

# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family

## Mass Schedule:

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & 1st Saturday ...8:30 am

Weekend: Saturday: 4:00 pm, Sunday, 8:30 am, 11:30 am

Church is open for private prayer from 8:00 am—4:00 pm daily. (Enter through side door by Mary's Garden)

**Confession:** (*Eff 12/11/21*) **Saturdays at 11:00 am.** For appointment, call the parish office.

**Baptism:** Contact the office. **Weddings:** 1:30 pm or earlier Saturdays. Contact the office.

**Ministry to the Homebound:** Contact Julie at the office for Holy Communion to be taken to the Homebound.

**Parish Office hours:** Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri — 9:00 am-1:00 pm. (Closed on Wednesdays)

*Bulletin deadline date is Thursday, 10 days prior to requested weekend.*

**Emergency Anointing of the sick:** 866-455-0224



## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (2002), 1998, 1993 ©2002



### Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas Day

9:00 am + For the Parish

4:00 pm + NO Vigil Mass

### Sunday, December 26, 2021 Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 am + Fr. William McGuire (SEAS parish family)

11:30 am + Charles Kresic (wife, Helen Kresic)

### Monday, December 27, 2021

8:30 am + Martha Edwards (Barbara & Terry Jackson)

### Tuesday, December 28, 2021

8:30 am + Joseph Gulaskey (SEAS Parish family)

### Thursday, December 30, 2021

8:30 am + For the Parish family

### Friday, December 31, 2021

8:30 am + Jane Ebbitt (Bernie & Eileen Filar)

4:00 pm + NO Vigil Mass

### Saturday, January 1, 2022 Happy New Year

9:00 am + Betty Rose (SEAS Parish family)

4:00 pm + Alice Beard (Mark & Laura Pollock)

### Sunday, January 2, 2022 Epiphany of our Lord

8:30 am + Jim Carrigan (friends & family)

11:30 am + Joseph Stanish (daughter, Julie & Bob Henry)



*For all of our faithful departed, may they be welcomed into the eternal reward of the heavenly kingdom.*

**Memorials (Dec 25- Dec 31, 2021)**



**Sanctuary Candle:** Varacalli & Kelly Families

**Altar Candles:** William J. & Josephine J. Eastman

**Bread / Wine:** Joseph Stanish





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#### Sponsorship Forms

To request a sponsor form to be a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, you must be registered in our parish for six months prior, and have all your sacraments. If married, it must be a Catholic marriage. You should be attending Mass regularly, and support the Church through time, talent & treasure.

## Notes from the Pastor

### THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN LIFE



The Holy Family is the name given to the family unit of Jesus: The Divine Son of God, Jesus, his mother Mary, and his foster-father Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the Canonical Scriptures. They speak of the early years of the Holy Family, including the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, and the finding of Jesus in the temple. While the exact details of the day-to-day life of the Holy Family may be unknown, we can still learn a lot from the stories we do have.

**HISTORY NOTE:** In 1643 Louis and Barbe d'Ailleboust came to Canada in order to devote their lives to the welfare of the natives there. After her husband had passed away, Barbe, with the assistance of the Jesuit Father Chaumonot, founded the Confraternity of the Holy Family. The confraternity and devotion to the Holy Family spread all over Canada and had the effect of promoting good morals. Monsignor François de Laval invited her to Quebec, and gave her the general management of the confraternity, which still exists today. In 1675, the now Bishop de Laval had a little book printed in Paris instructing the members of the confraternity as to virtuous practices. Bishop de Laval also established the feast of the Holy Family, and had a mass and office drawn up which are proper to the Diocese of Québec. The feast was later added in 1921 to the General calendar of the Western Rite as a way to counteract the breakdown of the family.

Devotion to the Holy Family is a recent development, but one that naturally grows out of a love for Jesus and his family. The cult of the Holy Family grew in popularity in the 17th century, and several religious congregations have been founded under this title. The Holy Family also became portrayed in popular art of the period. On October 26, 1921 the Congregation of Rites (under Pope Benedict XV) inserted the Feast of the Holy Family into the Latin Rite general calendar. Until then it had been celebrated regionally (see History below). Popes before and including Benedict XV (especially Leo XIII) promoted the feast as a way to counter the breakdown of the family unit. Today the Church celebrates the Feast on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day (Known as the Feast of Mary Mother of God in the Catholic Church). If both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sundays, no Sunday exists between the two dates, so the Church celebrates the Holy Family Feast on December 30th. If the feast falls on the 30th, attendance is not obligatory. Up until 1969, the Holy Family feast was kept on the first Sunday after the Epiphany. It was transferred to its current date in 1969.

