



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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**March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent 2025**



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# Mass Schedule and Intentions

## Saturday, March 29, 2025

4 pm Mary Ann Madden (Tom Madden, Kathy & Mike Osiecki, Michael, Malone & Macklen Madden)

## Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:30 am Mary Frances Legin (Chris, Gene & Kate)

11:30 am Scott Rockwell (Joe Perozich)

## Monday, March 31, 2025

8:30 am Marsha Bazylak (Tom)

## Tuesday, April 1, 2025

8:30 am Dolly Bloise (Rose Anne & Michael LeDonne)

## Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:30 am Healing for Bob Bazylak (Vickie & Mike)

## Thursday, April 3, 2025

8:30 am For the Parish Family

## Friday, April 4, 2025

8:30 am Linda Bazylak (Vickie & Mike)

6:30 pm + Stations of the Cross +

## Saturday, April 5, 2025

8:30 am \*First Saturday, Anointing, Month's Mind:

+ Helen Sabol, + Josephine Anweiler

4 pm John Matthews (Ed & Janet Tatters)

## Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Veitz & Macey Family (Lou & Mary Ann Veitz)

11:30 am Grace Bindas (John & Family)

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.

## Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

## MEMORIALS

*Altar Candles*– March 29—April 4

Bernice Lynch (Bill & Kathleen Bellis)

Sanctuary Candle March 29—April 4

Marsha Bazylak (Tom)

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Please continue to bring in gift bags and items for St. Anne visits. They are very much appreciated and enjoyed by the residents.

## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

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 clothing collection is this weekend April 19-20.

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

SVDP appreciates all donations—Thank you!

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

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**Please pray for all of our faithful departed and their families.**

## Weekly Offering

Online giving: \$2037.00

Sunday offertory: \$7842.00

Votive candles: \$346.00

Catholic Accent: \$35.00

Religious Education Support: \$ 16.00

Easter Flowers: \$315.00

Mary Garden: \$3.00

Charity: \$33.00

Home Missions/Black Indian: \$5.00

**Total: \$10632.00**

# Fr. Mike's Message



## Repent and Feast

During this Fourth Sunday of Lent we hear the familiar story of the prodigal son. There is probably no other story that speaks so well of God's loving compassion than this parable. Throughout history this story has been the subject of much art work depicting the absolute mercy of the "loving father" and the "repentant son." Although the story is well known to us all, we can take a second look at the elements presented and learn much about ourselves and our relationship to God. There is always much power found in stories about unconditional love. Nations have been moved by events where love and compassion are present. We often hear stories about the unconditional love of a parent or concerned citizen performing miraculous deeds for perfect strangers. The characters in this parable certainly are not strangers and the miracle that is presented touches us all.

There is a story about Fyodor Dostoevsky the Great Russian writer of *The Brothers Karamazov* who when he was dying he called his family to his bedside and requested that his wife read Luke's story of the prodigal son. He listened with closed eyes, absorbed in this message of mercy and forgiveness. Then in a weak and halting voice he said: "My children never forget what you have just heard. Have absolute faith in God, and never despair of his pardon. I love you dearly, but my love is nothing compared to the love of God...Even if you should be so unhappy as to commit a crime in the course of your life, never despair of God...You are God's children; humble yourselves before God as before your father, implore his pardon, and he will rejoice over your repentance as the father rejoiced over that of the prodigal son."

The real mystery about this story is that we can identify with each of the characters portrayed. We all like to think that we are compassionate and forgiving as the father is, and at the same time we can all be as self seeking as the younger son. Then there is the reality of life that causes us to be as jealous and insecure as the older brother. There is certainly something for all of us in this story.

The older son's feelings challenge us to rise above probable anger at the younger son and the father and lead us to see that God's forgiveness is absolute. God's forgiveness is not mere pardon like ours; not a half forgiveness with a promise not to forget, not a negative repair for the sake of social harmony. This is a story of God's everlasting friendship who says that all of us are honored guests in the household of God as we seek forgiveness.

