

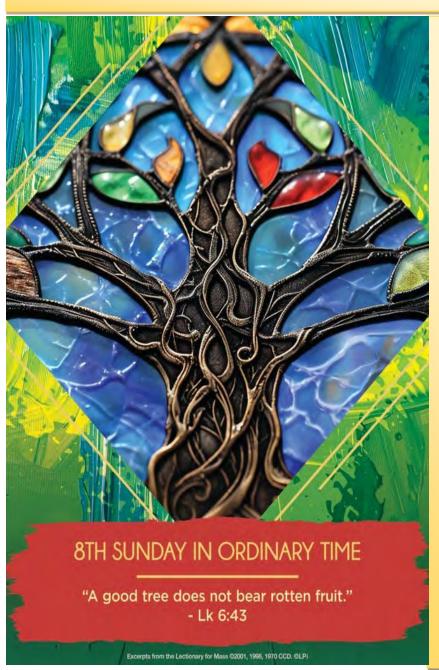
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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March 2, 2025 ~ 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Saturday, March 1, 2025

8:30 am 1st Saturday/Anointing/Month's Mind:

+ Richard Dombrowski \*(Confessions following Mass)

4 pm Greg & Anna May Zera (Deb Romano)

#### Sunday, March 2, 2025

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

11:30 am James G. Cordis (Beverly Cordis &Family)

#### Monday, March 3, 2025

8:30 am Kathryn Fisher Johnson (Dorothy A. Orban)

#### Tuesday, March 4, 2025

8:30 am For the Parish Family

#### Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30 am Janet Mahalik (Rob & Mary)

12 noon Prayer Service with Ashes

6:30 pm Jean Beck (Bazylak Family)

#### Thursday, March 6, 2025

8:30 am Gary & Danny Capaccione (Sedlock Fam.)

#### Friday, March 7, 2025

8:30 am Deceased of Howard Wilson Family (Barb) 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 8, 2025

4 pm Deceased of the Barkac Family (Mike & Lois)

#### Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:30 am Alice Spore (Cynthia Barr)

11:30 am Betsy Bachy (Dennis & Kris Kissane)

#### 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.

#### Memorials

St. John Neuman: March 1—14 Blessings & Good Health for Dr. Robert Bazylak (Rob & Mary)

#### **Christian Mothers:**

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



Neighbors helping neighbors.

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

The next SVDP collection weekend is March 15/16.

(Please bring donated items ONLY on the designated weekends since storage is limited.)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

(Any questions or concerns please contact Julie McNamara at 412-310-1505)

Please pray for all of our faithful departed and their families



Last Saturday morning we held a session to help people with their clearances. Tim Fogerty, the Executive Director for Human Recourses from the Diocese was here to conduct the session. I was absolutely overwhelmed with the turn our for the session. I want to thank everyone who came, it certainly is indicative of how much you love your parish and want to help out.

#### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14

and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8

-13/Lk 4:1-13



# Fr. Mike's Message

Talk really can be cheap...

As we prepare to begin the season of Lent our readings this week give us much food for thought. As Jesus reminds us it is not always what we do but the thoughts and motivations behind our actions are what really matter. Sirach in the first reading reminds us that talk can be cheap! He reminds us that the way a person speaks reveals their true inner self. We all need to listen to one another carefully before judging, that is the proof of true wisdom. He is telling us that conversation is the real proof of one's character.

If you stop and think about this, we can all benefit from Sirach's words. When we speak to others, if we are gossiping, have a foul mouth, or come off as knowing it all what does that really say about our character and the kind of person we really are. The way that we speak to others gives evidence of our own interior living, our speech reveals where we have allowed ourselves to be planted, and how we view ourselves. Sirach is realistic as he assesses how people talk. If we listen we can learn a lot not only about others but far more importantly about ourselves.

In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus once again speaks in parables and leaves it up to us to apply the message to our lives. He says "every tree is known by its own fruit", exactly what kind of fruit are we putting out into the world. The secrets of the heart are revealed by the words of the mouth. The way that we speak to or about others reveals what kind of person we really are. We are being cautioned to think before we speak or act, to be aware of how we are perceived by others. We are being cautioned that it is much easier to look outward at others rather than looking inward.

