June 28, 2020
Website: ElizabethSouthAlleghenyCC.org

Revised Mass Schedule
For July 4th Weekend
Saturday Vigil, July 4, 2020
4:00 pm Saint Michael
6:00 pm No Mass

Sunday, July 5, 2020
8:00 am Saint Eugene
9:00 am Saint Michael
10:30 am Queen of the Rosary
12 Noon Saint Michael
Sacraments

Baptism of Infants & Children
Baptism is a joyous event in the life of the church. Baptism is celebrated any Sunday after Mass. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism Class.

Instruction in the Faith - R.C.I.A.
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program is offered for those interested in the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Fr. Wagner.

Reconciliation

St. Eugene Church, Liberty
Tuesday, 7 - 7:30 pm
St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
Saturday, 11-11:30 am

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

Marriage
The prospective bride and groom are to make arrangements with the priest or deacon at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require all couples to attend an approved pre-marriage preparation program.

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

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In
Homebound members of the Parish should call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion at home.

Sponsorship Forms
Only registered, practicing, fully-initiated Catholics are eligible for sponsor certificates. Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Information Deadline
2 weeks in advance of publish date. elizabethsalleghenybulletin@gmail.com

Moving
Please call or email your new address to the Parish Office.

Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235

Mass Intentions For The Week

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

June 28 - July 5, 2020

Saturday, 27, Vigil, 13th Sunday in Ordinal Time
StM 4:00 pm M Marianne Lindstrom - Bob & Ann Sibole
StE 6:00 pm T Bagshaw & Wirfel Family - Anna Bagshaw

Sunday, 28, 13th Sunday in Ordinal Time
StE 8:00 am T Louise Kyslinger - Mary Ann Tatarzyn
StM 9:00 am M Kate Rost - Andy & Shirley Beamon
QoR 10:30 am T Helen Ksiazek - John & Bridget Morgan
StM 12 Noon M Helen & Dominick Garofolo - Don & Rosemarie Garofolo
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family

Monday, 29, Peter & Paul, apostles
QoR 8:30 am Katherine Goven - Niece, Terry Tyke
Novena - Infant of Prague
StM 9:00 am Thomas J. Eddy, Sr. – Parish Family

Tuesday, 30, Weekday
StM 9:00 am Tom Beeler - Children
StE 6:30 pm Arleigh E. Smith - Mary Smith, wife & Buttons
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, July 1, Junipero Serra, priest
QoR 8:30 am Health of Sitko Family Members - Family
StM 9:00 am Helen Shalako - Sandy Carnahan
Novena - Michael the Archangel

Thursday, 2, Weekday
StE 8:30 am Julia Perkoski - Joe Kish Family
StM 9:00 am Deceased of the Raynak & Sedney Families - Sue Raynak

Friday, 3, Thomas, apostle
QoR 8:30 am Clara B. Palumbo - Emma McLaughlin
StM 9:00 am Joe Gioia – Carol

Saturday, 4, Vigil, 14th Sunday in Ordinal Time
StM 4:00 pm T M - Wayne & Helen Piggford - 69th Wedding Anniversary - Family
StM 4:00 pm Kenny Kaczka - Joe, Karen & Michael Kaczka

Sunday, 5, 14th Sunday in Ordinal Time
StE 8:00 am M Rick & Sandy Pomycala - 60th Wedding Anniversary - Family
StM 9:00 am T John & Angelina Angel - Bill & Anna Marie Bury
QoR 10:30 am M George Zalac - Wife, Gertrude
StM 12 Noon T Living/Deceased of the Lantz & Formica Families - Family
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family
Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded.
—Matthew 10:37-42
When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ’s death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others’ needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, What do I want to do? The more focused, faith-filled question is, What do I need to do? What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ’s death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the small deaths and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead. —Romans 6
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time

Our readings today could be seen as a simple recipe for right living. In the Hebrew Bible, hospitality is regarded as one of the highest virtues. Conditions were harsh, and when people received guests or strangers, they washed their feet, provided a meal, and offered shelter if they could. In Second Kings, a woman’s generosity is rewarded with the prospect of a child. In Romans we are called to recognize our baptism in Christ. We are called to be dead to sin, and living in Christ Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Saint Luke, Jesus bids us to take up our cross, and to receive others as if we were receiving Christ. Put them together, and all of them are a call to see the holy, to see God in others, and to live our lives in Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The Message Seems Harsh

On first reading, our Gospel seems very harsh. The idea of taking up our cross can be fearful or have negative connotations, as if it were something only a few can do. It is also confusing. Scripture tells us to honor our father and mother, and yet here are told we must love Jesus more than our parents or children, or we are not worthy. The message that Jesus intends to convey, however, is not to give up these people, but rather to choose Christ first.

