

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON **CHURCH**

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



200 Leger Road, North Huntingdon, Pa 15642 Phone: 724-864-6364

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

"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

April 2, 2023

Hosanna!

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

4:00 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. Sunday

11:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross: Friday 6:30 pm

SACRAMENTS

Confession -Saturday 11:00 am or by appointment (First Saturday confession at 9:00 am after Healing Mass) Baptism - To arrange your child's Baptism & Preparation,

Palm Sunday

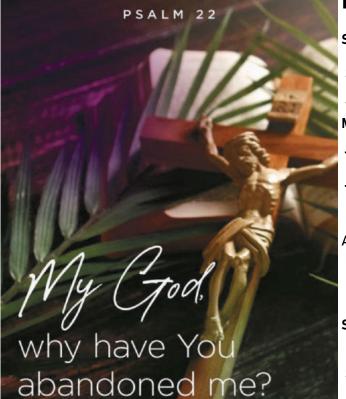
contact the parish office to schedule.

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, April 1, 2023

4:00 pm + Anna Stephanik (Pat & Bill Stephanik, grandparents)

Sunday, April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday

8:30 am + Jean Duke (Ron & Joanne Antol)

11:30 am + Herb Henry (Family)

Monday, April 3, 2023

8:30 am + Paul McNearney (SEAS Parish family)

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

8:30 am + John Marcin (Rose Lee Martin)

Thursday, April 6, 2023 Holy Thursday

++++NO MORNING MASS+++

6:30 pm + For the Parish

Adoration after Mass until 11:00 pm

Friday, April 7, 2023 Good Friday

+++ NO MORNING MASS +++

1:00 pm + Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

6:30 pm + Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 8, 2023 Holy Saturday Vigil Mass

8:30 pm + For the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9, 2023

8:30 am + For the Parish

10:30 am + For the Parish (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

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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

Queen of Angels Catholic School Jennifer Filak, Principal One Main Street North Huntingdon PA 724-978-0144 jfilak@queenofangelssch.org www.queenofangelssch.org

St. Vincent DePaul www.svdpgreensburg.org 724-691-3711

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STEWARDSHIP

March 19, 2023	
Regular Offertory	\$6,813.00
Loose Collection	\$557.00
Our Sunday Visitor online giving (OSV)	\$4,638.00 (two weeks)

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 April 6-April 9, 2023

Thurs, April 6: Holy Thursday 6:30 pm Greeter: J. Gazda, R. Lindow Altar Server: N. Kelly, P. Thornburg EM: C. Komondor, R. Lindow Lector 1: G. Komondor Lector 2: K. Lindow Cantor: J. Perozich Usher: D. Campbell, J. Gergely

Fri, April 7: Good Friday 1:00 pm Altar Server: N. Kelly, P. Thornburg EM: K. Campbell, C. Komondor Lector 1: G. Komondor Lector 2: K. Zula Cantor: J. Perozich Usher: D. Campbell, R. Henry



Fri, April 7— Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm— Altar Server: A. Gillespie, AJ Ireland Lector: P. Ireland

Sat, April 8, Holy Saturday Vigil Mass—8:30 pm—Greeter: J. Gazda, R. Lindow Altar Server: Z. Hoffman, N. Kelly EM: R. Lindow, R. Martin Lector 1: K. Lindow Lector 2: G. Komondor Cantor: J. Perozich Usher: D. Campbell, J. Gergely

Sun, April 9 Easter Sunday

8:30 am Mass— Greeter: P. Yablonsky, J. Antol Altar Server: L. Peters, W. Peters EM: J. Butler, G. Butler, R. Pokrywka Lector 1: B. Unnone Lector 2: J. Antol Cantor: C. Veitz Usher: M. Unnone, P. Yablonsky, R. Sabol, L. Veitz

10:30 am Mass (Note time change) — Greeter: S. Kovac, R. Denicola Altar Server: S. Ceh (sub req), L. Montore EM: A. Denicola, R. Mikolajczyk Lector 1: J. Henry Lector 2: J. Wilson Cantor: J. Wooddy Usher: D. Kovac, J. Montore, R. Henry, R. Hoffman

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

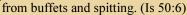
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday - April 2, 2023

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield



My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,

becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus

feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2023

WEEKLY READINGS- DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil

2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-

Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b) / Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK-REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah speaks of his call and commitment to the Lord, regardless of the suffering he endures. How do you find strength in your suffering?