This week we are reminded of the power that can be found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through the grace of that forgiving gift that we are all made to feel welcome. Each of us has been invited to the feast, we simply need to search our hearts and determine if we are ready and willing to accept and embrace God's absolute forgiving love.

# Heifer International

Remember that our Almsgiving for Lent is to be a part of Heifer International. This is just one more way that we can touch the lives of people around the world. The money that we give will continue to enrich the lives of people for many years to come. If you would like to make a donation, simply put it in an envelope and mark it HEIFER.

**A Gift of a Pig:** To help hungry, undernourished families put protein back in their diets at little cost, Heifer teaches farmers how to raise healthy pigs even with scant resources. A farmer who may not be able to manage cows can raise pigs. In Latin America, pigs eat rejected bananas or damaged yams that otherwise would be wasted. They grow to market weight while producing manure that improves crop production. Around the world, using resources once considered worthless, impoverished families supply themselves with the protein and income they need to build better houses, put their children in school and improve their lives.

**A Gift of a Rabbit:** Why rabbits? Because even a family without the land or resources to raise cows or even goats can find a warm dry spot – in a hutch on a back porch or perhaps even in a cool burrow dug beneath a garden planter – where rabbits can thrive. They can be fed with vegetable waste and kitchen scraps, so they conserve farm resources as they grow. And, like other livestock, rabbits are sources of healthy protein to help feed the hungry. Their nitrogen-rich manure makes excellent fertilizer to put on crops as compost. And everyone knows how rabbits proliferate. Here's a gift that multiplies! With as many as 40 offspring a year, a trio of rabbits can provide a family with a steady source of protein and income.

**This week because of your generosity we were able to board on the ARK: 1 flock of Chicks, 1 Beehive, 1 sheep, 1 llama, 1 donkey! At this rate we will fill the ARK in no time!**



THANK YOU

to all those who assisted and participated in our 8<sup>th</sup> annual **Night at the Races**, (NATR) on March 22, 2025!

The success of this yearly event started months before with a core group of volunteers, expanding to our hard-working church staff, and finally the volunteer workers and basket donors who made the evening the great event that it was.

**We want to especially thank our top donors:**

Thoroughbred level at \$300

**SqueeGee Squad Window Cleaner**

**Judy Filipowski Health Insurance Services**

Clydesdale level at \$150

**William Snyder Funeral Home**

**Ott Funeral Home**

**Eckenrode Financial Group**

Their generosity cannot be overstated.  
Congratulations, also, to all the winners!



Our local chapter of AARP is putting together a cruise on the Norwegian Getaway Ship for September 7-14.

We will be stopping at 5 different Ports as a Bonus Pack.

Interior accommodations: \$1156.62

Balcony: \$1739.12

Contact Janet Tatters at 412-841-8451



# Angels Corner

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL -  
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 STUDENT SPOT-  
LIGHT - TYLER SHIELDS. TYLER WAS HONORED RE-  
CENTLY AT THE CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS BREAKFAST AT STRATIGOS BANQUET  
CENTRE. TYLER IS A SIXTH GRADER, A MEMBER OF  
THE CYO CROSS COUNTRY TEAM AND IS A STUDENT



**NCYC  
2025**

**I AM | YO SOY**

November 20 - 22  
Indianapolis

**Teens currently in 8th - 11th Grade are  
invited to join us on a 3 day Journey of Faith**

All will experience prayer, community, and the  
transformative power of God's presence. Join us for an  
unforgettable encounter with Christ that will shape your  
spiritual journey.

**Registration: \$100  
limited number of tickets available**

Total Cost: \$550 includes: hotel, bus, tickets,  
swag and a Diocesan group dinner

Check with your Youth Minister for fundraising opportunities  
and parish specific costs / additional information or  
email [ffd@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ffd@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**SCAN TO REGISTER**

or visit

[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/ncyc/](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/ncyc/)



**ADVENTURE  
IS  
CALLING!**

Camp Virtue is a day camp that allows 6th-8th grade youth the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith while also exploring the world around them. Camp Virtue will help participants to understand that they can enjoy each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God. Camp will include morning sessions of dynamic talks on the virtues, praise and worship, prayer, Mass, small group sharing, games, and much more. After lunch we will depart via school bus for an EPIC EXPEDITION!!!

