

# Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

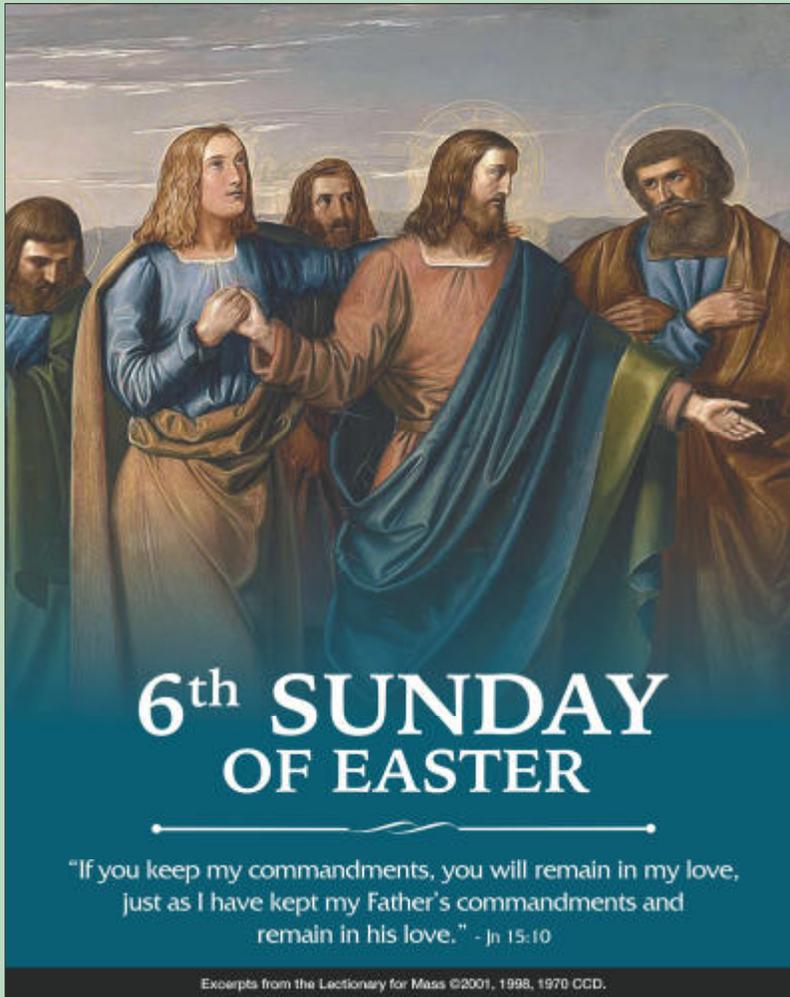
Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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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

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Queen of the Rosary (QoR)

530 Michigan Avenue

Glassport, PA 15045

**May 9, 2021**

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## 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.  
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**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**

**May 9 - 16, 2021**

**Saturday, May 8, Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**StM 4:00 pm T Don Geletko - Family & Friends**

**StE 6:00 pm M John E. Matyasovsky - Family**

**Sunday, 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day**

**StE 8:00 am M Living & Deceased of the Parish Family**

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

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

**StM 12 Noon T Living & Deceased of the Parish Family**

**Monday, 10, Damien de Veuster, priest, Easter Weekday**

**QoR 8:30 am Frank & Lucia Tarli - Daughter**

**Novena - Infant of Prague**

**StM 9:00 am Stephen Lugarich - Rich & Pattie Kurf**

**Tuesday, 11, Easter Weekday**

**StM 9:00 am Michael Gogoel, III - Sisters, Barb & Michelle**

**StE 6:30 pm Deceased Of Chemsak & Ponchak Families - Tom & Pat**

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

**Wednesday, 12, Easter Weekday**

**QoR 8:30 am Angeline Barch - Parish Family**

**StM 9:00 am Linda South - Friends of Maryann**

**Wednesday, 12, Vigil, The Ascension of the Lord**

**StM 7:00 pm T Marjorie Davis - Knights of Columbus, #10077**

**Thursday, 13, The Ascension of the Lord**

**StE 8:30 am M Deceased of Wasil & Portner Families**

**- Jim & Mary Jane Portner**

**StM 9:00 am T Joseph Golick - Brother, Vince Golick**

**QoR 6:30 pm M Evelyn Gooch - Family & Friends**

**Friday, 14, Matthias, apostle**

**QoR 8:30 am James Borucki - Parish Family**

**StM 9:00 am Albert J. Ragan, Sr. - Debbie & Gary**

**Saturday, 15, Vigil, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**StM 4:00 pm M Connie Altomare - Lisa & Mike Pollice**

