Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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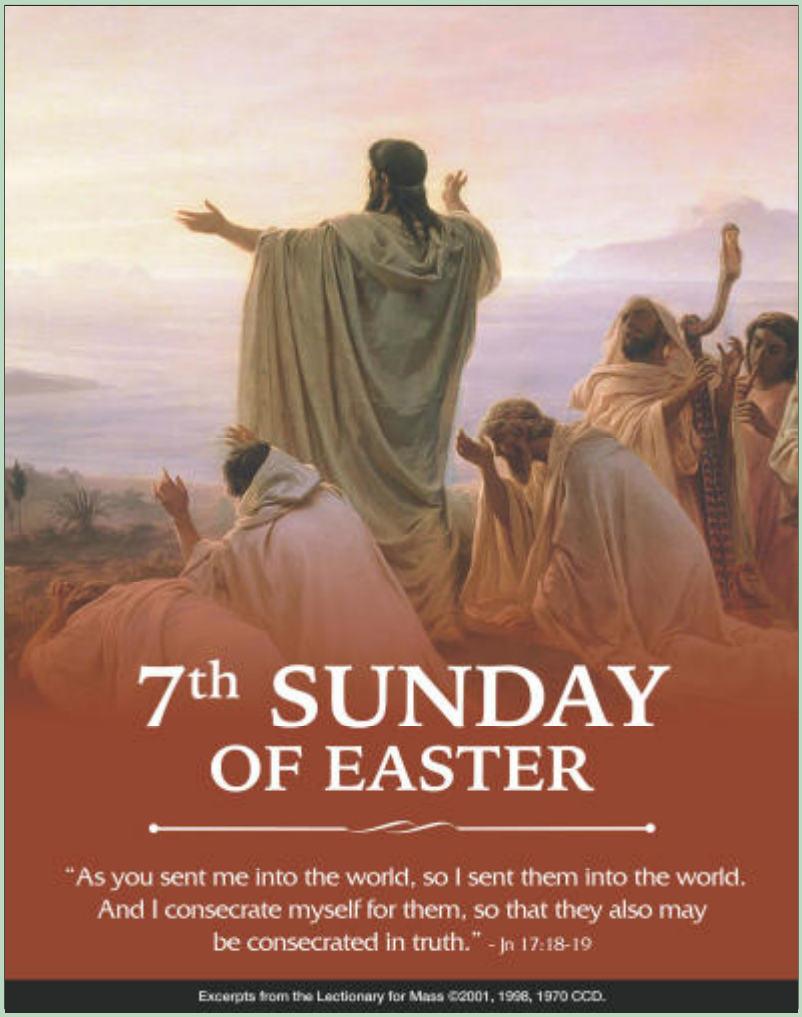

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Church Buildings

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

May 16, 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.
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

May 16 - 23, 2021

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 Kaloski
StM 9:00 am M **Deceased of Raynak & Sedney Families -** Sue Raynak
QoR 10:30 am T **Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Family**
StM 12 Noon M **Joseph DiChicchis -** Rose Marie Zuro

Monday, 17, Easter Weekday
QoR 8:30 am **Raffaele & Teresa Palatis -** Ralph & Louis Palatis
Novena - Infant of Prague
StM 9:00 am **Marguerite Oeler –** Dan & Patty Oeler

Tuesday, 18, Easter Weekday
StM 9:00 am **Rosemary Gerondites -** Jan & Ryan
StE 6:30 pm **Health of Vavrek and Runtich Families -** Tim Runtich
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 19, Easter Weekday
QoR 8:30 am **Charles & Robert Gorun -** Family
StM 9:00 am **Peg DiSanto –** Dale

Thursday, 20, Easter Weekday
StE 8:30 am M **Barbara Perkoski -** Joe Kish
StM 9:00 am T **Geraldine Sabol -** Knights of Columbus #10077

