

# Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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McKeesport, PA 15133

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Saint Michael (StM)

101 McLay Drive

Elizabeth, PA 15037

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530 Michigan Avenue

Glassport, PA 15045

## January 2, 2022

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131

Pre-3, Pre-4, Kindergarten, First-Eighth Grade

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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.

[office@joachimandannediopitt.org](mailto:office@joachimandannediopitt.org)

**Moving**

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

**Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235**

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**StE St. Eugene Church, Liberty StM St. Michael Church, Elizabeth**

**QoR Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport**

**January 2 - 9, 2022**

**Saturday, 1, Vigil, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**StM 4:00 pm No Evening Mass**

**StE 6:00 pm No Evening Mass**

**Sunday, 2, The Epiphany of the Lord**

**StE 8:00 am M Crossen & Mullaly Families - Crossen Family**

**StM 9:00 am G Sheila Heck - Sister & Family**

**QoR 10:30 am M Joanne Topoleski – Chuck & Jackie Galley**

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

**Monday, 3, Christmas Weekday**

**QoR 8:30 am Billy Pierce - Parish Family -**

**Novena - Infant of Prague**

**StM 9:00 am Janet Formica - Bob & Ann Sibole**

**Tuesday, 4, Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**

**StM 9:00 am Don Geletko – Family & Friends**

**StE 6:30 pm Joseph Kish - Parish Family**

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

**Wednesday, 5, John Neumann, bishop**

**QoR 8:30 am Josephine Panek - Gerry Lykowski**

**StM 9:00 am Clem Cafasso - K of C #10077**

**Thursday, 6, Andre Bessette, religious**

**StE 8:30 am Anna Kuk - Parish Family**

**StM 9:00 am Mike & Anita Vancas - Mike & Michelle Vancas**

**Friday, 7, Raymond of Penyafort, priest**

**QoR 8:30 am Eugene Skerkoski - Jerry & Lynn Wagner**

**StM 9:00 am Helen Shalako - John & Cheryl Kincel**

**Saturday, 8, Vigil, Baptism of the Lord**

**StM 4:00 pm G Ed & Irene George - Parish Family**

**StE 6:00 pm T Lena Catalina - Parish Family**

**Sunday, 9, Baptism of the Lord**

**StE 8:00 am T Madeline Katko - Parish Family**

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

**QoR 10:30 am T James David - Parish Family**

**StM 12 Noon M Rod Sullivan - K of C #10077**

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

***Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp***

**St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Health & Blessings for Robert Bonczek from Ladies of Charity.**

**St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of Barbara Hanick from Ladies of Charity.**

**Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of Mickelene Urbanski from Ladies of Charity.**

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**Epiphany of the Lord  
 January 2, 2022**



In his **Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel**, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: **Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice**

**or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.** Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, **Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.**

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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**Magi from the east arrived, saying,  
 Where is the newborn king of the Jews?**

—Matthew 2:1-12

***We remember . . .*** In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: **Patricia Boboth, Duane Semian, Quinton Shaner, Anna Jobes, Josephine Conte, Stephanie Fiore**, sister-in-law of Maureen Fiore, **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. Let Perpetual Light shine upon them.**

**January Rosary Intention**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sister in the human family





May the Christ Child,  
His Holy Mother Mary, and Joseph  
bring you and your family  
every blessing today  
and throughout the New Year!  
Christmas Blessings!

Fr. Tom, Fr. Miro,  
Dcn. Dale, Dcn. Steve,  
Dcn. John, Dcn. Jeff  
and the Pastoral Staff

*Merry Christmas!*

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### ***Epiphany Proclamation***

Ash Wednesday  
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
April 10, 2022

**Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord**  
April 17, 2022

**First Holy Communion**  
Sunday, April 24, 2022

**Confirmation**  
TBD

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
Thursday, May 26, 2022

**Pentecost Sunday**  
June 5, 2022

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**  
November 20, 2022

## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Gifts are everywhere at this time of year. Christmas gifts. Hostess gifts. Hidden gifts. Wrong-size gifts. Unexpected gifts. Unwanted gifts. Unreciprocated gifts. And in today's readings we hear about even more gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But we know intuitively (or, one hopes, eventually!) that gifts are symbols of something much deeper and less tangible. The gift of God's Son is, of course, at the heart of our Christmas festivities. We are not—and never—alone, because **God is with us (Thus the name Emmanuel)**. But wait, that's not all! The liturgy reminds us over and over that this is a **holy exchange**. As **Christ came to share in our humanity, we come to share in his divinity**. The full significance of that mystery is a gift we have yet to unwrap completely.

