



## *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church*

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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust  
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**April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent 2025**



### **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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# Mass Schedule and Intentions

## 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)

## Monday, April 7, 2025

8:30 am Michael Fisher (The Sedlock Family)

## Tuesday, April 8, 2025

8:30 am For the Parish Family

## Wednesday, April 9, 2025

8:30 am Souls of All Priests, Deacons & Nuns (Joe)

## Thursday, April 10, 2025

8:30 am Randy & Norma Nestor (Ed & Janet Tatters)

## Friday, April 11, 2025

8:30 am Bernice Bosniak (Rich Johnson)

6:30 pm + Stations of the Cross +

## Saturday, April 12, 2025

4 pm Mark Pollock (Family)

## Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:30 am Ralph Passarello (Children, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren)

11:30 am Casey Fitzgibbon (Birthday) (Fitzgibbon 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 April 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11  
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

## 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 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.**

Now that Spring is here the church is looking for helpers with the maintenance of Mary's garden. 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

## Weekly Offertory March 30, 2025

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Online giving: \$2337.00       | Offertory: \$10263.00   |
| Votive candles: \$312.00       | Easter flower: \$795.00 |
| Catholic accent: \$23.00       | Easter: \$98.00         |
| Holy Thursday: \$33.00         | Ascension: \$3.00       |
| Mary Garden: \$20.00           | Charity: \$63.00        |
| Holy Land/Good Friday: \$33.00 |                         |

**Total: \$13,980.00**



# Fr. Mike's Message

"Neither do I condemn you"

In order for this week's reading to make sense for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent we need to look at them in reference to the Exodus event that is mentioned in the first reading. Isaiah in the first reading recalls the Exodus from Egypt. So important was this event in the memory of the Jews that they have celebrated it as Passover for over 3,000 years. Memory is an important part of religious experience. The re-telling of past events makes them present, not historically, but symbolically or sacramentally. When the Exodus event is read at Passover the past becomes present. This is similar to what happens when we celebrate the Liturgy. The Eucharistic celebration is not just an event that happened in the past but continues to happen throughout time.

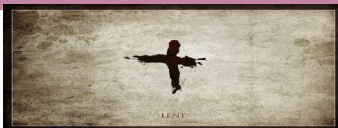
Isaiah recalls the past for the people of Israel. However, he does not want the people to remain stuck in the past. He is calling them to move towards the future. He is trying to get the people to see that that event which they celebrate each year is a repeatable experience of God's saving presence. He tells the people that God continually intervenes in the same way that it happened at the Exodus event. This event becomes the primary way for the people of Israel to define God; Isaiah is offering comfort and a promise of peace.

St. Paul is doing the same thing in the second reading. Many people who have experienced a religious conversion will often see their past in a negative light rather than as an event that has continuity with graced moments of past experiences. He is making the point that nothing is important now except faith in Christ. He is telling the people not to be burdened by their past. The gospel picks up on this same notion with the story about the woman caught in adultery.


The gospel presents us with a scene where the religious authorities are attempting to trap Jesus by quoting an ancient law that required the stoning of a woman caught in adultery. They could really have cared less about the woman; rather they wanted to catch Jesus in a contradiction in dealing with law. Jesus was really in a no win situation but managed to turn the table and his love of mercy wins. They were ready to condemn the woman for her past but Jesus opens up a new future for her. By not allowing her to remain in the past with sin, she is liberated to a new life of grace. By not being stuck in the past she is able to move into a future. Those who wanted to stone her wanted her to die *in* her past. Jesus wanted her to die *to* her past.

In saving the woman from the fate that the authorities wanted to impose, he was really able to save them from themselves. The focus of this gospel is not the woman or her sin of adultery, but a personal encounter with Jesus. Encountering Jesus always exposes the truth; both the woman and the crowd learn the truth about their own sin. Everyone who encounters Jesus go through two changes: those who are willing to condemn, no longer condemn and the ones condemned are no longer condemned. Encounter with Jesus enables repentance in our lives.

Deep down inside, too many of us fear that our sin is bigger than God's mercy. Jesus however responds to profound sin with even more profound mercy. Once we encounter Jesus, we are moved to repent, to change our behaviors. Repentance includes both dying and rising. Changing our ways is the dying; a new relationship with Christ is the rising. The closer we become to Christ the more able we are to recognize



*Lent is*  
a time to  
*Share*



**Parish Capital Improvements**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish serves the needs of our ever-growing faith community. We are spirit-filled, hardworking people, baptized into the Family of God and called to ministry. We gather together to worship, to spread the Gospel Message of Peace, to respond to the needs of all and to love one another. Motivated and Challenged by the love of Jesus Christ, we would like to raise \$110,000 in 2025. This will allow us to make necessary repairs to the windows in the church as well as address the lighting in the vestibule.



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**Donate today at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2025](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2025)**

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## A TIME TO SHARE

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## We are Grateful for your Generosity!

Two weeks ago we celebrated our Night at the Races here at our parish. Everyone who came certainly had a wonderful time. Please know how grateful we are to everyone who in any way had a part to play in the evening. I would like to think that everyone who came certainly had a wonderful time! I am pleased to let you know that we profited \$9,863 this year! We could not have done this without your help!

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.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lent is a time for repentance and change. Along with our Lenten sacrifices, we also share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I ask that you look at the schedule of services that will be offered this year. Try to come to one of the services and share in the gift of God's forgiving love. There will be a number of priests available to help.





# Angels Corner

## 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 (ETC). 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/ETC](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/ETC) to fill out the interest form or contact Bill Barnes in the Office of Catholic Schools at 724-552-2589.