Friday, 21, Easter Weekday
QoR 8:30 am **Gregory Zalac -** Mom
StM 9:00 am **Janet Formica –** Elmer & Pauline Fournier

Saturday, 22, Vigil, Pentecost Sunday
StM 4:00 pm T **Mike & Mary Colecchi -** Mike & Michelle Vancas
StE 6:00 pm M **Frank & Palmerina Molinaro -** Maria Dainty & Family

Sunday, 23, Pentecost Sunday
StE 8:00 am M **German Plan -** Melvyn & Elena Plan
StM 9:00 am T **Dante Marraccini -** Parish Family
QoR 10:30 am M **Happy 90th Birthday, Alice Szmyd –** Family
StM 12 Noon T **Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Family**

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

The Ship Of The Church .—St. Boniface
The Church is like a great ship
being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses.
Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp
St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessings & Health of Mary Francis Legin from Ladies of Charity.

Pastoral Staff

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Reverend Miroslaus A. Wojcicki, Senior Parochial Vicar
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Deacon Jeffrey P. Formica, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Stephen C. Pikula, Permanent Deacon
Deacon John E. Ragan, Permanent Deacon

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Sandy Palmer Judy Shriane Donald Similo

We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially:
Margaret Heisler, sister of George Lion, Jr;,
Gregory Zalac, son of Gertrude Zalac,
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.

7th Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith.
Think of your life over the last couple of weeks.
What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple:

God remains when we love one another.
If in all the business of our lives
and all that each day brings,
the good and the bad,
we follow the call and path of love,
we will walk with God.
There is nothing to fear
and anxiety finds no home.

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We have come to know and believe in the love God has for us. —1 John 4

Seventh Sunday of Easter

There is a certain, sacred order to the way God envisions our place in the world. We are created in love, for love. As disciples of Jesus Christ, God's love is at the heart of all we are, have, and do. Peter was concerned that this holy order be restored following Judas' betrayal of Jesus. Jesus' selection of twelve apostles was significant for the Jewish people, a harkening to the twelve tribes of Israel. In prayerfully discerning Matthias as the twelfth apostle, the brothers made certain that God's holy order would prevail. Their witness ensured that Christ's love would be shared and embraced to all the world and throughout all time.

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Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep?

For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world,
it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LP

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Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.
— Mark 16:16

Pentecost Red
Pentecost Sunday
May 22 & 23, 2021

Next to the great event of the **Sacred Triduum** (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil), **Pentecost** is the most important day of the liturgical year. **Pentecost** is marked by the color **RED** since it reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit who filled the hearts of the disciples on the first Pentecost recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

We invite and encourage everyone to wear a **RED OUTFIT** of some sort to Mass on Pentecost Sunday, so that we can fill the church with a **Sea of RED**!

Keeping The Big Picture In Mind

As we near the end of the Easter season, the readings lead us to keep the big picture of Christ's Paschal Mystery—Jesus' life and ministry, passion, death, and resurrection—and the impact it is to have in our lives at the center of all that we are and do. We who have been drawn to Christ through baptism are called to take on the mind, heart, and life of our Lord. Jesus, who is God's love incarnate, shows us the extent of God's love and calls us to live this love in the world. We live in the world but do not belong to it. Ultimately, we belong to God. When we show love, especially when we sacrifice for the sake of another, we share in Christ's saving love, building a bridge between God and humanity in Christ's name.

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Feast of Faith: The General Intercessions

The **General Intercessions** were restored to the liturgy in the reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In these prayers—also known as the **universal prayer** or **prayer of the faithful**—the assembly prays for the Church, the world, and the local community. As the name **prayer of the faithful** reminds us, these intercessions are a privilege of the baptized, which is why any catechumens are dismissed before the Creed and the intercessions. In baptism, we become members of a royal priesthood, and what do priests do? They intercede; they pray. In standing to pray to God as a community, we are living out our royal priesthood.

