Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Church Buildings

Saint Eugene (StE)) 3210 Liberty Way McKeesport, PA 15133

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January 16, 2022

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School 1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131 Pre-3, Pre-4, Kindergarten, First-Eighth Grade School Office 412-672-2360 Webpage: www.maryofnazarethschool.org Pittsburgh Catholic: pittsburghcatholic.org Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine: diopitt.org/pittsburgh-catholic-magazine

Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you to join our community. You may register by calling the Administration Center.

Sacraments	Mass Intentions For The Week
Baptism of Infants & Children	StE St. Eugene Church, Liberty StM St. Michael Church, Elizabeth
Baptism is a joyous event in the life of the	QoR Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport
church. Baptism is celebrated any Sunday	January 16 - 23, 2022
after Mass. Parents are required to	Saturday, 15, Vigil, Second Sunday in Ordinal Time
attend a Pre-Baptism Class.	
Previous arrangements are necessary.	StM 4:00 pm T Sinclair & Marzaloes Families - The Crossens
Instruction in the Faith - R.C.I.A.	StE 6:00 pm M Helen Krajacic - Parish Family
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	Sunday, 16, Second Sunday In Ordinal Time
Program is offered for those interested in	StE 8:00 am M Living & Deceased of the Parish Family
the Catholic Faith. For more information,	StM 9:00 am G George & Helen Emsurak - Children
please contact Fr. Wagner.	QoR 10:30 am M Cheryl Hopkins - Parish Family
Reconciliation	StM 12 Noon T Quinton Shaner - John & Mary Louise Fuga
St. Eugene Church, Liberty	Monday, 17, Anthony, abbott
Tuesday, 7 - 7:30 pm	QoR 8:30 am Joan Prusko - Parish Family -
St. Michael Church, Elizabeth	Novena - Infant of Prague
Saturday, 11-11:30 am	StM 9:00 am Elko & Oeler Families - George & Mary Alice
Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport	
Saturday, 1-1:30 pm	Tuesday, 18, Weekday
St. Michael Church, Elizabeth	StM 9:00 am Jane McDermott – Tim & Joan Petty
Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm	StE 6:30 pm Dolly Wagner - Family
St. Eugene Church, Liberty	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:00 - 7:30 pm
Saturday, 5:15-5:45 pm	Wednesday, 19, Weekday
Marriage	QoR 8:30 am Gregory Zalac - Mom, Gertrude
The prospective bride and groom are to	StM 9:00 am Mary Prokop - A. Pilica & Family
make arrangements with the priest or	Thursday, 20, Weekday
deacon at least 6 months prior to the	StE 8:30 am Jana Davis - Parish Family
proposed date of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require all couples to attend	StM 9:00 am Richard Miller - Michele Boyd
an approved pre-marriage preparation	
program.	Friday, 21, Agnes, virgin
Anointing of the Sick	QoR 8:30 am Stanley Lykowski - Sister, Gerry
the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated	StM 9:00 am Richard & Donna Benz - Mom & Family
communally on the Second Sunday of the	Saturday, 22, Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinal Time
Month.	StM 4:00 pm M Marie Bendik - Pauline Tonsetic
Ministry to the Sick and Shut In	StE 6:00 pm T Jean Capozzoli - Louise & Family
Homebound members of the Parish	Sunday, 23, Third Sunday In Ordinal Time
should call the Parish Office to make	StE 8:00 am T George T. Legin, Jr Tom & Cathy Esack
arrangements to receive Holy Communion	StM 9:00 am M Living & Deceased of the Parish Family
at home.	QoR 10:30 am T Eugene Skerkoski - Family
Sponsorship Forms	
Only registered, practicing, fully-initiated	StM 12 Noon M Al Ragan, Sr Jim & Gail Witenske
Catholics are eligible for sponsor	Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.
certificates. Please call the Parish Office.	
Bulletin Information Deadline	Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp
2 weeks in advance of publish date.	St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessings & Health
office@joachimandannediopitt.org	for Betty Runtich from Ladies of Charity.
Moving	St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of
Please call or email your new address to	Rose Roberts from Ladies of Charity.
the Parish Office.	Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessings
	& Health for Norman Urbanski from Ladies of Charity.

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We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: Kathleen Trafalis,
Ruth Massung, mother of Raymond Massung, 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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinal Time



God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the

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deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, **The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!** As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, **Yeah**, **I can't wait!** The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, **Listen to him.** This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

YOUR BEST —Anonymous Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

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Revelation Of God's Presence



Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and

their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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The Existence of God —St. Anselm of Canterbury No one who understands the reality that God is can think that God does not exist.

