



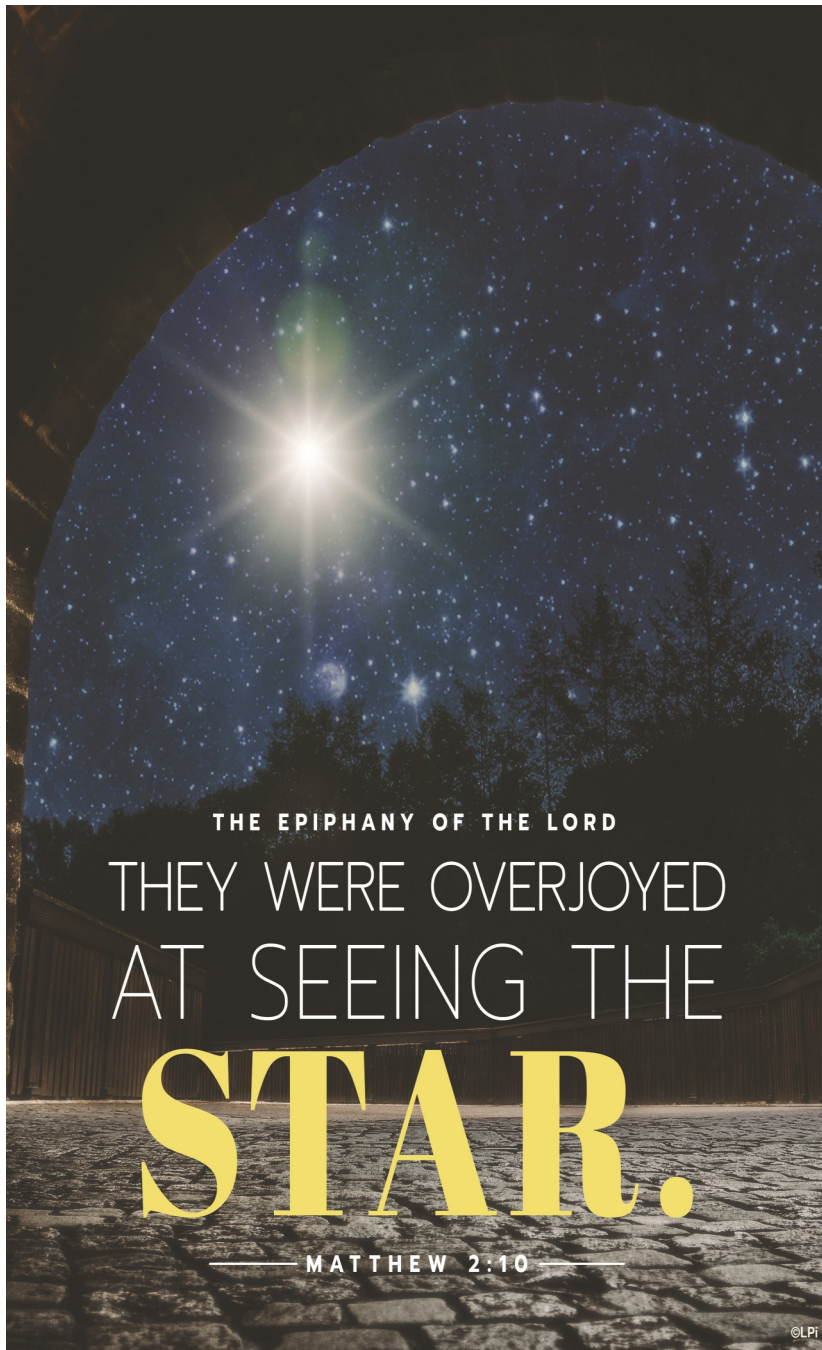
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of The Lord



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Mass Schedule and Intentions



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.

Pastoral Council

We will have a meeting of our Pastoral Council on Monday the 6th at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the office area. We will be reviewing the parish census that was taken and begin planning for the parish assembly which will be in February.

