



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"

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

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.

Stations of the Cross: Friday 6:30 pm



SACRAMENTS

Confession - Saturday 11:00 a.m. or by appointment (First 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.



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 11, 2023

4:00 pm + Don Wilker (family & friends)

Sunday, March 12, 2023

8:30 am + Mary Frances Legin (Chris, Gene & Kate Komondor)

11:30 am + Dorothy Snyder (Family)

Monday, March 13, 2023

8:30 am + For the Parish Family

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

8:30 am + Thomas E. Vrabec (Rose Lee Martin)

Thursday, March 16, 2023

8:30 am + Andy Knapp (Mom, Dad & Lauren)

Friday, March 17, 2023

8:30 am + Pauline Lenart (The Sedlock family)

6:30 pm + Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18, 2023

4:00 pm + John B. Gergely (Brother & sisters)

Sunday, March 19, 2023

8:30 am + Patricia Hoetzlein (Anthony & Virginia Mols)

11:30 am + Paul McNearney (Mike & Vickie Nolan)

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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

February 26, 2023

Regular Offertory	\$5,325.00
Loose Collection	\$598.50
Our Sunday Visitor online giving (OSV)	\$1,320.00

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

March 18—March 19, 2023

Sat, March 18

4:00 pm Mass—Greeter: H. Bongartz, J. Gazda **Altar Server:** N. Kelly, P. Thornburg **EM:** K. Bulloch, K. Campbell, R. Martin
Lector 1: R. Martin **Lector 2:** K. Zula **Cantor:** L. Bulloch
Usher: D. Campbell, J. Gergely, E. Wojciak

Sun, March 19

8:00 am Mass—Greeter: P. Yablonsky, J. Antol **Altar Server:** T. Slavin, E. Slavin **EM:** J. Antol, D. Dineen, C. Komondor
Lector 1: B. Unnone **Lector 2:** P. Yablonsky **Cantor:** C. Veitz
Usher: M. Unnone, P. Yablonsky, R. Sabol, L. Veitz
11:30 am Mass—Greeter: S. Kovac, R. Denicola **Altar Server:** Z. Hoffman, S. Ceh **EM:** R. Adams, G. Henderson, J. Naylor
Lector 1: J. Henry **Lector 2:** A. Santavicca **Cantor:** M. Fucich **Usher:** D. Kovac, J. Montore, R. Henry, R. Hoffman



Fri, March 17— Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm—
Altar Server: AJ. Ireland, L. Montore
Lector: J. Montore

REST IN PEACE

Home with the Lord - Please pray for all of our faithful departed, especially for **Michael Trombola**. May his soul, 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

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 12, 2023

First Reading:

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)



Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel:

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 12, 2023

WEEKLY READINGS- DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The Lord responded to the prayer of Moses with the miracle of water from the rock for the Israelites to drink. What might you ask from the Lord this week?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of having "hope" because "the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." How does your faith in Jesus give you hope?

Gospel:

Through her dialogue with Jesus, the Samaritan woman comes to the realization that Jesus is the Messiah. In her joy, she tells other Samaritans about her encounter with Jesus. How can you share your faith in Jesus with others?

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Let us sing our praises to the Lord

Today's Hymns—March 11/12



Gathering: #462 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Presentation of Gifts: #664 Loving & Forgiving

Communion: #753 Your Words, Lord, Are Spirit & Life

Closing: #137 Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days

Prayers are requested for the following:

Joanne Guercio

Jackie Fidd

Mary Jane Henry

Beverly Cordis

John Candiello

Julie Curcio

Rose Lee Martin

Ann Fasciano

And all of our homebound parishioners.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: During what two liturgical seasons is the Gloria omitted from the Mass?

Answer: Lent & Advent

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Memorial Gifts and Candles

Saint John Neumann

Mar 4– Mar 17

Johnny Bazylak (Eddie & Elaine)

Saint Peregrine

Mar 4—Mar 17

Intention of Rose Martin (SEAS Morning Rosary Group)

Sanctuary Candle

Mar 11—Mar 17

Harry Lynch (Bill & Kathleen Bellis)

Altar Candles

Mar 11—Mar 17

Ace's 80th Birthday (Family)

Bread/Wine

Mar 11—Mar 17

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 THREE STAGES OF THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY: FROM THE DESERT TO THE MOUNTAIN

Last Sunday we listened to the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus upon the mountain. Pope Leo the Great said that this event was necessary to help overcome the scandal of the cross for which Jesus would endure. The Divinity of Jesus had to be realized and witnessed in order to desire sharing in such perfection. Peter, who hardly knew how to express himself, wanted to stay and gaze upon the glory of Jesus at the expense of never leaving the mountain top. **But that would be too easy....** For real holiness takes place in the trenches of life while longing for the mountain top.