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## **Everyday Stewardship - The Light of the Moon**

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film **It's a Wonderful Life**.

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing **Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?**

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.



**The same holds for us, doesn't it?** Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. **Upon you the LORD shines**, writes Isaiah, **and over you appears his glory**. Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

**Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.**

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

## Journey Toward God

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. **God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate.** For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. **Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.**

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## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### The Epiphany of the Lord

O God, who on this day  
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy  
that we, who know you already by faith,  
may be brought to behold  
the beauty of your sublime glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

### Reflection question:

**What can I do this week to come to know God better?**

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### *Marriage Moments* by Susan Vogt

**The Epiphany is a feast of kings, camels and stars** (Mt2:1-12). But what does it mean for a married couple today? Take a moment this week to look at a star together. Remember that God's love for you and your love for each other is bigger than this world and the sky.

### *A Family Perspective* by Bud Ozar

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by **another way**. What in your family needs to be done **another way**? Do you need **another way** to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always **another way**.

## What Kind Of God Is This

**Christmas is a season of abundance.** Christmas cookies and carols. Parties and presents. Mangers and mistletoe. The same is true in our church. Within a period of nine days we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, and today the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Truly an embarrassment of liturgical riches. (And we are not finished yet!)

However, for many people, Christmas is already over. Trees litter the curbside or make their way back to the attic. Presents are put away or returned. We prepare to go back to school or work. But as Christians we have barely dipped our toes into the profound mystery of a God who walks among us. What kind of a God is this whose kingdom is not limited by our borders, fears, expectations, or imaginations? Today's psalm reminds us,

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**Diversity and inclusion are not new to God's agenda.**

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## Traditions Uncover Meaning

**Two traditional rituals, one liturgical and one domestic, help underline the meaning of the Epiphany.**

- The Proclamation of the Date of Easter is an option for inclusion at Mass today.

This text which formally announces the dates of the upcoming major feast days reminds us that Christmas is best honored in the context of the whole story of salvation that culminates in Easter. Or as writer Nathan Mitchell reflects, the wood of the crib becomes the wood of the cross.

- The second tradition connected to Epiphany is the blessing of the door of one's home with chalk.

It includes a prayer for protection for all who enter therein. One explanation of this tradition ties it to the Passover in the Book of Exodus: the marking of the doorposts with the blood of the lamb kept the Israelites safe. This tradition too offers a connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we continue to mine the richness of this season we hum along with the angels, **Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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### *Parenting Pointers* by Susan Vogt

As we mark the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022, ask your family to gather and recall one regret and one happy memory they have of this past year. Is there one positive act each can commit to during the first month of 2022.

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

—Psalm 72



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*Living Stones of God's House*  
—1 Peter 2:4-5

**Faith Formation Family Mass Sunday**  
Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 12 Noon

**Candidates for Sacraments** (Holy Communion or Confirmation) 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.

#### Spring Pre-Cana Program

If you are planning weddings, especially Winter, Spring & Summer 2022.

St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth  
Saturday, Spring 2022, 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 [faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org](mailto:faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org).

#### Snow Cancellations

##### Mass at Saint Eugene Church

Tuesday Evening & Thursday Morning

For everyone's safety, a delay or cancellation at Elizabeth-Forward or South Allegheny School Districts is our notice of **Safety First**. Mornings with a delay or cancellation—**There will be no morning Mass at Saint Eugene Church**. Please listen to the radio or watch TV for delays or cancellations. **Safety first! Be careful!**



For the schedule and more information about the Senior and Junior Youth Ministry Program, please email [youth@joachimandannediopitt.org](mailto:youth@joachimandannediopitt.org)



### ADULT EDUCATION Classes

#### Discovering Christ



In February of 2022, our Parish Family invites you to embark on an adventure called **Discovering CHRIST**. For some this will be a new adventure and for others it will be a journey rediscovering a familiar path.

**Discovering CHRIST** is designed to deepen our faith, where ever we are on our journey, and help us apply our faith to everyday life. There are 7 weekly sessions and one Saturday Retreat in which we will enjoy a meal, video teaching, and small guided group discussion about the meaning of life with Jesus Christ. **Discovering Christ** is conducted in a comfortable and welcoming, family-like atmosphere.

The sessions will be held on Tuesdays, **beginning February 15, 2022.**

**Discovering CHRIST** is designed to deepen our faith. Join us on this adventure and consider inviting your friends and family who are searching for an encounter with Jesus Christ.

