

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth Forward and South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

Established January 4, 2021

www.joachimandannediopitt.org

Administration Center

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm (StM) 6:00 pm (StE)

Sunday Mass

8:00 am (StE) 9:00 am (StM)

10:30 am (QoR) 12:00 pm (StM)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30 am (QoR) 9:00 am (StM)

Tuesday

8:30 am (StE) 9:00 am (StM)

Thursday

8:30 am (StE)

Saturday

9:00 am (StM)

Confessions

Saturday

9:30-10:30 am (StM)

1:00-1:30 pm (QoR)

5:15-5:45 pm (StE)

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday

9:30-10:30 am (StM)



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord."

- Lk 19:38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCD, ©LPI

April 13, 2025

Saint Michael (StM)

101 McLay Drive

Elizabeth, PA 15037

Queen of the Rosary (QoR)

530 Michigan Avenue

Glassport, PA 15045

Saint Eugene (StE)

3210 Liberty Way

McKeesport, PA 15133

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.

With God, All Things Are Possible!

Sacraments

Baptism of Infants & Children

Baptism is celebrated any Sunday after Mass. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. Visit our website www.joachimandannediopitt.org/baptism for classes and to schedule a Baptism.

Instruction in the Faith - O.C.I.A.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Program is offered for those interested in the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact the Administration Center.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard at each of our three church buildings every Saturday.

St. Michael, 9:30-10:30 am

Queen of the Rosary, 1:00-1:30 pm

St. Eugene, 5:15-5:45 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. Visit www.joachimandannediopitt.org/marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally on the Second Sunday of the Month after all Masses.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In

Homebound members of the Parish should call the Administration Center to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion at home.

Sponsorship Forms

To obtain a Sponsor Form for a Baptism or Confirmation, a person needs to be officially registered, actively participating, and have fully obtained their Sacraments of Initiation. Please call the Administration Center to request a signed and parish sealed form.

Moving?

Please call or email your new address to the Administration Center.

Bulletin Information Deadline

Bulletin articles and information are due 2 weeks prior to intended weekend of publish. Please email: bulletin@joachimandannediopitt.org

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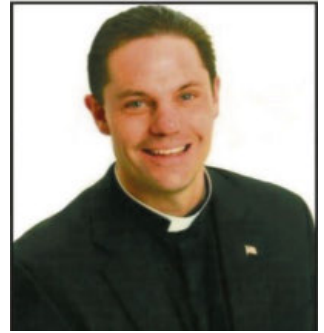
Victim's Assistance Hot Line
Diocesan 412-456-3093 (Office)
1-888-808-1235 (Hot Line)
PA Childline 1-800-932-0313
Immediate Danger Call 911

A Message from Fr. Tom

Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking

This weekend, we celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week begins.

Our liturgy begins a little differently today, with the reading of two Gospels. The first Gospel is the "Procession Gospel" where Jesus enters Jerusalem with an enthusiastic crowd greeting him. In the First Reading of the Prophet Isaiah, we read how the prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is confident that God will vindicate him. In the Second Reading to the Philippians, we read how this passage focuses on the self-emptying of Jesus. He emptied himself and took on the human condition, accepting not only death, but death on a cross. In the Gospel, we read Luke's story of Jesus's last Passover. We are presented with a Christ who is merciful and forgiving, against the darkness of Calvary. The Passion of Jesus gives courage, strength, and hope to all who suffer.



Living Stations The Youth Ministry of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Cranberry/Mars/Glade Mills in Butler County will visit our parish this weekend, Palm Sunday, April 13 at 7:30pm at St. Michael to perform Living Stations. This live performance will feature over fifty middle school and high school students. It is free and open to the public. This will be a wonderful way to start Holy Week.

OCIA Our OCIA Candidates and Catechumens are in their final week of preparation. The Class of 2025 includes **Ronald Caldwell, Fernanda Conceicao, Kaylee Danser, Brittany Emery, Tedi Findura, Elizabeth Hughes, William Hughes, Lynda Krol, Jordan Pinneri, Lindsey Rook, Scott Swanson, and Ezra Smith.** They will enter full Communion with our Church family at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19.