The spiritual life goes through three stages that prepare us to witness the mountaintop experience as well as prepares us to obtain the admittance to its experience eternally. The three stages are

- Purgative way
- Illuminative Way
- Unitive Way



TIME IN THE DESERT

The Desert experience for the Israelites was a way to purge them from their self sufficient desires and count on the providence of God. In turn Jesus goes out into the wilderness (desert) to be tempted by the devil to show us that His Human Nature was subjected to worldly needs and desires. However Jesus did not fall, for His focus was on the unity that He shared with the Father and the Holy Spirit through His Divine Nature. Lent calls us, as well, to share the desert experience of the Israelites and Christ himself as well so we can be purged from desiring fulfillment from worldly desires, promises of success and human accolades. **Therefore, when we fast and abstain from things that are connected to earthly fulfillment we enter into the purgative way of spirituality.** Through this experience we learn how “temptations” cause us to sin and turn our hearts and souls from union with God’s divine will. The purgative way leads us to desire God’s Mercy and forgiveness to renew our fundamental option of His love. As we say in our *Act of Contrition*: **“I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love.”** Loving God is our desire and sin stands in the way. The Lenten Discipline of Fasting allows us to prepare and desire the mountain top experience by being connected first to the Human nature of Christ and longing for a share in the Divine.

TIME ON THE MOUNTAIN

“it is good to be here!” Prayer leads us to an experience of the quiet solitude of God’s presence. When we separate ourselves from the distractions of daily life and the temptations that hold us fast to the world around us we can really enter into the love of God. This event we call prayer as the apostles experience with Jesus needs neither words nor outward expression.... just an “awe and wonder” of His greatness. Being enveloped in the love of God satisfies all our needs. If we were able to ask for anything it would be not to have to leave... **and** an invitation for our dear ones to share the experience.

This perfect desire and experience of God comes through prayer (time spent in conversation with Him) and is perfected by his Grace. This stage is the unitive way. Our lives resonate with God and the fullness of life is based on eternal life rather than worldly trappings. Union with God in this life is full... it is the peace we seek.



TIME IN THE TRENCHES

The first two Sundays give us hope that the desert experience will end with the mountain experience but it also reminds us of the daily work of carrying the cross and the building of the kingdom through personal sacrifice is what transforms us to desire more fully and remain on the mountain. This is known as the **Illuminative way**. It is the stage that calls for us to give Alms. One who enters this stage of transformation is enlightened to the sharing of one’s Time, Talent, and Treasure as the work of the fruit already obtained. Alms giving no longer suffice as a sacrificial gift but a sharing of wealth that disposes others to the Kingdom. The Secret of our desire to be closer to God cannot be contained and it spills out into every action word and deed. As Alms are given in the name of Christ and His Church for the poor of spirit as well as poor of nature frees us to be true missionaries. It frees us from a possessive love of God to a self-sacrificing love of Him. Ultimately the illuminative way of giving empties oneself to accept not only the cross of suffering as recognition of the human condition but the vehicle to the perfect union with God that becomes our quest and gift upon our death.

So let us continue on our way in this Lenten journey to desire God above all through the desert, under the weight of the Cross to the mountain of the Resurrection! This transformation through the disciplines of Lent gives us a true share in the Glory of the eternal Kingdom!!

What are the Scrutinies?

"In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect is instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation." CCC130

A Reflection on the First Scrutiny—"The Women at the Well"



A woman came. She is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous. Righteousness follows from the conversation. She came in ignorance, she found Christ, and he enters into conversation with her. Let us see what it is about, let us see why *a Samaritan woman came to draw water.* The Samaritans did not form part of the Jewish people: they were foreigners. The fact that she came from a foreign people is part of the symbolic meaning, for she is a symbol of the Church. The Church was to come from the Gentiles, of a different race from the Jews.

We must then recognize ourselves in her words and in her person, and with her give our own thanks to God. She was a symbol, not the reality; she foreshadowed the reality, and the reality came to be. She found faith in Christ, who was using her as a symbol to teach us what was to come. *She came then to draw water.* She had simply come to draw water; in the normal way of man or woman.