For more information or to register or call 412-754-0886.

**Please join us in prayer.**

#### 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, March 10, 2022, 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 [faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org](mailto:faithform@joachimandannediopitt.org)

Prior to scheduling a Baptism, parents need to attend the Pre-Baptismal Seminar.



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

### **Sunday, January 02; Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**The sanctity of home—Home is where the heart is** is an ancient proverb. Many folks find their deepest level of satisfaction and fulfillment in family life. But home is also where the hearth is: the place to which we come in from the cold to restore ourselves, where we put up our feet, sigh, and relax. Our homes are sacred to us; why not commend them to God? On Epiphany, we're invited to gather with our loved ones to bless the door, walls, and table of our dwelling. Compose your own blessing together or use the **Parish Blessing Card** on Epiphany for the rite of home blessing. **The star they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.**

### **Monday, Jan 03; The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

**Initial reflections—**Do you have anything monogrammed with your initials, perhaps towels or clothing? While monogramming is decorative, it also marks your belongings as yours. Jesus has a monogram too: **IHS**, which stands for the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the name of Jesus. Later the monogram was associated with the Latin phrase **lesus Hominum Salvator (Jesus Humankind's Savior)**. There is power in the very name of Jesus and so Catholics venerate it. Perhaps you've seen this monogram on altars or vestments. Jesuits use the **IHS** monogram as the emblem of their society. You can bear his monogram too—by calling on his name and showing to the world that you belong to him. **And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him.**

### **Tuesday, Jan 04; Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

**Fed by the bread of life—**Raised Episcopalian, Elizabeth Ann Seton knew about Jesus multiplying loaves. On Sundays, she was a devout communicant at historic Trinity Church on Wall Street. But it wasn't until Elizabeth went to Italy with her children and husband in 1803, attending Mass with Catholic friends, that she was drawn to the Real Presence in the Eucharist. **How happy would we be, if we believed what these dear souls believe, she wrote, that they possess God in the sacrament, and that He remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick!** In honor of Mother Seton, the first U.S.-born saint, resolve to receive Communion more often this year. **He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people.**

### **Wednesday, Jan 05; John Neumann, bishop**

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

**Get to know your neighbors—**Today we celebrate the feast of Saint John Neuman, the first Redemptorist priest ordained in the United States and the first male U.S. citizen named a saint.

Neumann, who emigrated to the United States from Bohemia as a young man desirous of being a missionary, is revered for his tireless work among immigrants in the Northeast. He had a talent for understanding people and knowing what would bring them peace and comfort. Seek to emulate this holy man, who one of his fellow bishops observed, **had a solution for every question posed, and an unruffled composure, which betokened deep humility and perfect selfcontrol. I always regarded him as a saint.** If we love one another, God remains in us, and [God's] love is brought to perfection in us.

### **Thursday, Jan 06; Andre Bessette, religious**

1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22

**The comeback kid of Québec—**André Bessette's remarkable life began when he was born into poverty in 1845. Orphaned by age 12, considered a failure in school, he practiced unskilled trades until his pastor encouraged him to join the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The congregation reluctantly admitted him, concerned about his frail health. Brother André defied expectations, living to age 91 and becoming famous throughout Québec for the many healings people experienced after visiting him in his role as a humble doorkeeper. Why not ask Brother André for his intercession, be it for mental, spiritual, relational, or physical healing? **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.**

### **Friday, Jan 07; Raymond of Penafort, priest**

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

**Make straight your path—**Through its long history, the church has been careful to make a distinction between the canons, or rules, of the church and the laws of the state. The canons, from the Greek **kanon for straight**, were meant to guide Catholics toward the mission of the church—to keep them on the straight and narrow of faith. There are 1,752 canons, many that pertain to all of us. For example, Canon 210: **All the Christian faithful must direct their efforts to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the church and its continual sanctification, according to their own condition.** In honor of the patron saint of canon lawyers, Raymond of Peñafort, do your best to follow the rules of the church and give witness to God's saving love. **God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**

### **Saturday, Jan 08; 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30**

**Increasing Christ—**Tomorrow, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the **beginning of Ordinal Time.** The days, dates, and seasons of the church's liturgical calendar focus all the People of God on the same celebrations. During Advent we prepare. In Christmas we welcome. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. Easter is new life. In Ordinary Time we celebrate the ongoing effects of God's grace. So when **Silent Night** or **We Three Kings** is sung throughout the world, the air fills with the grace generated by God in our hearts. Sing a Christmas hymn today and know that the stars are singing with you. **He must increase; I must decrease.**

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### Christmas Flower Memorials - 2021

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**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 and All First Responders.