The intercessions at Mass usually follow a clear pattern, moving from general to specific needs. We pray for the whole Church. We pray for the world and for our nation. We pray for our local community, for those who have died and for all the sick and afflicted. In our united prayer, we reach beyond ourselves and our own needs and grow in awareness of and compassion for the needs of others.

—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

Distance can put stress on a marriage. Having a spouse who travels a lot or who is deployed to military service poses a challenge. Do you have any practices that help the two of you when you are apart for awhile?

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

On the feast of the Ascension scripture says, **So then the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven** (Mark 16:19). Fantasize with your child what it might be like to fly — not in an airplane, but just rising up in the air. Perhaps fly a kite this week in memory of the Ascension.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus was worried about His disciples and He turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spent trying to "guard and protect" our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

THE LOAN —Chief Seattle

We didn't inherit the earth from our parents.
We're borrowing it from our children

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.
For information, please contact sformicaym@comcast.net

The Significance Of The Ascension

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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Made Sacred In Truth

Jesus prayed to God the Father about his disciples, **Consecrate them in the truth.** To consecrate is to make holy. Jesus asks God to make us holy in the truth of God's love which is poured upon us through the Holy Spirit. Think about this: we call the moment in which the bread and wine at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ the consecration. The bread and wine are transformed and made sacred, holy. Remember, too, that as the gifts are brought forward for consecration, we join our lives, gifts, and resources in prayer, asking God to bless us, to consecrate us as well. In baptism, we are consecrated—we are set apart in Christ's love. Knowing this should make a difference in the way we live our lives. Our consecration should be the benchmark for our attitudes and actions, the choices and decisions we make each day. What does it mean to you to be consecrated, to be called to holiness? How does this affect the way you live?

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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 from 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

Sunday, May 16; 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19

Good things come from unlikely places—It may bring a smile to our lips to hear the argument for why we're obliged to love others: because God loves us first. And if God can love us (be honest here!) then clearly love need not be earned. This World Communications Day, Pope Francis invites us to consider how future-apostle Nathaniel once dismissed Jesus because of his origins: **Can anything good come from Nazareth?** To really love people, we have to begin by not categorizing them: by gender or race, nationality or religion, native language or political party. Even Nazareth holds surprises! **Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.**

Monday, May 17; Easter Weekday, Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Solitude and solidarity—Many have experienced more solitude than they care for during the pandemic, but it'd be a shame to lose the lessons of the experience once it's over. Catholics have a strong tradition of finding the sacred in solitude. The monastic life, for example, is all about withdrawing from society to draw closer to God and ultimately to each other. Turning inward is an opportunity for growth. Ritualizing the routines of life—in the midst of grief and stress and fear—helps to maintain inner stability and clarity. At the same time, far too many haven't had the luxury of solitude to remove themselves from danger—let this fact light a fire in all of us to fight for justice for those who have risked all to serve society this past year. **I am not alone, because the Father is with me.**

Tuesday, May 18; John I, pope & martyr

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a

Define your terms—In 2011, the Nicene Creed in English changed from the poetic-but imprecise **one in being**—recited at Mass for more than 40 years—back to a seemingly unusual, clunky Latin word: **consubstantial**. We learned that consubstantial was a critical distinction hammered out at various church councils to clarify that Jesus was divinely coeternal with God. It was a pronouncement specifically designed to refute the Arian heresy that denied Christ's divinity. The struggle against Arianism cost Pope John I his life in 526. Words matter. Take time to choose the right ones. **Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.**

Wednesday, May 19; Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

Going home—Final farewells are difficult. While there can be grace in the chance to express love and gratitude, there also can be great pain at the thought of never again seeing a face, touching a hand, hearing a voice. There is true heartache in accepting that there will be no more shared meals, meaningful discussions, shared futures planned together as we surrender the companionship of a loved one. It is a bittersweet time because the grief of anticipated loss is proof of an equally deep love. Yet it is not the end—faith promises us more. On this Easter Wednesday, with trust in the promise of new life, give thanks to God for someone whose love and faithfulness has enriched your life. **They were all weeping loudly . . . for they were deeply distressed that (Paul) had said that they would never see his face again.**