Holy Week Schedule Mass of the Lord's Supper will be held on Holy Thursday, April 17 at Queen of the Rosary. The church will remain open until 10:00pm.

On Good Friday, Fish Fry at the Queen of the Rosary Social Hall will be held from 11:30am to 6:30pm. A Liturgy of the Word Service will be held at 1:30pm at St. Eugene.

Blessing of Food Baskets will take place Holy Saturday at Noon at St. Michael, 1:00pm at St. Eugene, and 2:00pm at Queen of the Rosary.

The Easter Vigil Mass will be held Holy Saturday, April 19 at 7:30pm at St. Michael.

Easter Sunday Masses will be held at 8:00am- St. Eugene, 9:00am- St. Michael, and 10:30am- Queen of the Rosary. **(Please note, there will be NO Noon Mass Easter Sunday).**

Our Parish Office will close at Noon on Wednesday, April 16 and will reopen on Easter Monday, April 21. On behalf of the entire parish staff, we wish you a very Blessed Happy Easter!

***PLEASE NOTE due to the removal of Asbestos inside the Queen of Rosary Church ceiling and because I will be out of town on my Spring Retreat, there will be No Daily Mass at Queen of the Rosary, nor will there be 9:00am Daily Mass at St. Michael from April 21 thru April 25.**

There is an 8:00am Daily Mass at the Divine Redeemer Mother House on Rock Run Road (across from Butlers Golf Course) and we will have 8:30am Daily Mass Monday thru Friday at St. Eugene. 9:00am Mass and Adoration and Confessions will return as normal Saturday, April 26 and the weekend mass schedule will be as normal. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

Parish Appeal Our 2025 Parish Appeal Goal is **\$155,888** and our Catholic Regional Elementary School obligation is **\$88,448**. In the coming weeks, parishioners who have made pledges will be receiving a thank you letter and a reminder statement from the Diocese for all pledges made through March 28. Parish Appeal contributions received in the purple offertory envelopes have been applied to any pledges made for 2025, in addition to any payments received on the pledge cards, with the exception of a few payments received in January or February that were final payments on the 2024 pledges. Thank you for your generous support for our Annual Parish Appeal.

Welcome A special welcome to **Cullen, Jessica, Olivia, and Luke Compton** who recently registered at Saints Joachim and Anne Parish.

Something to Think About... You must remember to love people and use things rather than love things and use people.

With God, All Things Are Possible!

Rev. Thomas J. Burke

Email-tburke@diopitt.org



StE St. Eugene Church, Liberty
 StM St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
 QoR Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

April 13 - 20, 2025

Saturday, 12, Vigil, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

StM 4:00 pm TB Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Family
 StE 6:00 pm MW Helen Buccini - Marchetti Brothers & Sisters

Sunday, 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

StE 8:00 am MW George & Mary Frances Legin - Cathy & Tom Esack
 StM 9:00 am TB Joe Gioia - Carol
 QoR 10:30 am PB Diane Mitchell - Parents, Ted & Pauline Dworek
 StM 12 Noon TB Niccolette Friday - Family

Monday, 14, Monday of Holy Week

QoR 8:30 am MW Mark DiMarco - Parish Family
 StM 9:00 am TB Dominick & Helen Champ - Champ Family

Tuesday, 15, Tuesday of Holy Week

StE 8:30 am TB Richard Perkoski, Jr. - Parish Family
 StM 9:00 am MW Bill Hurley - Peggy Hurley

Wednesday, 16, Wednesday of Holy Week

QoR 8:30 am MW Gertrude K. McMahon - McMahon Family
 StM 9:00 am TB Nora Caulfield - The Visk Family

Thursday, 17, Holy Thursday

StE 8:30 am No Mass
 QoR 7:00 pm TB Gary Balliard - Parish Family
 Queen of the Rosary will remain open for private prayer until 10:00 pm

Friday, 18, Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Good Friday

QoR 8:30 am No Mass
 StM 9:00 am No Mass
 StE 1:30 pm TB Liturgy of the Word

Saturday, 19, Holy Saturday

StM 9:00 am No Mass
 StM 12 Noon Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets
 StE 1:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets
 QoR 2:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets

Saturday, 19, Vigil, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Sunday, 20, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

StE 8:00 am TB Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Family
 StM 9:00 am PB Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Family
 QoR 10:30 am TB Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Family
 StM 12 Noon No Mass

TB - Fr. Tom Burke
 PB - Bishop Paul Bradley
 MW - Fr. Miro Wojcicki
 Low Gluten Hosts
 available upon request.

