



# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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December 8, 2024 - Second Sunday of Advent

*Second Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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# Mass Schedule and Intentions

## Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:30 am SEAS Deceased

( 9:00 Confessions)

## Sunday December 8, 2024

8:30 am Brendan A. McGowan (McGowan Family)

11:30 am Fran Zentner (Donna Dineen)

## Monday December 9, 2024 (Immaculate Conception)

8:30 am. Jack Curran (Curran, Campbell and Schork Families)

6:30 pm. Dan Frazier (Gail, Judy, Don & Bill)

## Tuesday December 10, 2024

8:30 am. Joanie Bacherski (Thomas Bacherski)

## Thursday December 12, 2024

8:30 am. People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

## Friday December 13, 2024

8:30 am. Sophie Arendas (Niece Barbara)

## Saturday December 14, 2024

4:00 pm. Mary Kay Blon (Sheldon, Anna Marie, Dave and Matt Blon)

## Sunday December 15, 2024

8:30 am. Louis & Florence Passarello (Grandchildren)

11:30 am. Mary Brumbaugh / Lena Carmesina (McGowan Family)

*Confessions after Saturday Morning Mass*

## WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

## 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

The Penance services will begin at 6:30.

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.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

Although the Immaculate Conception is on December 8, the obligation for the day has been moved to Monday December 9th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

## MEMORIALS

**St. John Neumann Candle** – December 7 – 20

David & Monica Zezza (David, Mary, Monica, Rosanne & Clair)

**Sanctuary Candle** – December 7

-13 David Zezza (David, Mary, Monica, Rosanne & Clair)

December 14-20 Fr. Tom Wagner

**Altar Candles** – December 7-13

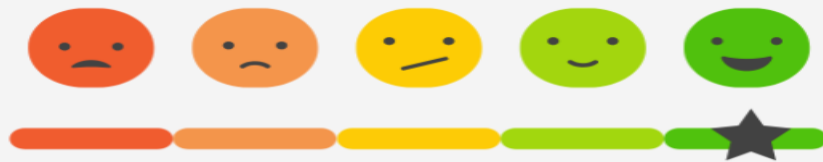
Mary Brumbaugh (The McGowan Family)

## Parish Survey

As I mentioned last week in our bulletin, through the efforts of the Pastoral Council we are going to conduct a parish survey to determine not only where we are, but more importantly, where we want to be in the future. We are going to use “**survey monkey**” to help us with this survey. Simply enter: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/SEASparishsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SEASparishsurvey) and answer the questions. The information you provide will be very helpful in making plans for the future of our parish. I do hope that you take a couple minutes to complete the survey.

If you do not have access to a computer, we will have copies of the survey in the back of the Church. Simply take one with you and fill it out. You can drop them off in the back of the church once they are filled out. Again, I am grateful to all of you for taking the time to complete this survey. The information you get back to us will be tremendously helpful.

## 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)

## Want to know a secret?

**Retrouaille is one of the best-kept secrets for strengthening marriages.**

If you're feeling disillusioned, struggling, or longing for a closer, more loving connection, we're here to help. For 47 years, we've been guiding couples toward stronger relationships through proven communication techniques. You're not alone—let us support you on this journey!

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### Want a Better Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information visit our web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 412-277-3434 or email us at [3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org).



# Fr. Mike's Message

## We are all Called to Repent

We have all heard the stories of Advent over and over again, and yet even though they were written so very long ago, the history that we hear does not only apply to past events. The pains and frustrations of people so very long ago are the same pains and frustrations we feel every day, even though the events of history are different. It is ironic how we as people never seem to change or learn from the past, we just keep doing the same things and making the same mistakes over and over again.

Advent offers to each of us an opportunity just to sit back and become aware of life as we are living it. Our days are all filled with many tasks, and most of the things we do, we do without much thought. We go through our “routines” without really thinking about what we are doing. Then there are all of those chores we just can’t seem to get started with. For many of our tasks in life it is the beginning that is most difficult, just getting started. Once we begin, energy and stamina seem to kick in and we get finished. Our gospel for this week opens with the words: “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.” We are told about a messenger who would get things ready, but is this really the beginning? The real beginning is when the people go out and encounter John, and as the gospel unfolds the people go out and encounter Jesus. This is the beginning we all need to focus on. How do we encounter this Jesus the Son of God? Advent then becomes the many ways that we prepare for these encounters.

We do not know a lot about John but we certainly learn a lot from his message. One thing is very clear and that is His ministry was not about himself but about the “one mightier than I (who) is coming after me.” Everything that John did, pointed to the coming of Jesus. He proclaimed repentance, prepared for Jesus and died, this was the pattern of his life. It should also be the pattern for our own lives: proclaiming the gospel of repentance, prepare for Christ’s many comings and to die to ourselves daily. By our Christian living we not only point to Christ, but we also make present the Christ who dwells in us. The challenge of gospel living is the beginning – getting started.

During this second week of Advent we are called upon to reflect over our lives. What have we learned from the past, how have we grown because of it? How have we dealt with our mistakes, faults and weaknesses? Do we follow the wisdom of scripture and treat people with compassion and mercy pointing them to Christ? This is what the season is all about, getting ready for our many encounters with Jesus.

