



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



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Parish Website: www.seasnh.org
Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Closed on Wednesday

"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

January 1, 2023

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

WELCOME: New parishioners are most welcome! Please contact the parish office to register.

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:30 a.m.

No Mass on Wednesday

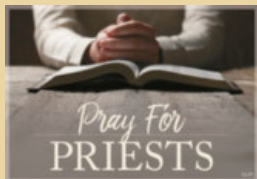
1st Saturday (Healing Mass) - 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.



SACRAMENTS

Confession - Saturday 11:00 a.m. or by appointment (1st Saturday confession at 9:00 after Healing Mass)

Baptism - To arrange your child's Baptism & Preparation, contact the parish office to schedule.

Weddings - Saturdays at 1:30 pm or earlier. The engaged couple should contact the office at least 6 months in advance to schedule.

Ministry to the Homebound—To arrange Eucharist for the homebound OR to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister for the homebound, contact Julie at the parish office.

Prayer—The church is open daily 8am-4pm for private prayer.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31, 2022

4:00 pm + William Takacs (family & friends)

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:30 am + Francisco Torres (Maureen Denne)

11:30 am + Helen Stanish (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Staff)

Monday, January 2, 2023

8:30 am + Janet Fazio (SEAS Parish Family)

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

8:30 am + Peggy Kolin (Rose Mary)

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 + Feast day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 am + Robert Moineau (Julie & Bob Henry)

Thursday, January 5, 2023

8:30 am + For the Parish family

Friday, January 6, 2023 First Friday

8:30 am + Anthony "Corky" Brooks (Carol Borland)

Saturday, January 7, 2023 First Saturday +Healing Mass

8:30 am + Deceased of SEAS

+Paul McNearney

+Raymond Pomycala

+Thomas Ping

+Anna Nee

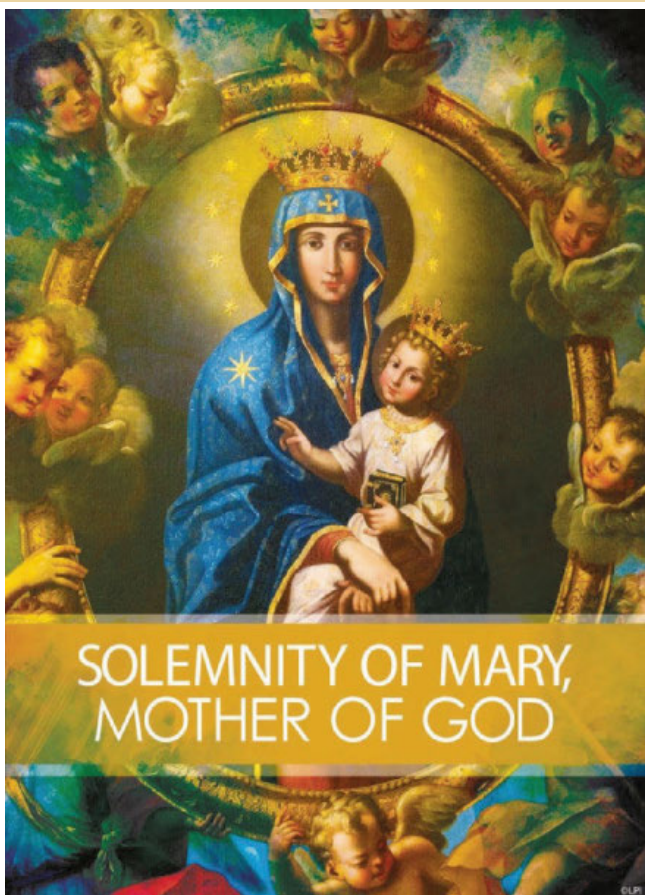
+Charlotte Pivarnik

4:00 pm + Michelle Jurkovic (Nina, Denise, Josie, Clara)

Sunday, January 8, 2023

8:30 am + Virginia Cutler (Ron & Joanne Antol)

11:30 am + Francisco Torres (nephews, Michael & Kevin Barko)



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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.