Sanctuary Lamps



St. Michael Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Bill Hurley
from Peggy Hurley



Queen of the Rosary Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Diane Mitchell
from Ted & Pauline Dworek



St. Eugene Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Raymond "Skip" Zajicek
from Zajicek Family

Altar Bread and Wine



St. Michael Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of
Mary & John DeRubeis
from DeRubeis Children



Queen of the Rosary Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of
Marian Helntz-Delisi
from Friends



St. Eugene Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of
George & Mary Frances Legin
from Cathy & Tom Esack

In Remembrance

In your charity, please remember
all those who have died, especially:
**Kenneth Elko, Sr., Robert Jerome,
Stanley Kubit, Jr., all who will die today,
and those who have no one to pray for them.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

This group, led by Deacon Dale DiSanto, is for people who have lost a loved one and are experiencing grief. If you need assistance in moving through your grief, this is an ongoing way to be supported during this difficult time.

This is a Support Group, not counseling.

Thursday Afternoons - St. Michael Meeting Room
RSVP to the Administration Center, 412-751-0663
Please RSVP so that we may prepare materials.



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: **Maj. Damian Baskerville, USAF; Col. Richard Collage, PA NG; Staff Sgt. Nicholas DeLuca, Army; Ens. David DeMaio, USCG; Capt. Craig Dolhi, Army; Petty Ofc. 3rd Class Garrett Farmerie, USN Seal; Maj. Anthony Formica, Army; Sgt. Samuel Formica, Army National Guard; Capt. Markus Gibson, USMC; 2nd Lt. 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. Joel Letham, USAF; 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!



PARISH SUPPORT

Time, Talent, and Treasure April 5-6, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$ 14,930
Utilities	\$ 2,812
Faith Formation	\$ 50
Youth Ministry	\$ 787
Children Envelopes	\$ 12

Mass Attendance

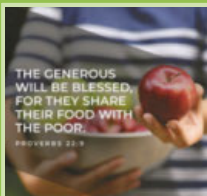
4:00 pm	213	6:00 pm	153
8:00 am	77	9:00 am	190
10:30 am	Not Reported	12 Noon	174
Families	2,036	Souls	4,619

Annual Appeal Pledge

Have you made your Annual Parish Appeal Pledge?
Please prayerfully consider your support
for the Annual Parish Appeal.

2025 Management Fee	\$ 155,888
2025 Elementary School	\$ 88,448
2025 Parish Appeal Goal	\$ 244,336
2025 Annual Appeal Received	\$ 67,928

Mailing Offertory Envelopes:
Saints Joachim and Anne Parish
101 McLay Drive Elizabeth, PA 15037
Thank You For Your Support!



**Our next Food Bank Sunday
is next weekend!** Why not consider
creating a Blessing Basket together
as a family to bring to church with
you on Easter weekend?

Items needed include:

pasta & 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.

Cash or checks are also welcome.

Please make checks payable to: Good Samaritan,
Central Food Bank or Elizabeth Boro Food Bank.

2024 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements are available,
by request, from the Parish Office.
Please call 412-751-0663 or email us at
office@joachimandannediopitt.org
to request a contribution statement.
Thank you!

Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner

Featuring homemade gnocchi and cheese ravioli
(includes meatballs, salad, and dessert)

Sunday, April 27 12:00 - 6:00

Eat-in or Take-out, call: 412-673-3915

Communion Mass and Breakfast

Saints Joachim and Anne CCM and Women's
Guild will be having their Annual Communion
Mass and breakfast on Sunday, May 4, 2025.

We will be attending the 9:00 am Mass at
St. Michael Church. A buffet breakfast will
follow at R-place Restaurant,
102 Enterprise Dr., Elizabeth.

The price is \$22.00 per person.

For reservations, please call Paula Hunt at
412-384-0499 or place name and money in
the collection basket. Deadline for
reservations is Sunday, April 27, 2025.

Everyone is invited to join us.