Jesus says to her: Give me water to drink. For his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman replied: Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.

The Samaritans were foreigners; Jews never used their utensils. The woman was carrying a pail for drawing water. She was astonished that a Jew should ask her for a drink of water, a thing that Jews would not do. But the one who was asking for a drink of water was thirsting for her faith.

Listen now and learn who it is that asks for a drink. *Jesus answered her and said: If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might have asked him and he would have given you living water.*

He asks for a drink, and he promises a drink. He is in need, as one hoping to receive, yet he is rich, as one about to satisfy the thirst of others. He says: *If you knew the gift of God.* The gift of God is the Holy Spirit. But he is still using veiled language as he speaks to the woman and gradually enters into her heart. Or is he already teaching her? What could be more gentle and kind than the encouragement he gives? *If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," perhaps you might ask and he would give you living water.*



What is this water that he will give if not the water spoken of in Scripture: *With you is the fountain of life?* How can those feel thirst who *will drink deeply from the abundance in your house?*

He was promising the Holy Spirit in satisfying abundance. She did not yet understand. In her failure to grasp his meaning, what was her reply? *The woman says to him: Master, give me this drink, so that I may feel no thirst or come here to draw water.* Her need forced her to this labor, her weakness shrank from it. If only she could hear those words: *Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you.* Jesus was saying this to her, so that her labors might be at an end; but she was not yet able to understand. (Saint Augustine)

"To make Heaven your planned and desired final destination rather than an acceptable detour at death."

Pray to experience God in all His glory. To sit and listen to Him.... To experience the peace of heaven.
Fast from temporal things not in reciprocation but in preparation when these things are taken from you.
Give Alms in the spirit of knowing that all has been won for you in the Resurrection.

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Baptism—With the joy of baptism, we welcome in the family of God, **Tessa Elizabeth Green**, daughter of Joshua & Bonnie Green. We offer our love and best wishes to **Tessa Elizabeth** and her family.

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, April 4th 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 **March 18/19**. 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHOW!

Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm, Mack Hall, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Alabaster Performing Arts performs Irish songs and dances, with kilts, brogues and blarney. Tickets \$20 include Irish sweets & snacks. BYOB. For Tickets, call Alabaster (724) 516-5189.



Ministry sign up sheets—Sign up sheets will be posted on the counter in the back of church for Holy Week.

Winter Blues Game Day— it's not too late to attend the Game Day which is scheduled for this weekend, Sunday, March 12 from 1:00 –4:00 pm in Mack Hall. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game for an afternoon of fun.

Upcoming Regional Penance Services:

Monday, March 27 — Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, March 28 — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, March 30 — St. Agnes.

All services start at 6:30 pm.



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Seton Women's Group



Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild— Our next meeting date will be **Thursday, March 23, 2023**. We will begin upstairs in the church @6:30 pm with "Mary's Way of the Cross". Meeting will follow immediately after in Mack Hall.

A visit to St. Anne's Home to help the residents with Bingo has been scheduled for Weds, March 15th. Arrive between 1:00-1:15 and bingo begins at 2:00. If possible, bring Dollar store prizes. Rose Rosche is in charge of the visit. Contact the office if you would like to sign up.

Members are asked to donate gift cards or lottery tickets for an auction basket to be given at the Night at the Races. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office (Julie's attention).

Looking for a way to make your Lenten Journey even more special? IC Church has Adoration every Tuesday after morning mass until the evening mass. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited every day at 3 pm. Feel free to stop in and spend some time with the Lord. Prayer Companions to our 2nd graders— this is a great way to spend time with the Lord and pray for our youth. Don't forget to pray for our confirmation students.

Senior Bags— we will begin collecting items for the Easter bags to donate to our homebound parishioners the weekend of March 27 and will assemble the bags and have them ready to deliver before Easter. Bertha Lithgow & Joyce McCurdy are spearheading this project.

Watch your emails and calls from the phone tree about any upcoming events. New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining, contact Julie at the office.

Bus Trip to Sights and Sounds Theater show: "Moses"

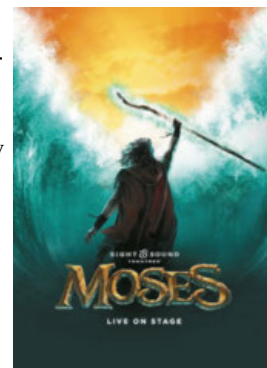
Friday, June 23, 2023.

