



# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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*First Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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# Mass Schedule and Intentions

## Saturday November 30, 2024

4:00 Gene Ciongoli (Kath and Kayla)

## Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:30 Kathy Peklansky (Husband, Al)

11:30 Anna Nee (Rosalie Vejtas)

## Monday, December 2, 2024

8:30 Geraldine Gottschalk (Grandinette Family)

## Tuesday, December 3, 2024

8:30 Christopher Dixon (SEAS Parish Family)

## Wednesday, December 4, 2024 (No Mass)

## Thursday, December 5, 2024

8:30 People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

## Friday, December 6, 2024

8:30 Ronald J. Vejtko (Joe & Lisa Montore)

## Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:30 Anoint / SEAS deceased (Bernice Bosniak, Virginia Walsh)

4:00 Deceased of Pollock & Peshedly family (Laura Pollock)

## Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:30 Brendan A McGowan (McGowan Family)

11:30 Deceased of Pollock & Peshedly Families (Laura Pollock)

## Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

## A Warm Welcome

I am pleased to let you know that we have hired a Business Manager! Ursula Peitzsch-Kline has accepted the position. It would be nice if you stopped in just to say hello and introduce yourself to her. Ursula worked at Queen of Angels, so she already knows many of our families. We welcome Ursula and wish her the very best here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton!

**DON'T BE AFRAID  
TO GO TO THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
CONFESSION,  
WHERE YOU  
WILL MEET  
JESUS WHO  
FORGIVES YOU.**

*Pope Francis*



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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

During the season of Advent, we will have opportunities for you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be a number of priests at each of these services.

**December 16: Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**December 17: Immaculate Conception**

**December 18: Ascension in Jeannette**

**December 19: St. Agnes**

I do hope that you will be able to come to one of these services so that you can share in God's gift of forgiveness.

# Fr. Mike's Message

## A Season of Waiting

More than anything, Advent is a celebration of a hope that God's promises will be fulfilled, that God can be born again, over and over in our hearts and in our world. Of all the seasons that make up our Church year, this is probably the busiest. With the celebration of Christmas so near, there are many things that we need to accomplish and there are many distractions that allow us to become sidetracked. We would be wise people to follow the old adage that tells us "a watched pot never boils." Everything about this time or year seems to turn Advent into a "watched pot." So much around us is propelling us toward Christmas with alarming speed, for example, a regular countdown of the number of shopping days until Christmas, snarled traffic and no parking places, Salvation Army bell ringers, Christmas music everywhere. In the midst of all this, what is the "watched pot"?

What exactly are we supposed to be watching for? How are our energies used up during this short period of time? When we allow life to swallow us up with all of the trappings of what is going on around us, we can certainly feel lost and out of control. Life seems to get tougher and tougher the more we try to do. In the midst of all this business we start to feel lost and out of control. We lose sight of our purpose and we start to look at things to blame. The people during the time Isaiah wrote this first reading were feeling absolutely out of control. They had lost sight of so many important things in life and were looking to blame God for their troubles. More than anything else, they felt no hope. The prophet reminds them that they need to get in touch with what is hopeful in their lives. In so doing they will realize what is important and what might not be so important and in the process regain control over their lives.

Our second reading reminds us that we cannot always live our lives only in the present, without an awareness or consideration that there is a future. As people, we often tend to get so caught up with what is going on around us that we do just that. Advent reminds us that there is a future and that future is full of God's promises. No matter how overwhelmed we might feel at the moment, it won't last if we keep a healthy perspective on what we are doing and why, in other words be aware of the "watched pot." We need to be aware of the fact that we live now and be responsible because there is a future worth waiting for.

How you spend this season of waiting is entirely up to you. However, it would behoove you to slow down and keep an eye on that "watched pot." If we can keep a healthy perspective on how we are living and what we make so important in life, we will find that we are at peace. It is never too late to wake up the reality what it means to be ready and watchful. We must be alert that our watching does not miss that for which we truly wait. We await the fullness of Christ's coming in a world still darkened by sinfulness.



## Giving Tree Gift Card Order Form:



If you would like to purchase a gift card to help parishioners in need, please consider helping **Queen of Angels Catholic School** at the same time. You can help raise easy money for Queen of Angels Catholic School by purchasing your gift cards through the school's SCRIP program.

**Complete These Three Easy Steps:**

1. Fill out the form below.
2. Include a check made payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School
3. Place both items in the collection basket or mail to our school office.