If anyone has anything they would like to be discussed at this meeting, please give Fr. Mike a call and let

MEMORIALS – January 11 - 17
Sanctuary Candle:

Blessings on Elaine & Eddie Ribar (Vickie & Mike)

Altar Candles:

Joseph Finn (Bill & Kathlee) Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Angela Bifano, sister of Rose Denicola, and Tim Stanish, brother of Julie Henry

Mass Intentions

There are Mass Intention openings for 2025, including several for February and March – please fill out a form in the back of the church or contact the office.

Saturday January 4, 2025 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Feast Day

8:30 am First Saturday/Anointing/Month's Mind:

William Chabanik

4 pm Thoughts & Prayers for the Moineau Family

Sunday, January 5, 2025 – THE EPIPHANY

8:30 am Dennis Kissane (The Kissane Family)

11:30 am Marion Kazusky (Dorothy)

Monday, January 6, 2025

8:30 am For the Parish Family

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

8:30 am Peter Maffeo, Jr. (Dan Maffeo)

Thursday, January 9, 2025

8:30 am Barbara Wilker (SEAS Parish Family)

Friday, January 10, 2025

8:30 am Florence Stanko (Chefuta & Stanko Families)

Saturday, January 11, 2025

4 pm John G. Rocco (Nina Rocco)

Sunday, January 12, 2025 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30 am John Vojtas (Family)

11:30 am Donna Mediate (Kevin & Rita Bredeman)

CONFESSIONS – SATURDAYS* 3 pm – 3:45 pm

*On 1st Saturdays – Confessions will follow 8:30 am Mass

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next 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



“...but upon you the Lord shines.”

Each of the readings for this celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord echoes both the joy and gratitude that arise when God’s light appears in the midst of human cares. Isaiah in the first reading speaks of a people reflecting the joy and enthusiasm of the return to Jerusalem and Judah after some seventy years of exile to Babylon. Epiphany is from a Greek word which means “manifestation.” This reading is filled with references to light, splendor, radiance and glory. God is Light, not only for his own people but also for all nations. The Epiphany is about the universality of salvation, as exemplified by the pilgrim journey of the magi as told in the gospel. Isaiah speaks to us about the joy that can be found when we are able to recognize the light that God brings to the problems of life.

St. Paul in the second reading addresses a community of people who were distraught over many challenges that confronted them in life. They were exposed to many different religious cultures and “mystery cults.” It was difficult to stay true to the message of Jesus. Paul gives us a clear statement on the church and its mission. He looked at the Gentiles as being on equal footing with believers coming from Jewish backgrounds and did not have any problem viewing them as “co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel.” Like Isaiah, Paul gives us a strong example of the universality of salvation.

The gospel presents us with the all too familiar story of the Three Kings or the Magi. For centuries now people have been fascinated with the story of the Magi. Eastern Rite and Orthodox churches celebrate the Epiphany, rather than Christmas as the time of gift-giving in imitation of the Magi bringing gifts to Jesus. The star, along with the manger, has been the most popular image on Christmas cards. Ultimately this feast points to the wonder of God’s plan for all people. It deals with life and all of the divisions we are faced with in our world as well as in our hearts.

Like Isaiah, it is light that guides the Magi to the Christ child, bringing them into the presence of God. These Magi are not ordinary men. The Greek word “magi” refers to a priestly cast known for their wisdom and ability to interpret dreams and decipher astrological phenomena. The gifts that they brought; gold for a king, frankincense which is a symbol of prayer rising to God and myrrh, a symbol of one who will die, suggests that these men have received a special revelation or epiphany from God as to who the child Jesus was. The Magi’s journey symbolizes for us our own human experience, our journeys both physical and spiritual. In celebrating this feast today we all give witness to a universal truth based on the experience of all people and their quest to find God. Their journey reflects our own lives, our own stories, our own gifts which we bring to God.

Salvation is meant for all, if we are willing to follow God’s signs of the gift. Although we may not abandon everything in life just to follow a star, the story helps us to recognize that in our daily living God does lead us. We just have to have the faith and insight to recognize that guiding light. If we walk by faith following our own stars in life who knows what might be at the end of our journey.