This is your chance to experience something unforgettable - an action-packed journey that will challenge you, bring you closer to your faith, and create memories you'll treasure forever.

Trust us, this is an adventure you won't want to miss!

**SAVE THE DATE = JUNE 16-19, 2025**

Cost: \$150/Participant  
\$100/High School Volunteer  
scholarships available,  
talk to your youth minister about it

Hosted at Christ the King Church  
125 Park Road, Leechburg, PA 15656

**A SNEAK PEEK OF THE WEEK'S FUN ACTIVITIES**



For more info, contact Heather Hensley, Regional Director of Youth Formation and Discipleship, at [hhensley@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:hhensley@dioceseofgreensburg.org)



## SPRING CLEANUP

Now that Spring is here the church is looking for helpers with the maintenance of Mary's garden, as well as some general landscaping of the church grounds, at various times during the spring and summer. We are currently very short staffed and in real need for a few people to step up to continue to provide the beautiful church grounds you have been seeing for some time. If anyone has an interest in helping you can contact the office or either Scott or Karen Benedict at 724-771-0890. Thank you

## DLA

One of the many ways that our parish benefits from the annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal is through the International Priest Program. Our parish has benefited from this with the help of four priests who have come to our Diocese.

Sometimes we need to look beyond ourselves to appreciate what it is that we have. These men give up so much just to be of assistance to us, and none of this would ever be possible without the help we receive from DLA.

Please know how grateful I am to those of you who have already made your gift this year. If you have not, won't you consider being a part of the process. Our parish benefits more than you can ever imagine from the generosity of people from around the Diocese.

## International Priests



*Lent is  
a time to  
Share* 

All young men who are interested in exploring God's call and who are open to learning more about the priesthood are invited to spring gatherings the first Sunday of each month (April 6 and May 4) at Saint John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont. The Melchizedek Project, for 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 resource sharing. For information, contact Father David Slusarick, Associate Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, at [dslusarick@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:dslusarick@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

North Huntingdon Parishes

## Lenten Penance Services

St. Elizabeth  
Ann Seton  
Monday.  
April 7th  
6:30 PM

Immaculate  
Conception  
Tuesday.  
April 8th  
6:30 PM

St. Agnes  
Thursday.  
April 10th  
6:30 PM

As we await the resurrection of Christ, prepare your heart for his coming and join us for the sacrament of reconciliation.



# JUBILEE CONCERT OF HOPE

**Friday, April 11 🎵 7:00 PM**  
**Blessed Sacrament Cathedral**  
**FREE EVENT**



This concert will feature the world premiere of the “Stabat Mater,” a moving new composition by Nancy Galbraith as well as her “Passion According to Saint Matthew.”

Reserve a seat, become a patron, sponsor the event or register for the pre-concert reception at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/JubileeConcert](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/JubileeConcert) today!



Diocese of Greensburg

Join us for Stations Friday's during Lent

6:30 PM



## Be a virtual Pilgrim of Hope with Bishop Kulick in Rome

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, Bishop Larry J. Kulick is leading a group of pilgrims from the Diocese of Greensburg to Rome. Bishop Kulick invites you to be part of this pilgrimage, virtually. From Rome, Bishop Kulick will offer two Lenten reflections, pray the Stations of the Cross and host daily podcasts about the pilgrimage. You can also submit prayer intentions for the Bishop while he is in Rome. To be a virtual pilgrim, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/Rome](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/Rome).

## Money Counters

There are always things that need to be done around the Church, and there are many people who generously offer their time and their talents. One area that we could use some help with is counting the collection on Monday mornings. If you think you might be able to help with this, just give us a call at the office and we will make it happen.

