Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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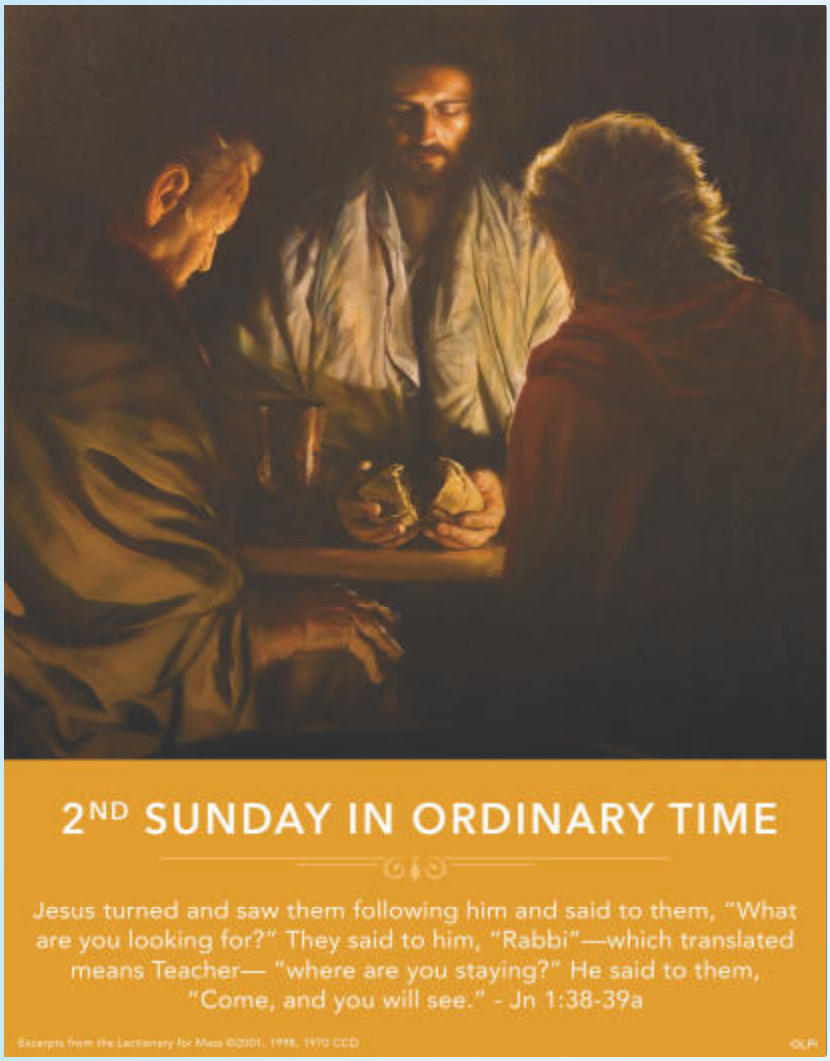

Administration Center

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Church Buildings

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Saint Eugene Church (StE)
3210 Liberty Way
McKeesport, PA 15133

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Saint Michael Church (StM)
101 McLay Drive
Elizabeth, PA 15037

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Queen of the Rosary Church (QoR)
530 Michigan Avenue
Glassport, PA 15045

January 17, 2021

Faith Formation

Adult - Children - Youth
101 McLay Drive
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Phone 412-754-0886
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Facebook: FaithForm-

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131
Pre-School 3 & 4, Kindergarten, First - Eighth Grade
please call the school office, 412-672-2360.
Webpage: www.maryofnazarethschool.org

The Pittsburgh Catholic is now Online.
thepittsburghcatholic.wpccomstating.com

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 Faith Community Office.

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.**
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

St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
Saturday, 11-11:30 am

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

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

St. Eugene Church, Liberty
Saturday, 5:15-5:45 pm

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

January 17—24, 2021

Saturday, 16, Vigil, Second Sunday in Ordinal Time
StM 4:00 pm T **Joseph Gioia -** Carol
StE 6:00 pm M **Bob & Donivan Komarnisky -** Mary Komarnisky & Family

Sunday, 17, Second Sunday in Ordinal Time
StE 8:00 am M **Julia Perkoski -** Family & Friends
StM 9:00 am T **Geraldine Sabol -** Knights of Columbus, #10077
QoR 10:30 am M **Marie Grantz -** Family & Friends
StM 12 Noon T **Richard Collins -** Beth Balint & Family
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family