Cost \$178 with a \$75 deposit due by March 17, 2023. Leaving from St. Paul Parish at 10:00am.

Includes the show and Amish style dinner at Plain & Fancy.

New this year: participants can register, pay their deposit, and sign the trip waivers online at <https://scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a>

For further information or questions please contact Sharon at 724-989-6034.



Early Bulletin Deadlines—Reminder that with the upcoming Holy Week and holiday there will be some early bulletin deadlines. Contact Julie at the office for dates.

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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



Donations of Auction baskets, gift cards and lottery tickets are needed for the **Car Cruise (June 25)**, as well as for our annual **Night at the Races** which is scheduled for **Saturday, April 1st**. If you are able to donate, you can drop them off at the parish office or gift cards/lottery tickets can be placed in the collection basket. Thanks for your continued support!

DONATIONS NEEDED
Can you help??

Homebound family members— If a member of your family or someone you know is homebound and unable to attend mass, contact Julie at the parish office to let us know. Our Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild group will be putting together goodie bags in the upcoming months and would like to include them. We can arrange either a visit from one of our members to deliver it, or we will make arrangements with you to take it to them. Arrangements can also be made for Holy Communion to be taken to them.

Bishop Kulick announces dispensation for Catholics in the Diocese of Greensburg from obligation to abstain from meat on St. Patrick's Day, **Friday, March 17, 2023**

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that began on Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2023) and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday (April 6, 2023). It requires Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent.

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, falls on a Friday this year. The memory of this missionary apostle to Ireland recalls his preaching of the faith and encouragement to live authentic Christian lives. Lent does not disappear with the festival celebration of St. Patrick. Rather, in the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Larry J. Kulick will permit Roman Catholics to fittingly observe March 17th this year with another choice of penance rather than to abstain from meat.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DLA) 2023



The theme of this year's Diocesan Lenten Appeal is *One Body in Christ*, and in the packets that we received in the mail, Bishop Kulick stated, "As members of the Church, we are One Body in Christ through our baptism. Saint Paul reminds us, the body, although one, has many parts with Christ as the head. The contribution that each part makes is valuable and important to the function of the whole. We have all been blessed individually with unique gifts, and we offer these gifts in service of the one body, the Church, with Christ as our head."

The 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal provides us with an opportunity to support the work of the Church. Thank you for your generosity during the 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. This year, our diocesan goal is \$62,249 and our parish goal is \$90,000. You should have received a packet from Fr. John in the mail. If you have not spent time reviewing the material you received, please take a few minutes to do that this week.

All of our participation in this appeal is important to continue the mission of the diocese and this parish. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity. For more information about how this supports the diocese please see the diocesan website or look for the next bulletin writeup.

My prayers are for all of us to grow closer to the Lord through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, so that we are truly prepared to celebrate the joy of Easter.

Blessings!

~Deacon Jeff

Eucharistic Revival 2022-2025

March Faithful Challenge: Lenten Reflections

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for Lenten Evenings of Reflection

Throughout March, Bishop Kulick challenges the faithful to attend Lenten Evenings of Reflection at one or all of the five parishes listed below in the Diocese of Greensburg. For those who are able to attend, Bishop Kulick has a special Lenten pin to be worn as a sign of intentional discipleship. Bishop Kulick's Lenten Evenings of Reflection focus on the Sunday Gospels proclaimed during Lent. His reflections will be recorded and available for viewing on the Diocese of Greensburg website or on the Diocese Facebook page.

Tuesday, February 28 - 6:00 PM
Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro
Topic: Called to Confidence in Faith: The Temptation of "Now"

Tuesday, March 7 - 6:00 PM
Saint Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown
Topic: Transfiguration through Listening

Thursday, March 16 - 6:00 PM
Church of the Resurrection Parish, Clymer Site
Topic: Companions on the Journey

Tuesday, March 21 - 6:00 PM
Saint Joseph Parish, Derry
Topic: Seeing Through Our Blindness: Light in the Darkness

Wednesday, March 29 - 6:00 PM
Saint Bruno Parish, Greensburg
Topic: The Compassion of Christ: Rising to New Life

Challenge Yourself:

- Plan to join Bishop Kulick for a Lenten Evening of Reflection in person
- Watch the recorded Lenten Evenings of Reflection on the Diocese Facebook page or on the website: DioceseofGreensburg.org

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. While much of year one involves providing devotional and formational opportunities for parish and Diocesan staff, you, too, can be a part of Eucharistic Revival right now! Visit the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page every Thursday to participate in a Faithful Challenge, and hopefully you will feel yourself growing in a relationship with Christ. Visit the Eucharistic Revival resource page at DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival for video, prayers and gathering dates. Consider Bishop Kulick's invitation to become an intentional disciple this year!

