



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 8, 2023

Epiphany of our Lord

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

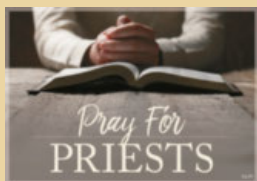
1st Saturday (Healing Mass) - 8:30 a.m.

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, January 7, 2023

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)

Monday, January 9, 2023 **Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 am + Victor Zilinskas (SEAS Parish Family)

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

8:30 am + Florence Stanko (Chefuta & Stanko family)

Thursday, January 12, 2023

8:30 am + For the Parish family

Friday, January 13, 2023

8:30 am + George & Mary Sabol (Helen Kresic, daughter)

Saturday, January 14, 2023

4:00 pm + John Rocco (Nina Rocco)

Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:30 am + Joan Bachorski (Thomas Bachorski)

11:30 am + John (Jack) Martin (Rosemarie & family)



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:2

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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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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 14 & January 15, 2023

Sat, Jan 14

Greeter: J. Gazda, J. McNamara **Altar Server:** N. Kelly, V. Litz (sub req) **EM:** K. Campbell, R. Lindow, J. McNamara
Lector 1: R. Martin **Lector 2:** V. Sabo **Cantor:** J. Perozich
Usher: D. Campbell, J. Gergely, E. Wojciak

Sun, Jan 15

8:30 am Mass— Greeter: P. Yablonsky, J. Antol **Altar Server:** E. Slavin, T. Slavin **EM:** J. Antol, C. Komondor, A. Peklansky
Lector 1: P. Yablonsky **Lector 2:** L. Veitz **Cantor:** Children's Choir
Usher: M. Unnone, P. Yablonsky, R. Sabol

11:30 am Mass— Greeter: S. Kovac, R. Denicola **Altar Server:** Z. Hoffman, B. Hoffman **EM:** R. Adams, A. Denicola, J. Naylor **Lector 1:** J. Montore **Lector 2:** J. Wilson **Cantor:** M. Fucich **Usher:** D. Kovac, J. Montore, R. Henry, R. Hoffman



STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your support!

December 25, 2022

Regular Offertory	\$5,537.00
Loose Collection	\$1,135.00
Our Sunday Visitor online giving (OSV)	\$2,118.00
<i>Christmas collection</i>	\$10,139.00

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING

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

REST IN PEACE

Home with the Lord - Please pray for all of our faithful departed including **Joan Yuhás & Barb Dubosky**, (Former Business Manager at IC Parish) 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

Epiphany of the Lord - January 8, 2023

SUNDAY'S READINGS -

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,

the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his start at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 8, 2023

WEEKLY READINGS- DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

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

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Nearly five hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah foresaw a time when all the nations of the world would see the glory of the Lord shining upon the people of Israel. How do you think the birth of Jesus reveals to the world the glory of God?

Second Reading:

Paul wrote of the "mystery" that was revealed to him, namely, the Gentiles and the Jews (*all believers*) were "coheirs" and "copartners," equal members in the body of Christ. How can we celebrate this wonderful message of inclusivity with others?

Gospel:

Matthew includes the story of the visit of the magi to teach us how the birth of Jesus fulfills the prophecies of Isaiah (first reading) and the prophecies of Micah (Mi 5:1), the prophetic text that Matthew quotes. Who are some people today you think need to hear about Jesus?

Let us sing our praises to the Lord



Today's Hymns Jan 7/8

Gathering: #105 We Three Kings

Presentation of Gifts: #110 The First Noel

Communion: #100 Go, Tell It On The Mountain

Closing: #82 Joy To The World

Observances for the week of January 8, 2023

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What was the name of John the Baptist's mother?

Answer: Elizabeth

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Memorial Gifts and Candles

Saint John Neumann

Jan 7—Jan 20

Birthday Blessings, Mary Hammar! (Vickie & Mike)

Saint Peregrine

Jan 7—Jan 20

IMO Karen Samuels (Vickie & Mike Nolan)

Sanctuary Candle

Jan 7—Jan 13

Blessings on Marcia & Ace (Vickie & Mary)

Altar Candles

Jan 7—Jan 13

IMO Joseph Finn (Bill & Kathleen Bellis)

Bread/Wine

Jan 7—Jan 13

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

The Solemnity of the Epiphany Pope Benedict XVI

The Light of Jesus is the splendor of the truth

We celebrate with joy the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the "manifestation" of Christ to the peoples who are represented by the Magi, mysterious figures who came from the East. We celebrate Christ, the destination of the pilgrimage of peoples in search of salvation.

