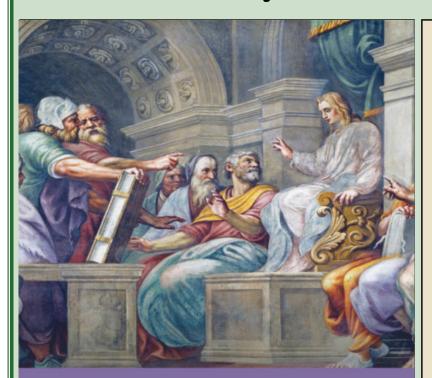
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Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Roman Catholic Community
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# **4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

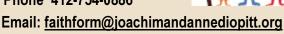
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[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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# **Faith Formation**

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# **Church Buildings**

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

Saint Michael (StM) 101 McLay Drive Elizabeth, PA 15037

Queen of the Rosary (QoR) 530 Michigan Avenue Glassport, PA 15045

January 30, 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

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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 30 - February 6, 2022

#### Saturday, 29, Vigil, Fourth Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm G Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

StE 6:00 pm M Bob & Donivan Komarnisky - Mary Komarnisky & Family

### Sunday, 30, Fourth Sunday In Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am M Cheryl Hopkins - Jim Sivak

StM 9:00 am T Geraldine & Elmer Sabol - Rosemary Sabol & Chris Uziel

QoR 10:30 am M Ralph Henry - Wife & Children

StM 12 Noon T John Konchak - Agnes Sigler

### Monday, 31, John Bosco, priest & founder

QoR 8:30 am Frances Jaskolski - Parish Family

**Novena - Infant of Prague** 

StM 9:00 am Patricia Boboth - Joanne & Dave Jordan

#### Tuesday, February 1, Weekday

StM 9:00 am Carey Van Tol – Wife, Nora

StE 6:30 pm Art Wagner - CCM/WG

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

#### Wednesday, 2, The Presentation of the Lord

QoR 8:30 am Joanne Topoleski - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Al & Marlene Ragan - John & Nannette

#### Thursday, 3, Blaise, bishop & martyr

StE 8:30 am Helen Shalako - Eileen Tomedolskey

StM 9:00 am Verla Piper - Children

#### Friday, 4, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Phyliies Carrick - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am Ralph Farmerie, Jr. - Family

#### Saturday, 5, Vigil, Fifth Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm M Emil & Shirley Wargo - 66th Wedding Anniversary - Family

StE 6:00 pm T Madeline Katko - Parish Family

#### Sunday, 6, Fifth Sunday In Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am T Joe Kish - Parish Family

StM 9:00 am M Flo Steindl - Ed & Family

QoR 10:30 am T Duane 'Dunny' Molinaro - Duane & Mary Jean

StM 12 Noon G Living & Deceased of the Parish Family

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

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

St. Eugene: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of

Bernard McLaughlin from McLaughlin Family.

St. Michael: Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of

Verla Piper from Ladies of Charity.

Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns for Blessings and Health of Ray Graboski from Ladies of Charity.

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### **Clergy Team**

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Reverend Miroslaus A. Wojcicki, Senior Parochial Vicar

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Deacon Jeffrey P. Formica, Permanent Deacon

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Deacon John E. Ragan, Permanent Deacon

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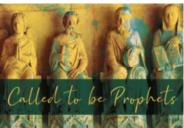
We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: Elizabeth Hock, Rhoda Sedlock, Johann Franciscus, Carmen Marchetti, brother of Helen Buccini, all who will die today, and those who have no one to pray for them. Resting in Paradise.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord. Let Perpetual Light shine upon them.

#### **February Rosary Intention**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage, may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

# 4th Sunday in Ordinal Time



St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities

of government armed

forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved  $\mathbf{EI}$ Salvador's civil (Encyclopedia Britannica). As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations.

