

# Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

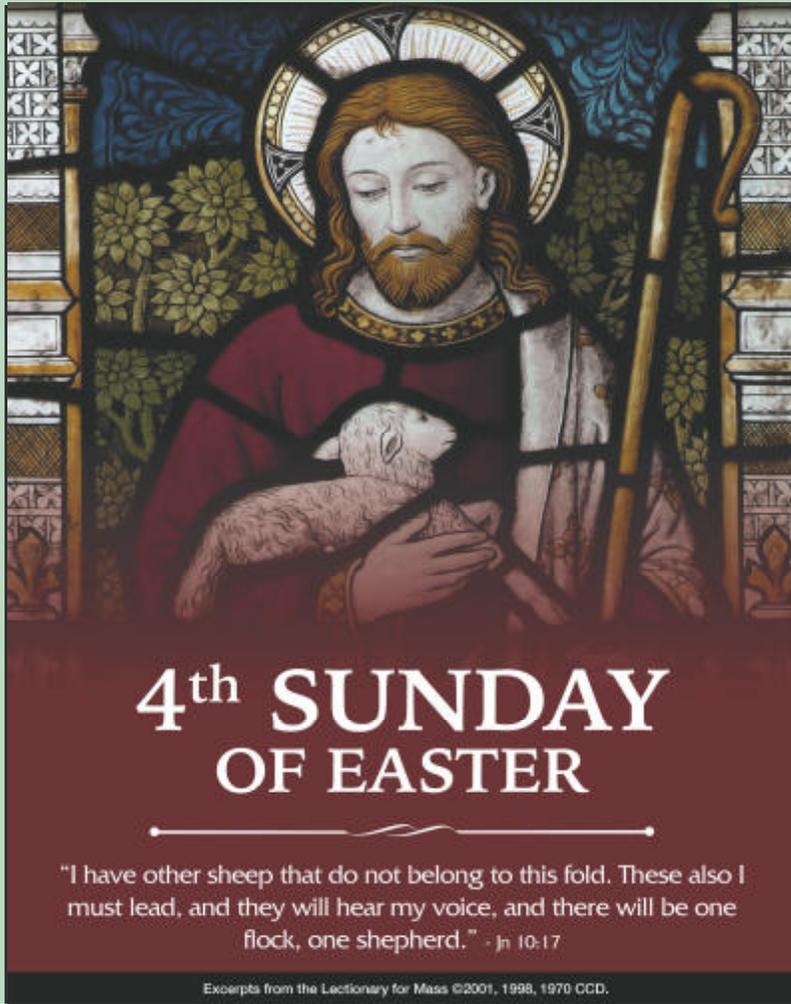
Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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## Church Buildings

Saint Eugene (StE))

3210 Liberty Way

McKeesport, PA 15133

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Saint Michael (StM)

101 McLay Drive

Elizabeth, PA 15037

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Queen of the Rosary (QoR)

530 Michigan Avenue

Glassport, PA 15045

**April 25, 2021**

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The Pittsburgh Catholic is now Online.  
[thepittsburghcatholic.wpccomstating.com](http://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 Administration Center.