Thursday, May 20; Bernardine of Siena, priest

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

History will be our judge—Church history is filled with admirable figures who stand out for their tender love and compassion. Bernardine of Siena was not that kind of saint. A fire-and-brimstone preacher with a moralizing temperament, he encouraged **bonfires of the vanities** where townsfolk pitched household items suggestive of luxury or leisure—mirrors, perfumes, games—into the fire. Seen from our vantage point, many of his sermons had antisemitic, misogynistic, and homophobic overtones. Though a commanding preacher who lived a life of devotion, Bernardine—like all of us—was a product of his times, limited by the pastoral and theological perspectives handed down to him. His innovations in vernacular preaching continue to inspire, yet his limitations in compassion and inclusion serve as a cautionary tale. None of us has a monopoly on moral purity. Kindness and compassion, however, never go out of style. **And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one.**

Friday, May 21; Christopher Magallanes, priest

Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

Live fully—Each of us is called to give our lives fully on behalf of our love for and commitment to God. Most of us will not die a martyr's death, but some of us will. Christopher Magallanes was one such person. Christopher's call to be a martyr was lived every day through his prayer and ministry as a priest: founding schools, providing work opportunities, and even constructing a dam to help the people. He was killed because of his love for the people, a love emanating from his deep faith. How does our faith inspire us to give of ourselves fully? ***Simon, son of John, do you love me?* Simon Peter answered him, *Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.* He said to him, *Tend my sheep.***

Saturday, May 22; Rita of Cascia, religious

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Hope is a perennial—We all could use a friend like Saint Rita of Cascia. Wed against her will at the tender age of 12, she somehow survived abuse and family feuds to become a reconciling force in a violent region of 15th-century Italy. She has acquired a following, along with Saint Jude, as the patron of hopeless causes. On her deathbed, it is said she asked for a rose from her garden. Though it was winter, we are told a single blooming rose was found and brought to her. Never lose hope—no cause is hopeless! **There are also many other things that Jesus did.**

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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!

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 9, 2021

Weekly Offering	$15,695.47
Catholic Relief Services	$ 40
Monthly Offering	$ 1,722
Religious Education	$ 282
Children's Offering	$ 6
2021 Parish Share	$ 4,940
2021 Parish Share to Date	$91,125
2021 Parish Share Goal	$137,788

Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

Please make all checks payable to Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Mass Attendance

4:00 pm	160	6:00 pm	61
8:00 am	61	9:00 am	143
10:30 am	116	12 Noon	111
Families	1,855	Souls	4,588

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 Julie In the Faith Formation Office, 412-754-0886 or email 213FaithForm@gmail.com.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

Is Enrolling Students for Preschool — Grade 8.

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 - Meeting Room**.

Catholic Men's Fellowship will meet on **Saturday, May 29, 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

Saint Joachim and Anne Parish

Faith Formation - Youth Group T-Shirt - Order Form

T-Shirts are available for Adults & Youth — $10

Complete the Order Form and place in the mail or collection basket. Please make checks payable to Saints Joachim and Anne Parish.

Faith Formation - Youth Group T-Shirt - Order Form

Please Print

Name _____

Phone _____

Adult: Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ X Large ____ 2XLarge ____

Youth: Small ____ Medium ____ Large

_____ (Number of T-Shirts) X $10 (per T-Shirt) = _____

Please place Order Form in an envelope marked Youth Group T-Shirt with your Payment and deposit in the collection. Thank You!

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 if 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!

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: _____

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 :**_____

Name _____ **Relationship:** _____

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 7th
June 14th
June 21st
June 28th

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: _____

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.