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# **Fourth Sunday in Ordinal Time**

The **fulfilled** in your hearing statement of Jesus today is also the conclusion of last week's Gospel, with the words of Isaiah about the breadth of God's mercy and justice at its heart. The response of the crowd in the synagogue is united: all are amazed, but all likewise ask if he's not merely the son of Joseph the humble carpenter. Jesus calls them out for seeming to think that he ought to be doing his ministry only locally, and—selfishly—only for them. (After all, they know where he comes from!) When Jesus essentially replies **nope** through some proverbs and prophetic stories, all the crowd gets angry at his implication that the fulfillment in Jesus is for everyone, not just for them. When our take care of your own reflex kicks in, we would do well to recall that this isn't the attitude of Jesus, nor is it the attitude of his mission that we continue to this day. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

# **Synod on Synodality**

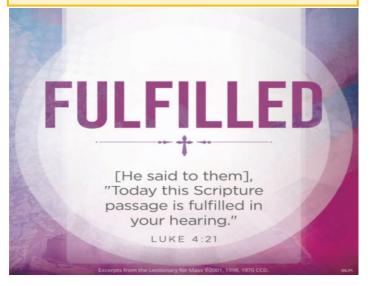
The global synod:

Pope Francis invites you to participate

Pope Francis is calling all Catholics to participate in a **Synod on Synodality** to discern how the Church should continue the mission that Jesus gave to the People of God. Synodal sessions will be held throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh in early 2022. **Synod** means **journeying together**. Rather than debate policy, we will listen to the Holy Spirit, share what is on our hearts and most importantly, listen to each other.

For more information text **Synod2021** to **84576** and go to **www.diopitt.org/journeying-together** to download your Participant Guide.

In OUR PARISH, a synodal session will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm in Archangel Hall - Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth.



# **Everyday Stewardship -**

# Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments First Corinthians

# and the Stewardship of Social Media

Love is patient, love is kind ... As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, **First Corinthians** isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that **First Corinthians** is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to **strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts**.

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue. —Luke 4:21-30

# To Be A Prophet

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from **Judah's kings and princes** and **its priests and people** (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they will not prevail over you, for I am with you (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them (salvation).

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his **gracious** words (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away (4:30).

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#### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinal Time

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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. Amen.

#### Reflection question:

# What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?

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Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt
Love is patient, kind, truthful, hopeful, enduring...
Love is not jealous, pompous, inflated, rued, quick-tempered, brooding (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). Tell your beloved which positive quality you think they are strong in.

### Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Perhaps your family has gotten some nice Christmas gifts. During these mostly indoor days of winter, challenge each family member to let go of something they no longer need - a toy, a piece of clothing, a book, old papers...

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.



Read the Bible.
Pray over Sacred Scripture.
You can keep whatever you find...

#### You've Been Warned

The opening of the reading selected from Jeremiah is surely one of the most comforting in scripture. Imagine! God knew me before my bodily conception; God dedicated me before my birth or any human dedication rites; God appointed me a prophet! Then comes the uh-oh. Jeremiah is warned that his appointment as a prophet will bring opposition, against which God's prophets must stand up. Somehow the appointment as God's prophet seems like it should be a bit happier, with the glamor that we might think will come from having friends in high places. Yet, just as there are many forces in the world arrayed against the divine will and divine goodness, so too are they arrayed against God's prophets. A second round of assurances comes to Jeremiah, a pledge that God will be with Jeremiah to strengthen him. God doesn't promise a turmoil -free life, but does vow to be Jeremiah's strength.

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# Jesus, Son Of Jeremiah

In the synagogue at Nazareth, a similar turn of events takes place. When Jesus speaks of the Spirit's anointing being upon him, the anointing described in Isaiah, the crowd is amazed, and seems like they even want to take credit, since he's a local boy. Then Jesus speaks some words of tough love, and local boy pivots to who does he think he is? You couldn't blame Jesus, in that moment, if he recalled the words of Jeremiah, his prophetic ancestor. Though the crowd drove Jesus out of town and up a hill to throw him to his death, his time had not yet come. The strength and protection that God promises to prophets came for Jesus that day, as he passed through the mob's midst, unharmed. He passed through their midst to continue the work for which the Spirit had anointed him. For us who follow the prophetic heritage of Jesus this day, we've been warned. But we've also been assured of God's care. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

# A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words. But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.





# Faith Formation Adult - Children - Youth Religious Education

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—1 Peter 2:4-5

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

# **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth

Confirming Bishop Bishop William J. Waltersheid Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh

### **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

# Faith, Fellowship, and Food

Discovering Christ is postponed until Fall of 2022.