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ and his Church the center of family and individual life.

**Ways to do this include:** reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, and so forth, all done together as a family unit. In addition to cultivating positive actions, the Church understands that various actions and behaviors are contrary to God's Divine plan for the family, and these should be avoided. These include abortion, contraception, same-sex marriage, polygamy, embryonic stem-cell research, divorce, spousal abuse, child abuse, and cohabitation. Catholic Teaching is that a marriage must be open to children. Anything artificial that prevents this is contrary to divine law, although spacing births for a just reason is permitted (and may be licitly accomplished through "natural family planning"). Also, poverty, lack of health care, and other social justice concerns must be addressed by faithful Christians because of the negative effect these conditions have on the family unit. St. Paul gives us some advice on family life in **Colossians 3:12-21**:

**Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged**

**The Holy Family feast** is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.



## CORNER CHALLENGES.... START AGAIN!!

Last year I placed this challenge before you at the beginning of 2021... now we begin a new year... So did you succeed at any of the below challenges? Let us take another look at it and see if we can improve on last year's efforts!

### A PERSONAL CHECK - UP

Here are some questions for private reflection concerning yourselves and the people with whom you live. They can be used at any time, but particularly as we begin this New Year. *Perhaps you could spend some time in your place of prayer thinking of one or many of these questions or in the car on the way to work, etc. The important point is to make time before the New Year to examine your conscience and to pray and reflect on the following points.*

1. What's my best time of day?
2. What's my worst time of day?
3. Would I like to live with me at my worst time of day?
4. What's my tone of voice when I talk to my family, my friends, people I want to impress?
5. Am I generous in sharing my possessions with my husband, wife, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, relatives, friends, neighbors?
6. After work, am I eager to get home? Why? Why not?
7. How do I welcome family members when they come home? Would they know I'm glad to see them?
8. When was the last time I hugged a member of my family for no particular reason except love?
9. How do I feel when I think about hugging my husband, wife, son, daughter, sister, brother, mother, father?

### NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

We all make them... We always take them seriously.... At least for the first few weeks. Most of the time they benefit us personally and let's be honest... we like who we are.... Right?

Well let me make a few easy suggestions that we can all do together that would take less than 10 minutes a day without a need to reduce our calorie intake... PRAYER.

Let's add to our prayer time everyday these particular petitions:

For our Bishop Larry Kulick  
For our priests and an increase in priestly vocations  
For all those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage  
For those who seek initiation into the Catholic Faith  
For those who experience the Hour of death  
For the poor souls in purgatory

This might not seem like much but believe me these few minutes will raise your minds and hearts each day to what is most important on the journey of faith.



## CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



*Consecration to the Mother of God," says Pope Pius XII, "is a total gift of self, for the whole of life and for all eternity; and a gift which is not a mere formality or sentimentality, but effectual, comprising the full intensity of the Christian life - Marian life." This consecration, the Pope explained, "tends essentially to union with Jesus, under the guidance of Mary."*

By our consecration we promise to become dependent on Mary in all things: to offer all our prayers and oblations to God through Mary, and to seek every gift from God through Mary. And we do this with the greatest confidence. Since she is our mother, she knows our needs better than we; and since she is Queen of Heaven, she has immediate access to the infinite treasury of graces in the Kingdom of her Divine Son.

Mary is not only the Mother of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father; she is also Mother of all the Father's adopted children. As their Mother, she has been given the role of molding them into the likeness of Jesus. Every work of grace, every increase of grace, is a work of the Holy Spirit; but as in the Incarnation of the Divine Word God used human instruments, so does He in the sanctification of each individual soul. As He chose Mary as the instrument through whom He would come to us, so He chose Mary as the instrument through whom we should go to Him. And both the mystery of God coming to us through Mary, and our being led to God through Mary, is a work of the Holy Spirit. So when we speak of Mary's unique role in our sanctification, she is but the instrument the Holy Spirit uses in sharing with us the divine life of grace. It is in this sense that Mary fashions us into the likeness of Christ.