*Thank you for your service!*

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

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Queen of the Rosary:

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Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your request and donation (\$15.00) in an envelope marked Altar Memorials and deposit in the collection. Thank You! For Altar Flower Memorials please call the Parish Office, 412-751-0663, to check availability.

*Upcoming Events*

**Crochet Club** meets weekly on **Thursday from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm** in the **St. Eugene Rectory - Meeting Room.** New members are always welcomed.

**Quilting Club** meets weekly on **Monday at 12 Noon** in the **St. Eugene Rectory - Meeting Room.** New members are always welcomed.

**Catholic Men's Fellowship** will meet on **Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 7:30 am** in the **St. Michael Church - Meeting Room.** All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Christian Mothers/Women's Guild** will meet on **Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm** in the **St. Michael Church - Meeting Room.** All women of the Parish are welcome to attend.

**Holy Name Society** will meet on **Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 9:00 am** in the **Queen of the Rosary - Social Hall.** All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Ladies of Charity** will meet on **Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 10:00 am** in the **St. Michael Church - Archangel Hall.**

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on **Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm** in the **St. Michael - Meeting Room.** Third Monday of the Month is a social meeting, all men of the parish are invited to attend.

**Rosary Makers** will meet on **Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 am** in **St. Michael - Meeting Room.**

**Ushers Meeting** will meet on **Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:30 pm** in **St. Michael - Archangel Hall.** Here to serve Our Lord through serving others.

**Glassport Sons of Italy Spaghetti Dinner** **Sunday, January 30, 2022 - 12 Noon to 6 pm** Homemade Gnocchi or Cheese Ravioli with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert **Take-Out Only 412-673-3915.**

**Thank You! Thank You!** Saints Joachim and Anne Christian Mothers and Women's Guild would like to thank all those who participated in the Christmas Cookie Sale by either baking or purchasing the delicious sweet treats.

**Time, Talent, and Treasure — December 19, 2021**

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Weekly Offering           | \$ 13,442 |
| Monthly Offering          | \$ 891    |
| Religious Education       | \$ 170    |
| Children's Offering       | \$ 16     |
| 2021 Parish Share to Date | \$136,977 |
| 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  | 192   | 6:00 pm | 85    |
| 8:00 am  | 78    | 9:00 am | 216   |
| 10:30 am | 119   | 12 Noon | 168   |
| Families | 2,079 | Souls   | 4,880 |

**Initial Offering Envelope**

Your donation of \$5 or \$10 will help to defray the cost of your Offertory envelopes throughout the year. Please place envelope in any collection. **Thank You!**

**Monthly Envelope**

The **Monthly Envelope** replaces the old **Capital Improvement, Building & Grounds, Upkeep** and the **Utility & Energy/Fuel** envelopes.

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

**CUPID CIRCLE TICKET**

**Benefits Saints Joachim and Anne Parish**

Try a chance at winning a total of  
**\$4,000** in the month of February.

**Minimum payout is \$100.00.**

\$10 per ticket with 28 chances to win!

Pays out daily on the 7pm PA Daily Pick 3.

No bonus numbers.

Numbers will be dispersed  
on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Thank You for your continual support!**

**You're invited — Pre Super Bowl Party**

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

**Sunday, February 6, 2022 - 2 – 6 pm**

**Queen of the Rosary Social Hall**

There will be a 50/50 & other drawings

**Tickets \$10** (includes: food, beverages, dessert, snacks)

Tickets are available from any Holy Name member.

All are welcome to this family friendly get together.

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

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

*Kind deeds change lives, Thank You!*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saints Joachim & Anne Parish  
Annual Community Festival  
August 4, 5 and 6, 2022.**

Planning for our Annual Community Festival is already underway. We will gladly accept donations for our **Specialty Baskets, Craft Baskets** and our **Wheel Barrows of Cheer.**

Now would be a great time to pick up those  
**Winter Clearance Items,  
Christmas, Winter  
and even items for New Year's.**

We also do **Themed Baskets** such as auto cleaning, candles, popular children's characters, gardening supplies, kitchen items, puzzle & crossword books, tools, toys, etc.

If you are shopping online these days, look for the clearance section for some great deals before you check out. Remember we accept any new (never been used) items.

Please bring your donations to the Gathering Space in each church and remember that our festival will not be successful without your support.