#### **Lenten Series Creed**

Come and join us, as Bishop Robert Barron guides us through the Nicene Creed, our statement of faith. With a beautiful blend of documentary footage and dynamic talks, we will explore the dynamic love of the Father, the mystery of His Son's Incarnation, the drama of His Crucifixion and Resurrection, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the mystical reality of the Church.

Six weekly sessions - February 15 to April 6, 2022 Tuesday Evening (6:45-9 pm, St. Michael Archangel Hall) or Wednesday Morning Session (9:15-11:30 am, Queen of the Rosary Social Hall).

Sessions begin with Fellowship, prayer and praise, a video teaching from Bishop Baron, and a guided small group discussion. **Creed** will be conducted in a comfortable, welcoming and family-like atmosphere.

For more information or to register or call 412-754-0886 or joachimandannediopitt.org/lenten-series or sformicaym@comcast.net

Please come and 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 30: 4th Sunday in Ordinal Time

Jer 1:4-19; 1 Cor 12:31— 13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Children should be seen, heard—and guided—It's been a tough two years on everyone, but especially on the kids. Childhood was upended by the pandemic. Schooling has been a heroic effort, and peer interactions have been stifled. This generation of young ones will have a special burden in trying to make up for lost time, missed opportunities, and natural social interactions. They've also learned unexpected lessons about global interconnectedness, the rich advantages of technology, and the bitter realities of social inequity. Today begins Catholic Schools Week, with the theme Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service, to remind us that our schools enable children to put what they learn in the context of gospel values. Support faith-based education! Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you.

### Monday, Jan 31; John Bosco, priest & founder

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

Celebrating a lovely education—Saint John Bosco, a 19th-century Italian priest, was an educator ahead of his time. He understood the power of positive reinforcement long before modern psychology came along—and he applied this theory to teaching poor kids who had rough lives. His method? Quite simply, love. Rather than punish kids, he was kind. During Catholic Schools Week, offer a prayer of thanks for the educators who nurtured you through your formative years. Whether you went to Catholic schools or not, those special teachers were reflecting Christ's love back to you. Remember how their good works shaped the Christian you are today. Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you.

Tuesday, Feb 01; 2 Samuel 18:9-30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43
Catholic education for a better world—On this Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week, the focus is on the student. The National Catholic Education Association encourages schools to today recognize students' accomplishments—but also have them embrace the grounding in faith, knowledge, and service a Catholic education provides. In a June 2021 address to Latin American Catholic schools, Pope Francis expands this vision even more. He urges welcoming schools that do not retreat into a selfish elitism, but that learn to live together with everyone . . . knowing that everything is connected. His wish? That schools have conscience and create conscience. Pray for all Catholic students today. The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded.

#### Wednesday, Feb 02; The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Comfort food for the soul—Mexican American neighborhoods will be filled with the sweet aroma of warm tamales today, served because of a special connection this day has to January 6, the Epiphany. On Epiphany, La Rosca, a cake in the shape

of a crown, is shared by family and friends in honor of the Magi, a.k.a., the three kings. The person who finds a small figure of Jesus hidden in their slice of cake is tasked with throwing a tamale party today, the day the infant Jesus is presented at the Temple. Welcome Jesus to your table today. When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Thursday, Feb 03; 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13