Divine Mercy Feast

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish will
be celebrating the Feast of Divine Mer-
cy on Sunday, April 27th at 3:00 pm
at St Michael, where the
Divine Mercy Image is displayed.

The service will include prayers,
readings, Eucharist Adoration and the
Divine Mercy Chaplet in song.

All are welcome to join us.



To fittingly observe Divine Mercy,
Sunday in a solemn way, we should:

1. Celebrate the feast on the Sunday after Easter
2. Sincerely, repent of all our sins
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus
4. Go to confession, preferably before that Sunday
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the feast
6. Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words,
and prayers on their behalf

Upcoming EVENTS

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on
Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 7:30 am
in the **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.
All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Christian Mothers/Women's Guild will meet on
Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm
in the **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.
All women of the parish are invited to join!

Crochet Club will meet on
Thursday, April 17, 2025
from **11:30 am - 1:30 pm**
in the **Saint Eugene Rectory**.

Knights of Columbus will meet on
Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:30 pm
in the **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.
All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Ladies of Charity will meet on
Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 10:00 am
in the **Queen of the Rosary Social Hall**.
All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Rosary Makers will meet on
Monday, May 5, 2025 at 9:30 am
in the **St. Michael - Meeting Room**.
New members, men and women, always welcome.

Ushers Club
Next meeting date to be announced.

Holy Name Society will meet on
Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 9:00am
in the **Queen of the Rosary Social Hall**.



Patriotic Rosary

Monday, April 21, 2025 - 7:00 pm
Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary, Patriotic Hymns, and Benediction
*Please note the change in date for April's
Patriotic Rosary due to the Holy Week schedule.
All are invited and most assuredly welcome!
Mary, Queen of the Rosary, pray for us.


Saints Joachim and Anne Parish Holy
Name Society is sponsoring a Family
Breakfast in Honor of our Mothers.

Sunday, May 4, 2025
following 10:30 am Mass

Queen of the Rosary Social Hall
\$10 (teens/adults) \$5 (ages 4-12)

Free for ages 3 and under

Tickets available at Masses
starting mid-April or at the door on May 4.



**MAKING
MARY OF
NAZARETH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**


**Financial Aid available
through the Diocese of Pittsburgh**

**Additional
Tuition Credit
Available
Per Family
Enrolled at Mary of
Nazareth School**

**AFFORDABLE
FOR YOU!**

*Financial aid needs to be
filed in order to be eligible
for this additional credit.

Scan QR Code
to Request More
Information




Our Pastor, Fr. Tom Burke, hosts a radio program,
Catholic Education Plus, every other Sunday morning
at 6:30am on KDKA Radio 1020 AM 100.1 FM.
Tune in April 20 for 'Bishop Canevin High School:
a 65-Year Legacy Still Going Strong,' featuring
Dale Checketts and Bob "Jake" Jacoby;
or listen to past episodes online at diopitt.org.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE * Spring 2025 *

During the Easter Season, the Church highlights the Gospel of John through the Sundays and Weekday liturgies. Pilgrims of Hope walk along the Way in order to find Truth in Jesus Christ and experience a newness of Life. (John 14:6) Hope, which is not optimism, however, is borne out of suffering that longs for transformation and relies solely on God.

This series will be different from the one offered in the Fall because it will focus on themes from the Gospel of John. The series will take place on Tuesday evenings, April 29, May 5, 12, and 19 at St. Eugene Church. Dinner begins at 6:30pm, followed by reflection with Dr. Maureen Crossen. Please RSVP to Mandy in the Parish Office.

Faith, Fellowship and Food is studying The Gospel of John Easter 2025

Join us as we look at the special relationship that Jesus had with John.

Our next session starts on Wednesday, April 23rd in the Social Hall at Queen of the Rosary, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Come for food, stay for the study and fellowship while journeying this Easter!



Session Dates
April 23rd, April 30th
May 7th, May 14th
May 21st, May 28th
June 4th, June 11th

COST: \$25 per person

Register online at:
<https://joachimandannediopitt.org/gospel-of-john-spring-2025>



First Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday, April 27 at 12:00 noon Mass at St. Michael Church.

Please pray for our children and families as they prepare for this special day.