**Thank you for your generosity!!!  
We couldn't do it without you!**

## Saints Joachim and Anne Parish 2022 Mass Intention Requests

Offering Mass for a special intention is a longstanding practice in our Catholic Tradition. Mass is offered for many reasons, i.e. remembrance of someone who is deceased, for the health and well-being of someone, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, etc. If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone or a special occasion, **please complete this form and return it to the Parish Office by the US Mail (101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037) or the Offertory Basket.**

**The Mass Stipend is \$10.00 for each Mass Intention. Please include stipend (please make checks payable to Sts. Joachim and Anne Parish) with your request.**

**Please return the Entire Mass Intention Form (entire page) to the Parish Office by Wednesday, January 12, 2022.**

Anyone celebrating their **25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries in 2022**  
should call the Parish Office, 412-751-0663, before Wednesday, November 17, 2021 to schedule a Mass.

**No requests will be taken over the telephone Until Wednesday, February 16, 2022.**

- **Three (3) Mass Intentions per family (please only one weekend date).**
- **No Mass intentions will be accepted for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls Day or Thanksgiving Day.**
- **After Wednesday, February 16, 2022, you may call for any open dates. At that time, you will be welcome to schedule additional Mass Intentions.**
- **If you do not have an Email address, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to receive confirmation of the dates requested. Thank you.**

Please Print

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Epiphany of the Lord**

**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: We Three Kings**

Verses




1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we  
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to  
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a  
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of  
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,  
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er  
3. De - i - ty high; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,  
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,  
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

Refrain



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,  
2. O - ver us all to reign.  
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.  
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Text: 85:4-6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.  
Text and music: Carols, Hymns and Songs, 1065; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1030-1031, etc.

**Gloria**



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.

- We praise you, we bless you, receive our prayer;  
we adore you, we glorify you, you are seated at the right hand,  
we give you thanks for your great glory, the right hand of the Father,  
Lord God, heav'nly King, have mercy on us.  
O God, almighty Father.
- Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, you alone are the Lord,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you alone are the Most High,  
you take away the sins of the world, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
have mercy on us; in the glory of God the Father.  
you take away the sins of the world,
- 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** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 72

Ps 72

Joseph B. Sullivan

REFRAIN



Lord, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore - you.

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**Second Reading** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Gospel** Matthew 2:1-12

**Homily:** Reflection of the Word

**Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God,  
 the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the Only Begotten Son of God,  
 born of the Father before all ages.  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
*All Bow.*  
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
 and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
 he suffered death and was buried,  
 and rose again on the third day  
 in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory  
 to judge the living and the dead  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
 I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**God Of All Creation, Hear Our Prayer.**

**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: What Child Is This?**

Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king, to

1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While  
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The  
 3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Refrain

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, 'tis is Christ the  
 2. si - lent Word 's plead - ing.  
 3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,

haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Na - ry.

This song may be combined with Child of the Poor; use accompaniment and instructions found for Child of the Poor.

Text: 27-27 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871; William C. Dix, 1537-1850  
 Music: Trad. English melody; 13th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.

**Holy**

**Mystery of Faith**

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we  
 proclaim your Death, O Lord until you come again.**

**Amen, Amen, Amen**

**Lamb of God**

Communion Hymn: As With Gladness

DIX



1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing  
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly  
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger  
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the  
 5. In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre -



1. star be - hold, As with joy they hailed its light,  
 2. man - ger - bad, There to bend the knee be - fore  
 3. rude and bare; So may we with ho - ly joy,  
 4. nar - row way; And, when earth - ly things are past,  
 5. at - ed light; Thou, its light, its joy, its crown,



1. Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious  
 2. Him whom heav'n and earth a - dore; So may we with  
 3. Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest  
 4. Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no  
 5. Thou its sun which goes not down; There for ev - er



1. Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 2. will - ing feet Ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
 3. trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav'n - ly King.  
 4. star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 5. may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Text: 77-77; William C. Dix, 1857-1890.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1706-1672; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889.

Going Forth Hymn: Joy To The World



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our  
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
 3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his rich - teous -



1. room. And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CV with repeats; based on Psalm 95; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; alt.  
 Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1633; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.



**Patriotic Rosary**  
 Monday Evening  
 January 10, 2022 - 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.**

**Acknowledgements:**

**Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation Year C (LPGA)**

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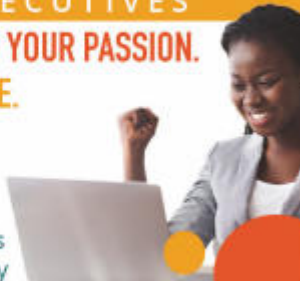
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