Sometimes this means being countercultural. For a family, how do we make choices to keep Christ in the picture? It could mean that when you make plans to take the family to that water park for the weekend, you should also locate the local church so you can attend Mass. Or maybe it means not placing your child on the soccer team with 10 a.m. Sunday games, or rescheduling another part of your life to keep Christ foremost. Perhaps it is something as simple as locking yourself in the bathroom for five minutes so that you have time to pray. Maybe it means listening to an audiobook of scriptures on your commute to work. All we do is for naught if we do not include Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Christian Hospitality

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it’s difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

There Are Many Cups Of Water

Don’t get caught up in taking this scripture literally. Yes, you may give someone a glass of water, invite the staff of your parish for a meal, hand an apple or a dollar bill to a homeless person, or take a shift in a shelter. But sometimes, what is being asked for is simply a kind word or a helping hand. Seeing an elderly person having trouble and helping them through the crosswalk, calming someone’s toddler in the grocery store while they pay their bill. Offer a smile, a compliment, or a word of encouragement. Say hello to a stranger. We do not know who is parched with loneliness or feeling overwhelmed. Look for the Christ in others and respond with simple kindness and hospitality. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Marriage Advice from 1886: Let your love be stronger that your anger...Believe the best rather than the worst...Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting relationship. The person you choose to marry is deserving of the courtesies and kindness you bestow on your friends.

—Jane Wells, 1886

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

A lesson for parents, children and politicians:

Do what is right and the rest will follow.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today’s gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the lowly ones. What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.
Faith Formation
Adult - Children - Youth
Religious Education
101 McLay Drive Elizabeth, PA 15037
412-754-0886 Email: 213faithform@gmail.com
Facebook: FaithFormation-EGSA

Easter Sacraments 2020
Confirmation
Postponed and will be rescheduled.
Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

Faith, Fellowship, & Food
has been postponed to the Fall.
Information regarding the Program
will be available soon.

Pre-Baptism Class
Are you expecting?
Is this your first child?
Pre-Baptism Class is for expectant parents and Godparents or anyone who is seeking a Catholic Baptism for their child.
The Pre-Baptism Class will be facilitated by Deacon John and Deacon Dale. The class will be offered four times a year. Parents are invited to attend once they know they are with child.
Pre-Baptism Class
Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm
St. Eugene Meeting Room
There will be light refreshments served.
Grandparents are also welcome at these classes.
Please register by calling the Faith Formation - Religious Education office, 412-754-0886 or emailing 213FaithForm@gmail.com.
Prior to scheduling a Baptism, parents need to attend the Pre-Baptismal Seminar.

Spring Pre-Cana Program
for engaged couples planning weddings,
St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth
Saturday, August 8, 2020, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Registration $35.00 (includes materials & lunch)
Pre-Registration is necessary. Please call the Parish Office, 412-751-0663, for a registration form.

HEALTH CONCERNS at Mass
Moving Forward Together - Reopening Guide
With the return to the public celebration of the Holy Mass, the following procedures will be in place;
- Follow all CDC guidelines
- If sick or not feeling well - stay home;
- Practice social distancing;
- Wear a facial covering/mask;
- Sign in with Greeter (Name & phone number);
- Only sit in designated pews.

Thank you for contributing to the health of our Church Family!
Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, June 28; Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42
Welcome, prophet—Younger generations are quick to tell older ones how wrong they are about everything. But wise elders don’t dismiss challenges to their perspective lightly—especially when they have some truth to them. A prophetic word may at times come more naturally to the young: free of the accretions of habit and with no comfortable niche to defend (yet). Take time today to talk across the age gap. Hear the words to another generation’s songs, consider their protests, withhold instant judgment. Having a conversation partner, as we’ve learned from the time of isolation, is worth the investment. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward.

Monday, Jun 29; Peter & Paul, apostles
A matching set for all eternity—Saints Peter and Paul are together the patrons of Rome, where both were martyred around the same time. The two men had their differences, but they were central in establishing the Christian faith, which eventually won over the Roman Empire despite fierce opposition from officials. Saint Augustine wrote Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one . . . Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith. Amen. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Tuesday, Jun 30; First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
Amos 3:1-8; 4:1-12; Matthew 8:23-27
Holiness involves dying a little each day—Tertullian, one of the first Christian theologians, wrote: The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. The church’s first martyrs are commemorated a day after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul—who tradition says were also victims of Nero’s slaughter, beginning in 64. And martyrs aren’t meant to be just a memory but also a model. Look no further than first responders and essential workers to see modern examples of those following the model of self-sacrifice for the sake of others. Offer a sign of gratitude for their service. Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?

