

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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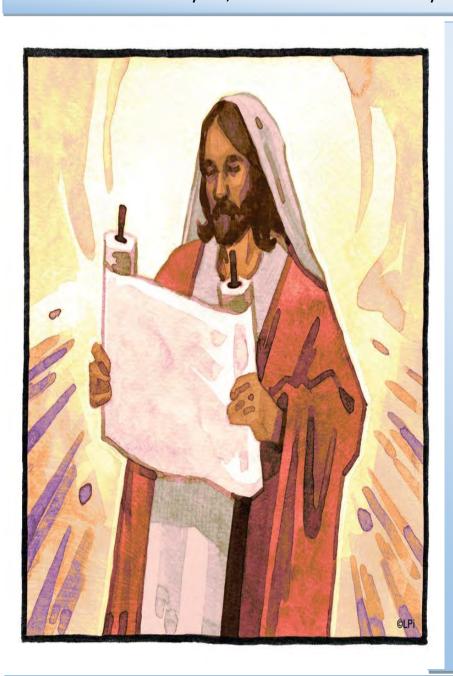
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January 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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# Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, January 25, 2025

4 pm John R. Kukta (Kukta Family)

Sunday, January 26, 2025

8:30 am Frank & Jane Macioce (Terry & Natalie Madden)

11:30 am Mary Ann Mastandrea (Mary Loretta Wheeler)

Monday, January 27, 2025

8:30 am For the Parish Family

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

8:30 am Jo Ann Luckasevic (Ed & Kathy Luckasevic)

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

8:30 am Health for Jodi Perozich (Joe Perozich)

Thursday, January 30, 2025

8:30 am Josephine Eastman (Daughter, Barbara)

Friday, January 31, 2025

8:30 am Joseph Maffeo (Dan Maffeo)

Saturday, February 1, 2025

8:30 am First Saturday/Anointing

4 pm Thomas & Marilyn Coyne (Daniel & Kimberly Coyne)

Sunday, February 2, 2025

8:30 am Health for Kiersten Donahue (Joe Perozich)

11:30 am Catherine (Kay) Cunningham (Family)

# Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk

4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk

4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/

Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

# **Contribution Statements**

If anyone would like a copy of your contribution statement for tax purposes, please give us a call at the office and we will get one to you.

#### K of C

The Knights of Columbus collected \$941 for the Dollars for Collars collection. They would like to thank everyone for their generosity!

# Collection 1/19/25

All saints \$10.00 Candles \$289.00

Catholic accent \$312.00

Children's fund \$2.00

Christmas \$5.00

Christmas flowers \$10.00

Immaculate conception \$10.00

Initial offering \$45.00

Poor \$100.00

Solemnity \$60.00

Sunday offertory \$5926.50

DPRF/Catholic Relief \$20.00

Children/Family Services Appeal \$10.00

Eastern Europe \$5.00 Retired Religious \$10.00

Total: \$\$6859.50

Online giving 1/1 25-1/19/25

\$7,265

#### Memorials

Altar Candles (January 25-31)
Josephine Eastman (daughter, Barbara)

# CONFESSIONS – SATURDAYS 3 pm – 3:45 pm

\*On 1st Saturdays – Confessions will follow 8:30 am Mass (no confessions at 3 pm)

There are several Mass Intention openings for 2025 – please fill out a form in the back of the church or contact the office. Thank you!



# No Compromising Discipleship

The message from our readings this week is very clear and yet in spite of its simplicity, it is difficult to make a part of our lives. We are reminded of the centrality of Jesus in the mission of the church, and our call to discipleship. If we all looked at our lives as individuals and then looked at our community, we would have to admit that there are many distractions that keep us from following the demands Jesus puts on us.

St. Paul moves from his comforting prayer and support of the people of Corinth to a sharp criticism of their behavior. He is very specific in addressing the unity and the divisions that were present in the community. Paul was much saddened by the reports about these divisions in the community of Corinth. He quickly addresses the people about how they need to realign their priorities and focus on what really is important, namely the mission of Jesus.

