SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON JULY 13, 2025 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 12, 2025 4 pm Pauline Filiano (Feryus Family) Sunday, July 13, 2025 8:30 am Brendan McGowan (Christian, Sebastian, Maximilian & Ursula) 11:30 am Deceased Members of the Sklencar Family (Children & Grandchildren) Monday, July 14, 2025 8:30 am Bob Barnett (Henderson Family) **Tuesday, July 15, 2025** 8:30 am For the Parish Family Wednesday, July 16, 2025 8:30 am Jude Tognarina (Morning Rosary Group) Thursday, July 17, 2025 8:30 am Eleanor Quigley (Christian Mothers) Friday, July 18, 2025 8:30 am Ida Grissom (Ace & Marcia Mathias) Saturday, July 19, 2025 4 pm Andrew & Elizabeth Mitrik (Jim Gergely) Sunday, July 20, 2025 8:30 am Milton & Beatrice Jessell (Ron & Joanne Antol) 11:30 am Albert & Geraldine Molesso (David & Susan Kovac)

CONFESSIONS – SATURDAYS* 3 pm – 3:45 pm *On 1st Saturdays – Confessions will follow 8:30 am Mass (no confessions at 3 pm)

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Father Jím's Message

Life is busy in 2025. What should I focus on each day to embrace the Will of God in addition to my prayer time?

The parables of Jesus Christ!

In this Sunday's first reading we hear in Deuteronomy 30: 11-14 (NAB) "For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky that you should say, "Who will go up in the sky to get it down for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?" Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?" No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out.

-Beautiful, clear words from the book of Deuteronomy that remind me of the parables of our Lord. We all think life will be clear and focused when we begin on a spiritual path of our Catholic Faith. But soon enough, we realize that the deserts in life are part of the journey. I love when a clarity strikes me in unexpected times; such as a little prompting of the Holy Spirit to refocus and anchor into something of the Lord. One of these clarities came to me after receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. I was contemplating how I could best remain focused on the Lord and anchored into His Will. The idea of the parables of our Lord entered my mind. More specifically, the idea of trying to live out one parable per day of our Lord as an anchoring practice of the Lord's Will. The 3rd Luminous mystery of the Holy Rosary is the Proclamation, or as I like to pray it: "Jesus teaches us the kingdom of God." He does this in many ways but perhaps most especially in his parables of the Gospels. They are like the Gold Plans for the Spiritual life given to us by God himself. The parables of Jesus Christ are timeless; never outdated. I realized this particular day that I don't think about them very much, other than when they come up in the Mass readings for the day. So, here is the clarity of the plan I came up with. 1. Focus on one parable of our Lord every day (Just 1 per day) make a cycle or a sweet rhythm to this. 2. This rhythm should be about enough for a 1month cycle. Why is this? In the synoptic Gospels; (Matthew, Mark and Luke) we can count a little over 30 unique parables of Jesus Christ, give or take. That's perfect for contemplating about 1 per day for the month and repeating this sweet routine! I can't think of a better way to actually welcome the seeds of our Lord's parables into my Why is this good? heart and let them be planted and grow by the Holy Spirit watering them in my mind in the context of my daily life experiences. Any good growth always begins with a new good habit.

Why do I believe this was a good clarity of a practice for my life? The Lord God knows that we have many things competing for the attention of our mind everyday. Even with the gift of prayer throughout the day, it is very helpful to be contemplating something in Holy Scripture. (and) for this type of practice, I can't imagine a better focus than the parables of Jesus Christ. I could try to think about all of them everyday, but I know that would quickly turn into thinking about none of them for it would be too much to actually focus on. But I can sure contemplate one parable per day as a sweet monthly routine! May the parables of Jesus Christ enrich and strengthen your focus on the Will of God today and all month long!

How do you find them? Read through the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and mark them in your Bible, (or) look them up online to utilize a road map or guide to find them in the gospels. Sounds fun right? I think so! (and) Most bibles already have them labeled as parables!

What is the difference between our Lord using a parable or simply speaking directly in the Gospels? Parables occur when Jesus tells a story rather than speaking directly about a teaching and are usually labeled as such in our Gospels, such as "The Parable of the Sower" in Matthew 13. Just prior to that parable in Matthew 12, Jesus gives a teaching; "For whoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother." (but in that case does not use a story-so it would not be a parable.) Hope that helps!

PRAYER FOR MY PASTOR

Father, I ask that You give my pastor a clear vision for the future of our church. Reveal Your plans and purposes and help them to lead with faith and confidence. Show them the next steps to take and provide divine opportunities to further Your kingdom. Amen. On July 6th at 8:30 a.m. Mass, Bishop Kulick welcomed and installed the Very Reverend James Morley as pastor of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Please pray for our shepherd as we continued to grow as a parish! Thank you to everyone who participated in this joyous day!











CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle, Altar Candles and Altar Bread & Wine—July 12-18:

For the Safety of All Active Duty Military Service Men and Women

(Bill & Kathleen Bellis)

If you would like to have a memorial, in memory of your loved one, please fill out the appropriate form or stop by the office.



SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass.

Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact the parish office one year in advance of the Wedding.

Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized please email Susan Cheplic skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register for Baptism Preparation.

Sunday Offertory

\$8982.00

Online Giving

\$2757.00

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(For Season Ticket Holders) Cost of meal only: \$12.50 Add on a Catholic Kennywood 2025 T-shirt: \$12-\$14 depending on size

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Queen of Angels Catholic School

We are currently looking to fill our substitute teacher list for the school year

2025-2026. If you would like to be added, please send your resume to:

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c/o Ms. Jennifer Filak, Principal

One Main Street North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Or email Jennifer Filak at jfilak@queenofangelssch.org.

She can also be reached in the school office at 724-978-0144.

Queen of Angels Catholic School -

St. Agnes Parish and Father Dan has asked our parents to coordinate and volunteer again this year at the St. Agnes Bazaar – Children's Corner on August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. So, I am asking for your help. We will be responsible for all the games under the Children's Tent. I have worked at the St. Agnes Bazaar for over 38 years and have enjoyed every minute of this ministry. Please call me at 724-331-6216 or email me at <u>rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org</u> and let me know when you are available to help!! Thank you for your help and support!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul harnesses the power of community and partnerships to feed, clothe, house and heal individuals and families in our community who have nowhere else to turn for help. Our volunteer members – known as Vincentians – are women and men who are compelled by our Catholic Christian faith to serve those who are in need and suffering.

From rental assistance and homelessness prevention, to thrift stores and food pantries, to utility assistance and car repairs, we share our time and treasure with those who need help and hope. We believe **EVERYONE** deserves a fair chance at a bright future, regardless of income or life circumstances.

You can be a light in this season of darkness. The gifts we have, we are given to share — and we invite you to join us in a season of generosity. When you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you're giving love, help, and hope to our neighbors in need. *Thank you* for your prayers and generosity.

If you are interested in learning more or becoming a Vincentian, please contact Kathy Takacs at (412) 491-7044 or Jack Steiner at (412) 979-2077.