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER and VEGETABLE SALE MAY 10 and May 11, 2025



Fresh cut flowers and small potted plants will be available after all masses on Mother's Day Weekend

	Amount	Total
12" Assorted Hanging Basket \$30.00 (contains 3 to 4 sun-loving plants)	_____	\$ _____
12" baskets must be preordered and will be delivered May 10 and 11.		

BUY \$20.00 VOUCHER

10" Hanging baskets or mix and match Flats when you pick your own at Lenik's OR pre-ordered 10" baskets will be delivered on 05/04/25.

	Baskets	Flats	Total
Begonias	_____	_____	\$ _____
Geraniums	_____	_____	\$ _____
Petunias	_____	_____	\$ _____
Million Bells (trailing petunias)	_____	_____	\$ _____
Impatiens	_____	_____	\$ _____
Flat of 32 Flowers or Vegetables	_____	_____	\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL	_____	_____	\$ _____

Pick up location: (check one)

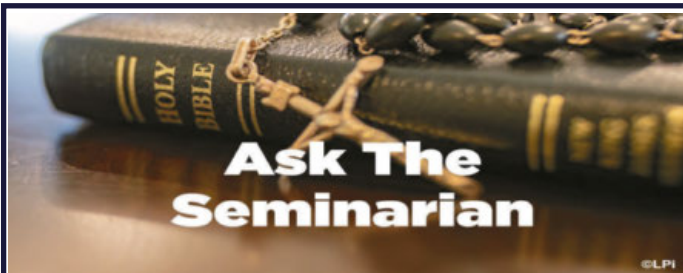
_____ St. Michael _____ St. Eugene _____ Q Rosary

**Vouchers must be redeemed by 05/04/25
at Lenik's Greenhouse 179 Railroad St. Finleyville, PA
724-348-7538**

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

**Make Check Payable to Knights of Columbus
Drop in Basket by 4/27/25 or mail check and form to
Chris Uziel, 101 Lindberg Dr., McKeesport, PA 15132
Questions? Call Chris 412-956-2269 or Paul 412-742-9684**



**Insights, information,
and reflections from
our resident
seminarian, Luke!**



Hello Everyone,

The Holy Spirit has been nudging me over the past couple of weeks to write some articles about how the Mass is a sacrifice, a re-presentation of Jesus Christ's crucifixion in an unbloodied manner. Before I can write about the Mass spiritually, I want to first build a scriptural and theological foundation that will help you to truly receive the gift of Jesus Christ offering Himself to you every single time mass is celebrated.

The Last Supper is a Passover Seder, a sacred meal that commemorates the Israelites escape from slavery and oppression from the hands of the Egyptians to the promised land of Cannan. In the Passover Seder, there are four Cups of wine to be drunk in a specific order (sanctification, deliverance, redemption, and praise). Before the Institution of the Eucharist, Jesus says, "He will not drink wine until He returns to His Father's Kingdom" (Matthew 26:29, Luke 22:18, Mark 14:25). This is a rather odd statement for Jesus to make to his disciples. The Seder's concluding rite is quite literally the drinking of a 4th Cup of wine after chanting Psalms of Praise known as the Hallel Psalms (113-118, 136).

The Cup of Wine that Jesus institutes as His Blood must be the 3rd cup in the Seder because Jesus and His disciples followed this action by singing a hymn (The Hallel Psalms) and going to the Mount of Olives to pray (Luke 22:39). Additionally, St. Paul, a formerly devout Jew who himself was not present at the Last Supper, refers to the chalice at the Last Supper as a "Cup of Blessing" from the Seder (1 Corinthians 10:14-22). While Jesus is in the Garden of Gethsemane, He prays to pass the chalice to the will of God, The Father (Luke 22:41-46). Jesus is essentially stating that He is giving up the gift of His life to God in an act of perfect obedience to God (Philippians 2:5-10). This is a total juxtaposition to the fall of Adam and Eve, who distrusted God and disobeyed Him.

There are some major implications since Jesus has not drunk the 4th cup of wine! Everything that Jesus endures in His Passion, is still connected to the Last Supper/Passover Seder that was left incomplete in the upper room. You are probably wondering, "When does Jesus drink the 4th cup to end the Seder?". While Jesus is crucified, He is offered wine with painkillers on two occasions. The first-time wine is offered, Jesus rejects it. The second time wine is offered, Jesus drinks it knowing He is about to die and enter His Father's kingdom. Moments after Jesus drank the wine, He cries out, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit" and dies on the cross (Luke 23:46).