### It's Pizza and Cookie Time !!!!

Share it with your friends! Share it with your family! We have exciting news, Little Caesars® Fundraising, and Mrs. Fields® Cookie Dough are back!

Our goal is 12 items per student

This is an important school-wide campaign and many hands make light work!

Our school goal is 1000 items.

*We need your family's participation if we are going to reach our goal.*

*Even if you have not participated in the past we ask you to please do so this year.*

On-line ordering at [PizzaKit.Com](http://PizzaKit.Com) Click "**Products**" then select "**Shop**" and then

"Support A Seller You Know" Our fundraiser ID is 453698

For "**On Trend Treats**" ordering go to [OnlineFundraisingStore.Com](http://OnlineFundraisingStore.Com) to register and take orders online. It is easy and takes just minutes. Our School / Group ID is **FMGTS25QUEE**. Register with your parent information and email address; you will receive a confirmation email in a few minutes. Follow that link to register your student information.



Customers can pay with a Visa or MasterCard and have their products delivered with our group order on delivery day. Orders ~~will be counted~~ in your individual total - so be sure friends and family who order online include **YOUR NAME** so you get credit. **DO NOT** write online orders on your paper order form

- Turn in orders and money Monday, April 14th
- Put Little Caesars items on Little Caesars form and all Mrs. Fields brochure items on the single sheet.
- Check your orders to make sure all Little Caesars items are on the Little Caesars order form! ☐ Send a single check for your total orders payable to **Queen Of Angels Catholic School** ☐ Delivery will be during the week of May 5 -9 date and time to be announced.

Thank you for your support of our school.

### Filling the ARK!

We are finished with the season of Lent with only two more weeks before Easter! At this point we are doing very well in filling the ARK. Because of your generosity we have been able to board onto the ark....

1 bee hive

1 flock of Chicks

1 donkey

1 Camel

1 llama

1 Sheep

2 Trio of Rabbits



## KERYGMA DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

***Come Encounter the Truth of the Gospel***

### ***What is the Kerygma Discipleship Retreat?***

A three-day opportunity for men and women to:

- Hear the Gospel with new ears
- Deepen your relationship with Jesus
- Discover a faith that leads to joyful living

### ***What are people saying?***

"Kerygma was like getting a key that unlocked a door inside of me. Since the Holy Spirit opened that door, I am so happy to have access to this part of my life."

"I truly believe that this was the most transformative retreat that I have attended and I am so blessed and grateful that I was there. It is such a great opportunity for every age group."

"After the retreat, my prayer life changed. My husband and I are praying together as a couple, which was not a priority before. As a family, the way we pray with our daughters has also changed. I came to a new understanding of what it means to give my troubles to God."

### ***What is included?***

- A three day retreat experience
  - Accommodations at Christ Our Shepherd Center (commuters are also welcome)
  - 8 delicious meals
  - Opportunity for Confession, Prayer, Adoration, and Sunday Mass
  - Pricing as low as \$50 for those from the Diocese of Greensburg depending on accommodation.
- (No one will be turned away for inability to pay.)

Scan the code or follow the web address for more information.



# ***May 16-18, 2025***

Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg

***DioceseofGreensburg.org/Kerygma***

## **Kerygma Discipleship Retreat May 15-18 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**

Are you looking to learn more about Jesus or forming a relationship with Him? Are you active in your parish and would like to renew your relationship with Jesus and be able to share His message with others? Maybe you have been away from the Church or have not heard the Gospel before and want to learn more about Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Church. The Kerygma Discipleship Retreat is for you! This weekend retreat, Thursday, May 15, through Sunday, May 18, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, is an opportunity to have a new encounter with Jesus and discover ways to sustain that relationship in your everyday life. Meals are included. Commuters are welcome. For pricing, registration and other information, visit::

[www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/kerygma-discipleship-retreat](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/kerygma-discipleship-retreat)



**Annual Salt and Light Awards Dinner April 24** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its annual Communities of Salt & Light Award Dinner Thursday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon.. All proceeds from the event are distributed to the most vulnerable residents of the Diocese. This year's awardees are Thomas A. Jacobsen – Humanitarian, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg; John and Susan Coleman – Philanthropy, Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish; and Ladies of Charity Clothing Closet of The Roman Catholic Churches of Southern Fayette – Human Service Organization. Tickets are \$130 per person. Online bidding, advertising and sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, or to donate a basket or silent auction item, visit [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) or call 724-837-1840.

**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 the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.



# 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](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/JubileeConcert) today!



Diocese of Greensburg

Jubilee of Hope Concert at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral April 11 As we celebrate this Jubilee Year, the Diocese of Greensburg is pleased to invite you to a special evening of music and reflection at the Jubilee Concert of Hope Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

This concert will feature the world premiere of the "Stabat Mater," a moving new composition by Nancy Galbraith, professor of composition at Carnegie Mellon University School of Music. The text is taken from the traditional hymn, "At The Cross Her Station Keeping." Also to be performed is the "Passion According to Saint Matthew," which was premiered in 2015 by Dr. Thomas Octave, Diocesan Director of Sacred Music, and has been performed throughout the world to great acclaim. The work invites the listener to reflect deeply on the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Performing will be the Diocesan Choir, the Westmoreland Choral Society and the Diocesan Festival Orchestra. For tickets, visit [www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/JubileeConcert](http://www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/JubileeConcert).



## Pilgrimage to Rome



October  
12 - 21  
2025



Join Fr. Daniel Ullshney

\* Round trip airline \* 4-star hotels \* Breakfast and dinner \* English guide \* Pilgrimage activities and entrance fees \* Mass daily \* Private transportation per itinerary

**FROM Pittsburgh, PA (PIT)**