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Donations are still being accepted for Zach Hoffman's Eagle Scout Project "Blessing Box". If you would like to donate to help offset the cost of the project you can place an envelope in the collection basket on Sunday or mail to the office with "Blessing Box Project" noted on the outside of the envelope.



Checks can be made payable to BSA Troop 480.

- Zach Hoffman

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Views on Vocations

A Put Out into the Deep Five Part Series

By Tyler Randolph



Particular Christian Vocations

Last time, we learned that we all have a calling from God, a vocation, to be holy. Now let us take this a step further and expand our definition. A vocation is a calling from God to a way of life - of how we are meant to serve him in the world. Since we are all “universally” called to holiness, it only makes sense that each of us then would be called to take the next step: to discern a particular call to serve God and others. God calls each one of us to a particular Christian vocation be it Priesthood, Married Life, Religious Life or Single Life.

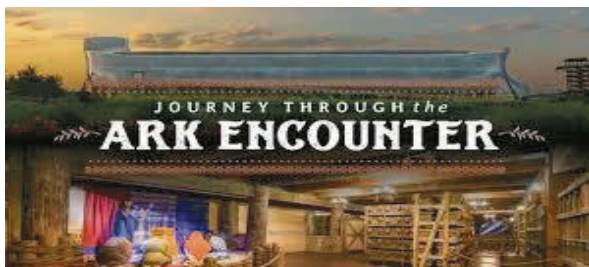
Priesthood is probably the first thing you think of when the word “vocation” is mentioned. The vocation to the priesthood gets a lot of attention because, let’s face reality, we need priests! For the Church to continue and for the Sacraments to be readily available to the faithful, we need those who are willing to answer the call to the priesthood.

Married life is the most common vocation. Through marriage the husband and wife serve one another out of love, and serve the Church through the raising of children in the Church.

Religious life, joining a religious order as a monk, nun, or sister serves the Church through the charism of their particular religious order.

Single life is a vocation as well, as single people many times may have more freedom and opportunities in serving the Church in various ways.

However, each path to holiness is valid and important. It should not be thought that one way would be better than the others! Now that we know what these particular Christian vocations are, we will next examine how they can be found.



Bus trip—is being planned to the “Ark Encounter” on Weds, June 14th. Bus pickup is at Kohl’s in Irwin at 6:00 am.

Limited bus seating is available. The cost is \$165 per person until March 20th. After March 20th, the cost is \$175 per person. Reservation and full payment must be received no later than May 12th.

Reservation forms are available on the counter in the back of church. Checks made payable to George Salopek.

For more information, contact George at 412-496-4130 or by email at gjsalopek@yahoo.com.

Around the Diocese

Lenten Fish Dinners



Greensburg: Our Lady of Grace Parish hall, fish fries Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., drive-thru only. Information: 724-836-8157 (call for preorder and payment option details).

Greensburg: St. Bruno Parish center, fish dinners Fridays, 4-7 p.m. (Good Friday, 2:30-7 p.m.), dine in or takeout. Information: 724-836-0690 or ourladyofgracechurch.org.

Jeannette: Sacred Heart Parish school cafeteria, fish fries Fridays (including Good Friday), 4-7 p.m., dine in or takeout. Orders: 724-527-9940 (beginning at 2 p.m.).

North Huntingdon: St. Agnes Parish hall, fish fries Fridays, 2-7 p.m., drive-thru only. Information: 724-863-2626 or stagneschurch.info.

Crabtree: St. Bartholomew's Parish & Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department, will partner together to have their annual Fish Fry. It will begin at 4:30 PM and will go until 7:00 PM. They will be offering Eat-In or Take-out. You can call 724-834-9789 or 724-834-1028 to place your orders.