**StE 6:00 pm T Deborah Pikula - Mick & Family**

**Sunday, 16, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**StE 8:00 am T Anna Bellas - Pauline Kalaski**

**StM 9:00 am M Deceased of Raynak & Sedney Families - Sue Raynak**

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

**StM 12 Noon M Joseph DiChicchis - Rose Marie Zuro**

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

**Pastoral Staff**

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**6th Sunday of Easter - May 9, 2021**

**Remain in my love**, and, **I call you friends**, are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our **failures in love**. In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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***We remember . . .*** In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: **Barbara Bills, Marie Bendik, Mildred Arico, Mary Slafka, James Stricklin, 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.**

**May Rosary Intention**

Let us pray, that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Love. Songs and books, plays and artistic masterpieces have been created to convey the truth that love is real. As Christians, we know that love is of God. In laying down his life, Jesus pours out God's selfless, sacrificial, undying love. Jesus opens the door to a new relationship between God and humanity, that of friendship, of intimate closeness. Jesus calls us to show this same love for others, knowing that in doing so, we fulfill God's will. As the account of Peter, Cornelius, and all in his household attests, this great love of God cannot be contained by our preconceived notions of the way things are in the world.

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## Everyday Stewardship -

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### Choosing to Love One Another

**Love one another.** The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LP

#### Deep Debt —George Washington

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw.

All I am I owe to my mother.

I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her.



*Blessed Mother's Day  
to all the women  
who touch our lives!*

**Mother is the name for God  
on the lips and in the hearts  
of little children.**

—William Makepeace Thackeray

## The Presence Of The Holy Spirit

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—the **Holy Spirit fell on them** (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this **baptism** is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Feast of Faith: The Creed

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a **rule of faith** (**General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 67**). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the **Nicene Creed**, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God.

**The Creed** is both **communal** and **personal**: it is **we**, but it is also **I**. In the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.

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

## 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

**Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God** (1 John 4:7). Sounds simple, but anyone married even a short time knows that love can be a challenge when two will conflict. Just for today, pretend you are God trying to love your spouse selflessly.

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

If your child is old enough for school, they've probably spent a lot of class time on computer screens during Covid. Weather permitting offer them a Nature Break this week - or at least some indoor art, craft, or board game alternatives.

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

Today's gospel challenges us to **love one another as I have loved you**. Jesus is our model, and he asks us to **lay down our life** (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit. — John 15:16

## The Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 12, 2021, Vigil

7:00 pm — Saint Michael Church

Thursday, May 13, 2021

8:30 am — Saint Eugene Church

9:00 am — Saint Michael Church

6:30 pm — Queen of the Rosary

## The Call and Cause of Love

**Love calls and causes us** to do great things, more than we might believe we are capable of. While some are called to give their lives as martyrs, most of us find ourselves called to lay down our lives in smaller ways in the midst of everyday life. Parents lose sleep in the early moments of their baby's life, and again as their teens mature and gain independence. Adult children change their plans to care for aging parents. We hear the call of love as we become attentive and respond to the needs of the poor, lonely, sick, and vulnerable. Love causes us to turn our lives around, to strive to become more Christ-like in our words and actions. Peter followed this call of love when he entered the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. He was likely as astounded at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as were the believers who accompanied him, yet love caused Peter to see beyond the accepted boundaries of religion and race, seeing instead evidence of the Lord's great love at work.

