



# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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January 12, 2025 The Baptism of Our Lord



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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# Mass Intentions

# MEMORIALS

## Saturday, January 11, 2025

4:00 pm John G. Rocco (Nina Rocco)  
Confessions 3:00—3:45 pm

## Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:30 am John Vejtas (Family)  
11:30 am Donna Mediate (Kevin & Rita Bredeman)

## Monday January 13, 2025

8:30 am Pro Populo

## Tuesday January 14, 2025

8:30 am Bernice & Jack Wasco (Vickie & Mike)

## Thursday January 16, 2025

8:30 am Donna Mediate (Parish Family)

## Friday January 17, 2025

8:30 am Robert Barnett (Parish Family)

## Saturday January 18, 2025

4:00 pm Tony & Dolly Bloise (Rose Ann & Michael LeDenne)

Confessions 3:00—3:45 pm

## Sunday January 19, 2025

8:30 am For the Parish Family  
11:30 am Barbara Heil Wilker (Bruce and Brenda)

## Sanctuary Candle January 11-17:

Blessings on Elaine & Eddie Ribar  
(Vickie & Mike)

## Sanctuary Candle January 18-24:

Geraldine Bellis (Bill & Kathleen Bellis)

## Altar Candles January 11-17:

Joseph Finn (Bill & Kathleen Bellis)

## Altar Candles January 18-24:

Mike & Lois Barkac's 65th Wedding  
Anniversary (Family)

## We give a warm welcome to our new priest!

The Reverend Vijaya Kumar Koyyuri as Parochial Vicar pro tem to Immaculate Conception, Irwin and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, North Huntingdon with a residence at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon.



## Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30  
(1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

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

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

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1  
Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

The next SVDP collection weekend is January 11/12, 2025. Thank you for your donations, especially warm winter clothing.

Nutritious snack items are still needed for Kid's Lunch Bags to be distributed at SVDP Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!

## Christian Mothers:

Please continue to bring in gift bags and items for St. Anne visits by Christian Mothers.

Words are not enough to express my most profound gratitude for your kindness and goodness to me throughout the year and during this Christmas season. Thank you for taking time to scribble Christmas messages and send me Christmas cards and presents. They mean so much to me.

More than that, your presence in our liturgies and parish activities all year round are wonderful expressions not just of your cooperation and solidarity, but your strong faith and zeal as parishioners. My prayer is that you remain faithful stewards of our faith and messengers of God's words to your family, neighbors, and the community.

Be the light, be the hope, be Jesus to all. Thank you once again! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to each and everyone!

*Fr. Louiegene*

*Thank You*

Valentine's Day Raffle Tickets will be sold starting the weekend of January 18/19 until sold out. The winner will have the option of \$2500 cash or \$1000 cash with complete rolls of \$5, \$10, and \$20 lottery scratch off tickets. Buy a couple of tickets for your sweetie!

## VALENTINE'S DAY SWEET CASH

winning number taken from First PA Lottery Pick 3 EVENING Number drawing on

**February 14, 2025**

**\$1000 CASH and one sealed package of each of the following**

**PA Lottery Scratch Off Tickets: \$5.00 - \$10.00 - \$20.00**

**or choose \$2500 CASH with no scratch-offs**

**Benefits Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**

**Donation \$10.00 500 Tickets Sold SGOC License #497**

### **Not willing to let go of your marriage?**

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is HOPE! Retrouvaille is a highly successful program designed to help struggling marriages recover. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you heal, just as they have done in their own marriage. For more information about our upcoming Pittsburgh Weekend, February 14-16, 2025.

You may call us at **(412) 277-3434**

or email us at:

**[3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org)**

# Fr. Mike's Message

We are all God's Beloved

Our celebration of the Baptism of the Lord finishes off the season of Christmas and leads us into Ordinary Time. Today our readings speak about how Jesus was looked at through the eyes of the Gospel writers. It is clear that for the author of Matthew's gospel Jesus fits the identity of the "suffering servant" Isaiah speaks of in the first reading. We learn from the gospel that Jesus was the one who was commissioned by God to remind the people of God the very heart of scripture. He is God's servant with whom God is pleased and upon whom God put the divine spirit.