### 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**

April 25 - May 2, 2021

#### Saturday, 24, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter

**StM 4:00 pm T** Thomas J. Eddy, Sr. - Parish Family

**StE 6:00 pm M** Elizabeth Hoak - Deb Kebles

#### Sunday, 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter

**StE 8:00 am M** James & Catherine Reilly - Kathy Reilly

**StM 9:00 am T** Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

**QoR 10:30 am M** Helen & Ted Miller - Mike & Linda Ksiazek

**StM 12 Noon T** Thomas Sigler, Steve & Mary Konchak - Agnes  
Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

#### Monday, 26, Easter Weekday

**QoR 8:30 am** Violet Kovtun - Parish family

**Novena - Infant of Prague**

**StM 9:00 am** Carole Douglas - Daughter

#### Tuesday, 27, Easter Weekday

**StM 9:00 am** Mary Ann Waronsky & Kolwicki family - son & wife

**StE 6:30 pm** Donato & Maria Buccini - Ernie & Helen Buccini

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

#### Wednesday, 28, Easter Weekday

**QoR 8:30 am** Corrine Hopkins & Agnes Wozniak - friend, Amy

**StM 9:00 am** Patricia Delaney - Ray & Cathy Niccolai

#### Thursday, 29, Easter Weekday

**StE 8:30 am** Norma Jean Milice - Parish family

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

#### Friday, 30, Easter Weekday

**QoR 8:30 am** Anna Borkowski - Family

**StM 9:00 am** Frank Costantino - Liz & Larry Brogna

#### Saturday, May 1, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Easter

**StM 4:00 pm M** Richard Levis - Patty & Paul Waronsky

**StE 6:00 pm T** Helen Shalako - Eileen Tomedolskey

#### Sunday, 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

**StE 8:00 am T** George T. Legin, Jr. - Tom & Cathy

**StM 9:00 am M** Georgia Gentile - Jean & Bob Phillips

**QoR 10:30 am T** Dolores Michalski - Marlene Tiskiewicz & Regina Wickdal

**StM 12 Noon M** Living & Deceased of the Parish 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  
Kessler & Griffith Family from Family.**

**St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of  
Hertweck & Wagner Family from Family**

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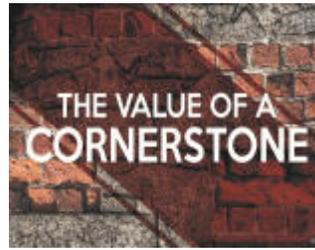
**Pastoral Council**

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**4th Sunday of Easter  
 April 25, 2021**

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures. ©LPI

**The stone rejected by the builders  
 has become the cornerstone. —Psalm 118**

***We remember . . .*** In your charity,  
 please remember all those who have died, especially:  
**Eleanor Zang, Frank Costantino,  
 Rosemary Gerondites**, sister of Catherine Macey,  
**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.  
 May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.**

**April Rosary Intention**

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and democracies in crises.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

**There is nothing like belonging.** Many of our deepest experiences in life are of the belonging we feel among family or close friends. We may experience belonging within our parish, even saying we are “at home” in our faith community. Sometimes, we say we belong to a school alumni association or social club. **Our deepest belonging, however, is in the heart of God. We are God’s children, precious in God’s sight. We are so treasured that Jesus laid down his life for us.** Knowing that we belong to God in Jesus Christ gives us a new, eternal perspective on life. Peter understood this when he explained that his healing of the man who had been disabled from birth had been accomplished through Christ. Jesus describes the relationship between him and those who believe in him in intimate terms—**we who are in relationship with Christ know that our very lives depend upon him.**

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### Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, **have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?**

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it’s a good sign that we’re losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting contentment, happiness, peace, or justice to come from any place other than God?

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,** the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — **I’ve got this.**

It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Responding To The Call

**Do we truly know the voice of Christ?** Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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### Feast of Faith: The Gospel Reading

The climax of the **Liturgy of the Word** comes with the **proclamation of the Gospel.** Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. **Among all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour (Dei Verbum, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18).** In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ’s saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

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## Mary Garden Beautification Project



The **Mary Garden Beautification Project** is being inspired by our parish Youth Group. The **Mary Garden Project** is being planned for the right side of Saint Michael Church (Bell Tower Side).

Currently there are a few different options, (a new Virgin Mary statue, stone & concrete work, water feature, various plants & flowers) and your thoughts and ideas about what should be done within that space are valuable and important.

Also anyone with landscape design experience and is willing to assist with the planning and preparation of the layout of the garden would be greatly appreciated. This will be an extensive facelift to the church grounds.

All support, time, talent, and treasure, for the **Mary Garden Project** will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any ideas or suggestions or would like to volunteer your time, talent, and treasure to this **Mary Garden Project**,

**please email the Faith Formation office at  
213FaithForm@gmail.com  
or call 412-754-0886.**

**Please keep the Mary Garden Project  
in your prayers.**

**Thank you for your support and prayers.**

### **Marriage Moments** by Susan Vogt

In marriage it may feel good to win an argument - for the moment. It's not wrong to be right. In the long run, however, it's better not to argue about who is right, but let it go. Can you think of any exceptions to this?