Second Reading:

In this hymn describing Jesus, Paul places emphasis on the humility of Jesus. Would you describe yourself as a humble person?

Gospel:

Listening to the account of the Passion of the Lord often evokes strong emotions for believers. How do you prepare to hear the Passion narrative?

Let us sing our praises to the Lord

Today's Hymns—April 1/2 Palm Sunday

Gathering: #141 All Glory, Laud, and Honor Presentation of Gifts: #151 O Sacred Head

Communion: #509 We Remember Closing: #717 Lift High the Cross

Trayers are requested for the following:



Joanne Guercio Beverly Cordis John Candiello Julie Curcio Rose Lee Martin Ann Fasciano

And all of our homebound parishioners.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What large American city is named after St. Francis of

Answer: San Francisco

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Memorial Gifts and Candles

Saint John Neumann

Johnny Bazylak (Eddie & Elaine)

Saint Peregrine

Apr 1—Apr 14

Apr 1- Apr 14

Intention of my sister, Stephanie (Joanne Thornburg)

Sanctuary Candle

Apr 1—Apr 7

Tim & Nettie Guskiewicz

Altar Candles

Apr 1—Apr 7

Tim & Nettie Guskiewicz

Bread/Wine

Apr 1-Apr 7

IMO Bernice Lynch (Bill & Kathleen Bellis)

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



SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERIES

Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated **this "Great Week"** with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with **Palm Sunday**, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The palms are blessed and are then borne in procession to the church, where an entry is made with a certain amount of ceremony, after which the Mass is celebrated. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers.

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum.

HOLY THURSDAY

THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Holy Thursday, the Catholic Church celebrates a special Mass of the Lord's Supper – that commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. On the night before Jesus Christ was crucified, he changed bread and wine into his own Body and Blood, and he commanded the Apostles – and their successors through the centuries – to act in his stead and re-present this sacrifice. So at every Mass, by way of transubstantiation, the bread and wine offered by the priest becomes Christ's Body and Blood again.





Just as Christ did for his 12 Apostles at the Last Supper and as he commanded them to do likewise, during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the priest – who represents Christ – ceremoniously washes the feet of people in the congregation. At the Holy Thursday liturgy in the Vatican, even the pope performs the foot washing. In fact, across the centuries, it has been the practice for the pope to wash the feet of 12 priests after Mass and of 13 poor men after his dinner.

This has always been such a humbling and meaningful act as a pastor. The washing of the feet of my parishioners is a reminder that in order to truly act in "persona Christi" (the person of Christ) I must recognize the individual journeys that each of you walk. "Dusty" feet is a term that I use in prayer to describe the efforts of caring for the Gospel with some success and much labor. Jesus instructed His disciples to shake the dust from their feet as a testimony against a town that rejected the Gospel message. "Washing Feet" is a way to recognize that I am not alone in the success and failures of bringing Christ into the lives of others. The washing is also a sign of the waters of our baptism and the cleansing and new beginnings that we seek every time we attend church. The blessing of Holy water as we come and go sanctifies us for a new mission leaving the memory of failed efforts behind.



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GOING WITH JESUS TO GETHSEMANE

After the Last Supper and before he was arrested and condemned to death, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, accompanied by two of the disciples. So after the Holy Thursday Mass, the remaining sacred hosts are carried out of the sanctuary to an "altar of repose," and the people go with the Eucharistic Christ in a procession. The transported is sometimes surrounded by decorations of greenery and flowers to suggest a garden. People stay for a time, adoring the wondrous sacrament that Jesus instituted that day 2,000 years ago. Some make an adoration visit at their own parish and then visit others into the night.