Monday, 18, Weekday
QoR 8:30 am **Raffaele & Teresa Palatis -** Ralph & Louis Palatis
Novena - Infant of Prague
StM 9:00 am **Dolly Wagner, Bill & Gretta Hertweck –** Family

Tuesday, 19, Weekday
StM 9:00 am **Andrew Hanick -** Knights of Columbus, #10077
StE 6:30 pm **Archie Tortorice -** Family & Friends
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 20, Weekday, Fabian, pope & martyr & Sebastian, martyr
QoR 8:30 am **Violet Kovtun -** Frank & Gail Kwolek
StM 9:00 am **Al Lantz–** Sue & Jeff Formica & Family

Thursday, 21, Agnes, virgin & martyr
StE 8:30 am **Norma Milice -** Family & Friends
StM 9:00 am **Thomas A. Oeler -** Bob & Marge Dietrick

Friday, 22, Day of Prayer for Protection of Unborn Children
QoR 8:30 am **Mary Ann Mularsky -** Family & Friends
StM 9:00 am **Jim Bollas -** Carlos & Marci Zampetti

Saturday, 23, Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinal Time
StM 4:00 pm M **Edith Mae Dinello -** Yurkovich Family
StE 6:00 pm T **James Valecko -** Family & Friends

Sunday, 24, Third Sunday in Ordinal Time
StE 8:00 am T **George T. Legin, Jr. -** Tom & Cathy Esack
StM 9:00 am M **Patrick Shawn Elko -** Werner Family
QoR 10:30 am T **Val D'Angelo -** Sister, Theresa Komonder
StM 12 Noon M **Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp
St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Napoli Family from Carm Marko & Family.
St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Hertweck & Wagner Family from Family

Pastoral Staff

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Deacon Jeffrey P. Formica, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Stephen C. Pikula, Permanent Deacon
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We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: **Joseph 'Sonny' Olson, Donna DiLonardo, 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 upon them.**

January Rosary Intention
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions praying for one another, open to all.

2nd Sunday in Ordinal Time

January 17, 2021

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences.

Come, and you will see.

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. **Speak Lord, your servant is listening.**

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The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him. —John 1:35-42

Everyday Stewardship
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of **Ordinary Time**, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary (numbered) Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: **What are you looking for?** He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for?

Why are you following me?

- Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols?
- Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany?
- Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, **Come, and you will see.** Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for.

Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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—John 1:35-42

Safety First
Morning or Evening Mass Snow Cancellations

For everyone's safety, a delay or cancellation at **Elizabeth Forward or South Allegheny School Districts** is our notice of **Safety First.**

Mornings or Evenings with a delay or cancellation—**There will be no morning or evening Mass at Saint Eugene Church.** Please listen to the radio or watch TV for delays or cancellations. **Safety first! Be careful!**

Initial Offering Envelope

At the end of your December packet you will find your **Initial Offering Envelope**. Your donation of $5 or $10 will help to defray the cost of your Offertory envelopes throughout the year. Please place envelope in any collection. **Thank You!**

Parishioner Financial Statements
will be mailed prior to January 31, 2021.

Our records show what the parish received in the Offertory Contribution Envelopes and Parish Share Program.

Your contribution to the Campaign for the Church Alive will come under a different mailing.

Thank you for your sacrificial giving!

New Envelope Numbers

Beginning with the **January Envelope packets,**

All Saints Joachim and Anne Parishioners have received a New Envelope Numbers.

With the combining of the St. Mark, St. Michael, and Queen of the Rosary census data, it became necessary to eliminate all duplicate numbers. The Parish Data System automatically assigned the new numbers.

Please make all checks payable to

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Mailing Offertory Envelopes:

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish
101 McLay Drive
Elizabeth, PA 15037

New Monthly Envelope

Beginning with the **January Envelope packets** the **Capital Improvement, Building & Grounds, Upkeep** and the **Utility & Energy or Fuel** envelopes will be replaced with a **New Monthly Envelope.**

Each Family is asked to contribute **$20** to the Monthly Envelope. These monies will be used to assist in the upkeep of parish property and help cover the cost of energy and utilities.

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish 50/50

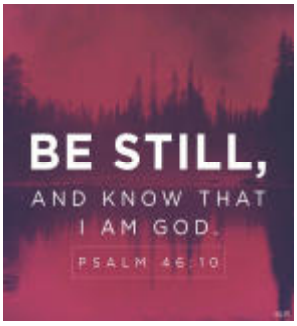
In your offertory packet, there is a special envelope marked 50/50 Drawing--Donation $5.00.