Lift up her voice— Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, O.S.P., died on this day in 1882. Born into a welleducated family of means in the Caribbean, she immigrated to Baltimore in the early 1800s as a free black woman in a slave state. Seeing the need for education among her fellow Caribbean immigrants, she taught out of her home, opened a school in 1828, took first religious vows a year later, and founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Mary Elizabeth and her fellow sisters devoted themselves to works of mercy and social reform, working with communities of color facing poverty, racism, and the degradations of slavery. Nearly 200 years later, the order's work continues strong, as does the canonization process for this remarkable woman. Let Mary Elizabeth's example inspire you to respond to injustice with courageous compassion. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Friday, Feb 04; Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

Invest your humanity—On this Friday of Catholic Schools Week, Pope Francis offers supportive words for Catholic educators. To educate is an act of love, it is to give life. And love is demanding, it calls for the best resources, for a reawakening of the passion to begin this path patiently with young people. The educator in Catholic schools must be, first and foremost, competent and qualified but, at the same time, someone who is rich in humanity and able to promote spiritual growth. For this, Francis said in 2014, it is necessary to invest. How can you help support Catholic educators today? He added beauty to the feasts and solemnized the seasons of each year.

**Saturday, Feb 05**; 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

Be careful what you ask for The wisest thing Solomon ever did was to ask for wisdom. Given the chance to ask for anything, he didn't go the route of wealth, fame, immortality, but rather chose the road less traveled. For, as one biblical commentator put it, wisdom is a bountiful crop with a meager harvest. Often personified in biblical testimony as the feminine face of the Divine, Proverbs tells us that she "cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?'" We are Solomon, and the choice is ours to make. What will you choose? The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request... In addition, I give you what you have not asked for.

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# Time, Talent, and Treasure

January 23, 2022

Weekly Offering	\$ 12,808
Monthly Offering	\$ 213
Religious Education	\$ 147
Children's Offering	\$ 9
Initial Offering	\$ 190
St. Anthony/DePaul	\$ 277

#### **Mass Attendance**

4:00 pm	161	6:0	)0 pm	69	
8:00 am	63	9:0	00 am	150	
10:30 am	94	12 Noon		102	
Families	1.9	932	Souls	4.5	548

# Thank You For Your Sacrificial Giving!

# Please make all checks payable to

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

# **Mailing Offertory Envelopes:**

Saints Joachim and Anne Parish 101 McLay Drive Elizabeth, PA 15037

# **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.

# **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, February 5, 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, February 7, 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 Eat-In or Take-Out, 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**



Alternate Date:

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# Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

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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.

# 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.** 

# Hoagie Sale - February 5/6, 2022

Sts. Joachim and Anne Parish Youth Group

Hoagies are \$8 each

Italian and a limited number of Turkey

Available after all the Masses.

For more information, contact Sue, youth@joachimandannediopitt.org.
Thank you for your support!

# Coming Soon...Spring Fling TICKET

Benefits Saints Joachim and Anne Parish
Try a chance at winning a total of
\$4000.00 in the month of April.
Minimum payout is \$100.00.

\$10.00 per ticket with 30 chances to win!

Pays out on the 7pm PA Daily Pick 3. No bonus numbers.

If you would like to request a number for the

April Spring Fling ticket, please contact Cathy,

412-980-2918 on or before February 14, 2022.

All requested numbers are on a

first-come, first-served basis.

Thank You for your support!

# 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. **Thank You!** 

# SAVE THE DATE

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

# **Festival Specialty Baskets**

Thank you so much for your generosity!

We continue to receive items in our labeled specialty baskets. All these donations will start us on our way to designing the beautiful baskets that are an important part of our Saints Joachim & Anne Community Parish Festival. **P.S. Look in the clearance aisle.** 

Save money while you donate!

#### **BASKET THEMES:**

- Holiday Themes: New Year's Day, Valentines Day,
   St. Patrick Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc
- Cleaning: cleaner, sponges, soaps, dusting items, etc.
- Going Green: environmentally friendly products
- Puzzle Basket: crossword, word search, sodoku, etc
- ◆ Toys: Hot Wheels Basket, etc
- Gardening: hose, shovels, watering can, hoe, etc
- Car Spa: car shine, sponge & chamois, wax, wheel & window cleaner, wiper fluid, etc

If you are interested in being involved with the festival please contact Cathy, 412-980-2918 or 412-672-8666.