### **Parenting Pointers** by Susan Vogt

**Earth Day** - If you weren't able to get out in nature on Thursday, you still have time. Remember **Mother Earth** as a family by walking, watching animals, planting something, or saving electricity - maybe eat by candlelight.

### **A Family Perspective** by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their **PARENTS**. Every parent is called to be a **good shepherd to freely lay down their life** for their children, to **love** and **know** their children and to **lead** them so **they know your voice**.

**See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.**

— 1 John 3:1

## *Waiting in Joyful Hope*

In Thanksgiving for 50 years in the Priesthood  
Bishop Paul J. Bradley  
Ordained May 1, 1971

A Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his  
Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination  
to the Priesthood will be celebrated at  
Saint Paul Cathedral  
Saturday, May 2, 2021 at 2 pm

If interested in attending in person, please  
email Adele Strutt, [adelestrutt@comcast.net](mailto:adelestrutt@comcast.net)

The Mass will be live streamed  
via St. Paul Cathedral website  
[www.ghocatholics.org/tv-ministry](http://www.ghocatholics.org/tv-ministry)

## **The Good Shepherd**

The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

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## **Becoming Good Sheep**

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and the deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God's ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

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*Living Stones of God's House*

1 Peter 2:4-5

## Rainforest Explorers Vacation Bible School Jesus Leads the Way

Every Monday in June (7, 14, 21, 28)

6:30 - 8:30 pm at Saint Michael Church

Open to Pre-School (age 3 - Grade 6)

Parents/Guardians/Grandparents are invited to stay  
and learn with us! Make it a family night!

Questions, or to Register your child/ren or family,  
call 412-754-0886 or email 213K6ff@gmail.com

Registration Form is in this Bulletin, page 11.

## Faith Formation - Religious Education Registration Forms 2021-2022

Kindergarten — Grade 8

For all new and returning Families

Can be found on page 10 in this Bulletin.

## 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 John Ragan**

Thursday, June 10, 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.**

**Candidates for Sacraments** should be adequately  
prepared to receive these gifts, and a proper understanding  
of the Sacrament should be gained and demonstrated.  
Generally, **two (2) consecutive years of instruction is  
necessary** for the reception of the Sacraments of Holy  
Communion and Confirmation for children & youth.



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

Sponsored by Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

**Friday, June 18, 2021**

**Entertainment, Games,  
Food Trucks, Pie Baking Contest**

## Faith, Fellowship and Food Summer Series

Join us in a lively and practical series in which we further  
discover our **Life in Christ**. The Summer topics are:

**Life in Christ - Who is Jesus?, Salvation History,  
Holy Spirit, Beatitudes, and today's challenges.**

**Tuesday Evening 6:45-9:00 pm**

**Saint Michael Archangel Hall**

**May 18, June 22, July 20, August 17**

The evening will include prayer & song, presentation,  
facilitator led discussion. Sessions are conducted in a  
spirit of community; all are welcome.

All Covid Protocol Will Be Followed.

## 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.

**Thursday Afternoon**

**Saint Michael, Meeting Room**

**Beginning April 8, 2021 - 1:00-2:30 pm**

**This is a six (6) week program.**

**Please RSVP to Jan, 412-751-0663**

**so that we may prepare materials.**

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.



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

**Easter Sunday, Apr 25;****4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

**Live with purpose**—Collecting a paycheck may be important to make a living, but will it alone make a life? Some Catholics hear the invitation to choose a different path. They're nudged by family members, religion teachers, and homilists. They have opportunities to learn about priesthood and apostolic life, about missions and monasteries and cloisters. They'll encounter members of Third Orders and engage in service projects that put them in touch with those consecrated to spreading the Good News. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let's be sure to issue the invitation—and to receive it. **No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down on my own.**

