

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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Website: joachimandannediopitt.org



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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Queen of the Rosary (QoR)
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January 9, 2022

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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

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 9 - 16, 2022

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

Monday, 10, Weekday First Week in Ordinal Time

QoR 8:30 am Loretta Zunko - Parish Family -

Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Josephine Conte - Sue Raynak

Tuesday, 11, Weekday

StM 9:00 am Beth Wargo – Emil & Shirley

StE 6:30 pm Helen & Bob Petro - Partyka Family

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

Wednesday, 12, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Anna Borkowski - Gatchie Family

StM 9:00 am Leonard Frost - Golik Family

Thursday, 13, Hilary, bishop

StE 8:30 am Nicholas Vay - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Deceased of the Boccardi & Kraszewski Family - Jim & Sandy

Friday, 14, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Dolores Michalski - Cendroski Family

**StM 9:00 am Health & Blessings M/M Cigan, M/M Houston, M/M Kosik
- Liz & Larry Brogna**

Saturday, 15, Vigil, Second Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm T Sinclair & Marzaloes Families - The Crossens

StE 6:00 pm M Helen Krajacic - Parish Family

Sunday, 16, Second Sunday In Ordinal Time

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

StM 9:00 am G George & Helen Emsurak - Children

QoR 10:30 am M Cheryl Hopkins - Parish Family

StM 12 Noon T Quinton Shaner - John & Mary Louise Fuga

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp

**St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of
Anna Kuk from Ladies of Charity.**

**St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of
Butch Balogh from Family.**

**Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of
Albert Petrosky from Ladies of Charity.**

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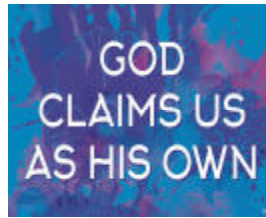
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**Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022**

What reference point do you use when making decisions?

Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. **There is nothing to fear.**

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We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.

— Pope Francis

We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: **Madelyn Ryan, Verla Piper, Janet Zewe**, daughter of Dolores Zewe, **Jeffrey Pavlic**, son of Dan & Nancy Pavalic, **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 sisters in the human family.

The Baptism of the Lord

The **Advent/Christmas** cycle that began on Sunday, November 28 ends with the **Baptism of the Lord**. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, **Who else was there and who wasn't?** No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, **the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit**. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was **after** Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus' need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

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HURTFUL SIN —Benjamin Franklin

**Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden,
but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.**

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny
Roman Catholic Community

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

Everyday Stewardship -

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

I Hope I Am Like Him

Who is this Christ? Is he like you?

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

He is nothing like me, the saint is said to have answered. **But I hope I am like him**.

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. **One worthier than I is coming**, he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ.

How do we prepare the way?

When Christ comes to us, what do we do?

How do we leave ourselves open
to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Widowed, Divorced, Separated?

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, **Coping with Life Alone**-In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work together through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey.

Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 8:45 am - 4:00 pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community Center

7 Chalfonte Avenue, West View, PA

Fee \$25 (lunch included)

for more information or to Register (by January 25, 2022)

www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com

Or call Rob, 412-584-5575 or Kim, 412-352-2653

Baptismal Death and Resurrection

As we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. **Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.**

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On The Cusp Of A New Creation

It was on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today's **Psalm 104** they point us to Pentecost.

We are on the cusp of a new creation.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
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 be well pleasing to God?

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Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

A New Year has begun. Perhaps you have made a New Year's Resolution. Perhaps not. Today, just think about today! What kindness can you offer your beloved today.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Many children are baptized soon after birth and much later confirmed. Others come to Baptism as adults. **What difference has Baptism made in your life? Really!** Think about something specific. Once you have your own answer, talk to your children about their baptism. Perhaps show photos. Reenact it.

John the Baptist:

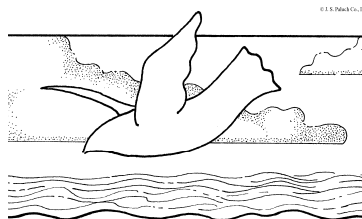
Patron Saint of Liturgical Ministers?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a **social influencer**. People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today's Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist's ultimate goal: **One mightier than I is coming**. The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the **beloved Son**. John the Baptist could be considered the **patron saint** of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn't John's teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people's attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

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A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus was a young man and his Father affirmed him in front of a huge crowd saying, **You are my beloved son; with you I am very pleased**. Our children are never too old to appreciate our praise.