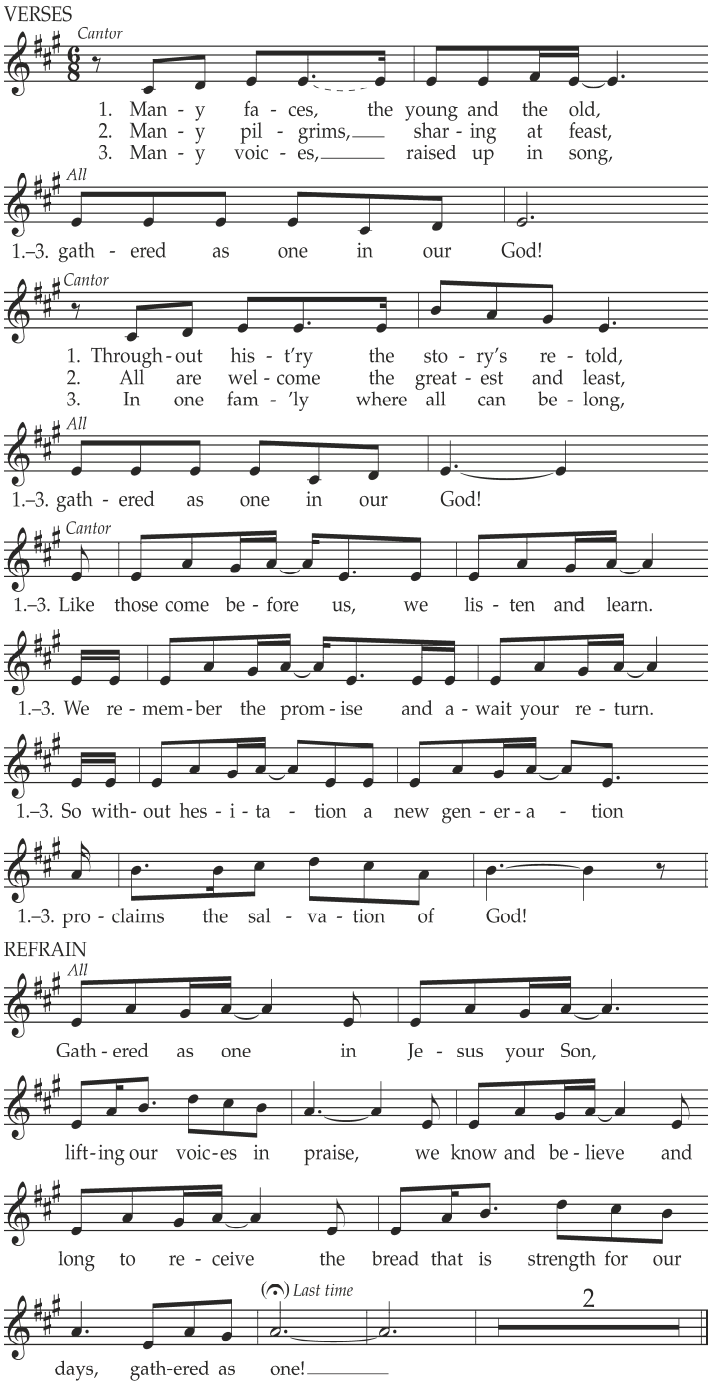
Office use only: Date Received: _____ Amount: _____ Cash/Check#: _____

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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: Gathered As One