Diocese of Greensburg
www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

Catholic Charities
724-837-1840

Operation Safe Mode (OSM)
Sunday 8:00 am Mass
www.YouTube.com/operationsafemode

Bulletin deadline—10 days prior

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STEWARDSHIP

December 18, 2022

Regular Offertory	\$6,389.00
Loose Collection	\$405.00
Our Sunday Visitor online giving (OSV)	\$2,183.00

Thank you for your support!!!!

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING

Our Sunday Visitor Online giving is easy & convenient
Website: <https://www.osvhub.com/stelizabeth-ann-seton-church/select>



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 7 & January 8, 2023

Sat, Jan 7

Greeter: J. Gazda, P. Vorkapich **Altar Server:** N. Kelly, V. Litz **EM:** J. Barkac, K. Campbell,, M. Fazio **Lector 1:** K. Zula **Lector 2:** C. Becker **Cantor:** L. Bulloch **Usher:** D. Campbell, J. Gergely, E. Wojciak

Sun, Jan 8

8:30 am Mass— Greeter: P. Yablonsky, J. Antol **Altar Server:** M. Faulk, A. Gillespie **EM:** D. Dineen, C. Komondor, R. Pokrywka **Lector 1:** B. Unnone **Lector 2:** J. Gillespie **Cantor:** K. Gillespie **Usher:** M. Unnone, P. Yablonsky, R. Sabol

11:30 am Mass —Greeter: S. Kovac, R. Denicola **Altar Server:** L. Montore, S. Ceh **EM:** R. Adams, A. Denicola, J. Naylor **Lector 1:** A. Santavicca **Lector 2:** J. Henry **Cantor:** M. A. Stack **Usher:** D. Kovac, J. Montore, R. Henry, R. Hoffman



REST IN PEACE

Home with the Lord - Please pray for all of our faithful departed including **Charlotte Cecelia Pivarnik** and all the deceased from this past year. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Have A Prayer Request Or Need A Pastoral Visit?
Contact the Parish Office 724-864-6364

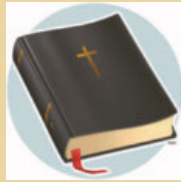
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mary, Mother of God - January 1, 2023

SUNDAY'S READINGS -

First Reading:

"So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites,
and I will bless them (Nm 6:27)



Psalm:

May God bless us in his mercy. (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman. (Gal 4:4)

Gospel:

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem
and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the
manger. (Lk 2:16)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 1, 2023

WEEKLY READINGS- DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a,
5-6/Mt 2:1-12

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

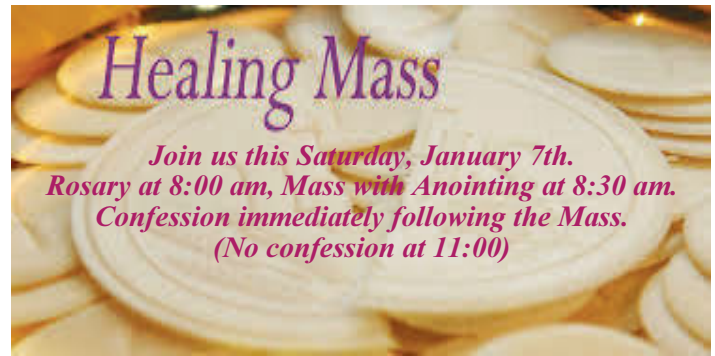
This priestly prayer was originally for the ancient Israelites who dedicated themselves to the Lord in the time of Moses. The prayer is filled with the hope of God's blessing, generosity, kindness, and peace. Which part of this prayer (God's blessing, generosity, kindness, or peace) do you most need this week?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches "the fullness of time had come" in Mary's birth of Jesus in that all believers are now "heir" (adopted sons and daughters) to God's promises made to Israel. Have you ever been "heir" to something from your family?

Gospel:

Luke teaches us that Mary — even as a young woman — reflected in her heart the events she was experiencing with her newborn son, Jesus. How often do you pray and reflect on events within your own life or in the life of others?



