**Winner Winner Stuffed Rolled Steak for Dinner** **Sunday, November 6, 2022, 12 Noon - 3:00 pm** in **Queen of the Rosary Social Hall**  
Doors open at 11:30 am. Eat In or Take Out.  
**Stuffed Rolled Steak Dinner \$18.95**

**Pre-Sale Tickets Only!**

Includes: stuffed steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, butter green beans, roll & butter, fruit cup, cole slaw, yellow pineapple cake, and coffee, tea, ice tea, or lemonade.  
Tickets will be available after mass in all churches or by calling Darla, 412-953-8119.

**Time, Talent, and Treasure**

**October 16, 2022**

Weekly Offering	\$	10,336
Monthly Offering	\$	452
Religious Education	\$	163
Children's Offering	\$	13

**Mass Attendance**

<b>4:00 pm</b>	183	<b>6:00 pm</b>	120
<b>8:00 am</b>	61	<b>9:00 am</b>	165
<b>10:30 am</b>	85	<b>12 Noon</b>	152
Families	1,931	Souls	4,542

**Parish Share**

<b>2022 Parish Share Goal</b>	<b>\$134,148</b>
<b>2022 Parish Share to Date</b>	<b>\$113,073</b>

**Thank you for your sacrificial giving!**



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***Living Stones of God's House* —1 Peter 2:4-5**

**Elementary Faith Formation**

Sunday morning 10:15 -11:45 am and  
Monday evening 5:45 - 7:15 pm.

Please contact Julie or Amanda,  
412-754-0886 or email

[faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org](mailto:faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org)

**October is Pro-Life Month**

**BABY ITEM DRIVE for Catholic Charities.**

Please see the list below or you can contribute with cash or check made out to Catholic Charities. Thank you for your generosity for the young families in the Pittsburgh Diocese. Current needs at Catholic Charities are:

- Diapers - All Sizes - NB, 4,5,6,7, PULLUPS welcome
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Hygiene Items - shampoo, lotion, soap, etc.
- Baby Clothes - Especially 18 months, 24 months
- We do take gently used baby items  
crib sheets, clothes, etc.

**Please No Cribs or Car Seats**

**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, December 1, 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.

**Reflection question:**

**How would I change if my faith, hope,  
and charity were to increase?  
How would I behave differently?**



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

**Discovering Christ**

We have embarked on **Discovering CHRIST**. We continue to meet on

**Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm,  
at Saint Michael-Archangel Hall and  
Wednesday mornings at 9:15 am,  
Queen of the Rosary Social Hall  
now through November 15 and 16.**

There will be a **Saturday Retreat on  
November 5, 2022 from 8 am-6 pm at  
Saint Eugene Church Hall.**

**Discovering CHRIST** is designed to deepen our faith. **Please join us in prayer.**

**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.

**The crown of righteousness awaits me.**

—2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Sunday, Oct 23;****30th Sunday in Ordinal Time**

Sir 35:12-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

**Share some good news**—The church isn't stationary but missionary. The word Mass shares the same root as mission: to be sent. We enter the sanctuary weekly to prepare for our mission. This **World Mission Sunday**, Pope Francis shares his **dream of a completely missionary Church**. To embrace this vision is to do three things: Bear witness. Do it everywhere. Trust the Spirit. We remember on this day five Adorers of the Blood of Christ from Illinois who embraced the vision and were martyred in Liberia in 1992. One sister wrote: "We need to move to the call of our mission, not to the call of our comfort." Venture out of your comfort zone. **The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed.**

**Monday, Oct 24; Anthony Mary Claret, bishop & founder**

Ephesians 4:32—5:8; Luke 13:10-17

**The other cheek is forgiveness**—Think it's hard to "turn the other cheek"? What if someone stabbed you in the cheek in an attempt to kill you?! While you imagine what you'd do in that situation, consider what Saint Anthony Mary Claret did when it actually happened to him: He got his would-be assassin's death sentence commuted. As the archbishop of Santiago, Cuba in the mid-1800s, Claret had made enemies by advocating for the downtrodden and denouncing racism. He's an example that turning the other cheek is not a passive action, as some might think, because it has two parts: first, not responding in kind, and then, actively giving a second chance to the offender to do the right thing. Such brave love can and has stopped hate in its tracks. **Woman, you are set free of your infirmity.**

**Tuesday, Oct 25;** Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21

**God blesses the work of human hands** Few Catholics know the significance of French priest Jacques Paul Migne, born this day in 1800. But without Migne's skills as a journalist and prowess as a publisher, precious few would know anything about the early church fathers. Migne launched a publishing company that produced, at moderate prices, hundreds of volumes of church history and theology whose aim was to better educate Catholic clergy. Even today, his writings on the early church fathers are considered the most complete ever written. Migne's inventiveness reminds us that we, too, can glorify God with our daily work. **To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened.**

**Wednesday, Oct 26;** Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30

**Faithful to the end**—On this day in 1529, Saint Thomas More became Lord Chancellor of England under King Henry VIII, who soon after began to forcefully agitate for independence from the dictates of the pope. This led to a clash with Thomas—a staunchly orthodox Catholic—who refused to betray his faith and accede to the royal demands. By 1534, he was imprisoned on charges of treason and was executed the next year after