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

#### Needed:

#### **Facilitator & Team for Craft Baskets**

Facilitator & Team Members are needed. For information or are interested in being involved with the festival please contact Cathy at: 412-980-2918 or 412-672-8666.

# CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!!!! Our craft basket area needs your talent!

What better way to spend a cold, snowy winter day than by creating your special crafts for our **Saints Joachim and Anne Community Parish Festival.** Floral arrangements, wreaths, wood working, afghans, baby items, etc.

Donations can be dropped off at each church in the Gather Space. If you have any questions, please call Cathy, 412-980-2918.

Thank you for you time, talents and support of our parish festival!!!

# **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!

# Help Wanted Meals on Wheels of Elizabeth Forward



Soup

Meals on Wheels of Elizabeth Forward, based at Central Highlands Community Methodist Church, is looking for volunteers on Monday through Friday Mornings.

Kitchen Help (7-9 am), Drivers & Meal Deliverers (9-11 am)

There is a shortage of volunteers. You do not need to be there everyday of the week—you can volunteer a few hours a week or a month. You can volunteer as a substitute during vacations. **Give it a Try!** 

#### **New Clients**

**Meals on Wheels** is offered on a daily, weekly or on a temporary basis or long term. The Cost is \$4 per day which provides a hot, freshly prepared delicious meal and a bagged lunch items, including milk—all delivered right to your doorstep. There is no age or financial requirement for this service.

Just as important as the meals, caring, compassionate volunteers connect with the clients daily with compassionate smiles, friendship, a safety check, and peace of mind for clients and their families.

If you would like more information, or to volunteer or to add a new client for delivery, please call Linda, 412-751-2230.

If no answer, please leave a message.



# 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!

#### 12 Saints Joachim and Anne Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinal Time

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: Praise To The Lord

LOBE DEN HERREN



- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the king of cre a tion! O my soul,
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who shall pros-per our work and de-fend us; Sure-ly his
- 3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us a-dore him! All that has



1. praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion! Come, all who hear: 2. good-ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at-tend us. Pon - der a - new

3. life and breath come now with prais - es be-fore him! Let the "A-men"



1. Now to his al-tar draw near, Join-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion!

2. what the Al-might-y can do, Who with his love will be-friend us.

3. sound from his peo-ple a - gain, Now as we wor-ship be - fore him!

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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



- 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.
- Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world,
- receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

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# The Liturgy of the Word

<u>First Reading</u> Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 71



Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

**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 Love, 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 Greatest Gifts

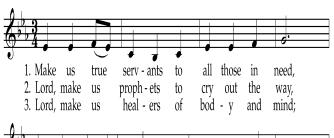


# Holy Mystery of Faith

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: Make Us True Servants





- 1. Filled with com pas sion in thought, word, and deed;
- 2. Tell ing mer - cy's new na - tions of day. the
- 3. Give us your pow'r to bring sight to the blind;



- 2. Let break bar - riers of us ha - tred and scorn,
- 3. Love to the love - less and glad-ness for pain,



- 1. Feed ing the hun - gry and find - ing the lost.
- 2. Speak ing of hope all peo - ple for - lorn. to

3. Fill - ing all hearts with the joy of your name.

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# **Patriotic Rosary**

**Monday Evening** February 14, 2022 - 7:00 pm Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth, PA **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 



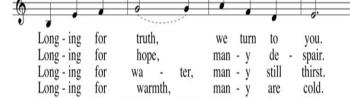
Rosary, Patriotic Hymns and Benediction

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.

# Going Forth Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light







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Make us own, your ho - ly peo - ple, your Your word lone has pow'r to save us. a Make us your bread, bro - ken oth - ers, Make build us your ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers. Let us be ser vants to one an oth - er,



light for the world to see. Make us liv ing voice. your shared un til all are fed. walls made liv ing of stone. mak - ing king dom your come.







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