**Monday, Apr 26; Easter Weekday**

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

**Nothing need limit your devotion**—The life of Saint Rafael Arnáiz Barón was interrupted by illness. Having endured a pandemic, we know what that's like—we've seen lives cut short by disease and we ourselves have had to put some of our own living on hold. Rafael was born in Spain in 1911 and died at 27. He was a talented artist and studied architecture, then decided to become a Trappist. Severe complications from diabetes prevented him from taking vows as a monk. He accepted God's will, joined as an oblate instead, and died young of his illness. In him you can find an example of surrender, trust, and devotion in the face of loss and disappointment that makes him a model for our times a century later. **Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.**

**Tuesday, Apr 27; Easter Weekday**

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

**Plant the seeds of belief**—The Syrian city of Antioch played a pivotal role in the growth of the early church. A cross-cultural safe haven, it was here that many of Jesus' first followers—all of them Jewish—took refuge after Stephen was martyred, fleeing Jerusalem as they too became targets. Antioch was a cosmopolitan hothouse, its Jews enjoying friendly interactions with the city's many Gentiles. Once new Jews arrived, bearing witness to Jesus, local Gentiles couldn't help but be intrigued. Soon, the fledgling church of Antioch began evangelizing Gentiles intentionally, planting the seed of belief in unexpected places. Where might you plant such seeds? **It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.**

**Wednesday, Apr 28; Easter Weekday**

Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50

**Let your life bring light to others**—There is good reason that Peter Chanel (1803-41) is the patron saint of Oceania. A parish priest from France who later joined the Marist missionaries, Peter was missioned to Western Oceania to convert people who worshipped other gods. Peter's missionary method was low key: He learned the language of the people and cared for their sick. For a few years, all was fine until small groups of native people began to be baptized, in particular, the son and daughter of the

island king. Peter was then considered a threat to the island's power elite. On this day in 1841 he was murdered. That is not the end of Peter's story, however. Within two years of his death, the entire island had become Catholic. How do you bring the light of faith to people around you? **I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness.**

**Thursday, Apr 29; Easter Weekday**

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

**Not how long a life is, but how good**—Saint Catherine of Siena led a remarkable life for a person of any era but particularly for a woman of the 14th century who only lived 33 years. Mystic, nurse, Dominican, counselor, arbitrator, writer, ambassador—she was all these things. Ordinary people came to her for spiritual council and advice in conflicts, leading her to eventually settle fierce church disputes, becoming a confidante of popes. Central to her strength was her union with Christ, which she wrote about in the classic, *The Dialogue*. Find a quiet moment today to—like Catherine—commune with Jesus, who offers wisdom and strength to all. **Whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.**

**Friday, Apr 30; Easter Weekday**

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

**Try a little tenderness**—When God became flesh and dwelt among us, a revolution was started. Not a military coup that some people expected, but a revolution that would strike deep at the heart. This **revolution of tenderness**, as Pope Francis called it in *Evangelii Gaudium*, urges each and every one of us to give of ourselves, to be part of community, to serve, and to be reconciled in our relationships with others. In what ways can you respond to Jesus' call to a revolution of tenderness? **Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.**

**Saturday, May 01; Joseph the Worker**

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

**Wanting for a job**—Today's memorial honors Saint Joseph the carpenter, standing in solidarity with all working people on the traditional **May Day** dedicated to laborers around the world. At this time last year, more than 30 million Americans had lost their jobs due to the pandemic, the largest unemployment crisis in the country's history. Many of those jobs have not returned and likely are gone forever. What can you and your faith community do to support those whose livelihoods were lost to the virus? **If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.**

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**The Glory Of God —St. Irenaeus**  
**The glory of God**  
**is humanity fully alive.**

**Saints Joachim and Anne Parish  
Food Bank Sunday**



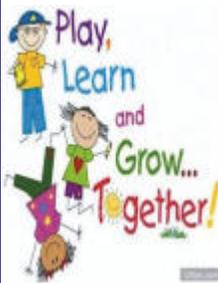
We accept all non-perishable food items and paper products to administer to the needy of our local community on the **Third Sunday of the Month.**

Items needed nonperishable food items, baby supplies, cleaning supplies, paper products, 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!*

**Mary of Nazareth Catholic School**



**Is Enrolling  
Students for  
Preschool — Grade 8.  
Call 412.672.2360  
to Speak to Someone  
about Enrollment**



**New Monthly Envelope**

The **Capital Improvement, Upkeep, Building & Grounds and Utility/Energy or Fuel** envelopes have been **replaced** with a **Monthly Envelope.**

A suggested offering for each Family is **\$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.

