

The Roman Catholic Community of Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area, 213

One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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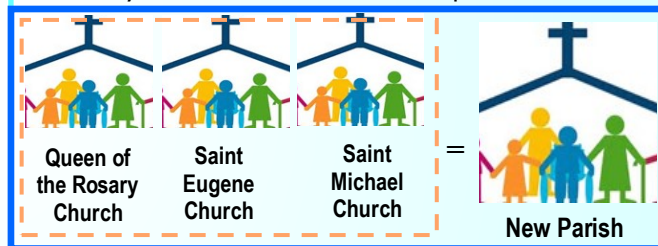
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Why a new parish name.

While the new parish will receive a new name, **each** of our church buildings, **Queen of the Rosary Church, Saint Eugene Church, and Saint Michael Church, will retain its current name** (the name under which it was consecrated).

A **parish** is a **geographic area** with people and a priest(s). **Churches** are **sacred buildings** designated for divine worship. **Saint Eugene Church, Saint Michael Church and Queen of the Rosary Church will retain their names.**

In January 2021, our **three Churches** will come together to form a **new Parish**, the **geographical area** of Elizabeth, Forward, Glassport, Liberty, Lincoln, Port Vue, etc. (**basically the area made up of the Elizabeth-Forward and South Allegheny School Districts**), hence the need for a new parish name.



July 12, 2020

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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 Faith Community Office.

Sacraments

Baptism of Infants & Children

Baptism is a joyous event in the life of the church. Baptism is celebrated any Sunday after Mass. **Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism Class.**

Previous arrangements are necessary.

Instruction in the Faith - R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program is offered for those interested in the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Fr. Wagner.

Reconciliation

St. Eugene Church, Liberty

Tuesday, 7 - 7:30 pm

St. Michael Church, Elizabeth

Saturday, 11-11:30 am

Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

Saturday, 1- 1:30 pm

St. Michael Church, Elizabeth

Saturday, 3:15-3:45 pm

St. Eugene Church, Liberty

Saturday, 5:15-5:45 pm

Marriage

The prospective bride and groom are to make arrangements with the priest or deacon at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require all couples to attend an approved pre-marriage preparation program.

Anointing of the Sick

the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally on the Second Sunday of the Month.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In

Homebound members of the Parish should call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion at home.

Sponsorship Forms

Only registered, practicing, fully-initiated Catholics are eligible for sponsor certificates. Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Information Deadline

2 weeks in advance of publish date.
elizabethsalleghenybulletin@gmail.com

Moving

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

Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235

Mass Intentions For The Week

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

QoR Queen of the Rosary Church, Glassport

July 12 - 19, 2020

Saturday, 11, Vigil, 15th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm M Merio Bisogni - Bill & Rose Pavlik

StE 6:00 pm T Roseann Bubanic - Friends

Sunday, 12, 15th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am T Agnes Vayda Potocsnak - Daughter, Elizabeth Gantner

StM 9:00 am M Agnes Firda - John & Family

QoR 10:30 am T Clara B. Palumbo - Jean Borkowski

**StM 12 Noon M Edward Buzek - Barbara & Kathy
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

Monday, 13, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Theresa Zyra - Flo & Ed Steindl

Novena - Infant of Prague

StM 9:00 am Marshall Fiore - Jane Cheek

Tuesday, 14, Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

StM 9:00 am Deceased of the Eddy & Regosh Families - Eddy Family

StE 6:30 pm Maria Remedios Plan - Melvyn & Elena Plan

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

Wednesday, 15, Bonaventure, bishop

QoR 8:30 am Joan Witkowski - Sister

StM 9:00 am Joseph & Mary Bury - Bill & Anna Marie

Novena - Michael the Archangel

Thursday, 16, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

StE 8:30 am Louise Kysliger - Crossen Family

StM 9:00 am Thomas A. Oeler - Bob & Marge Dietrick

Friday, 17, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Anthony DeSimone - Thomas & Elena Milczarczyk

StM 9:00 am Mary Margaret Malandra - Malandra Family

Saturday, 18, Vigil, 16th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StM 4:00 pm T Frank & Bea Chiappetta - 60th Wedding Anniversary - Family

StE 6:00 pm M Arleigh E. Smith - Wife, Mary & Buttons

Sunday, 19, 16th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am M Julia Perkoski - Joe Kish Family

StM 9:00 am T George Naperatz - Wife, Carol

QoR 10:30 am M Stephen Gribschaw - Laura Matta & Family

**StM 12 Noon T Don & Rosemarie Garofolo - 50th Wedding Anniversary
- Jim, Darci & Josh Garofolo, Pam, Matt, Kaitlyn, Nathan, & Cameron Bloomer
Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family**

Low Gluten Hosts available - please see Priest before Mass.

We remember . . . In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: **Patricia Mains, Louise Volponi, Edward Algas**, step father of Kenneth Losteter, **all who will die today, and those who have no one to pray for them. Resting in Paradise.**

Pastoral Staff

Clergy Team

Reverend Thomas A. Wagner, Administrator
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 Deacon Jeffrey P. Formica, Permanent Deacon
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 Deacon John E. Ragan, Permanent Deacon

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July Rosary Intention

That today's families
 may be accompanied
 with love, respect and guidance.

**Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping
 Pastoral Council & Finance Council Meeting**

There will be a joint meeting held on
Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm
in Saint Michael - Archangel Hall, Elizabeth.

If you are unable to attend, please call Jan, 412-751-0663.

15th Sunday in Ordinal Time

July 12, 2020



Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

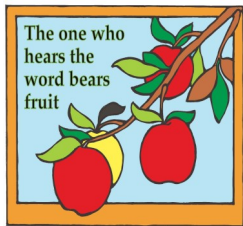
You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time



Here in the middle of summer, many people grow vegetable and flower gardens, or appreciate the work of others by buying produce from roadside stands and farmer's markets. All our readings today embrace one of God's smallest but

most common miracles as a metaphor: the seed and its cycle, and all that it stands for. Isaiah reminds us that just as God waters the earth and cares for it so that seeds may grow, so the Word of God will come and not return to God until it has borne fruit. Psalm 65 describes the cycle of growth and personifies fields that **shout for joy**. Romans has **creation groaning in labor pains** as it waits for its seed to come to fruition, redemption of the body. Similarly, Jesus teaches the crowds by using the parable of the sower and the seed. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Growth Requires Patience

Every child in school has experienced the excitement of growing a simple bean seed planted in a paper cup or watched a time lapse video of the growth process. We watch this miracle sprout in a matter of days, and marvel at the whole process. A seed must be planted and die to itself in order to create a new life. Then it must be fertilized and watered and cared for. But most importantly, one must be patient and wait. Seeds take a certain amount of time to develop and may require being dormant for a while. Similarly, a human baby takes nine months to grow from the time the seed is fertilized.

But no matter what we do, and how well we do it, not all seeds will yield fruit. Sometimes the conditions are just not right to allow it. Not all pregnancies go full term. Farmers know the pain of a drought year, or storms that ruin a crop before it can be harvested. Diseases and blight and other things can take hold. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Some times parents' words fall on children as if they were deaf and blind. **Clean up your room. Don't fight with your sister. I need help with dinner. - Hug?** This is a challenge to a parent's creativity in phrasing the ask or imposing a natural consequence for non-compliance.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The stress and anxieties of family life are like **thorns which choke off** any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus **left the house** so He could connect with His Father. Take five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

God's Words

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us **good-night**, our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God's words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God's word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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May God Bless Our Service Personnel

We pray for and remember our Service Men and Women who are serving on active duty in the Armed Services, especially: LCpl. 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; E5 Sgt. Brian Imundo, Army; Sgt. Russ Langley, Marines; Staff Sgt. Raymond Massung, Jr., USAF; Staff Sgt. Timothy Oeler, USAF; Ens. 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.

If you would like to add or update an active Service member, please call the Parish Office. **Thank you for your service!**

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

**May God Bless Our Health Care Workers
and All First Responders.**

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

All Creation is groaning in labor pains...we also groan within ourselves as we wait for...the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18, 22-23). As we humans continue to groan about Covid-19, we wait. We wait for a vaccine, for return to normal, or even an improvement on the normalcy of the past. We groan, and we pray that our labor pains may bring to birth a better world.



Faith Formation

**Faith Formation
Adult - Children - Youth
Religious Education**

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Fall Registration for Faith Formation

Registration Forms will be mailed to families already in our program and there will be a Registration Form in the Bulletin for new families to the program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email 213FaithForm@gmail.com or call the Faith Formation Office, 412-754-0886 and leave a message.



**Picnic for the Youth Group and their Families
Sunday, August 2, 2020, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
at St. Eugene Church Grounds**

Along with fellowship, food and games; We will be honoring our High School Graduates that are moving on to college, jobs or military.

Youth Group will provide the main dish and drinks; members/families are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

For more information or to RSVP please email 213Youth@gmail.com or call Mrs. Formica, 412-754-0886

Come and join in the fun and fellowship

**Open Enrollment Is Underway
Mary of Nazareth Catholic School
1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131**

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

If you have any questions, would like more info, please call the school office, 412-672-2360.

Webpage: www.maryofnazarethschool.org

We invite you to follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook.

Easter Sacraments 2020

Bishop David Zubik has delegated Fr. Wagner to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, a date and time will be announced soon. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

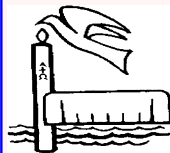
A Family of Faith

Family-Based Religious Education

All families are welcome to join
A Family of Faith coming this Fall!

The goal of this program is to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. With **one adult meeting** and **one family meeting** each month, this program will give you the knowledge and tools to bring your children up in the Faith.

If you are interested in Family of Faith or would like more information, please email 213FaithForm@gmail.com and put **Family Catechesis** in the subject line.



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 Dale DiSanto
Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm
St. Eugene Meeting Room**

Grandparents are also welcome at these classes.