Let us sing our praises to the Lord

Today's Hymns Dec 31/Jan 1st

Gathering: #697 Sing of Mary

Presentation of Gifts: #546 Abba! Father

Communion: #706 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Closing: #533 Let There Be Peace on Earth



Memorial Gifts and Candles

Saint John Neumann

Dec 24 — Jan 6

In Thanksgiving & Love (R & M)

Saint Peregrine

Dec 24 — Jan 6

Frank Tomasino (Paul & Maggie, Rob & Mary)

Sanctuary Candle

Dec 31—Jan 6

Bernice Lynch (Bill & Kathleen Bellis)

Altar Candles

Dec 31 — Jan 6

For the Parish family

Bread/Wine

Dec 31 — Jan 6

For the Parish family

Contact the parish office to schedule a Memorial gift or the Votive candles for St. Peregrine or St. John Neumann. The requested donation is \$20 for 7-day memorial gifts, and \$25 for St. Peregrine & St. John Neumann 14 day votives.



Pastor Notes

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, our Lady's greatest title. This feast is the octave of Christmas. In the modern Roman Calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave. According to the 1962 Missal of Bl. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the Solemnity of Circumcision of Our Lord.

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721

The Eighth Day of Christmas



Mary the Mother of God

On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. The divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular salvific event: for Our Lady it was the foretaste and cause of her extraordinary glory; for us it is a source of grace and salvation because "through her we have received the Author of life" (127).

In the West, 1 January is an inaugural day marking the beginning of the civil year. The faithful are also involved in the celebrations for the beginning of the new year and exchange "new year" greetings. However, they should try to lend a Christian understanding to this custom making of these greetings an expression of popular piety. The faithful naturally, realize that the "new year" is placed under the patronage of the Lord, and in exchanging new year greetings they implicitly and explicitly place the New Year under the Lord's dominion, since to him belongs all time (cf. Ap 1, 8; 22,13) (128).

New Year greetings also include an expression of hope for a peaceful New Year. This has profound biblical, Christological and incarnational origins. The "quality of peace" has always been invoked throughout history by all men, and especially during violent and destructive times of war.

The Holy See shares the profound aspirations of man for peace. Since 1967, 1 January has been designated "world day for peace."

THE HOLY FAMILY

The Keyword: HOLY

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, Mary, Joseph and Jesus our focus is on how they can be an example to us living out our Faith in the modern world. We face everyday decisions that either compliment God's will in our lives or distracts us from the building of the Kingdom. One may argue that the "Holy Family" is an unfair model to try and follow.... **Mary** was *conceived without sin*, the Child **Jesus** was both *God and man*... and with this being the case, **Joseph** could easily steer away from arguments, anxiety and even sin living with *his* wife and child.

It is not quite the same scenario that we find ourselves living in our own household. So how do they become the model of "faith" for us an example of Christian Life?

The Key is in being **Holy**... not acting Holy but living in holiness.... The State of Grace.

When one is in perfect union with God one has a different temperament, focus and purpose in living life.

TEMPERAMENT - Mary's life of humility (being the handmaiden of the Lord) teaches us that it is not about our will but God's will. Humility teaches us that we are the servant to others in the name of God's love and law... that is what it means to be holy... Humility allows the focus always to fall on the needs of others and not our own selfish desires.

FOCUS - Joseph's focus teaches us how to give of our whole life for the safety and prosperity of others. When the angel told Joseph that "His name shall be Jesus and he would save us from our sins," he knew that he was responsible to protect and provide for the Salvation of the people of Israel. Joseph acts out of hope for the long-awaited Savior. Joseph's focus is beyond his worldly desires....

PURPOSE - Jesus was purpose driven.... Obviously. To accomplish His (Heavenly) Father's will.... To teach the good News and to bring the promise of the kingdom...

This model then can be applied to us for we, too, should have the same temperament, focus and purpose in our family life.... Doing God's will and sharing in salvation.... So, remain always in the state of "Grace" and be a holy family!!!



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 or in the car on the way to work, etc., thinking of one or many of these questions. The important point is to make time as we begin 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 spouse, siblings, children, relatives, friends and 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 spouse, children, siblings, or parents?