**Faith Formation Envelope**

In your offertory packet, there is a special envelope for Faith Formation.

**Thank You For Your Support!**

**Time, Talent, and Treasure**

April 18, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$13,031
Easter Offering	\$ 533
Monthly Offering	\$ 619
Religious Education	\$ 224
Children's Offering	\$ 33

2021 Parish Share \$3,300

2021 Parish Share to Date \$75,461

2021 Parish Share Goal \$137,788

**Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!**

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**Parish Share - 2021**

**The Parish Share Program collection has begun.**

Parish Share is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a commitment of making a regular extra gift over the entire year, using either the PSP envelope in the packet, or the monthly reminder or your On-Line Giving.

If you've not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider your support for this important initiative.

Each donation makes a difference, because all parishes participate in it, and the gifts of many enable the local Church of Pittsburgh to provide needed ministries and services that parishes alone could not offer. These include promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, Catholic education, and parish services. Recall too the incentive this year: the more we collect, the more that remains with us for our use here at Saints Joachim and Anne.

*Thank you for your sacrificial giving!*

**Thank You! Fish Fry Thank you!**  
A great big Thank You goes out to all Fish Fry Volunteers, all our patrons, our donors, and all who so lovingly gave of their time, talent, and treasure.

**Thank you for your support!**  
**See you next year at the Fish Fry!**

**Finances**

**Romine Avenue Property Update**

Former Saint Joseph Church & School,  
Cape Cod House & Youth House

**The Sale of all the Romine Avenue Property has been completed effective March 26, 2021.**

All Proceeds from the Sale will be free from Parish Share Assessment.

**One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic**



**Patriotic Rosary**  
 Monday Evening  
 May 10, 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.

*Thank you for your service!*

*May We Never Forget . . . Freedom is Never Free!*

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

**Upcoming Events**

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on **Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:30 pm** in the St. Michael - Archangel Hall.

**Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Sunday, April 25, 2021 - 12 Noon to 6:00 pm**  
 Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli  
 with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert  
**Take-Out Only 412-673-3915**

**Saints Joachim and Anne Parish**

**Community Festival Flea Market** is in need of gently used, but loved items, that you may find in your spring cleaning and would like to donate to the flea market. All donations must be in good working condition. These following items will not be accepted: clothing, draperies, tires, computers or broken electronics and unclean items.

Drop-off Dates (to be announced) will be in July.

**Treasures will not be accepted prior to Drop-off Dates!**  
**Thank you for sharing your Flea Market Treasures!**

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

**Community Festival Specialty Baskets**

**Thank you so much for your generosity!**

**The time sure flies as you already know!**

**Here it is, Springtime already!**

In a little less than 4 months our **Saints Joachim and Anne Parish Community Festival** will be here. This is a very exciting time for us and a highlight of the summer for all our neighboring communities. I have been told that people save their money all year long just so they can attend and purchase tickets for our spectacular **Specialty Baskets**.

Your generosity so far has been outstanding as we prepare our baskets for this big event, August 5, 6, 7.

This is just an update for items in different categories that we still need. We can use **Baby items** (anything from outfits, diapers, toys, baby powders & lotions), **Italian items** (pastas, sauces, pots and utensils), **Toys** (balls, hot wheel cars, games, summer, & pool items), and **Disney items** (Mickey, Minnie, Frozen, etc.).