Thank You For Your Support!

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.

—2 Corinthians 9:11

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John's Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God's call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God's intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary people to partner in God's work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God's call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus' disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

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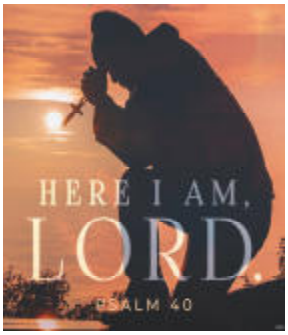

Your Servant Is Listening

We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says **Here I am** to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say **Here I am,** but **Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.** We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God's voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God's intentions rather than his own.

Samuel's story helps us to remember that accepting God's call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God's story. Even in our smallest **yes**, God celebrates our partnership in God's great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

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Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

—Psalm 40

Joy

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

—St. Julian

Speak, Lord, We Are Listening

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. **Speak, for your servant is listening** (1 Sm 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. **Speak,** they say, **we are listening**.

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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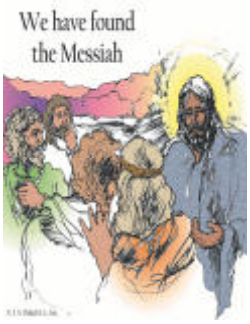
Our Deepest Desires



In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' first spoken words in the Gospel of John: **What are you looking for?** This penetrating question reverberates throughout John's Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus' first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can't quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments.

Jesus' words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God's dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

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Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body. —1 Corinthians 6:13-20

Worries

The greatest of worries can't pay the smallest of debts.

—Anonymous

Protecting God's Children

Safe Environment for Children

To take reasonable measures to assure that Church personnel comply with all required certifications and background checks for the purpose of providing a safe environment for children.

Diocesan Database & Regulations for all Ministries

All parish staff and volunteers including: Faith Formation - Catechists, Class Aides, R.C.I.A. Team, Youth Ministry; Liturgical and Music Ministry - Adult Servers, Cantors, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers; Parish Organizations - Christian Mothers/Women's Guild, Holy Name Society, Knight's of Columbus, Ladies of Charity, Rosary Society; Fund Raising - Festival, Fish Fry, Fund-Raising Worker, etc. are required by the USCCB, the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Saints Joachim and Anne Parish to be cleared in the following ways:

1. **Be registered on the Diocesan Data Base.**
2. **Sign the Code of Pastoral Conduct.**
3. **Be cleared by the Department of Public Welfare.**
4. **Be cleared by the Pennsylvania State Police.**
5. **Attend Protecting God's Children Seminar.**

The **Protecting God's Children Seminar** (an online 3 hour seminar) is a requirement of the National Conference of Bishops, Diocesan and Parish for all adults 18 years of age or older who are involved in the public ministry (work) of the church.

For more information, questions,
or to begin the process of certification,
please call Jeannie, 412-751-0663,
Parish Safe Environment Coordinator.

Feast of Faith: The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, **The Lord be with you.** These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our **good mornings**, our **hellos** and **how are yous**. This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words **the Lord be with you** are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—**And also with you**, soon to be "**And with your spirit**—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Not all injustices are black and white. Often there's a lot of gray when trying to figure out who is right in an argument. Before digging in your heels and insisting on having your way, try to get in your spouse's skin and see how the problem looks through his/her eyes.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Do your kids know how to argue well. I don't mean how to complain or fight, but do they know how to listen to an opposing view, understand it, then search for common ground. It's a life skill. Model it for them.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: **What are you looking for?**

What do you want from your spouse, children or parents?

Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

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Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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Facebook: FaithFormation-EGSA

Faith Formation Sessions have begun.

Parents are reminded that children must complete two consecutive years of formation before receiving any sacraments (Holy Communion or Confirmation).

If you have any questions or concerns, please email 213FaithForm@gmail.com or call the Faith Formation Office, 412-754-0886 and leave a message.

First Holy Communion
Sunday, April 11, 2021

Confirmation
Monday, April 12, 2021

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.

Pre-Baptism Class - Deacon Dale DiSanto
Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm
St. Michael Meeting Room

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.

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 ongoing way to be supported during this difficult time. The weekly session begins with suggested topics, open discussion and ends with prayer.