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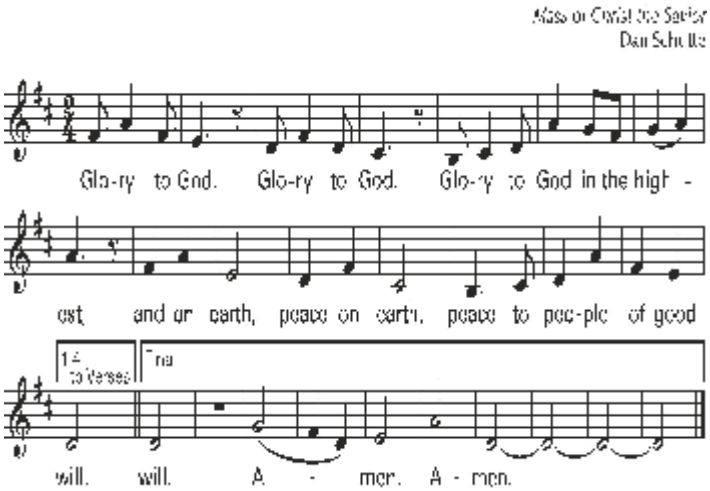
Glory to God



1. We adore you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heav'nly King,
O God, almighty Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

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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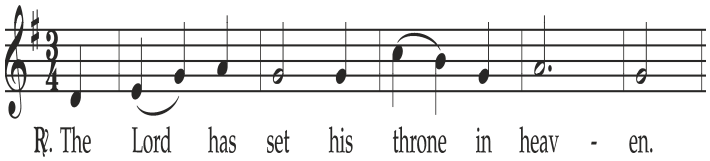
The Liturgy of the Word

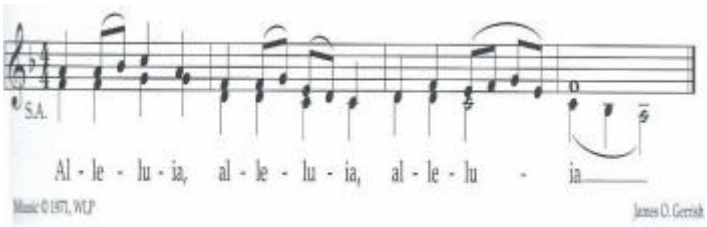
First Reading Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103



Second Reading 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Acclamation

Gospel **John 17:11-19**

Homily: Reflection of the Word

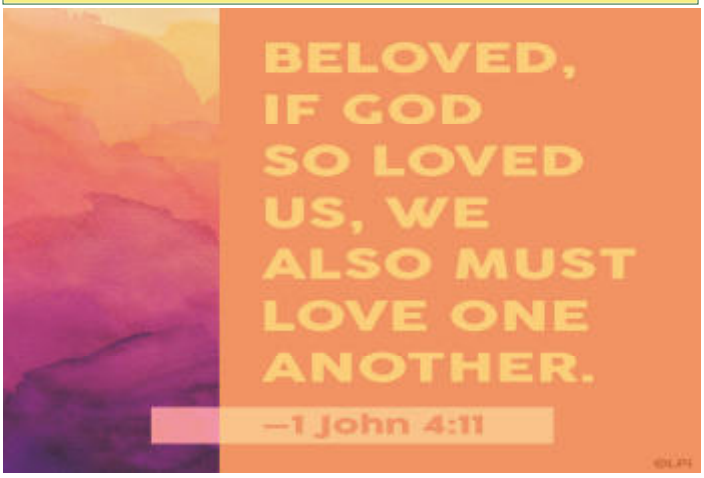
Apostle's Creed

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: **Let Us Be One**

Let us be one in mind and heart
With Jesus Christ our Lord,
As we prepare to break this bread
And share this cup out poured.

Here in our midst true love abides,
One Spirit whom we share,
One Lord whose promised gift of peace
Is ours; his name we bear.

Though we are many in his love,
The Father sees but one,
And hears one voice, the Spirit's song,
In Christ, beloved Son.