**Please remember to put these donations in the  
 Gathering Spaces at the back of our 3 churches.**

**And as always....**

**Remember we could not do any of this  
 without your generosity. Thank you!**

**Attention All Crafters - It's festival time!  
 We need You and Your Talents!**

We are in need of your skills and talents for making afghans, floral arrangements, wreaths, pillows, fleece blankets, wood working, sports blankets/pillows and any other craft items that you can share for the craft baskets. We also need blankets and pillows to be made. Fiberfill is available for your use. For drop-off information, call Cathy, 412-980-2918. **Thank You for your support!**

For more information or you are interested in being involved with the **Parish Community Festival** please call Cathy Esack, 412-980-2918 or 412-672-8666.

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank You!**

**Thank you for your time, talents and support  
 of our Annual Parish Community Festival!  
 We couldn't do it without your help.**

**See You At the Community Festival!**

**10 Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community**

**Saints Joachim and Anne Parish  
Office of Faith Formation - 101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037 - 412-754-0886  
2021-2022 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM**

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

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

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

**ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

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

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

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

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

Mother's Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Please choose your session preference for when your child(ren) will be going to Faith Formation.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Saint Michael- Sundays; 10:15 am to 11:45 am</b> 101 McLay Dr., Elizabeth (2 times per month)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Catechesis (Homeschool)</b> (1 parent/ 1 community meeting per month)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Saint Michael- Mondays; 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm</b> 101 McLay Dr. Elizabeth (2 times per month)	

Please list up to 3 individuals that have permission to pick up your child(ren).  
Please also list the relationship to the child(ren) as well. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.

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

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

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

Special Information to Impart to the Office of Faith Formation:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Social Media/Webpage**

There will be activities and events where your child will be photographed and/or videotaped.  
These might be used on our social media, our webpage or in house for advertising.  
If you do not wish for your child's image to be used, please ask for the social media waiver.

**Are you ready to follow as Jesus Leads the Way?**  
**Saints Joachim and Anne Parish is proud to present our**  
**2021 Vacation Bible School program: Rainforest Explorers!**  
**Saints Joachim and Anne Parish presents:**

**Every Monday in June!**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**June 28<sup>th</sup>**



**Monday Evening**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm**

**St. Michael Church**  
**101 McLay Drive**  
**Elizabeth, PA 15037**

**Vacation Bible School 2021**

**Every Monday in June (7th, 14th, 21st, 28th)**  
**6:30 to 8:30 PM at Saint Michael Church**

**Open to Pre-School (age 3) through 6th grade**  
**Registration fee is \$20 per child and includes a take-home kit!**  
**Adults are encouraged to stay and learn with us! Make it a family night!**

**Questions? Please call 412-754-0886 or email 213K6ff@gmail.com**

Registration (Please Print):

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (in Fall 2021): \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (in Fall 2021): \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Alternate Emergency Contact (not parent/guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Alternate contact must be available during the hours of 6:30 pm-8:30 pm if there is an emergency.

\*\*Registration is open to grades Pre-K – 6. Children must be FULLY potty trained to attend Vacation Bible School. Children not yet potty trained may register and attend ONLY IF parent/guardian attends entire session with them.

Please list any Food Allergies/Medical Conditions:

Please enclose payment with registration form and return to the  
 Faith Formation Office, 101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037  
**REGISTRATION FEE IS \$20 PER CHILD and includes take-home kit after final session!**  
**Parents/Guardians can attend at no additional cost! Make it a fun family night!**  
 If you need financial assistance for VBS, please contact Julie Fleckenstein 412-754-0886  
**Please make checks payable to Saints Joachim and Anne Parish.**

Office use only: Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Check#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 25, 2021**

**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.

**Gathering Hymn: Gather the People**

Dan Schutte

Refrain  
Gath-er the peo-ple! En-ter the feast! All are in - vi-ted, the  
great-est and least. The ban-quet is read-y, now to be shared.