Knights of Columbus®

Knights of Columbus Donations for Vocations- Dollars for Collars

St Jude 9019 Knights of Columbus will be collecting for Vocations on January 18-19 after all masses. All monies collected for vocations are in support of our Seminarians in the Greensburg Diocese. Last year we collected \$5,940 from the Parishes of Immaculate Conception, St Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton. From that total last year we gave \$3,000 directly to Designated Seminarians studying for the Priesthood in our Diocese. The remainder was donated to the Diocesan Fund that pays for educational costs. This year we are supporting three seminarians, Tyler Randolph, Ryan Scavnicky, and Matteo Arcara. Tyler and Ryan are members of Immaculate Conception Parish. Thanks for supporting this worthy

“Beloved” gathering of women Jan. 20 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

All women in the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to “Beloved – Living the Eucharist,” an evening of prayer, reflection, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, Monday, Jan. 20, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon. Guest speaker will be Dr. Helene Paharik, associate professor of theology at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, who has served in ministry in the Dioceses of Greensburg and Pittsburgh and is an accomplished writer. For information, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org.

“Transformed” 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.

Buses, local prayer planned for March for Life Jan. 24 In Washington, D.C.

The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be held Friday, Jan. 24. Two parishes are planning buses and can be contacted for information: St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana, departing at 6:30 a.m. from Indiana Alliance Church (Bill Ager, 724-465-4522); and Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, departing at 5:30 a.m. (Barb Koury, barbkoury@gmail.com or 412-480-6490). Those attending the march on their own are invited to attend Mass in the morning with Bishop Larry J. Kulick at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 10:30 a.m., and to march with the Bishop beginning at the corner of Constitution Boulevard and 12th Street around 1 p.m. Locally, the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women will “Pray for Life” that day at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The schedule includes rosary for priests at 11:30 a.m., Mass celebrated by Father Eric J. Dinga at noon, rosary for life at 1:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., litany for life at 3:30 p.m., and closing prayer and benediction at 4 p.m. A free-will offering and donations of diapers and baby items, for distribution to pregnancy centers in the Diocese, will be collected. Attendees can drop in or stay all day.

March for Life 2025 in Washington DC

Friday, January 24th

Bus leaves Mother of Sorrows at 5:30 AM

Cost: \$25, \$20 for students, payable on bus or MOS office

Cash or check – payable to Mother of Sorrows Parish

Cash tip for bus driver

To register email Barb Koury at barbkoury@gmail.com

Include name and a cell phone number that you will have with you that day.

Trip includes Mass at the National Basilica in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

at 10:30 AM celebrated by Bishop Larry Kulick.



Angel's Corner

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic Education in the United States.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

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. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.



QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TODDLER-TWO PROGRAM

This "Toddler Time" Parent/Child Program is designed for children and their parent or caregiver to come together to play and learn.

A typical session will include: Exploratory Play, Arts & Crafts, Circle Time (a gentle introduction to group time) and Snack.

- ✓ WHO: 2-3 year old children with a parent or caregiver (Must be 2 before session starts)
- ✓ WHERE: Queen of Angels Catholic School
- ✓ WHEN: 1 hour class - Monday AND/OR Wednesday
TIME: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- ✓ SESSIONS AVAILABLE: Each session is 8 weeks
Fall- Oct 14/16- Dec 9/11 (no session Nov 27th or Dec 2nd)
Winter -Jan 6/8- March 10/12 (no session Jan 20/22 or Feb 17/19)
Spring- March 17/19- May 12/14 (no session April 16th or 21st)
- ✓ Cost per session: \$100 for 1 day per week or \$175 for 2 days per week



REGISTRATION FORM

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND FORM AND PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE:
ONE MAIN ST. NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642. YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/BMBS4IPZAM](https://forms.office.com/r/BmBs4ipzAM) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Session: ___ Fall ___ Winter ___ Spring

Day: ___ Monday ___ Wednesday ___ Monday & Wednesday

Toddler—Two Program

Join Queen of Angels Catholic School for our Toddler Two Program. This "Toddler Time program is designed for children and their parent or caregiver to come together to play and learn.