However, that this transformation - through Mary's help - be accomplished in a notable degree, there must be an awareness of her role in our sanctification, a confidence in her maternal concern and in her power under God, a surrender of oneself into her hands, and a fervent, frequent and confident seeking of her aid. This usually comes through some form of consecration to the Mother of God.

At Fatima Our Lady asked for consecration to her Immaculate Heart, a consecration which, among other things, calls for the devotion of the Five First Saturdays, which includes the Rosary, meditation and Communions of reparation - all done in reparation to her Immaculate Heart. It involves a striving to fulfill her requests for prayer and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for offenses against the Divine Majesty. In a word, it involves a striving to fulfill all that she asked for at Fatima, and trying to bring others to heed her requests.

Living that consecration means becoming an apostle of Mary, striving to imitate her virtues, and to place in her hands the flowers of little sacrifices of reparation for the salvation of souls, so that we might strengthen her hand against the attacks of the Evil One, and hasten the day of the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. To everyone who makes that consecration and sincerely tries to live it, the words of Our Lady to the child Lucia at Fatima would also apply: *"I will never leave you; my Immaculate Heart will be your refuge, and the way that will lead you to God."*

If consecration to Mary *"tends essentially to union with Jesus, under the guidance of Mary,"* as Pope Pius XII pointed out, we must remember that any gradual transformation into Christ requires a gradual loving acceptance of a greater share in His redeeming Cross. So when we offer ourselves to Mary to lead us, to form us into the likeness of her Son, we are offering to let her lead us along the way of the Cross.

Our Blessed Mother's great concern is the salvation of the souls of her children, many of whom are being lost. She looks for generous souls among her children, who are willing to let her lead them close behind her Son, sharing more fully in His redemptive mission, filling up what is wanting in other members of the Body of Christ. Little by little they are transformed to see as Christ sees, and to desire what He desires. God wants to draw us closer to Himself, sharing more fully His Divine life; but we must understand what the fulfillment of this requires.

In our Rosary, we contemplate Mary in Heaven in the **Glorious Mysteries**, because she had so unique a role on earth in the **Sorrowful Mysteries**. This is the pattern that is offered to each of us, and of which we are reminded each time we pray the Rosary.

Consecration to Mary, then, requires a childlike simplicity and confidence, letting her lead one by the hand, trusting - regardless of what lies ahead - that she knows better than we what contributes most to God's glory, our sanctification and the salvation of souls.

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

*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 the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*

**GLORIA** - Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly 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 of the Father, have mercy on us. 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. Amen.

**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,

*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.



*Join us as we sing Praises to our Lord  
Today's Hymns found in the Breaking Bread Hymnal  
Dec 26 Holy Family*

*Gathering: #82 Angels We Have Heard on High  
Presentation of Gifts: #94 What Child is This  
Communion: #102 Go Tell it on the Mountain  
Closing: #80 Joy to the World*

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Mass: January 1/2**

*(Does not reflect recent changes—early bulletin deadlines)*

*No Vigil Mass 12/31/21*

**Sat, Jan 1st Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

**9:30 am Mass— Altar Server:** L. Peters, W. Peters **EM:** J. Barkac, J. Butler, G. Butler **Lector 1 & 2** J. Antol **Cantor:** Joe Perozich **Usher:** R. Vojtas **Sacristan:** J. Montore

**Sunday Liturgy: Feast of the Epiphany**

**4:00 pm Mass—Greeter:** J. Gazda **Altar Server:** N. Kelly **EM:** J. Barkac, K. Campbell, R. Martin **Lector 1:** S. Copelli **Lector 2:** V. Sabo **Cantor:** J. Gillespie **Usher:** D. Campbell, J. Gergely, E. Wojciak

**8:30 am Mass— Greeter:** B. Sambuco, P. Yablonsky **Altar Server:** E. Slavin **EM:** C. Komondor, A. Peklansky, R. Pokrywka **Lector 1:** J. Antol **Lector 2:** R. Mikolajczyk **Cantor:** J. Wooddy **Usher:** R. Sabol, M. Unnone, L. Veitz, P. Yablonsky

**11:30 am Mass—Greeter:** S. Kovac **Altar Server:** E. Guyer, AJ Ireland **EM:** R. Adams, G. Henderson, M. Wilson **Lector 1:** P. Ireland **Lector 2:** A. Santavicca **Cantor:** J. Perozich **Usher:** R. Henry, R. Hoffman, D. Kovac, J. Montore