Why is it so easy for us to see the many "splinters" planted in another's eye, yet be totally oblivious to the ones that are keeping us from seeing clearly? We are always ready to help someone else remove those splinters yet don't seem to mind the ones in our own eyes. We are being reminded that it is time to get our own eyes checked, to remove the film of distrust and correct any shortsighted suspicion.

If we make these words a part of our lives, what a great way to begin this season of Lent. Last week we were reminded that awareness is always the first step, maybe it is time to become aware of the many splinters blocking us from being the people God made us to be. Remember that we are reminded that a "good person out of the store of goodness in their heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil, for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." We are all being challenged to use God's mercy as a key to making a better world both inside and out. Start this lent by becoming more aware of your speech and the way that you relate to and about others. Remember that talk truly can be cheap if they do not speak of what is in our hearts!

#### The Lenten Stewardship

The season of Lent is about examining our lives and doing whatever we can to become more aware of God's gifts. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we can learn more about our relationship not only with God but also with one another. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent, one that we sometimes overlook. To share what we have been blessed with is a real gift.

This year during Lent, we will pair up with Heifer International which is an organization that takes animals around the world and helps people to use them to help build a better life. We are going to try and buy an "ARK" which is a collection of different animals that can truly bring a better life to many people. Throughout the season of Lent, you can make a donation and we will "buy" the animals to fill the ARK. If you do make a donation to Heifer, simply put your donation in an envelope and mark it Heifer. Below are the animals that will fill the ARK:

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| 2 Sheep                                | \$240.00 |
| 2 Trios of Rabbits                     | \$120.00 |
| 2 Pigs                                 | \$240.00 |
| 2 Oxen                                 | \$500.00 |
| 2 Goats                                | \$240.00 |
| 2 Beehives                             | \$ 60.00 |
| 2 Flocks of Geese                      | \$ 80.00 |
| 2 Flocks of Chicks                     | \$ 50.00 |
| 2 Trios of Guinea Pigs                 | \$120.00 |
| 2 Water Buffalo                        | \$500.00 |
| 2 Cows                                 | \$800.00 |
| 2 Trios of Ducks                       | \$ 50.00 |
| 2 Donkeys                              | \$800.00 |
| 2 Camels                               | \$900.00 |
| 2 Llamas                               | \$300.00 |
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#### THE SEASON OF LENT

With the celebration of Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. This is a period of time set aside by the church to afford us the opportunity to look at our relationship not only with God but also with one another.

Ash Wednesday: Liturgy will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m., and there will be a communion service with the distribution of ashes at Noon, and mass at 6:30 pm. Mass at Immaculate Conception will be at 8:00 am, Noon and 6:30 pm.

- \* Monday evenings, at Elizabeth Ann Seton, during Lent Fr. Mike will offer a class at 6:30 pm on "Why we believe what we believe".
- \* Fr. Vijay and Fr. Louiegene will offer a class at Immaculate Conception also at 6:30. Fr. Vijay will speak on the last seven words of Jesus. Reflecting on these words during Lent helps us grow in humility, sacrifice, and love, drawing us closer to Christ's passion and resurrection.
- \* Fr. Louiegene will speak on the topic that the season of Lent in the Philippines is more than a period of prayer, fasting, and reflection—it is a sacred journey deeply embedded in the nation's culture and faith.
- Friday's during Lent we will pray the stations at 6:30 pm.
- Daily Liturgy at 8:30
- \* Those "Little Black Books" will be available to help you journey through the season.
  I hope that you will be able to avail yourself to some of these services to help make this Lenten Season a fruitful one.





Queen of Angels Catholic School is once again selling Sarris Candy for Easter. Please find in the narthex a brochure and order form for the Sarris Candy Easter fundraising sale to benefit Queen of Angels Catholic School.

- All orders and payments are due befire Wednesday, March 12th
- Pick up is Wednesday, April 9th from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM
- ON—LINE ORDER: www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com #10-1221
- Make your checks payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School. One check is recommended...Please no cash.



Please join us on Ash Wednesday for an all-school Mass on Wednesday, March 5th, in the school auditorium. Mass begins at 1:30 PM. All are wel-



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## Fish Fry Bake Sale Stewardship for the Week



Each Friday for our Fish Fry we are asking our parishioners to bake for a "Bake Sale" that will be a part of the Fish Fry. We will break the days up alphabetically so that you will know when you are to bake.