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 Pope Francis
- 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 seeking 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.



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Dementia Support Group— This group is for anyone dealing with a loved one who has dementia. Dementia Friendly Faith Community Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. The next meeting will be on ***Tues, Jan 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.*** For more information, contact Gail Henderson at 412-848-2076 or email her at gailhend@comcast.net.

SVDP Clothing Collection: the next clothing collection weekends will be ***Jan 14/15.*** For more information, contact Julie McNamara at 412-310-1505. *If you are going to drop off donated clothing & items, please do so only on the designated weekends as we do not have storage areas for the clothing and other items.* Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the only New Testament book that includes the Magi visiting Jesus?

Answer: Only the Gospel of Matthew records the Magi visiting Jesus.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

History of the Rosary

Question:

What is the history of the rosary? Where did this prayer come from?

Answer:

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means “garland of roses”) was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 “Our Fathers” to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter On the Most Holy Rosary, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: “The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary’s prayer, her perennial Magnificat ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love” (no. 1).

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Seton Women’s Group

Our Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild— Our next meeting date will be Thursday, January 26, 2023. Rose Rosche will be leading the rosary at 6:15 in the choir room. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm in Mack Hall.

Some thoughts to ponder before our next meeting —

- Winter time is upon us. Anyone interested in an afternoon board game day? Bring a snack to share. Need someone to chair.
- Senior bags —let’s put together some “Love you Senior bags” to give to our shut ins for Valentines Day. Ideas needed & someone to chair.
- Lunch bags for the kids — February we’ll be putting together some special Valentine bags for the children on Foodbank day. Get your thinking caps on.
- Lap blankets—we have lots of yarn and we need someone to head up a blanket making session for the folks at St. Anne’s Home.

A group training for *CPSL clearances* has been scheduled for Sat, Jan 14, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Parish Center. This training will take care of all six required clearances to volunteer. Clearances are required to volunteer at any event and are valid for 5 years.

Watch your emails and calls from the phone tree about any upcoming events. It’s never too late to join our group. Anyone interested in joining, contact Julie at the office.



2023 Mass Intentions— The new year has just begun and our 2023 Mass Intention book is almost filled. As a result, once it is filled, we will need to send requests for masses to the St. Vincent Archabbey to have masses said. A scheduling form is available in the back of church and also in the parish office & the usual stipend of \$10 will be required with the completed form. The mass intention ***will*** be published in our bulletin.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

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.



Angel's Corner

Queen of Angels Catholic School



“Christmas Cheer”

Nearly thirty cheerleaders from Queen of Angels Catholic School visited Loyalhanna Apartments in Latrobe to bring prayer, gifts, and Christmas cheer. The girls have dedicated their season to serving the greater community by caring for the sick and supporting seniors. “Our school, its faculty, staff, and coaches are really focused on building the character of our students and instilling in them a willingness to serve,” said Principal Jennifer Filak. “This project became more than a charitable outreach. For many of the girls it became a ministry.” The Queen of Angels cheerleaders spend time in prayer and service at every practice. They make and send cards and signs to the sick and homebound in their local faith community. They perform at school basketball games throughout the winter season and their families volunteer to work the gate and concession stand in service to the school.

‘Faith and Fun Lego Build-Off’ Jan. 7 at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, will hold a “Faith and Fun Lego Build-Off” Saturday, Jan. 7, at 5:30 p.m. The event will combine the story of the Three Kings, Lego bricks and families’ creative teamwork, with cash prizes, dinner (taco and salad bar with a hot chocolate dessert bar). Cost is \$5 per family of 2-6. Reservations are due by Jan. 4 by mailing family name, number attending, phone number and check (payable to St. Agnes Church) to 11400 St. Agnes Lane, North Huntingdon, Pa. 15642. Payments can also be made at the parish office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. For information, call Mary Blythe at 412-996-2115.