Derry: St. Joseph Parish with St. Martin Parish, New Derry (St. Joseph Parish hall), fish fries Fridays, noon-6 p.m., takeout only. Orders: 724-694-6192.

Latrobe: St. John the Evangelist Parish hall, fish fries Fridays, noon-6 p.m., dine in or takeout (delivery with minimum order).

Perryopolis: St. John the Baptist Parish hall, fish fries Ash Wednesday, 4-6 p.m., Fridays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., dine in or takeout. Orders: 724-736-0158. Information: sjbperry.org or 724-736-4442.

Fliers available on the counter in the back of church.

Spring for Seniors! It's been a

long, dreary winter and we would like to put together “Welcome Spring” goodie baskets for our Homebound Seniors.



How can you help? Purchase some Dollar Store goodies such as the following, and bring them to the Church office or drop them in the collection box in the back of church before March 31st.

Some suggested items:

Hand & Body cream	Kleenex (box or packets)
Conditioning shampoo	Cookies
Toothpaste/Denture cream	Crackers
Snacks	Mini Candy bars
Search & Find books	Sudoku or Crossword books (Large print)
Mechanical pencils	Warm socks/Easter socks/slipper socks
Small stuffed animals	Clips/Bobby pins/barrettes
Emery boards	Small hand mirror
Chocolate Easter eggs/ peeps	Tea bags/hot chocolate packets
Night light	Small tablet w/pen
Mini flashlight	Lint roller
Magnifying glass	Eye glass cleaner/wipes
Blank note cards/greeting cards	Postage stamps
Book marks	Pocket calendars
Sharpie pens	Prayer cards

(Snacks—all individual serving sizes)



THE WELL, Diocesan Men's Conference, planned March 25

Men in the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to get out of their comfort zone and make Catholicism a way of life at "THE WELL – BE NOT AFRAID," the Diocesan Men's Conference, Saturday, March 25th at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. It will be a day of inspiring speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available through the Diocesan Francis Fund. Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell. **Registration forms are available on the counter in the back of church.** *One of the guest speakers is Father John Moineau*

Stations of the Cross



Fridays at 6:30 pm

All are welcome to attend a special "Mary's Way of the Cross" on Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm in the church.

The Seton Women's Group of Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild will be walking in the footsteps of the Blessed Mother following her son on the path to Calvary.

Please join us for this very special devotion.

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Saturday, March 18, 2023
4:00 – 6:30 pm
Mack Hall



Tickets are on sale this weekend after all masses.

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\$12.00 for Adults
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Free for 3 years and under
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Tickets available after all Masses
March 11 – 12, 2023
Or during business hours at the church office.
Contact Roseann Cieslewicz for more information
rcieslewicz@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Come enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship with us.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church invites you to our 6th
Night at the Races
Saturday, April 1, 2023

BYOB and snacks
50/50

20x your money chance
Paint sticks!
Chinese Auction

Doors to Mack Hall open at 5 p.m.
Dinner served from 5:00-6:00.

\$25 Admission price includes great food, dessert, unlimited soft drinks, beer, and naming rights to one horse/jockey/stable.

\$40 awarded to winning Horses, Jockeys, and Stables

Complete the form below and turn it in with cash/check made payable to **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** after Mass at the table in the back of the church during weekends of March 18/19 and 25/26. You may also put it in an envelope marked "SEAS – Night at the Races" and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Church Office.
Questions? Please call/text Julie McNamara 412-310-1505.

Can't attend but would still like to help?
Donate a basket for our basket auction (approximate value \$75).
Donate lottery tickets for a lottery basket.
Donate gift cards for a gift card basket. Sponsor a race. Buy a horse.

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with races to follow.

\$25 Admission price includes great food, dessert, unlimited soft drinks, beer, and naming rights to one horse/jockey/stable.

Winner need not be present to win.

BYOB - **You must be 21 or older to attend.**

Ticket not required for entry. (Check in at door.)

Checks made payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

\$40 awarded to winning Horses, Jockeys, and Stables

ONE ENTRY FORM PER PERSON PLEASE

Your Name _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Race Entry _____

(The first 100 entry forms received will be horses, the second 100 received will be jockeys, and the third 100 received will be stables.)

For each additional \$10, you can buy an additional race entry.

Race Entry Name _____

Race Entry Name _____

Do you plan on attending? Yes _____ No _____

If you wish to reserve a table, please email Lori at

lanselmino924@gmail.com or call/text 412-877-9566.



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