Faith, Fellowship, & Food
Adult Education Series for Lent 2021
The Lamb's Supper with Scott Hahn
Lent Series - February 16 - March 23, 2021

For this Lent we will be journeying with Scott Hahn's book **The Lamb's Supper**. We will begin on the **Tuesday** before **Ash Wednesday, Tuesday, February 16,** and will run for **6 weeks** and conclude on **Tuesday, March 23**.

Our Tuesday evenings begin at 6:45 pm in Saint Michael - Archangel Hall with a light meal, prayer, a video presentation, and a small group discussion.

Donation for materials is $10 per person.

Please contact Sue at sformicaym@comcast.net or 412-926-8412 to register, and joins us as we learn more about our Catholic Faith.

For more information or to register, please email 213Youth@gmail.com or call Mrs. Formica, 412-754-0886

Save the Date ....
Family Fun Night & Car Cruise
Friday, June 18, 2021
Sponsored by Youth Ministry

Show the Love — Jesus commanded us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, and that can be difficult especially amid this COVID pandemic. Now through Palm Sunday, we are asking for different charity groups so that we can continue to help our neighbors near and far.

Bagged Lunches For The Homeless

Youth Ministry will be making 100 Bagged Lunches to help feed some of the people who are homeless in the Pittsburgh area.

Today and next Sunday (January 23/24), members of the Youth Group will be seeking your support by collecting monetary donations after all the Masses or you can mail your donation to the Office (101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037) marked Youth Ministry Bagged Lunches before Wednesday, January 27, 2021. For more information, please contact Sue, 213youth@gmail.com.

Thank you for your kindness and support!

Sunday, Jan 17;
2nd Sunday in Ordinal Time
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19;
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

Lifestyles of the brave and mobile—Media coverage is thick concerning the lifestyles of the rich and famous. The lives of the truly heroic, on the other hand—faithful spouses, conscientious parents, the working poor, folks who turn their lives around after addiction or costly misdirection—are mostly hidden from view. Faithful discipleship requires effort, quiet persistence, and most of all, movement in the spirit. Followers don't stand still, unchangeable in opinions or behaviors. Growth is required. The terms of the deal are as follows: **Come —and see. *Rabbi . . . where are you staying?* He said to them, *Come and you will see.***

Monday, Jan 18; Weekday
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22

Abide your time this week—For more than 100 years, Christians around the world have been observing annually the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (Jan. 18-25). For Catholics, this week is an opportunity to also ponder the **Decree on Ecumenism from Vatican II**. Is your diocese or parish participating in this healing effort? For resources, visit the **World Council of Churches at Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. As you pray, call to mind this year's theme: **Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit. Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?**

Tuesday, Jan 19; Weekday
Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28

Pray the pope's prayer for peace—Exactly 60 years ago tomorrow, John F. Kennedy gave an inaugural address that quoted Romans 12:12, reminding citizens to be **rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation.** One year later, Pope John XXIII became a secret intermediary between Kennedy and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, speaking a message of peace to the entire world during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Haunted by the experience, he penned his final encyclical, **Pacem in Terris**, stressing the church's Christian duty to address international issues of peace and human rights—speaking to all persons **of good will,** not only Catholics. Pray for peace and the perseverance of hope. **Hold fast to the hope that lies before us.**

Wednesday, Jan 20; Fabian, pope & martyr
Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6

Be open to the Spirit of surprise—In the year 236, Fabian left his farm and headed to Rome. He wanted to be in town for the election of a new pope. The furthest thing from his mind, or anyone's mind, was that he would be elected. Legend holds that as clergy discussed worthy candidates, a dove landed on the head of bystander Fabian. Thinking it was a sign from the Holy Spirit, the crowd elected Fabian by acclamation. A kind and capable administrator, he had the respect of both the faith community and three different emperors in a period of rare peace. Although that peace eventually ended and persecution cost him his life, Fabian's legacy endures. Be open to unexpected visitations of the Holy Spirit! **Come up here before us.**

Thursday, Jan 21; Agnes, virgin & martyr
Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12

Draw inspiration from women of faith—Today we honor both Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr, and, in some places, Our Lady of Altagracia, protectress of the Dominican Republic. The devotion to both grew from grassroots popularity; that is, ordinary Christians were moved by their stories and lifted them up for veneration. Saint Agnes was executed for her faith in the fourth century. Our Lady of Altagracia is an image of Mary in the Dominican Republic that, according to legend, kept mysteriously moving to an orange grove until a church was built there. Centuries later memories of both women continue to inspire the faithful. Take a moment to reflect on women of faith who inspire you. **Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him.**