Home blessing kits— the Home Blessing Kits 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 8, 2023. 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

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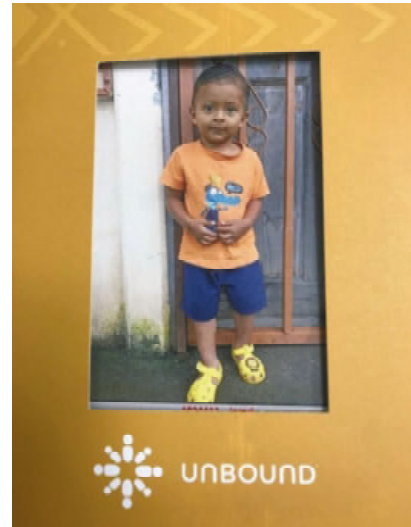


The letters represent the first initials of the three kings who visited the Christ child on Epiphany: Caspar, Melchior, & Balthazar. Those letters also signify the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem benedicat*, which means, “May Christ bless the house”.



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 8,**

2023 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, or Matt Cheplic at 412-736-9196 or email mcheplic@gmail.com.



A letter from Jared's family

San Jose-A
Jared CH 1004411
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church ASC 1004369

December 2, 2022

Dear sponsors St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church,

Hello! We are very happy to receive your letter dated November 29, we hope and trust God that you are in very good health.

We thank you for congratulating him. He felt very happy and anxious for that day to come to eat cake and hit the piñata (a container, often made of papier-mâché, pottery, or cloth, that is decorated, filled with candy, and then broken as part of a celebration.) We will send you photos. Thank you very much for the wishes and many blessings for the parishioners of your parish.

We tell you we are advancing little by little but now we know more about the numbers and he begins to count by himself he still forgets some but we are ahead of him he is very intelligent and there are times when he does not want to practice anymore.

Do you know we would like to know more about the parish, what types of activities do you do? How many people is your parish made up of?

We told them Jared is happy because his aunt is almost coming to visit him, it's his aunt Nana and she brings him his piñata so he can have his birthday. This time we'll do it after his date because the aunt graduated from high school so after that, but he told her he ordered spider-man and we will also buy him his suit to make him feel happier.

Thank you for your help that you give us thanks to that we buy your little things every month like cookies, juices and your fruits.

We say goodbye with love, a kiss and a hug and we hope to hear from you again soon and we wish you a Merry Christmas with your family, many blessings.

Jared and Jessenia

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

**CPSL Clearances Training Date –
Group Training Session
January 14, 2023 @ 9:00 AM
(Snow date February 18)**

Parish Volunteers— We thank our many dedicated volunteers who play a very important part of our parish family. *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. Families can also sign up as Greeters. 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, anyone 18+ is required to have all of your CPSL volunteer clearances which need to be up to date. See our parish website www.seasnh.org 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!

This group training is open to anyone 18+ interested in volunteering.

Please bring a lunch/snack as the training is at least 6 hours long. One of the clearances is the FBI Affidavit which is a form that needs notarized. Roseann is now a notary and can complete it at this time. Be sure to bring your ID. **All** clearances can be completed at this training, and then you will be ready to volunteer at any event here at the parish.

For more information or to sign up for the training, email Roseann at rcieslewicz@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the office at 724-864-6364.

In case of snow, you will be notified of cancellation.

Parish Office Closed- The Parish office will be closed for the New Year's holiday on Monday, January 2nd. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Found in Church — A car key fob was found in church a few weeks ago. The owner has not yet claimed it. If you are missing yours, please stop in the parish office to claim it.