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## The Joy-Filled Way of Love

Following the Lord calls us to sacrifice for the sake of others, giving our attention, time, and resources in order to share Christ's care and compassion. Jesus shows us that giving of self, pouring ourselves out in love for another, is a joy-filled way of life. Joy is more than a feeling and is deeper than happiness. Joy comes with the assurance that Christ is with us when our lives mirror the life and way of our Master. Joy is a sense of fulfillment in knowing and sharing Christ's love. When we reach out in love, Christ's joy fills our hearts. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, we find the grace to follow Jesus' command to love one another.

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**Little Things** —St. John Chrysostom  
Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.

**God is love.** —1 John 4:7-10



## Faith Formation

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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 1 - Grade 8  
For all new and returning Families  
Can be found on page 10 of 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.  
For information or to register, please email  
213Youth@gmail.com or call Sue, 412-754-0886  
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 - 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...*



**Invest just five minutes a day,  
and your faith will deepen  
and grow—a day at a time**

**Easter Sunday, May 9; 6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

**See through God's eye**—God does not see as we see, the prophet Isaiah reminds us. To harness the divine perspective, native peoples of western Mexico wove yarn on crossed sticks to represent the eye of God (ojo de Dios), which sees in four directions and in all elemental mediums: earth, wind, fire, and water. A God's eye became the portal through which God views the supplicant, or through which those who pray might share the divine vision. Sharing a God's-eye perspective on the world remains the goal of every believer. Practice seeing others as our compassionate God sees them. **In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever . . . acts uprightly is acceptable to him.**

**Monday, May 10; Damien De Veuster, priest**

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a

**Pray for those who heal**—The story of Saint Damien de Veuster, a Belgian priest who missioned to quarantined lepers in Hawaii and died of the disease, is extraordinary—although often echoed these days as legions of medical professionals all over the world put themselves in harm's way to treat the sick and dying of COVID. Father Damian is a **martyr of charity**, and we've been blessed with multitudes of fearless, generous heroes like him who've expended themselves physically and emotionally to get us through this pandemic. Give thanks to God for our modern martyrs of charity and ask for Father Damian's intercession to keep them safe and send them spiritual strength. **And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.**

**Tuesday, May 11; Easter Weekday**

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

**Cultivate an appreciation of rural traditions**—Though they've disappeared from most modern calendars, two older Catholic observances converge today. One is the petitioning of the **Ice Saints**—Boniface of Tarsus, Pancras, and Servatius—so named because their feasts fall during what were believed in some northern nations to be the last days of spring when a cold snap might damage spring plantings. The other observance, beginning on the Tuesday before Ascension Thursday, is known as the Minor Rogation Days. These two, along with the Catholic observance of Ember Days, are religious celebrations more commonly tied to the rhythms of rural life. They include the blessing of fields for a good harvest and prayers for good weather. Learn more at CatholicRuralLife.org. **His household rejoiced at having come to faith in God.**

**Wednesday, May 12; Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15

**Religious freedom is a timeless concern**—Sometimes it is difficult to relate to the martyrs of the early church because their lives are so different from our own. Nereus and Achilleus were

Roman soldiers who had participated in carrying out persecutions of Christians. In a "miracle of faith," they were converted and died their own martyred deaths in the late first century. Pancras was a 14-year-old martyr of the same era who was beheaded because he publicly affirmed his faith in Jesus Christ. On this Easter weekday, give thanks for the ability to freely worship and pray for those around the world who do not enjoy such freedom. **But when he comes, the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth.**

**Thursday, May 13; The Ascension Of The Lord**

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13 or Eph 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

**Rise to the occasion**—Today's **Feast of the Ascension** gives wide recognition to a rather complex idea—that Christ both ascended to heaven and remains with us. In fact, we get a taste of heaven when we unify ourselves with Jesus in spirit and action. Saint Augustine taught **although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace.** From attending Mass to aiding the needy, on this feast day we can all take a step toward unity with Christ. **So then the Lord Jesus . . . was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.**