Please register by calling the **Faith Formation - Religious Education** office, 412-754-0886 or emailing 213FaithForm@gmail.com.

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

Spring Pre-Cana Program

for engaged couples planning weddings,

St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth

Saturday, August 8, 2020, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Registration \$35.00 (includes materials & lunch)

Pre-Registration is necessary. Please call the Parish Office, 412-751-0663, for a registration form.

Marriage Prep - Pre-Cana Program

sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker Parish

will be held at St. Maurice Church, Forest Hills on Saturday, August 22, 202 from 9 am - 4 pm

For more information or reservations (required), please call, 412-271-0809. Cost is \$60 per couple



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

Sunday, July 12; Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinal Time

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Tell me what you see—Most stories aren't very mysterious. Even so-called mysteries have predictable plots that we anticipate before they unfold. We know, for example, that the fellow wandering into the cemetery at dusk is going to meet a bad end, and the storyteller knows that we know. It's all part of the fun. When reading Bible parables, the meaning is rarely mysterious. Seeds fall on different soil, reap different results. No surprise there. A parable's mystery isn't in not knowing, but in not seeing. What kind of soil are we? What seed has been planted in us, awaiting its harvest? **The disciples approached him and said, Why do you speak to them in parables?**

Monday, Jul 13; Weekday

Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Looking for prophets in our midst—Many of us lately have learned what it's like to be held back by illness, as the coronavirus brought about grinding halts to life as we knew it. Blessed Charlie Rodríguez Santiago, a candidate to be the first Puerto Rican saint, was prevented from getting an education because of severe chronic illness. He died on this day in 1963 at the age of 44—and left behind a legacy of liturgical renewal in the church. He advocated for use of vernacular languages and increased lay participation—which came to be shortly after his death with Vatican II reforms. How can you too be a prophet for hope and change in our own disease-challenged days?

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward.

Tuesday, Jul 14; Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

Indigenous help to heal the world—Kateri Tekakwitha—born Mohawk and Algonquin in 1656, canonized in 2012—is a fitting intercessor for coronavirus, though she is actually patron saint of ecology. Losing her family to the same smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind, Kateri knew firsthand the suffering wrought by disease. Perhaps her empathy helps account for so many miraculous healings attributed to her to this day. But Kateri's love of the earth may also inspire our continued care of the environment, which has seen healing of its own during human quarantine. Kateri, pray for us on all fronts! **Will you be exalted to heaven?**

Wednesday, Jul 15; Bonaventure, bishop

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27

Love finds the common ground—Saint Bonaventure (1221-74) was born Giovanni di Fidanza to a noble Italian family and joined the Franciscan order at the age of 22. By then, Francis had been dead for 17 years, and conflict had arisen among his followers as they tried to imitate the poverty Francis embraced. Bonaventure, who brought gifts of intellect and organization, emerged as a leader and teacher who helped the order resolve

differences and renew its purpose. He encouraged a Franciscan detachment from wealth and practiced it himself, but not at the expense of generous love. Bring a spirit of love to the conflicts you face today. **What you have hidden from the learned and clever, you have revealed to the merest children.**

Thursday, Jul 16; Weekday

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30

Easy does it—Today's readings promise both a smooth path (the first reading) and a light yoke (the gospel). But Christianity does not promise comfort and ease. Rather, our faith is founded on the idea that Christ conquered death through suffering. One of our primary symbols is the crucifix, an ongoing reminder that Christ offers victory over suffering and death but first experienced them. Ultimately, our rough paths and burdens do find rest in Christ. If you are tempted today to give in to ridicule, anger, despair, or a sin that weighs you down, try to **put on the yoke of Christ**, and see if your mood lightens. **Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.**

Friday, Jul 17; Weekday

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8

Kyrie eleison, down the road that I must travel—The Greek words Kyrie eleison are some of the most ancient—and powerful—words of the Christian liturgy: **Lord, have mercy.** Typically we find these words in the penitential rite where the church asks God's mercy and forgiveness. But these words are not just for penance; they are words of life and encouragement to the weary soul. It's as if we are saying, **Look kindly upon me.** This call for mercy is not just directed toward God; it is also part of the fabric of our relationships with ourselves and the world. We can look kindly upon ourselves, instead of berating ourselves for what we didn't get done. We can look kindly upon those around us filled with fear and hatred. We can look kindly upon the fragile earth and God's good creation. How is mercy calling you? **If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice, you would not have condemned these innocent men.**

Saturday, Jul 18; Weekday

Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

A tireless voice for justice—During the era of European conquest of the Americas, Native American people were typically regarded as savages who must be **conquered** and coerced into conversion or pushed aside. Bartolomé de Las Casas is remembered today as one of the few voices opposing the dominant ideology of religious and secular leaders alike. Appalled by colonial cruelties in the Caribbean in the 1500s, he doggedly advocated for the rights of indigenous people for some 50 years, urging an end to the cruelties and coerced conversions. Remember de Las Casas and make justice a central part of your own witness. **They oppress householder and house, people and their inheritance.**

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