Wednesday, Jul 01; Junipero Serra, priest
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34
Live and learn—Missionaries in the age of the Iberian conquest of the Americas played a complex role, as protectors of the Indians but also projectors of the empire’s power. Junipero Serra shares that mixed legacy—a mission priest who brought the saving power of Jesus but also was part of a colonization project that brought harsh treatment and epidemics. We know a little more about indigenous rights today—and about epidemics too, for that matter. Keep the faith, but mix it with a healthy dose of respect for different traditions. Seek good and not evil, that you may live.

Thursday, Jul 02; Weekday
Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8
The healing power of compassion—Jesus healed in ways we consider miraculous, not because he had anything to prove about his power, but because his compassion urged him to alleviate suffering in whatever ways he could. His teaching and his healing went hand in hand: Both were focused on bringing us to wholeness. When he calls the paralytic man his son or child, it displays a mark of the tenderness he feels for all of us. Jesus draws us close in a healing embrace. Accept his healing today. Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.

Friday, Jul 03; Thomas, apostle
Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
Beyond all doubt—Thomas may have started out doubting, but once he saw and touched the truth, his faith took him very far indeed. It is said he traveled to the southwest coast of India in the year 52 and spent the last 20 years of his life there planting Christianity. To this day, Saint Thomas Christians in India trace their origins back to the apostle. In fact, Thomas is so popular that India has issued a commemorative stamp in his honor! Doubt does not oppose faith, it makes faith possible. Thomas answered and said to him, My Lord and my God!'

Saturday, Jul 04; Independence Day
Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17
'Tis of thee—it’s not all that well known that at its founding, the United States was not a terribly tolerant collection of colonies when it came to religion. Every colony but Pennsylvania had some form of anti-Catholic law at the time of Independence. Thankfully, customs, attitudes, and laws have evolved. But freedom can never be taken for granted, lest it be taken for good! Celebrate your freedom today—as an American and as a Catholic! The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

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THE CROSS AND HOPE
—Pope St. Leo I
The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope.

PRAYER IS THE BRIDGE BETWEEN PANIC AND PEACE.
Mary of Nazareth Catholic School
Open Enrollment Is Underway
1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131
Pre-School 3 & 4, Kindergarten, First - Eighth Grade
If you have any questions, would like more info, or would like to schedule a tour, please call the school office, 412-672-2360.

We remember . . .
In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: Beverly Karg, Mary Margaret Malandra, Joseph Lord, father of Ramo Lord 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.

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp
Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Joseph Borrelli from Erin Palmer

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping
Pastoral Council & Finance Council Meeting
There will be a joint meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Saint Michael - Archangel Hall, Elizabeth.
If you are unable to attend, please call Jan, 412-751-0663.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School
Spaghetti Dinner
Sponsored by Glassport Sons & Daughters of Italy
Sunday, June 28, 2020 - 12 Noon - 6 pm
Spaghetti, gnocchi, cheese raviolis & sauce
Includes meatballs, salad, bread & dessert
Take-Out Only - 412-673-3915
June 17, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On October 15, 2018, our parish grouping was established with the hope that together we would build relationships with each other, share our resources, join together our ministries and work toward the official merger and creation of our new parish. I am so grateful for the many ways you have dedicated yourselves to this important work.

When we initiated this journey together, who of us could have ever imagined the ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic would affect every aspect of our daily lives? I know that these have been challenging times for everyone. Learning to adapt to new ways in which we work, shop, gather and worship comes precisely at the same time we are entering into the final phase of completing the merger process.

As we live through changing realities arising from COVID-19, please know that I pray for you daily, asking our Heavenly Father to shower you with peace and hope even in the midst of many unknowns.

As we enter this final phase toward completing the merger process, our time will be marked by two significant activities:

- submitting recommendations for our new parish name
- participating in a Virtual Parish Assembly.

Information regarding the Virtual Parish Assembly will be provided in a later communication.

But first, before those significant activities, allow me to share with you my greatest hopes and dreams for who and what our new parish will become.