We are all aware of the challenges posed to our Christian communities today. There is certainly a decline in church attendance in some places, shortage of priests and ministers in many places, internal problems of divisions between conservatives and progressives, loss of exposure and influence of Christian discourse and leadership, and the increasing number of religious groups and the rise of other major religions, like Islam and Buddhism. Even though there are many problems facing us today, we all need to put into perspective what our call is really all about.

To recognize the kingdom in our midst reveals our ongoing need for repentance and invites us to enter ever more fully into the kingdom by following Jesus. The good news is that the light begins shinning here, among us. The way out of darkness is to hear the cry for repentance and we cannot hear it often enough, for this is the way to living in Christ's light. This is how God's kingdom is established: faithful disciples hear Jesus' call repent, and faithfully follow!

Ultimately the question we all need to be asking ourselves is: what is the gospel in which we believe and where do we stand, for the sake of the gospel, on major issues today? Are we taking enough risks, or are we satisfied just to follow the crowd? If we are Disciples of Christ, we should have something to propose concerning vital issues for everyone: environment, equitable salary and use of resources, immigration, refugees, military disarming, peace and justice, humanitarian assistance, human rights, dialog between cultures and between religions.

The gospel has no readymade solutions for such huge problems. Yet the life of Jesus and his message make no compromise whatsoever when it comes to justice and compassion for the poor and the little ones. These are non-negotiable gospel values that could change a lot in the world of today. Instead of withdrawing into our own internal problems, we Christians should be committed to joining all men and women of good will to attend the needs of the world, so that the message and the life of Christ "might not be emptied of their meaning."

We practice following Jesus in the simple, everyday things that come our way: the friend who needs a listening ear, the elderly parent who needs a comforting phone call, the sick child who interrupts our sleep. In all of these instances, do we hear Jesus' call to repent? Jesus invites us to turn from ourselves toward those in need. Turn from darkness to light. Repentance is the condition for following Jesus to the fullness of the kingdom. It is the condition for taking up his saving work.

# Youth Ministry

4:12 High School Ministry welcomes new members and current 8th graders to our First Sundays at the Youth Ministry building to play games, share food, and build new friendships.

Bringing a friend earns you a sweet treat!

Come beat the cold with a friendly air hockey competition. Winner wins a giftcard!

For more information email Katelyn:









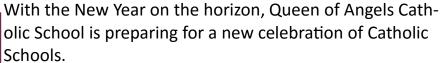


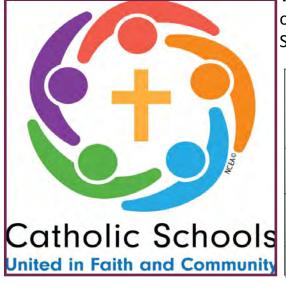
Tickets are still available for the "Super Bingo"



# angels Corner

# **Queen of Angels Catholic School** -





National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. CSW has traditionally been held the last week in January. We want to help showcase what makes Catholic schools the best when families are looking to find the right school for them. This year we will celebrate January 26-February 1, 2025. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.

# Dear Friends,

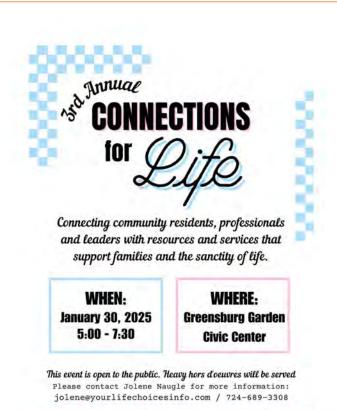
Please join us for National Catholic Schools Week, our annual celebration of what makes education at Queen of Angels Catholic School outstanding. Starting with Sunday Mass on January 26, we have a whole week of activities planned to show what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we have built to educate tomorrow's citizens and church leaders. The theme of our celebration is "United in Faith and Community." The theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed. The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education. I hope you will visit Queen of Angels Catholic School during National Catholic Schools Week to enjoy the students' science experiments and artwork and see how they learn about their faith development and community service projects. Please bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their children. I am grateful every day for the teachers, staff, board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. National Catholic Schools Week is a good time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Filak