A VACANT CHURCH

The Mass of the Lord's Supper finished, the church – now without the Eucharist – is truly empty. So the tabernacle light – which is always lit and signifying Christ's presence – is extinguished, and the tabernacle door is left open, exposing the vacant space inside. The altar is stripped bare of its linens and candles, holy water is removed from the church's fonts and the sacraments are not celebrated until the Easter vigil. Like the first Christians bereft of Jesus and mourning the two days after the crucifixion, the church stands unadorned until the Easter vigil Mass on Saturday night. With the resurrection of Jesus, the church's joy is restored.

GOOD FRIDAY

EMBRACE THE CROSS

On Good Friday, the church gathers for the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, which includes a reading of a Gospel account of the Passion, Holy Communion (consecrated at Mass on Thursday night) and veneration of the Cross.

In that tradition, a priest or deacon holds a wooden crucifix while the faithful process to him at the foot of the sanctuary, as if to receive communion. There each person reverences the crucifix with a kiss or a bow.

In some places, there are additional Good Friday devotions. Especially from noon to 3 p.m. – the hour at which Christ died on the cross – some silently meditate, pray the Stations of the Cross or participate in a Good Friday procession.



HOLY SATURDAY



We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

Those who engage themselves wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle (Lent, Triduum and Easter's Fifty Days) discover that it can change them forever. This is espe-

cially so of the Triduum which, standing at the heart of the Easter season, is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that we may be worthy of wearing the crown He wore.

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Caring Friends Funeral Luncheon Committee – In the event of a parishioner's death, the family may use Mack Hall to serve a luncheon after the funeral at no charge (donations are greatly appreciated and accepted). Our "Caring Friends" funeral luncheon committee assists the grieving family with the arrangements. They set tables, make coffee/tea, serve food, and clean up after the family has left. To check the availability of the hall, please contact the Parish office at 724-864-6364. If the hall is available, you will be instructed who to contact, and their committees will be able to make all the arrangements. Volunteers are needed for this committee. Time requirement is minimal. If you are able to help serve on the committee, contact Roseann at

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 *April 8/9*. For more information, contact Julie McNamara at 412-310-1505. *If you are going to drop off donated clothing & items, please do so <u>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.</u>

Around the Diocese

Annual Salt and Light Awards Dinner set April 20

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its largest annual fundraiser, the Communities of Salt and Light Awards dinner, Thursday, April 20, at 6 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. All proceeds are redistributed to the most vulnerable and at-risk residents of the Diocese. This year's awardees are Gerald Wilcox, Humanitarian; Kindness Closet, St. Edward Parish, Organization; and Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, Lifetime Achievement. Tickets are \$130 per person. Advertising and sponsorship opportunities are also available. For information, visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org or call Heather Rady at 724-837-1840.

Easter egg hunt April 16 at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, will hold an Easter egg hunt for children ages 1-12 on Easter Octave Day, Sunday, April 16, at 12:30 p.m. The event will include lunch and prizes and will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather. To RSVP, call 724-836-2626 or email mditoppa@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Knights of Columbus bingo April 23 at St. Regis Parish, Trafford

The Knights of Columbus will hold bingo Sunday, April 23 at St. Regis Parish, Trafford. Admission is \$15. Additional dates are May 21, Sept. 24, Oct. 22 and Nov. 19.

WWW.SEASNH.ORG

Seton Women's Group

Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild— Our next meeting date will be Thursday, April 27, 2023.



Senior Bags— thank you to all who donated items or who helped to pack the bags, and to Bertha Lithgow & Joyce McCurdy for spearheading this project. You will be making a lot of seniors feel very happy and loved!

St. Anne's Home visit—the next scheduled date is Weds, April 19th. If you are able to attend, contact Rose Rosche.

Reminder that 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.



What a great group of lovely ladies who make up our Seton Women's Group — the Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild!

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.

REST IN PEACE

Home with the Lord - Please pray for all of our faithful departed, especially for *Caley Gilligan,* granddaughter of Mike & Bev Unnone. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.