Around the Diocese

YWCA offers tutoring for reading and writing

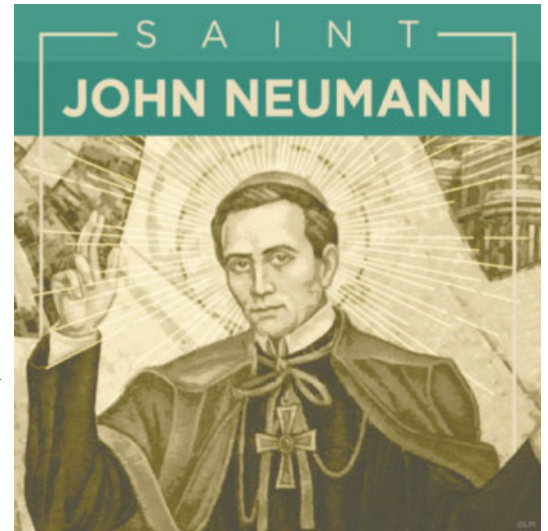
The adult basic literacy program at the Greensburg YWCA offers one-on-one tutoring for individuals who may need help with reading and writing skills. The YWCA is looking for students who, after an initial assessments, will make a commitment to the program, and is also seeking volunteer tutors, who must complete training modules before tutoring. For information, contact Paula Egnot at 724-834-9390, ext. 106, or literacy@ywcawestmoreland.org.

Laurelville Retreat Center offers winter youth camp

Laurelville Retreat Center's overnight Winterville Youth Camp, for grades 2-8, is set for Jan. 13-15. Winter activities, music, Bible lessons and more are planned. Campers stay in the lodge or cabins. Cost is \$11-5 per person and includes all meals and activities. To register, visit Laurelville.org (click on "programs/events") or call 724-423-2056. For information, email intern@laurelville.org.



St. John Neumann is the patron saint of educators, immigrants, and, due to the miracles that secured his canonization, sick children. This is a fitting patronage as he was a lover of education and learning from a very young age. In fact, when he was a child, his mother called him “my little bibliomaniac” due to his preoccupation with reading. Born in 1811 Bohemia, in what is now the Czech Republic, he attended the university in Prague preparing for ordination. However, his local bishops were not ordaining new priests at the time because Bohemia was overstocked with priests. He inquired about ordination all over Europe but received the same answer everywhere. Not one to be deterred, John then applied to several United States dioceses. Receiving no immediate responses, the saint took a leap of faith and decided to just immigrate to the United States in 1836, during his 25th year, with only \$40 in his pocket. This risk paid off when he was ordained in New York a month later.



Early in his priesthood he worked primarily as a missionary to German immigrants in Buffalo. His missionary work also created an opportunity for him to spend time in Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, and Ohio. When he was 29, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He was their first member to profess vows in the United States.

In 1852, at the age of 41, Neumann became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. During this time, he organized the individual parochial schools in his region into a diocesan system. This change allowed Catholic schools to quickly increase the number of pupils enrolled by almost twentyfold. Over the course of his ministry, St. John expanded the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from 2 to 100! His passion for education extended to immigrants, like himself, and his love for learning languages made it possible for him to hear confessions in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch, and Gaelic!

A man of the people, he could often be found outside the church walls visiting people who were sick, staying in taverns and public houses to teach, and celebrating Mass in people's homes at their kitchen tables. He was canonized on June 19, 1977, following three miracles, two of which regarded the healing of youth from grave illnesses. St. John Neumann was the first American man to be canonized a saint.

Prayer for St. John Neumann's intercession

O St. John Neumann, your ardent desire of bringing all souls to Christ impelled you to leave home and country; teach us to live worthily in the spirit of our baptism which makes us all children of the one Heavenly Father and brothers of Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the family of God.

Obtain for us that complete dedication in the service of the needy, the weak, the afflicted, and the abandoned which so characterized your life. Help us to walk perseveringly in the difficult and at times painful paths of duty, strengthened by the Body and Blood of our Redeemer and under the watchful protection of Mary our Mother. May death still find us on the sure road to our Father's house, with the light of living faith in our hearts.

*Happy Feast Day to our Patron Saint
January 4th*

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Patroness of Catholic schools and loss of parents



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton converted to Catholicism in 1805 leading to her founding of the first American religious community for women, first parish school, and first Catholic orphanage. She is the first American-born citizen to be beatified and then canonized.



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.

OH MY GOD, *forgive* WHAT I HAVE BEEN,
correct WHAT I AM, AND *direct* WHAT I SHALL BE
- ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON

To celebrate her feast day, morning Mass will be held at 8:30 on Wednesday, January 4th. We hope that you are able to attend and join us in honoring our patron saint.



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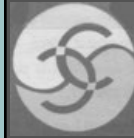
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