I hate to leave you all on a cliff-hanger like this, but sometimes good writers do that, right? This is because I have a little homework assignment for you all that will prepare you for next week's article. Please read Matthew 26-28, Luke 22-23, John 6:22-71, and Psalms 113-118.

Pax Christi,
Luke Lisowski



Saints Joachim and Anne Parish is proud to present Season Two of The Chosen, the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus. Bring the entire family to experience the Easter season in a whole new way. All ages are welcome to these free, outdoor evenings of faith.

Where: St. Eugene campus grounds
Dates: May 2: Episodes 1&2, starting at 8:15pm
May 9: Episodes 3&4, starting at 8:30pm
May 16: Episodes 5&6, starting at 8:30pm
May 23: Episodes 7&8, starting at 8:30pm

Please bring your lawn chairs and blankets.
Popcorn and refreshments will be available.



Mother's Day Candles

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish is offering votive candles for Mother's Day weekend, in honor or in memory of a special woman in your life. Candles will burn for all of Mother's Day weekend at the altar of your choice. Donation is \$5.00 per candle. (one name per candle)

Please return payment with the form below to the Parish Office or in the offertory by Monday, May 5.

Mother's Day Candles

Please return by Monday, May 5.

Donation is \$5.00 per candle, one name per candle.

Cash or checks made payable to Saints Joachim and Anne Parish.

Your name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Votive: ____ in memory of OR ____ in honor of

Name (as you want it to appear on the candle):

Please burn at:

____ St. Michael ____ St. Eugene ____ Queen of the Rosary

Votive: ____ in memory of OR ____ in honor of

Name (as you want it to appear on the candle):

Please burn at:

____ St. Michael ____ St. Eugene ____ Queen of the Rosary

Votive: ____ in memory of OR ____ in honor of

Name (as you want it to appear on the candle):

Please burn at:

____ St. Michael ____ St. Eugene ____ Queen of the Rosary



Saints Joachim & Anne Parish Annual Community Festival August 7, 8, and 9, 2025

Planning for our Annual Community Festival is already underway. We will gladly accept donations for our **Specialty Baskets, Craft Baskets,** and our **Patio of Cheer.**

Nightly Specialty Baskets

Clearance sections are great for finding items for our Specialty Baskets. Basket themes include auto, cleaning, candles, popular children's characters, gardening supplies, kitchen items, puzzle & crossword books, tools, toys, holidays, etc.

Please bring your donations (**new, unused items**) to the Gathering Space in each church and remember that **our festival will not be successful without your generous support!**

Calling All Crafters!

Our craft basket area needs your talent!

We love the creativity of floral arrangements, wreaths, wood working, afghans, baby items, etc.

Donations can be dropped off at each church in the Gathering Space. **Thank you for you time, talent and support of our parish festival!!!**

Patio of Cheer

Received a bottle of wine or spirits and not sure what you are going to do with it? The Patio of Cheer would greatly appreciate these donations! Non-alcoholic donations can be placed in the Gathering Space of each church. Alcoholic donations can be left at Cathy Esack Hair Styling Center, 2713 Liberty Way, during business hours. Please do not leave items if the shop is closed.

Thank you for your generosity!

Save THE Date!

Festival ticket stuffing is Tuesday, May 13 at 9:30am in Fr. Rowan Hall, St. Eugene.

Stuffed Cabbage making is Tuesday, June 24 at 9:00am in the Queen of the Rosary Social Hall.

Many hands make light work! See you there!

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 pm at St. Michael Church.

Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid will preside.

Please pray for our young men and women as they prepare for the next steps in their faith journey.

Mason Canavan	Hailey Marsico
Caylyn Colella	Sophia Minor
Ryan Coyne	Casey Nemeth
Maximus Croyts	Autumn Petrosky
Mia Curinga	Hannah Ponchak
Carson Denk	Carly Ranallo
Kara Duval	Ryla Richards
Landon Evans	Lily Schimmel
Annaleise Foriska	Nicholas Seyerle
Lily Giffin	Jayna Shallenberger
Maureen Giunta	Adrian Stanich
Alayna Hasek	Blake Stover
Gabby Hughes	Geo Thompson
Michael Isbir	Rocco Thompson
Brody Kasmarik	Weston Wilt
William Kelley	Clara Zakovitch

Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life. We, as the family of Saints Joachim and Anne Parish, carry on this transmission of faith and love for God today.