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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

Everyday Stewardship -Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments It Takes All Kinds

If every flower wanted to be a rose, wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, spring would lose its loveliness.

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of **varieties of tongues** might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, **Do whatever he tells you**, her words apply to all.

Today,...

- are we called to be the servers do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears?
- Are we asked to be the **disciples**, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony?
- Are we called to imitate the **Blessed Mother** herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit.

Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. — 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

Second Sunday in Ordinal Time

For Pete's sake will you kids be quiet? This question, no doubt, has passed the lips of numerous parents through the years. It's tempting to speculate as to who, exactly, was instructing Isaiah to be quiet. Neighbors? Fellow prophets? Family? No matter. Isaiah says firmly that for the sake of Jerusalem and Zion he will not be silent. Conversely, in the familiar passage in today's Gospel reading, Mary chides her son to break his silence, to save the wedding soon to run out of wine. Jesus responds with a prophetic action, one that signals the miraculous, bountiful joy flowing at the heavenly wedding feast. Prophetic words, prophetic deeds—both flow from a broken silence.

The Corinthians seem to have been Paul's problem children. His two letters to them are much longer than any of his other letters-two, three, or four times as long as some. It seems that if the early Christians at Corinth could misunderstand or do something wrong, they would. Fortunately for us, the two letters to the Corinthians, though they contain much didactic or instructional material, also provide some of Paul's most well-crafted and gracefilled writing. This is certainly true today, with Paul's litany of gifts that the Spirit bestows on the faithful, even to this day. Paul seeks to calm the squabbling that seems to have been going on, as the Corinthians tried to claim one gift or another as more important. All gifts come from the same Spirit, Paul reminds them; and the various gifts are given for the benefit of the community. When jealousy arises in our midst today, we can still turn to Paul's insights so we might stop being prideful, problem children. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 to help to bring about God's peace?

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Wondrous Child

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In the Gospel scene at Cana, we see Mary turning to her own child, Jesus. Perhaps she recalled the power of the Spirit that had flowed in her womb at his Incarnation, leading her to discern that surely he must

have Spirit-given gifts that could help with the impending crisis at the wedding. As at her Annunciation, she may not have been completely certain, at first, exactly how this would come about, but in faith at Cana she turned to Jesus. In faith, her words, **do whatever he tells you**, echoed her reply to Gabriel: **Let it be done to me as you say.** In faith, she knows whatever words the Word will speak are bound to bring another inbreaking of the Spirit, another manifestation of God's reign. And she is right. Her wondrous child, John the Evangelist tells us, performed his first wonder there, and signaled the presence of the divine in the everyday. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Martin Luther King talked a lot about racial equality. What about equality in Marriage? Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day, just for fun.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

The Covid Pandemic has prompted us to think much more about healthy habits. Ask each family member what health habit is easiest or more difficult for them? For example, brushing teeth, washing hands, coughing into your elbow, wearing a mask ...

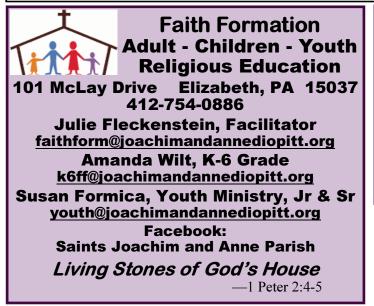
A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

At Cana, we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

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**.



Faith Formation Family Mass Sunday Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 12 Noon

<u>Candidates for Sacraments</u> (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@ioachimandannediopitt.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 <u>youth@joachimandannediopitt.org</u>

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

Discovering Christ

ADULT EDUCATION

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?

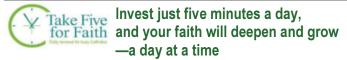
Pre-Baptism Class is for expectant parents and Godparents or anyone who is seeking a Catholic Baptism for their child.

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.



Sunday, January 16: 2nd Sunday in Ordinal Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 You are gifted, any way you slice it—We're all good at something. But not all of us consider our talents and skills as assets given to the Body of Christ. Say you can sew, make people laugh, fix an engine, bake a great pie, or balance a mean checkbook. Of what use are these things to the church, you might ask. Discernment of gifts is something Saint Paul took very seriously in the early community. In our faith sharing, we might ask each other how "mighty deeds" or knowledge or healing might be translated into modern needs the church has. Don't underestimate the healing value of a great pie! To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