As we read all the versions of Jesus' baptism by John, it is clear that there was a lot of discussion about why Jesus had to be baptized in the first place. If baptism was meant to be "for the remission of sins," why should Jesus, who was sinless, be baptized at all? We clearly see that from John's baptism of Jesus there are no doubts about who is the greater between Jesus and John. This was a debate between many of the followers of John for a long time. They were not clear as to who was of greater importance. We hear from John himself what he perceives to be true; namely that Jesus is the Messiah.

In our highly secularized society and with the increasing number of people who view themselves as non-practicing Catholics, we may ask ourselves "What has become of baptism?" What is at issue here deals with meaning and relevance of what Baptism really is. One question that we all need to ask is: why would parents who not only have quit "religious practice" but have also dropped any form of faith education, want their children to be baptized? Baptism seems to be very much at odds with our modern society.

One thing that the baptism of Jesus did was define who he was. It is because Jesus knows who he is that he does what he did. We need to realize that because of our baptism we have been defined as being God's beloved as well. We are reminded today that we all need to revisit both our practice and our theology of baptism. An overemphasis on baptism as a means of purification from original sin limits our understanding of the sacrament.

There is more to baptism than simply purification. Baptism is the revelation of our true identity as children of God. We are baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This makes a world of difference; it tells us how great our dignity and our vocation are. Imagine what our parish would be like if every member took the baptismal commission seriously? What might happen in families, in the neighborhood and its schools, in people's workplaces? What pain might be relieved, what suffering made meaningful?

Baptism identifies us as God's beloved children and our mission is to follow Jesus. The dying and rising is the "stuff" our Christian living is all about. We are living justly when we die to selfishness and rise to the needs of others. Like Jesus, we are "showing no partiality" when we die to judgments and categorizing or labeling others and rise to seeing all people as beloved children of God. Like Jesus, we do good when we forgive; we heal others when we offer kind words instead of words that tear down, or help another without being asked. Try to imagine a world where all baptized people live this way!

# 4:12 High School Ministry Presents:



All proceeds help to send 4:12 High School Ministry teens to Catholic Heart WorkCamp, Steubenville Conferences, 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**)

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St. Agnes Church  
Re: Super Bingo  
11400 St. Agnes Lane  
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

OR

Purchase tickets at St. Elizabeth  
Ann Seton, St. Agnes, or  
Immaculate Conception church  
offices.

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



## 4:12 High School Ministry

Welcomes high school youth (grades 9—12) to continue their faith formation with games, group discussions and presentations on topics of interest to teens. We also have seasonal social events, opportunities for service, conferences, camps, and a summer missionary trip! All are welcome.

Meetings are 6—8 pm

@ Youth Ministry Building

On the Queen of Angels Campus

New Members are always welcome!

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# Beloved

a gathering of Women,  
night of reflection

## "Living the Eucharist"

Open to all women

Dr. Helene Paharik  
GUEST SPEAKER



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**JAN 20, 2025**  
6:30 – 8:30 PM  
**St. Elizabeth Ann  
Seton Parish**

Dear Friend of the Diocese of Greensburg:

Women in the Diocese are encouraged to save the date, Jan 20, 2025 for an evening of reflection, discussion and an opportunity for Adoration and Reconciliation. **Beloved – Living the Eucharist** will take place St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (300 Leger Road, North Huntingdon) from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. This night of reflection features guest speaker, Dr. Helene Paharik, Associate Professor of Theology at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. Dr. Paharik has also served in ministry in both the Diocese of Greensburg and the Diocese of Pittsburgh and is an accomplished writer.

We hope you will make plans to join other women from the Diocese in this special gathering.

The Office of Faith Family and Discipleship  
The Diocese of Greensburg

# Angels Corner

**JERSEY MIKE'S**

# FUNDRAISER

**Tuesday, January 14 • 3pm - 7pm**

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