The Flight into Egypt

Date
1627–1628

Primary Maker
Nicolas Poussin

Medium
oil on canvas

Description
At left, Joseph, in dark yellow drapery, holds a stick in his right hand and extends his left arm toward the right. In the center, the Virgin, clothed in red, blue and white, holds the Christ Child and rides a brown donkey. Leading the group at the right is an angel dressed in light yellow and pointing to the right. Behind the angel are two more angels, who are shown in the sky, moving to the right. A putto, who points to the right, flies behind the Virgin and Child.

Dimensions
canvas: 102.9 x 127.6 cm (40 1/2 x 50 1/4 in.)