**No going to the store required!!!**

Queen of Angels will fill the gift card orders that you purchased and return the gift cards to the parish office to be distributed to families in need via St. Vincent de Paul and the parish offices.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Giving Tree Gift Cards:

**Giant Eagle:**

Value	Quantity	Total
\$10	( )	\$ _____
\$25	( )	\$ _____

**Walmart:**

Value	Quantity	Total
\$25	( )	\$ _____

**Target:**

\$10	( )	\$ _____
\$25	( )	\$ _____

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Thanks for Your Support!!!!**

If you have any questions, please call the school's office 724-978-0144 or contact Christina Torok at [ctorok@queenofangelsch.org](mailto:ctorok@queenofangelsch.org)

Please make checks payable to:  
**Queen of Angels School**

Giving Tree – Dates to remember for the Giving Tree tags:

Nov 30/Dec 1 – Gift tags available

Dec 8 – ALL gift tags/gift cards must be returned

December 15 – Gifts are passed out to children  
Your gift cards can be purchased through

Queen of Angels Catholic School. Forms are available on the counters in the back of church. Please be sure to return your gifts no later than Sunday, December 8th.

If you do not get a giving tree tag, you can still purchase gift cards for the SVDP Society to use for the recipients. Use the order form and send it to Queen of Angels. They will fill your gift card order and give the tags to SVDP who will pass them out.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary* ©LPI

Although the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is next Sunday, the obligation for the feast has been moved until Monday. Therefore, Monday December 9, will be a holy day of obligation in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

**Masses will be on Monday morning at 8:30 and Monday evening at 6:30.**

**Immaculate Conception's masses will be 7:45 and 6:30 pm**



JOIN IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION FOR OUR  
**Advent Music Series**

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 1ST AT 6:30 PM  
**Vocal Recital of Marian Music**

SARAH RICHARDS - SOPRANO  
IAN BROWN - ORGAN

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MONDAY, DECEMBER, 9TH  
FOLLOWING 6PM MASS

**Organ Recital**

CHAZ BOWERS - ORGAN

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SUNDAY DECEMBER, 15TH AT 6:00 PM



**A Festival of  
Lessons and Carols**

**Breakfast With St. Nick at Queen of Angels Catholic School sponsored by St. Agnes Parish and The Catholic Accent**

Enjoy a faith-focused event for children and families this Christmas that puts Jesus at the center of the season! Breakfast With St. Nick on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9-11:30 a.m. at Queen of Angels Catholic School will include a continental buffet and a visit from many cultural versions of St. Nick, including Santa Claus, Sinterklaas, Christkindle, Papa Noel and Babbo Natale. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a prayer, and children will enjoy St. Nicholas-inspired crafts and activities. Participants are encouraged to bring a donation or baby gift to support Catholic Charities' Baby Closet. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 9-10 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Register now at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/stnickbreakfast](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/stnickbreakfast).

**\*\*\*SARRIS CANDY SALE\*\*\***

Please support our local school by ordering sweets for the holidays. Candy makes great gifts for all, including teachers, co-workers, babysitters and clergy. If you are interested in ordering, please complete your order form, found on the back counter, along with payment (checks payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School) and mail to Queen of Angels School or return to the parish office in an enveloped marked, "Sarris Candy Order". Pick up is scheduled for December 11th at the Queen of Angels gym. Any questions please call Mrs. Noblick at 724 978-0144 x 5 or [noblick@queenofangelssch.org](mailto:noblick@queenofangelssch.org).

We appreciate your support!



## St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today

The Diocesan Christmas Night Market is planned Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1-8 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The Christmas Night market is a festive, fun and faith-filled

event! Stroll the outdoor attractions under the twinkle of Christmas lights and warm yourself with hot chocolate by the fire, or head inside to enjoy dozens of food and craft vendors. Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for Mass at 4 p.m. Explore collectibles created by St. Nicholas-inspired artist Pipka Ulvilden, who will present a free lecture on "The Madonna in Christian Art." Children can learn about the traditions surrounding Christmas cookies, and why we leave a treat for Santa each Christmas Eve as a sign of our thankfulness for God's many blessings, as well as create their own edible Christmas scene and enjoy a visit with St. Nicholas. Register for the Christmas beer and wine tastings showcasing the cultural nuances of St. Nicks from many countries (must be 21). For details or to register, visit [ChristmasNightMarket.org](http://ChristmasNightMarket.org). Admission and parking are free!

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Survey

At our last Pastoral Council Meeting, we thought that it would be nice to conduct a Parish Survey. In answering a few questions, we can learn what you want from your parish and how we can better serve your needs. I ask that you go online and complete this survey

## HELP US IMPROVE!



All Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners over the age of 18 are requested to complete this survey no later than December 22:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/SEASparishsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SEASparishsurvey)

*Please join us for a*  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

*from 7 p.m. onwards  
on December 31st*



*at Saint Elizabeth Ann  
Seton Mack Hall*

*All are welcome to attend!*

*This is a family-friendly event. Please BYOB at your discretion.*

We are looking at having a New Year's Eve Celebration. It will be family friendly so everyone can come and help "Ring" in the New Year.

If you would like to help with this, please let us know by calling the office.

We will have more information in the coming weeks. I do hope that many of our families will come out and celebrate with us!