**Stewardship of Treasure  
December 12, 2021**

Regular Offertory envelopes .....	\$ 6,987.00
Loose collection .....	630.10
OSV Online Giving .....	2,983.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$10,600.10</b>

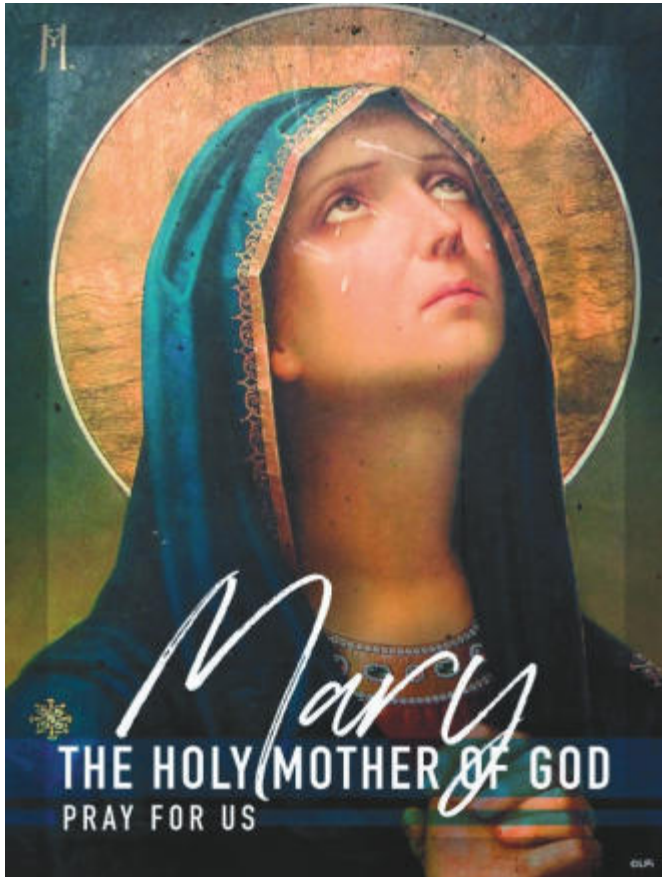
*Thank you for your gifts!*

**New Confession Time:**

Beginning Saturday, December 11, confessions will be heard at **11:00 AM** on Saturdays here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Please note this change in time.



With the joy of baptism, we welcome into the family of God, **Nathan Robert McGaffic**, son of Alec & Jessica (Henry) McGaffic, who will be baptized at the 11:30 mass this weekend. We offer our love and best wishes to Nate, and his family.



Our daily mass schedule is as follows— **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 8:30 am.**

There **will not** be a morning Mass on Saturday morning **EXCEPT** for the 1st Saturday when we have the Healing Mass.

**Offertory Gifts:** Now that we are permitted to carry up the gifts for the Offertory procession, if you had scheduled the mass intention and would like to carry the gifts, notify the ushers prior to mass.

**Parish office**—The parish office will be closed on Fri, Dec 31st for the New Years holiday & will reopen on Mon, Jan 3, 2022.



January 1 we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, and this year it falls on a Saturday. It is NOT a holy day of obligation. There will NOT be a vigil mass on Dec 31st. There WILL be a mass to celebrate Mary, Mother of God at 9:30 am on Jan 1st.

**Friday, December 31:**

NO Vigil Mass

**Saturday, January 1st:**

9:30 am Mary, Mother of God liturgy (no anointing at this mass)

4:00 pm Sunday Vigil (Epiphany of the Lord)

**Sunday, January 2nd:**

8:30 am—Sunday liturgy (Epiphany of the Lord)

11:30 am—Sunday Liturgy (Epiphany of the Lord).

**Regional Mass Schedule for Mary, Mother of God, January 1st:**

Immaculate Conception Church

Fri, Dec 31—NO Vigil Mass

Sat, Jan 1—9:30 am

St. Agnes Church

Fri, Dec 31—NO Vigil Mass

Sat, Jan 1—9:00 am



## Diocesan Happenings

### St. Anne Home— 2022 Mass requests

St. Anne Home, Greensburg, is accepting 2022 Mass requests, especially if a parish has more Mass requests than it can accommodate. The home has Mass at 9:30 a.m. daily. Weekly candles are available for \$2. For information, call 724-837-6070, ext. 3050.