Monday, Jan 17; 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

Help the dream awaken One of the many things Martin Luther King, Jr. taught Americans was that faith could—and should! be a driving force for positive social change. He also showed that people of all faiths could put aside differences and do this work together. A Baptist minister, King met with Pope John XXIII and many other faith leaders who later together publicly lamented his death. Keep King's spirit of faith-based social action and interfaith cooperation alive—gather with Catholics and other people of God to discuss, learn, pray, plan, and act on a peaceful journey toward healing all forms of inequality. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

Tuesday, Jan 18; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

Shop with a conscience—Today we note Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, who died on this day in 1943. A Catholic mother of three, she poured her considerable talents into organizing working-class women to demand the right to vote and expect justice in their workplaces. She fought for social justice even as the concept of Catholic social teaching was still being refined and formed into what it is today. O'Sullivan understood and lived out social teaching concepts of solidarity, the dignity of the human person, and the dignity of work. Can your shopping choices, voting patterns, and prayers help uplift workers who are currently mistreated? The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.

<u>Wednesday, Jan 19</u>; 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 God loves an underdog—We all tend to cheer for the underdog. We find it inspiring when the person or team least expected to win triumphs. David's victory over Goliath appeals to us for this reason. But there's more to the story. When we have an unsurmountable task before us, it is wise to let God take control. After all, God is all powerful. History is full of saints who did the unexpected because they trusted that God would supplement their weaknesses. As Saint Catherine of Siena advises: Start being brave about everything . . . Don't look at your weakness, but realize that in Christ crucified you can do everything. Today pray for God's will to be revealed to you and trust that he will give you the strength you need. Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?

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Thursday, Jan 20; Sebastian, 1 Sam 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12 Listen to the peoples' laments—The anguish of physical pain can be a fact of life. In medieval times many artists were fascinated by the martyrdom of Sebastian and created gruesome images of it. For practicing Christianity in the third century, Sebastian was ordered to be executed by arrows. He survived this ordeal, only to later be beaten to death for his faith. Father Robin Ryan, C.P., a Passionist priest, says when he encounters people suffering in any form, he avoids explanations as so much about God and suffering is a mystery. He tries to allow those in pain to lament and share their emotion with God, often using the psalms as a starting point as they help us to recognize that we belong to a tradition and a community of faith; we are not alone in this experience. Draw solace from the lament tradition the next time you find yourself or others in pain. He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him.

Friday, Jan 21; Agnes, martyr - 1 Sam 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 **I stand with Agnes**—The stories of martyrs can make us feel a bit uneasy. They edify us, but they also can—and should horrify us. Why? Because in every story, we encounter human violence, perhaps even a reflection of the violence we ourselves have suffered, committed, or ignored. While we laud fourthcentury martyr Agnes of Rome for her sacred commitment to chastity, we must not overlook the fact that she was martyred for resisting a forced, unwanted relationship and inhumane treatment as mere property. Agnes' story is particularly relevant today because women continue to face the very real threat of personal as well as systemic violence. Will you stand with Agnes against gender violence in all its forms? You have treated me generously, while I have done you harm.

Saturday, Jan 22; Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

Cradle-to-grave Catholics To embrace a consistent ethic of life is to not only oppose abortion but also to support and defend the dignity and right to life in all conditions and under all circumstances. The term the Seamless Garment was coined by the Catholic activist Eileen Egan to characterize this position, later popularized by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. He said: Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us must be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker. Learn more about the Seamless Garment ethic and take a stand today for life in all its forms! Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.

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Time, Talent, and Treasure

	January	9, 202	22	
Weekly Offering		\$	12,971	
Monthly Offering		\$	1,672	
Faith Formation		\$	326	
Children's Offering		\$	6	
Initial Offering		\$	527	
	Mass Atte	endanc	<u>e</u>	
4:00 pm	162	6:00	pm	91
8:00 am	56	9:00	am	115
10:30 am	70	12 No	on	90
Families	1.932	2 Souls		4.54

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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!

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish 50/50 In your offertory packet, there is a special envelope marked 50/50 Drawing--suggested Donation \$5.00. Thank You For Your Support!

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.

-2 Corinthians 9:11

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, February 13, 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, March 10, 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.

Save The Date . . .

Family Fun Night Friday, June 17, 2022 Sponsored by Faith Formation-Youth Ministry

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; Maj. Andrew Tkac, Army and All First Responders.

Thank you for your service!

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

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp St. Eugene:

____ Altar Bread & Wine ____ Sanctuary Lamp

St. Michael:

____ Altar Bread & Wine ____ Sanctuary Lamp Church

Queen of the Rosary:

____ Altar Bread & Wine ____ Sanctuary Lamp

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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.

-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.

Thank You for your continual support!

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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!