Junior Centurion Night Feb. 3 at **Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School Junior Centuri**on Night is set for Monday, Feb. 3. at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the basketball game starting at 7:30 p.m. Students from Greensburg Central Catholic, Aguinas Academy, Mother of Sorrows School, Queen of Angels Catholic School, Christ the Divine Teacher School, Mary Queen of Apostles School, St. Bernard Regional Catholic School and The Divine Redeemer **Catholic School are invited to** watch the Lady Centurions play! There will be free face painting, cookies and games in the Auxiliary Gym from 6-7 p.m. Anyone who pre-registers will receive a pair of GCC sunglasses! Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/JuniorNight

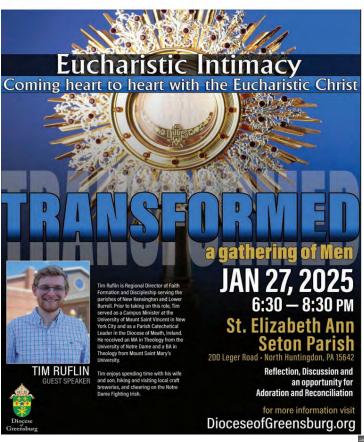


The Norwin High School Student Council

On Sunday, March 2, the Norwin Student Council will sponsor its annual "Senior Citizens Dinner" for residents of the Norwin community aged 55 years and older. This year's theme is "A Knight Back at the Castle." Hosted in the Norwin High School cafeteria, the dinner will run from 12-2 pm. Doors will open at 11:30 am. This dinner is a staple for the Norwin community, hosting over 600 senior citizens of the Norwin School District community FOR FREE. In addition to the delightful meal, seniors will enjoy performances from the Norwin Show Choir and Select Orchestra; guests will also be entered into a prize raffle. Residents of the Norwin community aged 55 years and older interested in attending the event are asked to send a self-addressed and stamped envelope with their name and mailing address to:

Norwin High School Student Council 251 McMahon Drive North Huntingdon, PA 15642 ATTN: Mrs. Hufnagel Sr. Citizens' Dinner

All requests must be received by February 20, 2025. Requests received after that date cannot be hon-



# Save the Date: "March 22"

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will hold a Night at the Races on the 22nd of March.

It will be an evening full of fun and surprises!

A good time is guaranteed by all! Make plans to come and enjoy the evening.



# "Transformed"

A gathering of men Jan. 27 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

"Transformed," a gathering for all men of the Diocese of Greensburg, will be held Monday, Jan. 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon. The evening's theme will be "Eucharistic Intimacy: Coming heart to heart with the Eucharistic Christ," and will feature Tim Ruflin, Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship serving the parishes of New Kensington and Lower Burrell, as guest speaker. He previously served as Campus Minister at the University of Mount Saint Vincent in New York City and as a parish catechetical leader in the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. There will be time for reflection and discussion and an opportunity for adoration and reconciliation.



All young men who are interested in exploring God's call and who are open to learning more about the Priesthood are invited to save the dates for Spring 2025 gatherings — the first Sunday of each month (Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4) at Saint John de La Salle Parish, 497 Athena Drive, Delmont. The Melchizedek Project, for young men ages 18 and older, will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and Exploring God's Call, for young men of high school age, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Each gathering will include prayer, discussion, and the sharing of helpful resources. For more information or to make your attendance plans known, please contact Father Dave Slusarick, Associate Director, Office for Priestly Vocations at dslusarick@dioceseofgreensburg.org.