### Watch “The Accent On-Air: The Wonder of the Nativity”

“The Accent On-Air: The Wonder of the Nativity” is always on at [TheAccentOnline.org](http://TheAccentOnline.org). The wonder of the Nativity, its history, significance and characters are all part of this Christmas special. The team of *The Catholic Accent* explores the role of Christmas angels and decodes the important messages that influenced the birth of Jesus. Plus, centuries later, why Catholics still celebrate the Epiphany. Also, Bishop Larry J. Kulick shares a recipe to serve at your holiday gatherings.

### Virtual Bible studies to start in January

Two new virtual Bible studies will be offered over the Zoom platform beginning Jan. 4. “The Acts of the Apostles” will be held Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. and “Samuel 1 and 2” will be held Fridays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. There is no cost, but registration and a workbook are required. The studies are offered through Journeys Online Spiritual Ministry. For more information or to register, contact Molli Vassar at 724-366-9552 or [molli.vassar@gmail.com](mailto:molli.vassar@gmail.com).

### Laurelville hosts First Day Hike/Run

Laurelville Retreat Center will host a First Day Hike/Run on Saturday, Jan. 1, from 1-4 p.m., beginning at the Coal & Coke Trailhead in Mount Pleasant. No registration or fees are required, and leashed pets are welcome. Participants should park at the trailhead at 23 W. Main St. and check in at Snyder Strength & Conditioning for free hot chocolate and restrooms. For updates/changes, visit the center’s Facebook page or website.

### Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools seek substitute teachers

The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Greensburg are accepting applications for substitute teachers. Send current resume to the Office of Catholic Schools at [CatholicSchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:CatholicSchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org). For more information, call 724-552-2594.

**Hold your post-sacramental gathering at Christ Our Shepherd Center** -Hold your post-sacramental gathering at the beautifully renovated Christ Our Shepherd Center, conveniently located on U.S. Route 30, east of Greensburg. You can select a caterer and specific menu for events, including receptions or meals after baptisms, first Communions, confirmations, weddings, ordinations and funerals. For information or to reserve a date and room, visit [www.christourshepherdcenter.org](http://www.christourshepherdcenter.org) or call 724-834-7350.



Pull out those Bibles and read today’s readings again. Reflect on the following questions regarding to the readings.

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 22-28

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel’s father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

### Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, “we may be called children of God.” How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

### Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with “great anxiety” as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God’s help for the anxious moments in your family?



**Dementia Support Group** --- The next meeting date is Tuesday, January 4 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Gail Henderson at 412-848-2076.

**Bible Study** with Deacon Jeff will resume on January 11 in the Parish Center at 6:30 pm.

**SVDP Clothing Collection:** the next collection weekend will be Jan 15/16th. For more info, contact Julie McNamara at 412-310-1505.

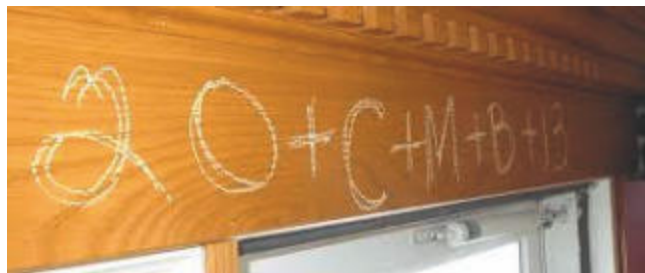


**MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP** - Mark your calendars and plan to join us on the annual *March for Life* bus on Friday, January 21, 2022. The bus will leave from the St. Agnes (N. Huntingdon) parking lot at 6:00 a.m. (please plan to arrive and board the bus by 5:45 a.m.) and return late evening. Participants will travel to Washington DC for the National March for life, walk, and return home afterwards. The cost is \$15 for students and \$25 for adults and includes a bag lunch with a hoagie. The group will stop at a restaurant on the way home for dinner, which is on your own. To register, contact Mary Blythe at 412-996-2115; mblythe@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call Marti at the St. Agnes Parish office at 724-863-2626. All are welcome! If you can't make the trip, but would like to support those who are going, please send donations towards the cost of the bus to the St. Agnes parish office, 11400 St. Agnes Lane, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642. Mark *Pro-Life Bus* in the memo line. Thank you for your continued prayerful support.

**Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019** - will have their monthly meeting on **Monday December 27, 2021**, at St Agnes, in Resurrection Hall. The meeting starts at 7:15 with the Rosary. St Jude Council covers the parishes of IC, St Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton. If you are interested in joining the Knights, or would like to transfer to our Council, please contact Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or email [a.borgony@comcast.net](mailto:a.borgony@comcast.net), or you can check out our website at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and join online.



**Home blessing kits**— Our students in the 5th grade Faith Formation class have put together the Home Blessing Kits which will be available this weekend, *while supply lasts*. The tradition is to bless your home on the Feast of the Epiphany which falls on Jan 2, 2022. We ask that you take ONE kit per home and donate at least \$1 to pay for the supplies. The kits have been blessed by Father John and included with the kit is the instruction sheet, chalk, and holy water. The family will use the chalk to write



**20 + C + M + B + 22.**

The letters represent the first initials of the three kings who visited the Christ child on Epiphany: Caspar, Melchior, & Balthazar. Those letters also signify the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem benedicat*, which means, "May Christ bless the house".



**Christmas Manger Scenes**— There are so many beautiful Nativity scenes. But did you know???? It was St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1223, who inspired the manger scenes that now grace our homes. According to legend, St. Francis walked the streets of Greccio, Italy, in late December 1223 and saw shops filled with glittery presents. He heard people talking about buying and selling gifts, but nobody spoke of Jesus' birth. So he obtained permission from the Pope to build a religious scene in a cave on the outskirts of town. He and his friend brought animals and hay to a cave and recreated the scene of Jesus' birth in the manger.





## Angel's Corner

**Queen of Angels Catholic School** is looking for a part-time custodian. The hours will be Monday - Friday, 5 1/2 hours a day/flexible times. Work involves routine cleaning and maintenance duties to ensure the premises is clean, orderly, properly maintained, and safe. Some electrical and plumbing experience preferred. If you would like to work in a school environment with the responsibility of the general upkeep and maintenance of the building and its fixtures, furnishings, and systems, please contact:



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**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship** - All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships. The local competition will be held Sunday, January 9, 2022 at Queen of Angels Gymnasium, and start time is 1:00 PM. Boys and girls will compete in their respective age divisions with winners progressing through Local, District, Regional and State Competitions. For questions or registration information please call or email Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or email [a.borgony@comcast.net](mailto:a.borgony@comcast.net) ,or Mike Boccabella at 724-787-5597 or email [m.boccabella@ieec.org](mailto:m.boccabella@ieec.org).