HEALTH CONCERNS at Mass Moving Forward Together

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As you know, the celebration of the Holy Mass, where we gather to worship God and receive Holy Communion, is the heart of our Catholic faith. Given the recent recordbreaking surge in positive COVID-19 cases in Allegheny County and surrounding counties, Bishop David Zubik is reminding everyone of the current diocesan safety protocols. He is doing so in order to safely continue inperson Masses throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. This is also being done as an urgent request for everyone to do their part to remain vigilant and mitigate the spread of the virus.

The current diocesan COVID safety protocols are:

- The obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass in person was restored effective Sunday, August 15, 2021. That obligation remains in effect.
- Those who are sick, have a health risk, or are a primary caregiver, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being a part of a large group at this time are excused from this obligation.
- The practice of extending the Sign of Peace at Mass is suspended.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood continues to be suspended until further notice.
- Given the high transmissibility rates, mask-wearing is urgently encouraged for all attending Mass regardless of vaccination status.
- Priests, deacons, and all Eucharistic Ministers must continue to wear masks during the distribution of Holy Communion and at all times.
- All greeters and ushers must wear masks while welcoming parishioners, should maintain socialdistancing, and should refrain from hand-shaking with fellow parishioners.

As we mark the end of 2021 and look with hope to a New Year filled with God's continued blessings, Bishop Zubik asks each of us to please join with him in praying for an end to the spread of COVID-19, and for health and happiness for all.



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 & 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**.

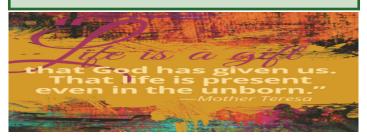
Now would be a great time to pick up those Winter Clearance Items, Christmas, Winter and even items for New Year's.

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!



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: Advisory Councils: Finance and Pastoral; Faith Formation: Catechists & Aides, R.C.I.A. Team, Youth Ministry, Volunteers; Liturgical and Music Ministry: Adult Servers, Cantors, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, 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:

- 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.

If you would like to take the **Protecting God's Children Seminar** and do not have access to computer, please contact Jeannie. There is a computer set up for **Safe Environment** in the Parish Office at St. Eugene Rectory.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Safe Environment Requirement Q&A's

Safe Environment Requirements have been in place for many years. The message from the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) and the Diocese of Pittsburgh is clear: compliance is mandatory.

I volunteer for just a few hours a year.

Do I really need to go through all this?

Your service is needed. Your service is appreciated. But no one is to be scheduled or permitted to serve until all clearances are in place and up to date.

Can I help at the fish fry/bingo/festival if my clearances are in progress?

No. Every new volunteer must be 100% in compliance **before** beginning volunteer service. This means being registered on the Safe Environment Database, with Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, and FBI clearance or waiver.

Protecting God's Children training, and Mandated Reporter Training (if required for the volunteer position) must be completed within 90 days. Current volunteers must renew their Pennsylvania Child Abuse History and FBI clearance or waiver every five years. Volunteers are informed when renewal is due. Please respond promptly to ensure your volunteer service can continue uninterrupted. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History clearances can be obtained as quickly as one business day when submitted online.

I have clearances from my employment/another volunteer organization. Can I submit them?"

Copies of **Pennsylvania Child Abuse History** and **FBI clearances** obtained for another organization may be submitted if they were issued less than five years ago. You will still have to register on the **Safe Environment Database** and complete **Protecting God's Children training**, and **Mandated Reporter Training** if required for the volunteer position.

I'm not a criminal. Why do I have to prove it?

The welfare of children, youth and vulnerable adults is the focus and the goal of the safe environment program.

Everything we do, we do for them.

This isn't the way it has been done before.

Differences in how these requirements have been enforced from parish to parish and pastor to pastor have led to confusion. Our **Safe Environment Coordinator** will be working with each organization and event coordinators to identify and assist each volunteer as needed to reach 100% compliance.

I don't have a computer/internet access.

The entire Safe Environment process can be accessed through VIRTUSONLINE.ORG. At this time, the Protecting God's Children and Mandated Reporter Training are both available only online. Those without internet access can register on the database and complete the clearance applications with the assistance of the Safe Environment Coordinator by phone. Online training sessions can be completed at our office by appointment. For information, questions, or to begin the process contact Jeannie at 412-751-0663. Thank you!

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Second Sunday in Ordinal Time <u>Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel</u> 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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	The Liturgy of the Word
First Reading	Isaiah 62:1-5
Responsorial F	Psalm Psalm 96

you take away the sins of the world,



Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel John 2:1-11

Homily: Reflection of the Word

Offertory Hymn: I Am the Vine

- **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 Loving 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.



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<u>Holy</u>

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

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