We are looking to purchase statues of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne for each of our church buildings. If you would like to help towards the purchase of these statues, please submit donations (cash or check made payable to Saints Joachim and Anne Parish) in the offertory or to the Parish Office, earmarked "statues".

If you would like to make donation in honor or in memory of someone, please include the form below with your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

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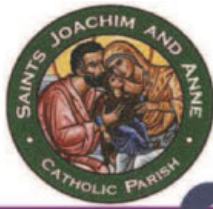
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On Sunday, March 30, our Confirmation candidates participated in a day-long retreat, which started with a reflective walk through Dead Man's Hollow. After lunch, they welcomed several speakers before contemplating their future in the Church through Adoration and Confession. Thank you to Jarrod Kinkley, founder of the Cooperative for Integral Ecology for leading our hike, as well as our guest speakers: Luke Spyra, Lily Douglass, Noah Meek, Sue Formica, Deacon Jeff Formica, Seminarian Luke Lisowski, and our priests: Fr. Tom Burke, Fr. Steve Kresak and Fr. Ken Sparks.



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Saints Joachim and Anne Parish Fish Fry

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Ala Carte Items

Baked or Fried Fish Sandwich.....	\$11
Baked or Fried Fish On a Dish	\$10
Fried Shrimp (6).....	\$11
Dozen Pierogies.....	\$10
Pierogies (3).....	\$3
Haluski.....	\$3
Mac & Cheese.....	\$3
Cole Slaw.....	\$3
French Fries.....	\$3

Queen of the Rosary Specials

Crab Cake Dinner.....	\$16
Fish & Chips.....	\$13
Crab Cake	\$6
Cheese Sticks	\$6
Jalapeno Poppers	\$6
Soup Bowl / Pint	\$5 / \$9
Nachos & Cheese.....	\$5
Fried Pickles	\$4
Hushpuppies.....	\$4
Applesauce	\$3

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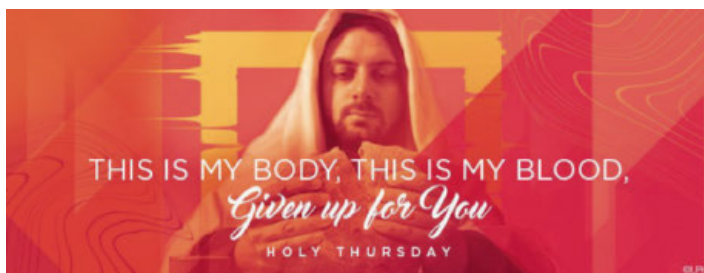
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Good Friday
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1:30 pm St. Eugene



Holy Saturday
Blessing of Easter Baskets
12:00 pm St. Michael
1:00 pm St. Eugene
2:00 pm Queen of the Rosary

Easter Vigil Mass
7:30 pm St. Michael



Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 am St. Eugene
9:00 am St. Michael
10:30 am Queen of the Rosary

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

One day the people were happy, praising Jesus and waving palm leaves to keep him cool. The next day they were spitting on him. They said, "Crucify him. Crucify him." It hurts when your best friend says he or she likes you one day, and hates you the next day. Jesus will never leave your side. He is a true friend. He will always talk and play with you because he loves you.



PRAYER

I want to be a good friend of yours every day, Lord.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • Luke 22:14-23:56



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PUZZLE

Complete the maze.



MISSION

I will say good words about my family and friends each day.



DRAW

Draw people waving palm leaves at Jesus as he rides on a donkey.

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.

Introductory Rites

Gathering Hymn: #146 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading : Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to You, Word of God,
 Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

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

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #162 Were You There?

Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen, Amen, Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: #477 We Remember

Going Forth Hymn: #705 Lift High the Cross



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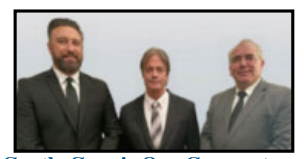
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