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

Finale  
to Verses 5

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

2 to Refrain

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

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**Glory to God**

Mass of Christ the Savior  
Dan Schutte

1st to Verse 1  
Cresc.  
Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est and on earth, peace on earth, peace to peo - ple of good  
will. will. A - men. A - men.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. We adore you, we bless you,<br>we adore you, we glorify you,<br>we give you thanks for your great glory,<br>Lord God, heavenly King,<br>O God, almighty Father                          | recei-ve our pray-ers;<br>you are seated at the right hand,<br>the right hand of the Father,<br>have mercy on us.   |
| 2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,<br>Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,<br>you take away the sins of the world,<br>have mercy on us;<br>you take away the sins of the world, | 3. For you alone are the Holy One,<br>you alone are the Lord,<br>you alone are the Most High,<br>Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,<br>in the glory of God the Father. |

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading Acts 4:8-12**

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118**

R. The stone re-ject-ed by the build-ers has be-come the cor - ner-stone.

**Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

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**Gospel**

**Gospel Acclamation**  
John 10:11-18

**Homily:** Reflection of the Word

**Apostle's Creed**

I believe in GOD, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*(All Bow)* who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty; from there he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Prayer for On Mission for the Church Alive!**

Father of Mercy, as we journey  
On Mission for the Church Alive! endow us with  
your gifts of collaboration, courage and compassion.  
Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and His Church  
through vibrant parishes and effective ministries.  
Raise up selfless, energetic leaders  
to serve the Church in fidelity and with care.  
May we the Church of Pittsburgh in Allegheny, Beaver,  
Butler, Greene, Lawrence, and Washington counties,  
be sustained and strengthened, by your grace.  
Help us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus and to live Jesus.  
Hear this prayer and grant it through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, with help of our dear Blessed Mother,  
under the mantle of her love. Amen.

**Offertory Hymn: Come to Me**

Refrain

Come to me, all who la - bor and are heav - y bur - dened, and  
I shall give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from  
me, for I am meek and hum - ble of heart,  
and you'll find rest for your souls. Yes, my  
yoke is eas - y and my bur - den is

Verses

light.

1. You, God, are my shep - herd.
2. Be - side peace - ful wa - ters
3. Should I be sur - round - ed
4. Be - fore my deep hun - ger
5. Pur - sue me, O God, \_\_\_

1. I shall nev - er be in need. Fresh and green are the
2. you re - store \_\_\_ my true self; There you lead me to
3. by the shad - ows of death, I will not fear, for
4. you spread out \_\_\_ your \_\_\_ feast. My \_\_\_ skin you a -
5. with your fath - om - less love. In your tent let me

to Refrain

1. mead - ows where you give me \_\_\_ rest.
2. walk \_\_\_ in the path of new life.
3. you are stead - fast in your \_\_\_ love.
4. noint \_\_\_ with the rich - est of oil.
5. dwell \_\_\_ all the days of my life.

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**Holy**

English Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of Is - ra - el.  
Hear - en and earth are full, are full of your glori - ty.  
Ho - sen - na! Ho - sen - na! Ho - sen - na in the high - est  
Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord



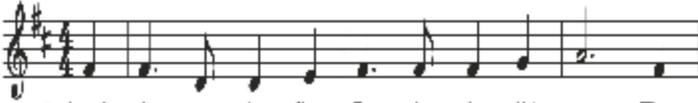
Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist

LND EET MEW GRES



1. Lord, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist did pray That  
 1. At that first Eu - cha - rist be - fore you died, O  
 2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede; Make  
 3. We pray thee, too, for wan - d'ers from thy fold; O  
 4. So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, May



1. all thy Church might: be for - ev - er one, Grant us at  
 1. Lord, you prayed that all be one in you; At this our  
 2. thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease: Draw us the  
 3. bring them back, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, Back to the  
 4. we be one with all thy Church a - bove, One with thy



1. ev - 'ry Eu - cha - rist to say With long - ing heart: and  
 1. Eu - cha - rist a - gain pre - side, And in our hearts your  
 2. near - er each, to each we plead, By draw - ing all to  
 3. faith which saints be - lieved of old, Back to the Church which  
 4. saints in one un - bro - ken peace, One with thy saints in



1. soul, "Thy will be done." O may we all one bread, one  
 1. law of love re - new. O may we all one bread, one  
 2. thee, O Prince of Peace; Thus may we all one bread, one  
 3. still that faith doth keep; Soon may we all one bread, one  
 4. one un - bound - ed love; More bless - ed still in peace and