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



Queen of Angels Catholic School is excited to invite you to our school's 30th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, April 28th at 6:00pm at Antonelli's Event Cen-

ter. Tickets may be purchased online at https://one.bidpal.net/qofa30th/ welcome or by filling out the form below.

This fun evening includes:

- A celebration of our school's rich history. All current staff, as well as some former faculty/staff members will be in attendance including our school's first principal, **Sister Grace!** Our supporting pastors will also be in attendance.
- Luxury raffle baskets, other fun games of chance, and amazing auction items!
- Casino gaming and DJ.
- Photo Booth to capture the moments!
- Sit-down dual entrée dinner including beer/wine.

Q of A Memorabilia! We are also looking for Queen of Angels School Memorabilia to add to our Queen of Angels Hall of Fame! If you have any pictures, items or memories that you would like to have included, please contact Christina at ctorok@queenofangelssch.org. Items may include items such as marathon souvenirs, sport uniforms, school projects etc. Thanks in advance for your help!



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Office closed:

Please note that the parish office will be closed for the holiday Good Friday, April 7 through Easter Monday, April 10. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 11.

Summer Lunch Totes: Our parish will once again sponsor the Summer Lunch Tote program for the children whose families receive help from the Food Bank. More information will follow in next week's bulletin for dates and what to include in the tote.

Little White books— Thank you once again to the anonymous donors for the devotional "Little White Easter Books". After spending 6 minutes a day during Lent, you see how easy it was to spend quiet time with the Lord. Be sure to pick up your copy today while supply lasts.



THE 15th ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE: a 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Walk, will be on Saturday, April 22nd at Norwin High School in North Huntingdon, PA. The Race For Grace benefits the Reflections Of Grace Foundation. To register for the Race, make a donation or learn more about the Foundation, visit

www.reflectionsofgrace.org.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DLA) 2023



One Body in Christ 2023 DLA

We are one Body in Christ!

As Catholics, we are *One Body in Christ* through our baptism. As 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 are to offer these gifts in service of the one body, the Church, with Christ as our head.

With the money we receive from the Lenten Appeal that goes to the diocese, we support, Catholic Charities, Catholic schools and Diocesan missions and ministries. In our parish, many of our brothers and sisters have responded to the call to share their gifts, and those gifts helped us to meet our diocesan goal. Now every penny we contribute stays with us to pay for the upgrade of our air conditioning units in the church and above that to further support of our ministries.

If you have not had a chance to return your pledge card, take a moment to set aside the worldly concerns that consume so much of our time. Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit and take a few minutes to prayerfully consider a pledge/donation. Even a small donation can make a big difference. You can either drop off your pledge card at church or mail it to the office. Also, donations can be made on line at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/onebody and can be spread out over the year.

Know that we are grateful for the gift that you make, regardless of the amount. If you are unable to make a gift at this time, I ask that you pray for the success of the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. If you are facing difficult circumstances and in need, please contact the parish office.

Night at the Races



Top event sponsor of our Night at the Races is:

SQUEEGEE SQUAD WINDOW CLEANER

Company owner is Joe Montore, a SEAS parishioner, who has offered home and business window cleaning, house washing, and power washing for over 7 years. To sign up for a quote, contact 724-864-5429

Other top sponsors are:

State Farm Insurance agent Matthew
Langford: located at 2818 Golden Mile Hwy
Pgh, PA 15239......The mission of Matthew
Langford, DBA, is to help people manage the
risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams. For more information contact him at 724-327-3227.

PT Family Medicine is located at 2057 State Route 130, Jeanette, PA 15644....Dr Kevin Wong MD and Dr. Michael Wong MD run a patient-centered team of highly-trained care providers that treat with understanding and compassion while still keeping cost effectiveness in mind. (724-527-2701)



Blessing of the Easter Basket

Sat, Apr 8-Noon

The blessing of the Easter Food Basket has been a cherished Catholic ritual for



centuries among families of Eastern European origin and adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom.