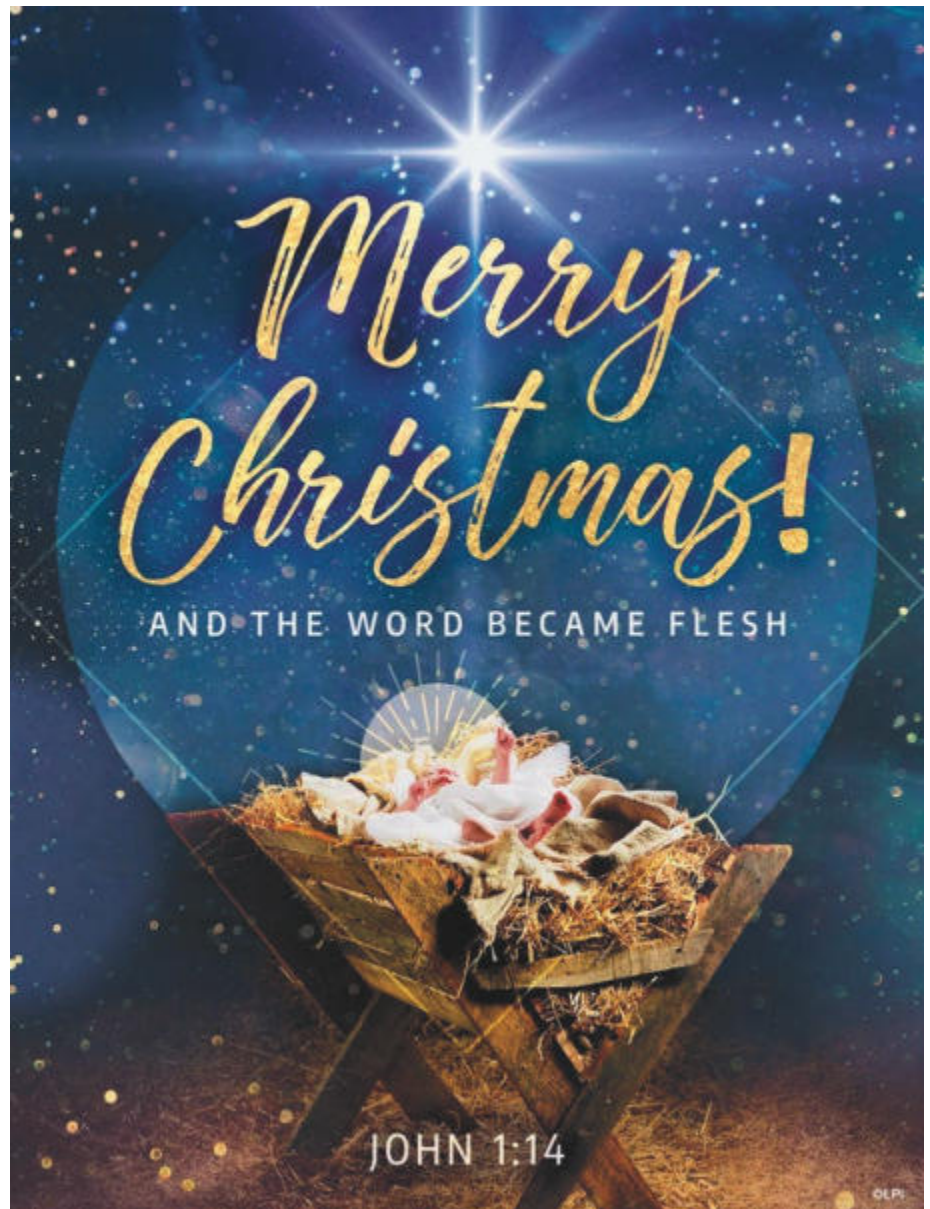
**Parish Volunteers—** As you are aware, our activities are starting up again and your dedication and participation as volunteers is a most important part of these events. *As part of your New Year's Resolutions, why not plan on helping here at our parish.* We have many ways in which you can volunteer. Can you help in one of our many liturgical ministries in which you can help at mass — ever think of being a Greeter? It's as simple as standing at the door and saying "Welcome & hello" as parishioners walk in. Or our Men's Group could use help with landscaping projects on the parish grounds. All it takes is some strong men to work on cleaning up the mulch beds. Families can help with watering the gardens and the flowers.

If you are planning on helping in any way, all of your CPSL volunteer clearances will need to be up to date. See our parish website for a list and a link to each of the clearances. For those volunteers who need to renew their clearances, you will need to complete the new Virtus Recertification. (Please note that if had originally attended a GROUP SESSION for your Virtus training, you will need to contact the parish office for a User ID and password to take your recertification training in Virtus.)

Contact the parish office for more details on how you can help in this New Year 2022!

## The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus.



As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

### Young Adult Evening of Exploring God's Call with the Seminarians

Young adult-aged men interested in learning more about answering God's call in life are invited to join the diocese seminarians for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and conversation. Doing God's will can be a challenge for each of us, but it is not impossible. So come and listen as the seminarians share their experience of God's call and how it changed their journey in life. This event will take place on December 30, at 5:45 PM at Christ Our Shepherd Center. Please visit [greensburgpriest.org](http://greensburgpriest.org) for registration information.

Often men need that personal encounter of an invitation to take the next step in their discernment. Consider how God is calling you to be the one to offer this unique invitation.



### December 28, Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs



The **Massacre of the Innocents** is the incident in the nativity narrative of the Gospel of Matthew (2:16–18) in which Herod the Great, king of Judea, orders the execution of all male children two years old and under in the vicinity of Bethlehem. The Catholic Church regards them as the first Christian martyrs, and their feast – Holy Innocents' Day (or the Feast of the Holy Innocents) – is celebrated on 28 December.

#### Biblical narrative

The Magi visit Jerusalem to seek guidance as to where the king of the Jews has been born; King Herod directs them to Bethlehem and asks them to return to him and report, but they are warned in a dream and do not do so. The massacre is reported in Gospel of Matthew:

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance

with the time he had learned from the Magi.

This is followed by a reference to and quotation from the Book of Jeremiah: "Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." (Matthew 2:17-18).



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