Proclaiming Christ today



The whole of the Second Vatican Council was truly stirred by the longing to proclaim Christ, the Light of the world, to contemporary humanity. In the heart of the Church, from the summit of her hierarchy, emerged the impelling desire, awakened by the Spirit, *for a new epiphany of Christ in the world*, a world that the modern epoch had profoundly transformed and that, for the first time in history, found itself facing the challenge of a global civilization in which the center could no longer be Europe or even what we call the West and the North of the world.

Today's Solemnity can offer us this perspective, based on the manifestation of a God who revealed himself in history as the Light of the world to guide humanity and lead it at last into the Promised Land where freedom, justice and peace reign. And we see more and more clearly that on our own we cannot foster justice and peace unless the light of a God who shows us his Face is revealed to us, a God who appears to us in the manger of Bethlehem, who appears to us on the Cross.

Who then are the "Magi" of today, and what point has their "journey" and our "journey" reached?

At the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council on 8 December 1965, the Council Fathers addressed certain "Messages" to all humanity. The first was addressed *"To Rulers"* and the second, *"To Men of Thought and Science"*. These are two categories of people who, in a certain way, we can see portrayed in the evangelical figures of the Magi. I would then like to add a third category, to which the Council did not address a message but which was very present in its attention in the conciliar Decree *Nostra Aetate*. I am referring to the spiritual leaders of the great non-Christian religions. Two thousand years later, we can thus recognize in the figures of the Magi a sort of pre-figuration of these three constitutive dimensions of modern humanism: the political, scientific and religious dimensions. The Epiphany shows them to us in a state of "pilgrimage", that is, in a movement of seeking, often somewhat confused, whose point of arrival, in short, is Christ, even if the star is sometimes hidden.

God, on pilgrimage to man

At the same time, the Epiphany shows to us God who in turn is on pilgrimage, a pilgrimage to man. There is not only the pilgrimage of man towards God; God himself has set out towards us: who is Jesus, in fact, if not God who has, so to speak, come out of himself to meet humanity? It was out of love that he made himself history in our history; out of love that he came to bring us the seed of new life (cf. Jn 3:3-6) and sow it in the furrows of our earth so that it might sprout, flower and bear fruit.

Today, I would like to make my own those Messages of the Council which have lost nothing of their timeliness. For instance, one reads in the Message addressed to Rulers: "Your task is to be in the world the promoters of order and peace among men. But never forget this: It is God, the living and true God, who is the Father of men. And it is Christ, his eternal Son, who came to make this known to us and to teach us that we are all brothers. He it is who is the great artisan of order and peace on earth, for he it is who guides human history and who alone can incline hearts to renounce those evil passions which beget war and misfortune".

And further, in the "Message to Men of Thought and Science" we read: "Continue your search without tiring and without ever despairing of the truth", and this, in fact, is the great danger: losing interest in the truth and seeking only action, efficiency and pragmatism! "Recall the words of one of your great friends, St. Augustine: 'Let us seek with the desire to find, and find with the desire to seek still more'. Happy are those who, while possessing the truth, search more earnestly for it in order to renew it, deepen it and transmit it to others. Happy also are those who, not having found it, are working toward it with a sincere heart. This was said in these two Council Messages. Today, it is more necessary than ever to flank the leaders of nations and researchers and scientists with the leaders of the great non-Christian religious traditions, inviting them to face one another with the light of Christ, who came not to abolish but to bring to fulfillment what God's hand has written in the religious history of civilization, especially in the "great souls" who helped to build up humanity with their wisdom and example of virtue.

Why did the Magi believe?

"We have seen his star in the East, and have come to adore the Lord" (Gospel acclamation, cf. Mt 2:2).

What amazes us each time when we listen to these words of the Magi is that they prostrated themselves before a simple baby in his mother's arms, not in the setting of a royal palace but, on the contrary, in the poverty of a stable in Bethlehem (cf. Mt 2:11).



How was this possible? What convinced the Magi that the Child was "the King of the Jews" and the King of the peoples? There is no doubt that they were persuaded by the sign of the star that they had seen "in its rising" and which had come to rest precisely over the place where the Child was found (cf. Mt 2:9). But even the star would not have sufficed had the Magi not been people inwardly open to the truth.

Let us too pause in spirit to contemplate the image of the adoration of the Magi. It contains a demanding and ever timely message. It is demanding and ever timely, first of all for the Church, which, reflected in Mary, is called to show to mankind Jesus, nothing but Jesus.