If your last name begins with:

▲ - M we are asking that you bake something for March 5th....Ash Wednesday

M—Z we are asking that you bake something for March 7th....

You can bring your baked goods in on the Morning of The Fish Fry.

We will be doing this each week so you are asked to bake every other week.

KNOW HIM: Go to Joseph will be offered on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Wednesday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. There are two free sessions at 2 and 6 p.m. This experiential event invites participants to form a relationship with Jesus through the protection and guidance of his foster father, St. Joseph, Protector of the Eucharist and Patron of the Universal Church. Chef Rizzi DeFabo, owner of Rizzo's Malabar Inn in Crabtree, will give a presentation on the St. Joseph Altar. DeFabo he will share this family treasure with the faithful, along with treats for St. Joseph Day. Those attending will also learn about the importance of creating a space in the home for a family altar and have the opportunity to create the items needed for a home altar. The event will also include a unique and immersive adoration experience, allowing attendees to travel to Nazareth and imagine they are in the Holy Family's living space, plus a presentation on St. Joseph as depicted in art. Registration is free but space is limited. Information is available at DioceseofGreensburg.Org/KNOWHIM. Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable item (pasta, canned goods, cereal or diapers) to place at the St. Joseph Altar as a work of mercy and charity in this Jubilee Year.

Sunday Offertory: \$7103.00

Poor: \$20.00

Mary's Garden: \$105.00

Easter Flowers: \$15.00 Candles: \$260.00

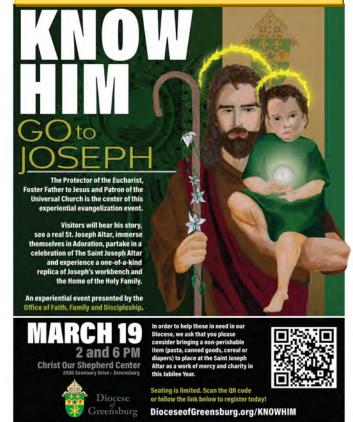
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Lancaster "Sight and Sound"

On Thursday March 26-27, the North Huntingdon AARP is offering a trip to Lancaster Sight & Sound, also the Dutch Apple Theater Dinner and Show, featuring "Waitress."

Cost is \$595 per person Dbl. occupancy. Contact Janet Tatters at 724-246-4659 for more information. You do not need to be a member to go.



BYOB and snacks

st. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church invites you to our 8th

#### Night at the Races

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Paint sticks!

money chance

Auction

Doors to Mack Hall open at 5 p.m.

Dinner served from 5:00-6:00.

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\$30 Admission price includes great food, dessert, unlimited soft drinks, beer, and naming thts to one horse/jockey/stable.

\$40 awarded to winning Horses, Jockeys, and Stables

Complete the form below and turn it in with cash/check made payable to **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** after Mass at the table in the back of the church during weekends of Feb 22/23 and March 1/2. You may also put it in an envelope marked "SEAS – Night at the Races" and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Church Office.

Questions? Please call/text Julie McNamara 412-310-1505.

Can't attend but would still like to help?

Donate a basket for our basket auction (approximate value \$75).

Donate lottery tickets for a lottery basket.

Donate gift cards for a gift card basket. Sponsor a race. Buy a horse.

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Doors to Mack Hall open at 5 p.m. Dinner served from 5:00-6:00 with races to follow.

\$30 Admission price includes great food, dessert, unlimited soft drinks, beer, and naming rights to one horse/jockey/stable.

Winner need not be present to win.

BYOB - You must be 21 or older to attend.

Ticket not required for entry. (Check in at door.)

Checks made payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

\$40 awarded to winning Horses, Jockeys, and Stables

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If you wish to reserve a table, please email Lori at lanselmino924@gmail.com or call/text 412-877-9566.



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Indiana, PA

March 12th, 2025 | 7:00pm Tickets: \$33





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Nationally known speaker and author Chris Stefanick will be the keynote speaker for Reboot, the Indiana region parishes' regional Lenten mission, Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana. Stefanick is a husband, father of six and grandfather of four who narrates the series "The Search." Tickets are \$33 (free for those under 12) and must be purchased in advance at https://reallifecatholic.com/reboot/. Tickets include free online access to Stefanick's book "Living Joy" and a study guide.