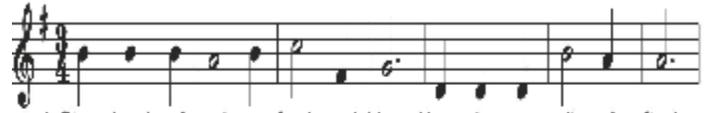


1. bod - y be, Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.  
 1. bod - y be, Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.  
 2. bod - y be, Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.  
 3. bod - y be, Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.  
 4. love to be One with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

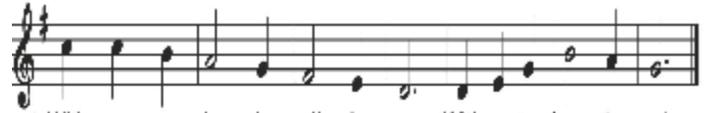
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Going Forth Hymn:

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

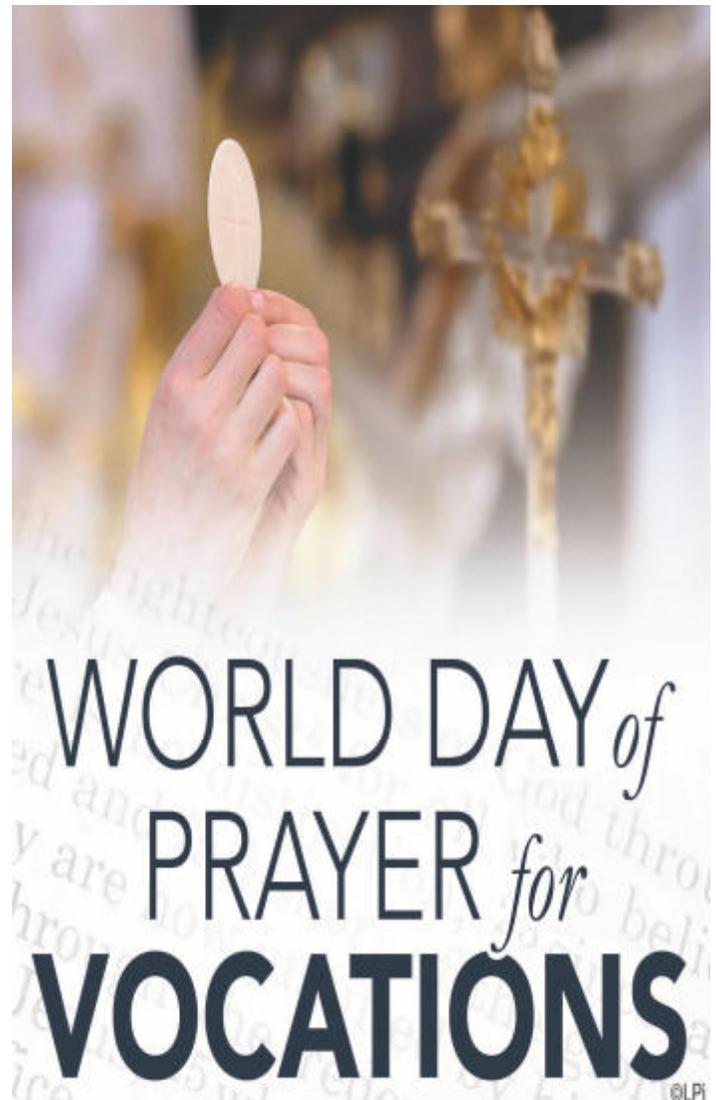


1. Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless Your cho - sen pil - grim flock  
 2. We would not live by bread a - lone, But by your word of grace,  
 3. Be known to us in break - ing bread, But do not then de - part;  
 4. Lord, sup with us in love di - vine; Your ood - y and your blood,



1. With man - na in the wil - der - ness, With wa - ter from the rock.  
 2. In strength of which we trav - el on To our a - bid - ing place.  
 3. Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread Your ta - ble in our heart.  
 4. That liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food.

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