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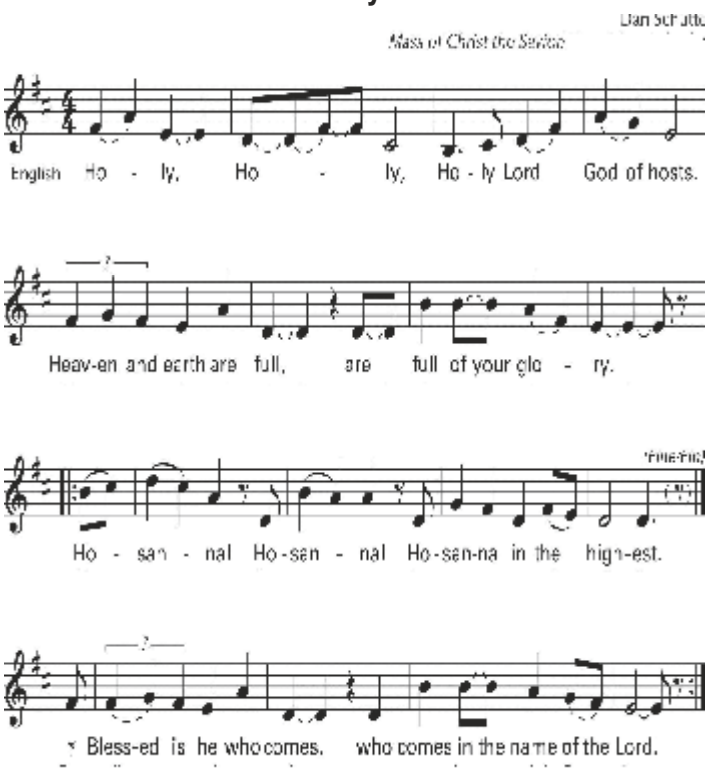
Holy



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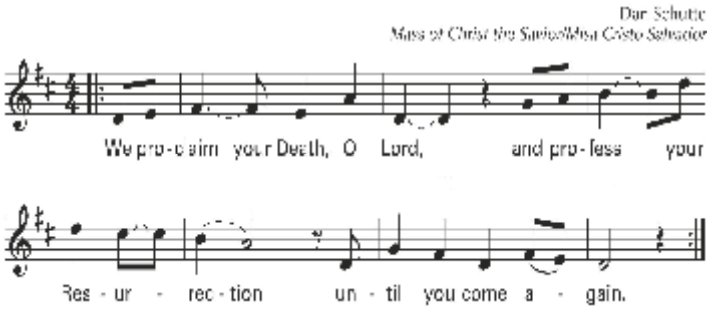

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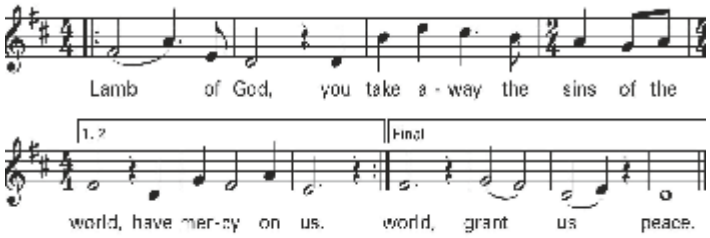