Henry declared himself head of an independent Church of England. As Anglicans and Roman Catholics continue to dialogue in view of shared ecumenical goals, let's remember the faithful witness of Thomas More—a friend to all and a Catholic par excellence. **For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.**

**Thursday, Oct 27;** Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35

**Watch your attitude**—In today's gospel King Herod Antipas (who beheaded John the Baptist) is depicted as a menacing tyrant, like his father, Herod the Great (who ordered the Slaughter of the Innocents). Such sins can seem far removed from ours. But Pope Francis has noted: **We must not think that we imitate Herod only if we become tyrants. No. In reality, it's an attitude to which we can all succumb, every time we try to dispel our fears with arrogance, even if only verbal or made up of small abuses intended to mortify those close to us.** Let's pray for a world free of powerful tyrants—and free of any tyrannical impulses of our own. **Some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, Go away, leave this area because Herod wants to kill you.**

**Friday, Oct 28; Simon & Jude, apostles**

Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16

**You can lead from behind, too**—Of the 12 apostles, Peter is always front and center—rightfully so, for one called **the rock** (the literal meaning of the Greek name Pétros). Others are recognizable from various gospel stories. But then there's the zealots Simon and Jude (a.k.a. **Thaddeus** or **Son of James**). We know virtually nothing about them. Yet, they are remembered to this day because Jesus chose them to help lead the early church. Jesus knew that different kinds of leaders were needed to proclaim the gospel—the headliners like Peter and the **behind the scenes** people like Simon and Jude. What kind of leader are you called to be? **You are fellow citizens with the holy ones . . . built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets.**

**Saturday, Oct 29;** Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11

**The mother of all virtues**—Humility is not much in demand these days, when celebrity status and social media popularity seem all the rage. But precisely because humility challenges all that is near and dear to our ego, it is worth wrestling with, especially if we wish to draw closer to God. Saint Augustine said in one of his letters, **The way to Christ is first through humility, second through humility, third through humility.** He also said, **It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes humans as angels.** Humility has a transformative quality if we understand it not as groveling but rather as knowing our true measure, of keeping our feet firmly on the ground (the Latin for earth—humus—is the word's root). Perhaps Saint Thomas Aquinas defined it best: Humility means seeing ourselves as God sees us: knowing every good we have comes from Him as pure gift. **For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.** Reprinted with permission from [TakeFiveForFaith.com](http://TakeFiveForFaith.com).

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**30th 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 The People**

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Gath-er the peo-ple! En-ter the feast! All are in - vi-ted, the

great-est and least. The ban-quet is read-y, now to be shared.

(Fine) 5 to Verses

Join in the heav-en-ly feast that God has pre-pared.

\*Verses

1. A-round this ta - ble we dine as kin, be - lov - ed  
 2. A-round this ta - ble we tell great tales, the won - drous  
 3. A-round this ta - ble God's boun - ty falls on all who  
 4. A-round this ta - ble God's mer - cy flows to hearts im -  
 5. A-round this ta - ble new hope is born, the flame of

1. fam - 'ly of God. We share the Bod - y of Christ, the  
 2. sto - ries of grace. We hold the mem - ry of Christ, the  
 3. hun - ger and thirst. We drink the full - ness of Christ, the  
 4. pris - oned by shame. We know com - pas - sion in Christ, the  
 5. faith in our hearts. We find our cour - age in Christ, the

2 to Refrain

1. Lord. Here we be - come what we eat.  
 2. Lord. So we be - come what we eat.  
 3. Lord. So we be - come what we eat.  
 4. Lord. Let us be - come what we eat.  
 5. Lord, till we be - come what we eat.

**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** Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 34

℟. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ hears the cry \_\_\_\_\_ of the poor. \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Reading** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

Music: Chant Mode VI; acc. by Richard Proulx

**Gospel** Luke 18:9-14

**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

Merciful 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

Marty Haugen

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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: Here at this Table**

Refrain

Come and be filled here at this ta-ble.

Food for all who hun-ger and drink for all who thirst.

Drink of his love, wine of sal - va - tion.

\*Final time: repeat from here

You shall live for - ev - er in Je - sus Christ the Lord.

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. You who la - bor for jus - tice, you who la - bor for  
 2. You with lives full of pain, you who sor - row and  
 4. You, the a - ged a - mong us, ho - ly, faith - ful and

1. peace, you who stead - y the plow in the  
 2. weep, you, be - lov - ed of Christ, come to  
 4. wise, may the wis - dom you share form our

to Refrain

1. field of the Lord,  
 2. him, come to him!  
 4. lives and our world!

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**Going Forth Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,
2. All your works with joy sur - round you, Earth and heav'n re -
3. Al - ways giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, Which the morn - ing

Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you,  
 flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you,  
 ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,  
 stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,

Open - ing to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of  
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,  
 O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Lov - ing Fa - ther,  
 Join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,

sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Christ our broth - er, Let your light up - on us shine;  
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Prais - ing you e - ter - nal - ly!  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

xt: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933, alt.  
 ne: HYMN TO JOY, 8 7 8 7 D; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867



**Patriotic Rosary**  
**Monday Evening**  
**November 14, 2022 - 7:00 pm**  
**Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Rosary, Patriotic Hymns and Benediction**

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** with **Benediction** to conclude the recitation of the Rosary.

The **Patriotic Rosary** will be prayed on the Second Monday of the Month. **All are invited and most assuredly welcome!**

**Mary, Queen of the Rosary, pray for us.**