Indeed, he is the All and the Church exists solely to remain united to him and to make him known to the world. May the Mother of the Incarnate Word help us to be docile disciples of her Son, the Light of the nations!

The example of the Magi of that time is also an invitation to the Magi of today to open their minds and hearts to Christ and to offer him the gifts of their research. I would like to repeat to them, and to all the people of our time: do not be afraid of Christ's light! His light is the splendor of

the truth. Let yourselves be enlightened by him, all peoples of the earth; let yourselves be enveloped by his love and you will find the way of peace. So, may it be.

How do you celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany?

"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2:1-2

If you live in Mexico, you might make or buy Rosca de Reyes, or King's bread. This circular bread, decorated with dried fruits, figs, and cherries, contains a figurine of Jesus baked inside the bread. A bean is also hidden in the treat. The person who gets the piece with the special figurine is crowned the king or queen of the celebration. The person who finds the bean has to pay for the next year's Epiphany party¹.

If you are a child in Italy on this day, you might awaken to presents in your stocking².

In Belgium, children dressed as the wise men go door-to-door singing and getting rewarded with sweets².

What about in the United States? What are your traditions? How do you celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany? Maybe you reflect on the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that were brought to this Holy Child. Maybe you bless your home with the "Chalk blessing:" 20 + C + M + B + 23

The letters C, M, and B have traditionally stood for the 3 wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. However, they can also be an abbreviation for the Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."³ Find this information, further instructions, and a special blessing prayer at <http://www.carmelites.net/news/chalking-door-epiphany-house-blessing-2015/>

Epiphany can be translated from the Greek to mean "to shine upon" or "to make known." We can think about how Jesus was made known to the world and to us. He made Himself known through the visit from the Three Kings, in His Baptism, and in His first miracle⁴. We can reflect on God's great love for us in these ways that He made Himself known.

After you go to Mass, maybe you reflect on the gifts of the Magi, bless your home, and enjoy the day with your family or friends. Whatever your way of celebrating this 12th day of the Christmas season, use this time wisely to reflect on God's great love for us.

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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, Feb 7th 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.

2022 Tax Contribution letters— Any parishioner needing a copy of the End of the Year Tax statement should contact the parish office. Letters will be mailed out before the end of the month. Our office is waiting for reports from the diocese which will need to be posted before the letters can be sent.



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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. In case of snow, emails and text messages will be sent out to members.

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.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our charter members, **Joan Yuhas** who passed away Dec 20th. Joan was the organist/music director here at St. Elizabeth for many years. There will be a mass from the parish for Joan on Tuesday, May 30th at 8:30 am. Mark your calendars to attend.

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 Archabey 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.



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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

Registration forms for the QofA Girls Volleyball program are now available. Contact the school for more information.

2023 Calendar—Once again, we thank the Ott Funeral Home for the beautiful Religious Art Calendar for the new year. Copies are available on the counters in the back of church while supplies last.



What Is Eucharistic Revival? Eucharistic Revival is a three-year process initiated by the USCCB to invite the faithful to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives.

YEAR 1—Diocese of Greensburg Plan

YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL June 19, 2022 – June 11, 2023: The first year of the Revival invites Diocesan staff, bishops and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share His love with the faithful through Eucharistic Congresses and events.

The Diocese is also working on a plan for four yearly "Know Him" Gatherings. These experiential evangelization events will help us all grow closer to Christ by learning about his life and the lessons it taught the world. We are working to create short but engaging events that include speakers, multimedia content, witness testimony and interactive activities for the "Know Him" series to be held at Christ Our Shepherd Center. The events are specifically designed for Diocesan and parish staff members, but will be open to public registration as well.

The four topics include:

- The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist, Thursday, March 9, 2023 6:00 p.m.
- Jesus' Transfiguration and Our Own Transformation, Thursday, June 1, 2023 6:00 p.m.
- Stunned Disciples: Their Perspective of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, Thursday, September 14, 2023 6:00 p.m.
- What We Know About the Birth of Jesus and the Wonder of the Nativity, TBA December 2023.

Home blessing kits— the Home Blessing Kits will be available this weekend, *while supply lasts*. The tradition is to bless your home today on the Feast of the Epiphany. 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 + 23.



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.



Holiday Cash Tickets—The winning numbers on the Holiday Cash Ticket (as of publisher printing deadline) are:

Dec 24, 2022: 074 winner Helen Sabol
Dec 25, 2022: 776 winner Kevin Curran

Congratulations to our winners and we will announce the Dec 31/Jan 1 winners in next weeks bulletin.



NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

(from Father John's Pastor notes last week)

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.



Christmas Decoration Removal Immaculate Conception Cemetery

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by March 6, 2023. **Anything left in the cemetery past March 6, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff.** Thank you for your cooperation.

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**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.

LOST AND FOUND

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.

Motorola Cell Phone— A cell phone was found by the neighboring animals fenced in area. Stop in the parish office to claim it.

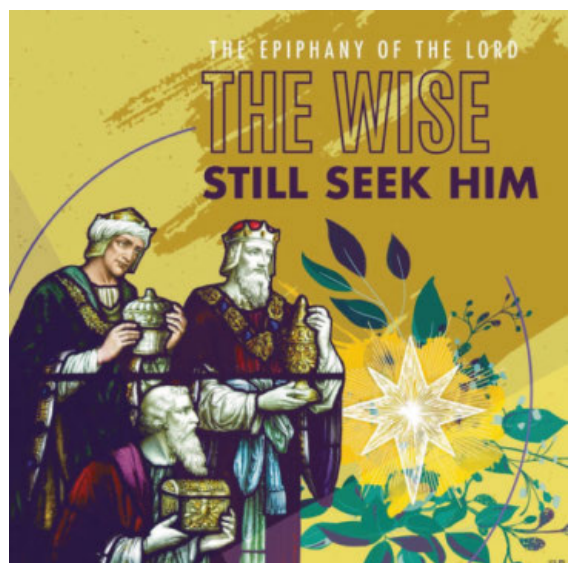
Around the Diocese

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,





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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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One Minute Meditations

A kinder, gentler you

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, make efforts to be kinder – more friendly, generous, and considerate – and inspire others to do the same.

Choose not to be offended

In the news or on social media, it can appear that there is more polarization around issues now than in the past. Each side wants to persuade the other. Being right is no compensation for broken friendships, however. If there is someone in your life who deliberately pursues you to argue, don't take the bait. Rather than let arguments create a rift, look the other way when feeling slighted. Being kind is more rewarding than being right.

"I have told you this that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (John 16:33).



Fall deeper in love with Christ in the New Year

At the center of all we do as Catholics must be a close and personal relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

T-Talk: Prayer is an amazing privilege. Through it, we have an open invitation: *"Call to me, and I will answer you"* (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: *"When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you"* (Jeremiah 29:12). The God of the universe wants to hear from you.

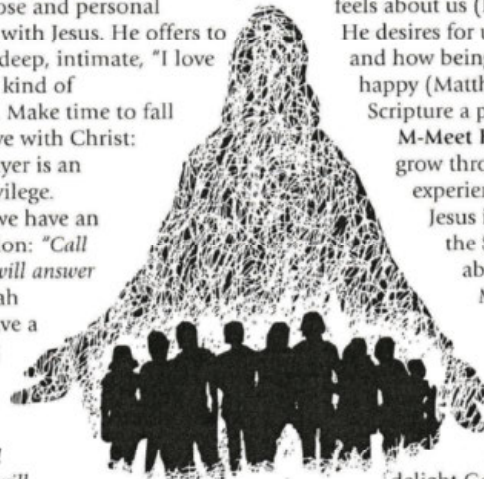
I-Intimacy: To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us

who He is (Exodus 34:6), how He feels about us (Isaiah 43:4), what He desires for us (Luke 12:32), and how being His will make us happy (Matthew 5-7). Make Scripture a part of every day.

M-Meet Him: Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and above all, during the Mass.

E-Everything for love: St. Thérèse of Lisieux discovered that she could

delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us, His beloveds, say, "I love you, too," in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe things that aren't in the Bible?

Catholics recognize the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God, and we reject beliefs that contradict Scripture. Long before the Gospels were written down, the Apostles passed on to their disciples all that Jesus taught and did. This

is what we call, "Tradition," or what was "handed on." Not everything that was handed on could be written down. It was impossible to include everything Jesus did (John 21:25). Catholic beliefs don't depart from Scripture, but delve deeper into it.



IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

JUNE 19-23RD, 2023

This year we take a more "Catholic" spin to our VBS to explore various Marian apparitions from Lourdes, to Guadalupe, to Fatima, to Knock, to Carmel! Campers will hop aboard the Marian Express to learn all about the Rosary, exploring the mysteries and wonders of our Catholic faith!

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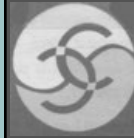
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