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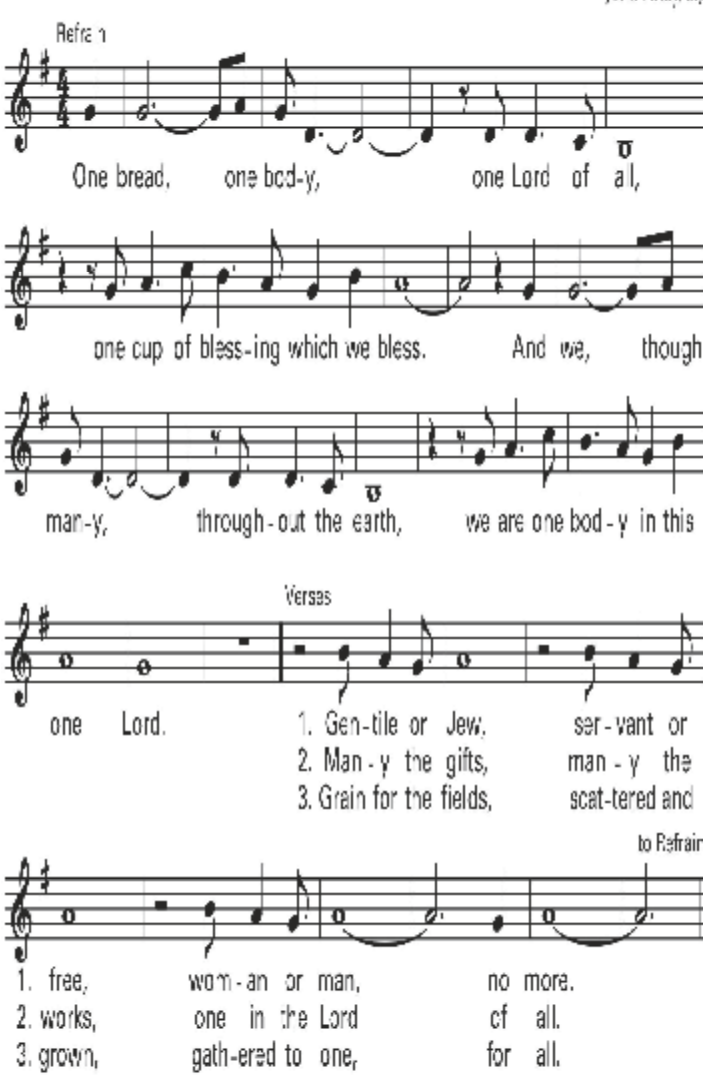
Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body



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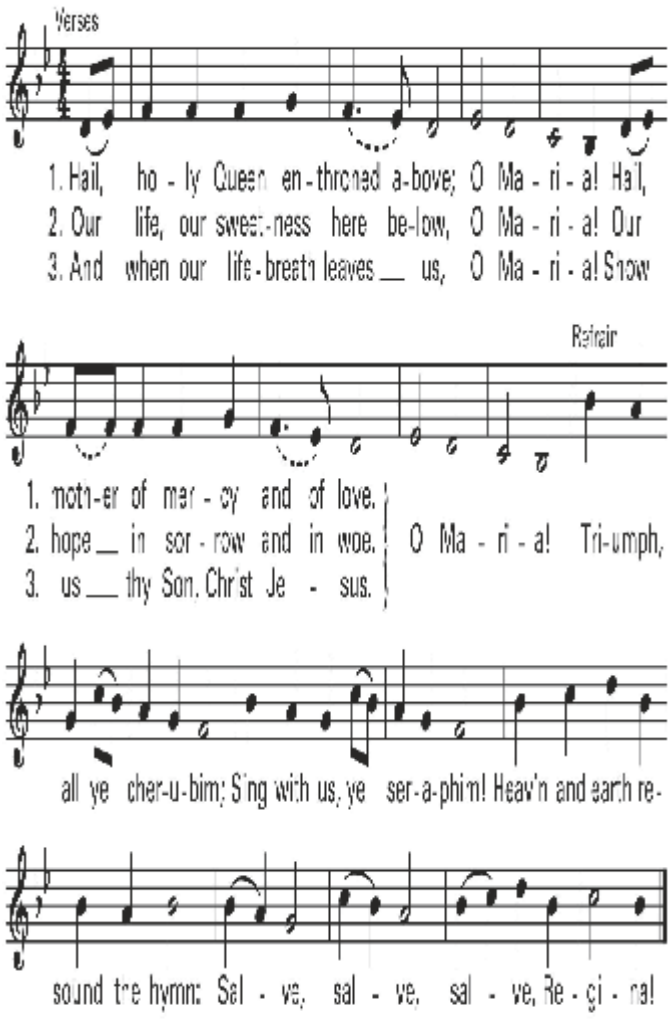
Going Forth Hymn: Hail Holy Queen



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Patriotic Rosary

Monday Evening
June 14, 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.

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