A typical session will include: Exploratory Play, Arts & Crafts, Circle Time (a gentle introduction time" and Snack. Register online at:<https://forms.office.com/r/BmBs4ipzAM>

There is still time to register for the winter session which starts January 6th!

Support students in Catholic schools through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program

Did you know that you can redirect your Pennsylvania state taxes into scholarships for students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg? It's possible through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program (EITC). Select the Catholic school(s) you'd like to support with your contribution and receive 90% of that amount as a tax credit for a two-year commitment. The school(s) will receive up to 100% of your donation to provide tuition assistance for qualified families in the upcoming school year. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC to fill out the interest form or contact Bill Barnes in the Office of Catholic Schools at 724-552-2589.

Millions in Catholic school tuition assistance available SPREAD THE NEWS! The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org or call 724-552-2565.



Creation Care Team

The Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, Creation Care Team meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Children's Liturgy Room. The team's focus is to study the encyclical "Laudato Si, Care for Our Common Home" and to turn the Pope's vision into effective actions. For more information, call 412-916-8030 or email chris@syncrous.com.

The feast of the Epiphany which falls on on January 5, 2025, is the time to bless our homes. All you need to do is get a piece of chalk and you will write the following above the doorway:

20 + C + M + B + 25

The letters represent the first initials of the three kings who visited the Christ child on the Epiphany: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Those letters also signify the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem benedicat*, which means, "May Christ bless this House".

Christmas Decoration Removal Immaculate Conception Cemetery

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the Christmas decorations by March 3, 2025.

Anything left in the cemetery past March 3, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made

Diocese of Greensburg Jubilee Year Calendar



DECEMBER 2024

- 29 Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year**
3 PM Beginning at The Westmoreland Museum of Art and processing to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral (BSC)

JANUARY 2025

- 11 Jubilee Mass**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC

FEBRUARY 2025

- 2 Presentation of the Lord**
11 AM Mass at BSC celebrated by Bishop Kulick with Blessing of Candles and Procession
- 8 Jubilee Mass for Catechists & Formation Leaders**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC

MARCH 2025

- 5 Ash Wednesday with Bishop Kulick**
6 PM at BSC
- 8 Jubilee Mass for Doctors, Nurses and Healthcare Workers**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 19 St. Joseph Day Celebration**
Free KNOW HIM Events at Christ Our Shepherd Center throughout the day. Registration required.
11:45 AM Mass at BSC
- 25 Bishop Pilgrimage to Rome Begins**
Live coverage continues through April 6

APRIL 2025

- 11 The Passion According to Matthew - Jubilee Concert**
7 PM at BSC
- 12 Jubilee Mass**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 13 Palm Sunday Procession & Mass with Bishop Kulick**
11 AM Mass at BSC

MAY 2025

- 10 Jubilee Mass for the Poor**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC

JUNE 2025

- 14 Jubilee Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 22 Corpus Christi Mass & Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Kulick**
11 AM Mass at BSC

JULY 2025

- 12 Jubilee Mass for First Responders (Blue Mass)**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC

AUGUST 2025

- 9 Jubilee Mass for Families, Youth & Newcomers**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 15 Assumption Mass & Procession**
6 PM at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 13 Jubilee Mass for Laborers**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 14 Exaltation of the Cross**
11 AM Mass at BSC

OCTOBER 2025

- 7 All Schools Mass - Solemnity of the Dedication of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral**
9 AM Mass at BSC
- 11 Jubilee Mass of Reparation for Victims of Sexual Abuse**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC

NOVEMBER 2025

- 8 Jubilee Mass of Remembrance**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 23 Feast of Christ the King**
Diocesan-wide Eucharistic Adoration

DECEMBER 2025

- 13 Jubilee Mass for Religious**
11 AM Confessions
Noon Mass at BSC
- 28 Solemn Closing of the Jubilee Year**
11 AM Mass at BSC