**Friday, May 14; Matthias, apostle**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

**Abstinence makes the faith grow stronger**—Although self-denial is celebrated in all major religions as a virtue, the value isn't so much in the practice as in the motivation. For Christians the virtuous motivation for abstinence of food, drink, or particular desires comes from love. We deny ourselves for God's sake and for the sake of others. Saint Matthias, patron of alcoholics, encouraged abstinence as a way to grow closer to God. He kept his focus on his vocation to spread the gospel and let little distract him from his purpose. What can you do today to keep your focus on love? **This I command you: love one another.**

**Saturday, May 15; Easter Weekday**

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

**Honor the forces of reconciliation**—Pope Saint John XXIII taught that wars are never justified. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote to President George W. Bush that the Iraq War was unjust. Pope Benedict XVI questioned whether any war could be called just. Pope Francis, speaking in Hiroshima during his 2019 visit, repeated the positions of the previous popes. Christians face a dilemma, wanting world peace but also needing some protection from those who don't think the same way. The church recognizes a need for the military. But the task of the military should be to maintain peace and set the conditions for reconciliation. On this Armed Forces Day, pray for all our military service members. They have a difficult job. **For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God.**

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**God is love.** —1 John 4:7-10

**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 non-perishable 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!*

**Monthly Envelope**

The **Capital Improvement, Upkeep, Building & Grounds and Utility/Energy or Fuel** envelopes has 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.

Please use the **Monthly Envelope** for **Capital Improvement, Upkeep, Utility/Energy or Fuel,** and not **Regular Offertory.** Thank you for your sacrificial giving!

**Faith Formation Envelope**

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

**Thank You For Your Support!**

**Time, Talent, and Treasure — May 2, 2021**

Weekly Offering	\$ 12,018
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 31
Monthly Offering	\$ 2,510
Religious Education	\$ 232
Children's Offering	\$ 4
2021 Parish Share	\$ 2,868
2021 Parish Share to Date	\$88,257
2021 Parish Share Goal	\$137,788

**Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!**

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**Mass Attendance**

4:00 pm	149	6:00 pm	53
8:00 am	73	9:00 am	125
10:30 am	108	12 Noon	75
Families	1,855	Souls	4,588

**Loose Change Baby Bottle Drive**

(sponsored by Faith Formation - Youth Ministry)

**Mother's Day to Father's Day, June 20, 2021**

Please take a baby bottle home, fill it with loose change, and bring the filled bottle back.

Your monetary support will help women and men in crisis pregnancies as they choose life for their unborn babies.

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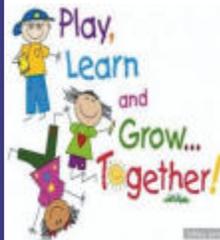
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**Call 412.672.2360**

**to Speak to Someone**

**about Enrollment.**



**Upcoming Events**

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

**Catholic Men's Fellowship** will meet on **Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 7:00 am** In the **St. Michael Church - Archangel Hall.**

**Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner** **Sunday, May 23, 2021 - 12 Noon to 6:00 pm** **Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert** **Take-Out Only 412-673-3915**

**Spring Pre-Cana Program**

If you are planning planning weddings, especially Summer, Fall & Winter 2021.

**St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth** **Saturday, June 5, 2021, 9:00 am-3:30 pm**

Registration \$50.00 per couple (includes materials & lunch)

**Pre-Registration is necessary.** Please call the Julie

In the Faith Formation Office, 412-754-0886 or email [213FaithForm@gmail.com](mailto:213FaithForm@gmail.com).

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**April 50/50 Winner**

**Congratulations Winner**

**Laura Conrad \$487.50**

**Saints Joachim & Anne Parish 50/50 Envelope**

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

**Thank you for your on going support!**



**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.*



**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**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose your session preference for when your child(ren) will be going to Faith Formation.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Saint Michael- Sundays; 10:15 am to 11:45 am**  
101 McLay Dr., Elizabeth (2 times per month)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Saint Michael- Mondays; 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm**  
101 McLay Dr. Elizabeth (2 times per month)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family Catechesis (Homeschool)**  
**(1 parent/ 1 community meeting 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Information to Impart to the Office of Faith Formation:

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*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#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 9, 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: Sing a New Song to the Lord**



1. Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom won-ders be -  
2. Now to the ends of the earth See his sal - va - tion is  
3. Sing a new song and re - joice, Pub - lish his prais - es a -  
4. Join with the hills and the sea Thun-ders of praise to pro -



long! Re - joice in his tri - umph and tell of his  
shown; And still he re - mem-bers his mer - cy and  
broad! Let voic - es in cho - rus, with trum - pet and  
long! In judg - ment and jus - tice he comes to the



power, O sing to the Lord a new song!  
truth, Un - chang - ing in love to his own.  
horn, Re - sound for the joy of the Lord!  
earth, O sing to the Lord a new song!

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**Glory to God**

Mass of Christ the Savior  
Dan Schutte



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, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father

rece-ive our pray-ers;  
you are seated at the right hand,  
the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
you take away the sins of the world,

3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98**



R. The Lord has re-vealed to the na - tions his



sav - ing pow'r, his sav - ing pow'r.

**Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10**



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

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**Gospel** Gospel Acclamation  
John 15:9-17

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: Love One Another  
Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain

Love one another as I have loved you.  
Care for each other. I have cared for you.  
Bear each other's burdens.  
Bind each other's wounds;  
and so you will know my return.

1. My friends, do you know what I have done for you?  
I have washed your feet with my hands.  
If I, your Lord, have knelt at your feet,  
you should do at each other's feet  
as I have done for you.
2. When the world will hate you and revile you,  
when they laugh at your care for the poor,  
when they hold you in darkness  
and imprison your tongues,  
remember how they listened to me.
3. Let not your hearts be troubled.  
Put your trust in God and in me.  
In my Father's home I prepare your room,  
that where I am you may be.
4. This bread which I give is my body.  
This cup holds the blood of my life.  
And all will be broken that you may have life,  
that you may learn to forgive.

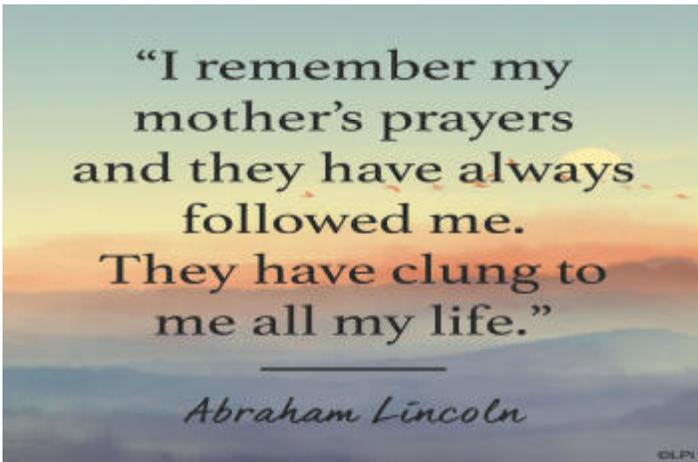
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Holy

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Mass of Christ the Saviour

English Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - nal Ho-san - nal Ho-san-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: We Remember

We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death,  
and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here;  
and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come  
in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we  
cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

Verses

1. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls are  
2. Now we re - cre - ate your love, we  
3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A - men" to  
4. See the face of Christ re - vealed in  
yearn - ing just to touch you and be healed.  
bring the bread and wine to share a meal.  
all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart,  
ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side,

D.C.

Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.  
Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres - ence of the Lord.  
Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.  
Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.

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Going Forth Hymn: Immaculate Mary

LOURDES HYMN

Verses  
1. Im - mac - u - late Ma - ry, your prais - es we sing. You  
2. In heav - en the bless - ed your glo - ry pro - claim; On  
3. We pray for our Motr - er, the Church up - on earth, And  
reign now in heav - en with Je - sus our King.  
earth we your chil - dren in - voke your fair name.  
bless, Ho - ly Ma - ry, the land of our birth.  
Refrain  
A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a! A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a!

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rec. of Hail Virgin of virgins, by Jeremiah Cummings, 1814-1866, a.1.

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