The baptism of repentance proclaimed by John is just the beginning; repentance leads to baptism “with the Holy Spirit” through which we are empowered for mission, and the mission calls us to participate with Christ in bringing about “new heavens and a new earth.” Through our own baptism we participate in the life and ministry of Jesus. The way that we live our lives does make a difference. By the goodness of our lives we announce that Christ has come and brought us salvation.

*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!

# Angels Corner

Mark your calendars for the Queen of Angels Christmas Celebration, Christmas in the Country! On Thursday, December 12th, at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM in our school auditorium our 2nd and 3rd graders will perform and sing. All Are Welcome! Please join us... any questions, please call the school office at 724-978-014.

*Immaculate Conception Parish*  
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**DEC 14TH**

## Breakfast with Santa

BREAKFAST, CRAFTS, AND PICTURES WITH SANTA

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH**  
**9AM-11AM**

- ADULTS \$5
- CHILDREN FREE
- OUR LADY'S PLAZA

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS 11/23 AND 11/24  
THEN IN THE PARISH OFFICE UNTIL 12/6  
skheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org

### \*\*\*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@queenofangelsch.org.

We appreciate your support!

**4:12 High School Ministry Presents:**

## Super Bingo

All proceeds help to send 4:12 High School Ministry teens to Catholic Heart WorkCamp, Steubenville Conference, Camp Damascus, and the National Catholic Youth Conference!

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**  
\*\*\*SNOW DATE... (March 1st)... Watch KDKA for cancellation information

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — Mack Hall — 200 Leger Rd. N. Huntingdon, PA 15642  
Doors Open 10:45 AM — "Early Bird" Bingo Starts 11:45 AM

**Jackpot Payout — \$ 1,000.00**

- 20 Games — \$ 100 Payout Each (18 cards)
- Four Specials — \$50 / \$150 (6 cards)
- Extra Packets \$6 (sold at door)

**\$30 per Ticket**  
Lunch & Beverage Included

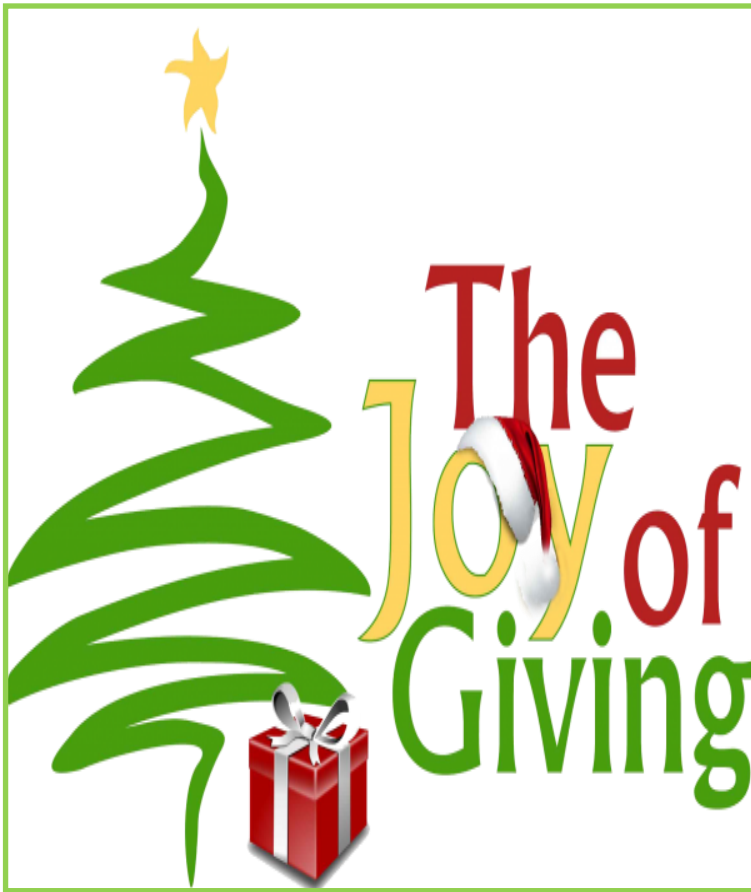
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(Make checks payable to: **St. Agnes Church**)

Mail check & registration to: **St. Agnes Church** or Purchase tickets at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Agnes, or Immaculate Conception church offices.  
11400 St. Agnes Lane  
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

For information, tickets, dietary restrictions and seating arrangements, please call Mary Frankhauser at 724-600-4894.

## Advent Week 2

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#### SVDP GIVING TREE:

Your gift cards can be purchased through Queen of Angels Catholic School, and a copy of the form is posted in this week's bulletin and we will also have forms available on the counters in the back of church. Your purchase not only helps the receiver of the gift tag, but also the school through the SCRIP program.

This year we ask that you attach the tree tag to your order form before sending it in to Q of A. 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.

***Giving Tree – All tags and gifts need to be returned this weekend. If you forgot your gift drop it off at the Parish Office Monday morning, Dec 9th, at the very latest. Many thanks to all who give so generously in helping to make others happy this holiday season.***



The SVDP clothing collection is this weekend, December 7 and 8.

(Please donate items ONLY on the designated weekends as storage space is limited.)

The SVDP store is very thankful for all items that they receive from our parishioners, but they are especially in need of:

Clothing for boys, sizes 2T - 12; Clothing for girls, sizes 2T - 8

Winter Coats – all sizes for children, and men's coats

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

(Julie McNamara 412-310-1505)