Friday, Jan 22;Weekday
Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19

Embracing your inner apostle—How many apostles did Jesus call? If you said 12, well, you are sort of correct. Indeed, Jesus appointed 12 followers to be his close companions, to learn from him, and to preach the Good News. But it doesn't stop at 12. Jesus continues to call forth apostles in the church. We have bishops who continue the mission via the tradition of apostolic succession. We also have every single person in the church, including you! **The whole church is apostolic, in that she remains . . . in communion of faith and life with her origin: and in that she is 'sent out' into the whole world,** says the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**. How will you respond to your call to apostleship? **Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him.**

Saturday, Jan 23; Marianne Cope, religious
Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21

Remarkable, two times over—Imagine leaving all that is familiar to minister in a far-off land. Now imagine doing it twice! German-born Marianne Cope came to the United States as a young woman and, as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York, became a founding leader of St. Joseph's Hospital in the city, one of the first general hospitals in the country. Then in 1883 she relocated with six other sisters to Hawai'i to care for persons suffering leprosy and to help develop the medical infrastructure of the island chain. Pray today for an ounce of the courage and sacrifice she modeled for us all. **Jesus came with his disciples into the house.**

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Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
—Psalm 40

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Serra Catholic High School Placement Test

Serra Catholic High School Placement Test
for incoming freshmen will be held on
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Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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For Altar Flower Memorials please call the Parish Office, 412-751-0663, to check availability.
Thank you for your kind support!

Patriotic Rosary

Monday Evening
February 8, 2021 - 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.

May God Bless Our Service Personnel

We pray for and remember our Service Men and Women who are serving on active duty in the Armed Services, especially: **Cpl. Peter A. Barrante, USMC; Maj. Damian Baskerville, USAF; Col. Richard Collage, PA NG; Staff Sgt. Nicholas DeLuca, Army; Ens. David DeMaio, USCG; Capt. Craig Dolhi, Army; Capt. Anthony Formica, Army; Jacob Formica, E-4, Army; 2nd Lt. John Formica, Army; SPC Samuel Formica, Army National Guard; Capt. Markus Gibson, USMC; 2ndLt. Miles Gibson, USMC; PO2. Mason Gibson, USN; T/Sgt. Michael Goodman, USAF; Lt. Col. James Hock, Army; E5 Sgt. Brian Imundo, Army; Sgt. Russ Langley, Marines; Staff Sgt. Raymond Massung, Jr., USAF; Sgt. First Class William Nellis, Army; Staff Sgt. Timothy Oeler, USAF; LTJG. 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; Capt. Andrew Tkac, Army.**

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May God Bless Our Health Care Workers and All First Responders.

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Saints Joachim and Anne Parish Community Festival 2021 is scheduled for August 5, 6, 7, 2021

Happy 2021! — The start to a new year is a reminder that our **Community Festival** is only 8 months away, **August 5th, 6th and 7th**.

Please remember that we need your donations for the **Specialty Baskets**. They are a big hit with all of our loyal patrons. They love how our baskets are so packed full with different themes from baking and kitchen items to children's toys and games. We create baskets for men's items, car wash baskets, summer grilling items, tools etc.. For the women we have gardening, candle, crafting, and decorating items. Please keep us in mind when you are shopping and remember to drop off any new items **(never been used)**, at the back of our Gathering Spaces at each one of our churches. **Thank you for your generosity!**

We couldn't do it without your help.

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish Food Bank Sunday

Third Sunday of the Month

We accept all non-perishable food items and paper products to administer to the needy of our local community.

Items for your consideration are pasta and sauces, tuna fish, rice, stews, cereal, canned fruits & vegetables, coffee & tea, hot chocolate mix, peanut butter & jelly, sugar, flour, crackers, Jell-O gelatin, puddings, powdered milk, cocoa, infant formula & baby food, juices, facial soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, diapers, facial tissues, paper towels, toilet tissue, cleansers, etc.

Please bring your donations to Mass with you and leave them in the **Gathering Space of the Church.** Cash or checks are also welcome.

Kind deeds change lives, Thank You!

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus will meet on **Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:30 pm** in the St. Michael - Archangel Hall.

Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner
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