On Holy Saturday, families would prepare their Easter Baskets to be later blessed at church. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, the family and guests would share this blessed fare and exchange good wishes. The Christian significance of Easter is symbolized in the foods used for the Holiday feast. Baskets are lined with a white cloth and decorated with ribbons and greenery to symbolize Spring, renewal, and the Resurrection.

Traditionally, the baskets would include: decorated hardboiled eggs (representing Christ's Resurrection), lambshaped butter or sugar (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God"), bread (symbolic of Jesus as the "Bread of Life"), ham (symbolic of great joy and abundance), sausage (symbolic of God's favor and generosity), smoked bacon (symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy), some prefer lamb (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God"), salt (symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us "You are the salt of the earth"), cheese (symbolizes the moderation Christians should have at all times), horseradish & pepper (symbolic of the Passion of Christ and the bitter herbs of the Passover). A white candle is often inserted into the basket to represent Christ as the "Light of the World." Lastly, the basket is cover with linen symbolizing the covering of Christ's shroud.

This deeply rooted tradition is as richly symbolic as it is heart-warming. Children are eager to help prepare and decorate the family basket and later, proudly carry it into church on Holy Saturday for the blessing. Some families with small children have their "little-ones" carry their very own decorated basket filled with fruits, a chocolate bunny or some other treat to be blessed. The foods included within any basket can be easily personalized.

Please join us with your unique baskets for a brief blessing on **Holy Saturday**, **April 8th at noon** as we share this beloved tradition with our parish family.

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2023 Penance Service, Holy Week & Easter Schedule



COMMUNITY PENANCE SERVICES

Please see parish bulletin for additional confession schedules.

2023 MASS SCHEDULES

	St. Agnes	Immaculate Conception	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Holy Thursday, April 6 Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Good Friday, April 7 Stations of the Cross & Veneration Stations of the Cross Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross & Veneration Tenebrae	12:00 noon 1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 3:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 8 Divine Mercy Blessing of Easter Baskets Easter Vigil	11:30 a.m. 12:00 noon 8:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m. 8:30 p.m.	12:00 noon 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 9 Masses	7:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

I have been crucified with Christ and the life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me. I still live my human life but it is a life of faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.

~Galatians 2:19 - 20

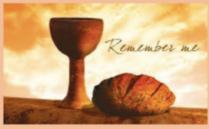
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HOLY WEEK 2023 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church begins with

Palm Sunday (April 2)

Regular Mass times are Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 8:30 & 11:30 am. Today's readings show how quickly the cries of "Hosanna!" become "Crucify Him".





emember me Holy Thursday (April 6)

Join us for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 6:30 pm. Following Mass, there will be Eucharistic Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm. Come spend some quiet time of prayer and adoration before the Lord.

Good Friday (April 7)

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Fasting involves eating only one full meal that day, with two smaller meals possible. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to FAST.

Abstinence means not eating meat or meat products. All Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed for everyone over the age of 14.

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (also known as the Mass of the Presanctified) will be held at 1:00 pm on Good Friday. This is not a Mass at all but an old name for the Good Friday service which includes Communion "presanctified" (consecrated the night before). Good Friday remains the only day of the year without a celebration of the Eucharist ("The Eucharist - Jesus - has died").

Stations of the Cross-6:30 pm.



Holy Saturday (April 8)

Blessing of the Easter baskets-Noon

Vigil Mass—Did you know..... Easter is so special that we even have to wait for the heavens to be just right. It happens once a year on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of Spring. The Easter Vigil is a special Mass that is the start of Easter. It begins after sunset when it's dark on the night before Easter Sunday.

This is the night when the Church baptizes adults.



During the Vigil Mass, we recall God's saving actions throughout history. There are as many as seven readings from the Bible. They recall the seven days of Creation, the Israelites crossing the Red Sea, the prophets pointing the way toward the Messiah, and Christ's Passion, death, and Resurrection.

The Vigil Mass here at SEAS begins at 8:30 pm. We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special liturgy.

Easter Sunday (April 9)

*The Easter Sunday Mass schedule is 8:30 am and 10:30 am.

Please note the change in Sunday Mass time for Easter Sunday.





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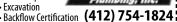
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