May we begin with who we are, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. We are a community of believers, rooted in the abiding presence of the risen and ascended Christ, centered in the Holy Eucharist, proclaiming the Gospel message and mission of Jesus, and serving in the tradition of the early church as his disciples.

Since our beginning, as a community, we have grown towards creating a new vibrant parish through combined Advisory Councils (Pastoral & Finance), shared ministries (Altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Music Ministry) and a Faith Formation Program which serves Adults, Children and Youth.

As a new parish, we will journey toward being more effective missionary disciples growing and maturing in ministries that draw us and others into the One Body of Christ.

What part of these hopes and dreams do you see and share?

A summary of the process for recommending a name for the new parish follows. Additionally, you will find two enclosures:

- Timeline that provides an overview of the major steps needed to complete the merger.
- Form for submitting your new parish name recommendations. Please note this form includes criteria that must be followed for a name to be considered.

**Summary of the Process for Naming the New Parish**

The following is the process for submitting a name for the new parish:

- The submission includes two parts: the name itself and a rationale for proposing the name.

In addition to following the criteria,

- The new parish name should be taken from Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the holy angels, a saint, or all those who are beatified.
- The current and former names of our parishes, (St. Mark, St. Eugene, St. Joseph, St. Michael, Queen of the Rosary, St. Cecilia, and Holy Cross) are ineligible to be the new name for the new parish.
- Also, it is preferable not to choose a name that is already used many times in the diocese (St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. Anthony, St. Benedict, Holy Trinity, Holy Spirit, etc.).
- I encourage you to consider the broader context for the name.
- What name will be a strong, vibrant indicator of who the parish is now and who this faith community wants to become five years from now?

Return the form to any parish office, through the collection, USPS (101 Mc Lay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037) **no later than Monday, July 6, 2020**.

From the total number of names and rationale submitted, the Advisory Councils will assist in reviewing the submissions according to the criteria provided and arriving at 15 names to be submitted to Bishop Zubik for his initial consideration.

You will have one more opportunity to offer your recommendations on names for the new parish. The final list will be presented in the Virtual Parish Assembly.

**One final note about the new parish name. While the new parish will receive a new name, each of our church buildings will retain its current name (the name under which it was consecrated). A parish is a geographic area with people and a priest(s). Churches are sacred buildings designated for divine worship. In January 2021, our current parishes will merge into one new parish entity, hence the need for a new name.**

Thank you for your participating in this process.

Blessings,

*Fr. Wagner*  
*One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic*
New Parish begins.

- Bishop Zubik announces parish merger.
- Parishioners submit names for the new parish.
- The ParishAdministrator consults with the Advisory Councils to submit 15 potential names for the new parish for the preliminary review by Bishop Zubik.

- The Parish Administrator, Clergy Team, Staff & Advisory Councils prepare the Virtual Parish Assembly.

- The Parish Administrator submits Merger Documents to the Diocese.
- Bishop Zubik consults with Priest Council to consider all mergers.

- New Parish begins.

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**Completing the Merger Process Guidelines for the January 2021 Mergers**
Help Choose A Name For Our New Parish

You are invited to participate in the process to name our new combined parish. In the space provided below, please propose a new name for our parish. The name should be taken from Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the holy angels, a saint, or all those who are beatified.

The current and former names of our parishes, (St. Mark, St. Eugene, St. Joseph, St. Michael, Queen of the Rosary, St. Cecilia, and Holy Cross) are ineligible to be the new name for the new parish. Also, it is preferable not to choose a name that is already used many times in the diocese (St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. Anthony, St. Benedict, Holy Trinity, Holy Spirit, etc.). A rationale for selecting a particular name must be submitted with the suggested name.

The following is an example for your reference:

Proposed Name:  St. John XXIII
Rationale:  A pope who launched an extensive renewal of the Church who had a profound trust in the Lord. He was canonized in 2014. This name would recognize the fact that our grouping is embracing change as we trust in God.

Proposed Name:  _____________________________________________________________
Rationale:  __________________________________________________________________
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Your Name (Required):  _______________________________________________________

Note: Please place your suggestion in the collection basket during the next three weekends or return to any of our three parish offices.

Please submit your name suggestions by Monday, July 6, 2020.

After suggestions from our parishioners are received, the Interim Advisory Councils will compile the top 10 names. These recommendations will be previewed by Bishop Zubik. Parishioners will have the opportunity to select their preference, then from the top three names will be submitted to Bishop Zubik. From these, our new parish will be chosen.

The final name will be announced before our merger in January 2021.