**He saved us through
the bath of rebirth
and renewal
by the Holy Spirit.**

— Titus 3:5



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

**Faith Formation Family Mass Sunday
Sunday, April 3, 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.

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

**Save The Date
Family Fun Night
Friday, June 17, 2022**

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

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 09; Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Tell it like it is—The hidden days are over. When the Spirit descends on Jesus and the heavenly voice proclaims him beloved, Jesus is effectively outed as the Divine Son. Did Jesus know this was the hour when his private life would come to an end? When any dreams he may have had for a quiet domestic existence were surrendered for good? The underlying truth is that on the day of our Baptism, we each surrender the notion of a private world that's all about us. As Pope Francis puts it, **Immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us members of his body, which is the Church, and participants in its mission in the world.** Be the beloved. Share the love. **You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.**

Monday, Jan 10; First Week in Ordinal Time

1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20

Give every child a chance—According to the **National Center for Child Poverty**, about 15 million children in the United States—21 percent of all children—live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line. The Christ Child Society seeks to address the critical needs of these children. U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died on this day in 1955, founded the **Christ Child Society** in 1887 at the age of 20—despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at nationalchristchild.org. **Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.**

Tuesday, Jan 11; 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28

Pray the way to a more perfect union—Dom Lambert Beauduin, a Belgian Benedictine monk, died this day in 1960—but not without influencing the way we pray at Mass. As a liturgical scholar, Beauduin championed—years before Vatican II—the idea of worshipers actively participating in the Mass rather than sitting in pews to pray their private devotions. He promoted the idea of congregants literally **being on the same page**, able to follow along with the Latin by using worship aides to translate the words of priests and prayers. **Beauduin had an insatiable thirst for unity**, notes a biographer. Pray for greater unity in our church today. **On the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught.**

Wednesday, Jan 12; 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39

Here I am, Lord—Jesus saw his healing ministry of the sick and spiritually oppressed as a call from God. It is the same call each of us receives, not only to serve God and his people but to serve ourselves—to be our best selves, which will bring us the greatest joy. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, known as an apostle of love, explains the profound grace that comes with responding to God's call in his **Jesus, the very thought of thee** hymn: . . . **how kind thou art! How good to those who seek! But what**

to those who find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show;/ The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know. Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.

Thursday, Jan 13; Hilary, bishop, doctor of the church

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45

In defense of the faith—Saint Hilary (d. 468) was a bishop during a time of great contention in the early church. He was popularly selected to lead, and he undertook scholarship that continues to be recognized today. His informal title, **Hammer of the Arians**, has a violent ring to it, but in fact, he defended the Trinity against the Arian heresy through his writing, even though his opponents used the more forcible method of exile. Living a truly Christian life—loving those who oppose you, forgiving wrongs, turning the other cheek—has often been ridiculed by those who prefer the use of force. You can **defend** the faith by the way you choose to live. **A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, If you wish, you can make me clean.**

Friday, Jan 14; 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12

I feel your pain Healing gospel-style involves assessing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the ill person. As Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us: **To stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them.** This holistic approach is slowly being embraced by Western physicians. Today's healthcare providers are encouraged to use such tools as the FICA method to assess a patient's faith; its importance in their decision-making; their connection to a community of like-minded believers; and the recommended action related to the spiritual assessment. We're all commissioned to be healers to some extent; the next time someone comes to you in pain, remember this compassionate approach. **Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, Your sins are forgiven, or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?'**

Saturday, Jan 15; Blessed Virgin Mary

Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

The stone rejected—In our continued observance of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, we are reminded by Pope Francis to consider the complexities of people's lives when we're tempted to judge their family or marital situation. **It can no longer simply be said**, writes the pope, **that all those living in any irregular situation are living in a state of mortal sin.** Non-traditional families need to be offered **understanding, comfort, and acceptance.** We need to stop applying moral laws as if they were, in the pope's words, **stones to throw at a person's life.** Consider today the grace of God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness operating in your own life. **"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.**

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Time, Talent, and Treasure — December 25, 2021

Christmas Offering	\$ 16,657.25
Children & Youth Christmas	\$ 4,268
Children's Offering	\$ 17

Mass Attendance

4:00 pm	522	4:00 pm	177
10:00 pm	285	8:30 am	95
9:00 am	165	10:30 am	150

December 26, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$ 20,217
Monthly Offering	\$ 846
Religious Education	\$ 145
Children's Offering	\$ 0

Mass Attendance

8:00 am	103	9:00 am	178
10:30 am	150	12 Noon	148

January 2, 2022

Weekly Offering	\$ 8,896
Monthly Offering	\$ 1,600
Religious Education	\$ 140
Children's Offering	\$ 9
Initial Offering	\$ 974

Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

Please make all checks payable to
Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Mass Attendance

8:00 am	105	9:00 am	231
10:30 am	149	12 Noon	172
Families	1,932	Souls	4,548

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.

Parishioner Financial Statements

will be mailed prior to January 31, 2022

Parish Financial Statements show what the parish received in the Offertory Contribution Envelopes and Parish Share Program.

Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

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 22, 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 17, 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, February 7, 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.

**Saints Joachim and Anne Parish 50/50
December Winner**

Joseph Winzek — \$549.00

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

Thank You For Your Support!

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!

-SUPER-BOWL-PARTY-

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.

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.

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Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp

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Queen of the Rosary:

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Intention (Living) Memorial (Deceased)

Date Requested _____

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Please Print _____

Requested by _____

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.

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!



Protecting Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults

Taking reasonable measures to assure that Church personnel comply with all required certifications and background checks for the purpose of providing a safe environment for children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

Diocesan Database & Regulations for all Ministries

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

1. Be registered on the Virtus ® Online Safe Environment database: (Unsure whether you have an existing account? Call the Diocese Office for Compliance at 412-456-3093. If your record exists, they will provide you with login information)
2. Be cleared by the Department of Public Welfare (PA Child Abuse History)
3. Be cleared by the FBI (Fingerprint Clearance or Waiver for PA residents past 10+ years)
4. Protecting God's Children Online Training
5. Mandated Reporter Online Training (applies to certain volunteers – contact Jeannie for more information)

The Protecting God's Children Seminar (an online one-hour seminar) is a requirement for all adults 18 years of age or older who are involved in the public ministry (work) of the church.

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

HEALTH CONCERNS at Mass Moving Forward Together

With the public celebration of the Holy Mass, the following procedures should be followed;

- Follow all CDC guidelines
- If sick or not feeling well - stay home;
- Practice social distancing;
- Wear a facial covering/mask, when necessary;

Thank you for contributing to the health of our Church Family!



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!**

In this NEW YEAR

...so do something NEW

If your relationship with Jesus is the same as it ever was, do something different to change it...to enhance your relationship and allow it to grow more intimate and life-giving.

Pray differently...serve differently...give of yourself differently...love more, forgive more, share more to allow yourself to be loved **more** and to grow deeper in love with **JESUS and His Holy Church**.

Souper Bowl Soup Drive We CAN Impact Our Community...

Would you consider bringing a can or two of soup before or on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13, 2022.

Please bring your donations to Mass and leave them in the Sanctuary in front of the altar.

All donations of soup will be shared with the local food banks and Meals on Wheels.

Thank you for your kindness and caring!

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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Requested By: _____	
Living Intention: ____ Church Request: ____ St. Eugene ____ St. Michael ____ Queen of the Rosary ____ First Available	
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Baptism 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: Sing Praise to Our Creator



1. Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, Re - deemed of Ad - am's race;
2. To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;
3. Now praise the Ho - ly Spir - it Poured forth up - on the earth,



1. God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, Bap - tized in liv - ing grace.
2. As mem - bers of his Bod - y We are in Christ made one.
3. Who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, Con - firmed in our re - birth.



Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Un - di - vid - ed U - ni - ty;



Ho - ly God, might - y God, God im - mor - tal, be a - dored.

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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.

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|---|--|
| <p>1. We praise 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.</p> | <p>receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.</p> |
| <p>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,</p> | <p>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.</p> |

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The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading **Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 29**



R. The Lord will bless his peo - ple with peace.

Second Reading **Acts 10:34-38**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel **Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

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

Heavenly God, 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: The Gift of Finest Wheat

Retrain



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat;



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your
 praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
 blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one
 mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er

D.C.



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord!
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Oliver Wandersloh, 1916/1918

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: Taste and See

ker-rain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

D.C.
 for God has been so good to me.
 from all my troub - les I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

Text: Psalm 34; James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
 Tune: James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
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Going Forth Hymn: All Creature of our God and King

Verses

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift up your
 2. All you with mer - cy in your heart, For - giv - ing
 3. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor - ship

1. voic - es, et us sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. oth - ers, take your part, O sing now! Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. him in hum - ble - ness, O praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Bright burn - ing sun with god - en beams, Soft sil - ver
 2. All you that pain and sor - row bear, Praise God, and
 3. Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the Son, And praise the

1. moon that gent - ly gleams,
 2. cast on him your care: O praise him! O praise
 3. Spir - it, Three in One:

to Bridge (after vs. 2)

1-3 him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Bridge

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
 Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

1 2 to Verse 3
 Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low:
 Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: 1st with additions; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; Accolata: s. Gio: zio. Signore;
 tr. by William H. Draper, 1855-1933; a. 1. Bridge text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711.
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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.
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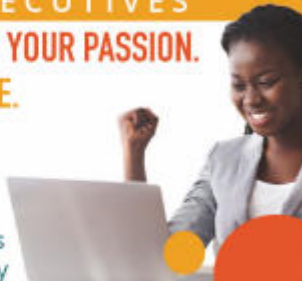
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