



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

AUGUST 17, 2025 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

4 pm Bolga & Christman Families (Jim & Jean)

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

8:30 am Kathy Peklansky (Husband, Al)

11:30 am Rose Carrozza (Daughter, Linda Mitchell)

**Monday, August 18, 2025**

8:30 am Joseph Merwin Barclay (Ron & Sheila Mikolajczyk)

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

8:30 am For the Parish Family

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

8:30 am Charles Michaels (Mr. & Mrs. Barry Prior)

**Thursday, August 21, 2025**

8:30 am Edward Bolga (Sylvia Bolga)

**Friday, August 22, 2025**

8:30 am Joseph F. Montore (Joseph F. Montore II)

**Saturday, August 23, 2025**

4 pm Rose Martin (Marcia Gray)

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

8:30 am Joseph Maffeo (Betsy Maffeo)

11:30 am Mary Catherine Blon (Sheldon, Anna Marie, Dave & Matt Blon)

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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**Office Hours: M T TH F 9:00-1:00**

# Father Jim's Message

*The Spiritual Practice of giving the Lord my first preference:*

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,  
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division."

The Holy Spirit comes to change us and convert us to the Will of the Father. Hearing today's Gospel, in that understanding, gives meaning to the word *division*. This *division* is between God's Will and our fallen nature. We certainly see this division between the spirit of the culture and the teachings of the Church, and this has been true since Christ walked the earth. The Lord Jesus did not come to affirm all that human beings were doing, or are doing today. He came to save them and us from our sins. We pray for help with this when we ask for God's Will to be done every time we pray an Our Father prayer. Saint Paul teaches us that our earthly desires are directly opposed to the Will of God, but this doesn't mean that holiness is not possible for us on Earth. Obviously, the church has produced many great Saints, and we too are called to that same holiness.

So what's a tangible recipe for holiness? The Lord must increase in my life, and I (my earthly preferences) must decrease a little every day. But *how* do we do this? We grow in holiness first by the sacramental life of the Church, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation and the reception of the most Holy Eucharist at Mass. After that, we grow in holiness through the habit of little daily sacrifices. What kind of sacrifices? Prayer is a great little daily sacrifice because it requires the denial of my earthly will to embrace the ultimate good--time with God. Ok, I pray daily, what else? Another common practice is to offer to the Lord my first preference for something when I have a choice and go with my *second choice* instead of my first. You can give that small gift of your first choice to the Lord, and it's a good spiritual discipline! Don't let yourself think the small things don't matter. If I cannot master the small things, no big accomplishments in the spiritual life will ever follow. Big things build upon the foundation of small *holy habits*. Saint Therese of Lisieux, a Doctor of the Church, taught us this principle quite well (*To focus on the little things with great love*). Ok, how about providing an example for this *second preference* spiritual practice! --Sure!

Start at the store. The next time you are shopping and find two similar options for a thing, see if you can offer to the Lord your first preference, pass it up, and go with your second choice of a similar thing! If you can make this a habit where applicable, you will have an excellent small daily habit of sacrifice even if it's only once per day. Name it to the Lord prayerfully when you do it. You can also name an intention: Lord I offer this sacrifice of my first preference for the healing of \_\_\_\_\_. (Just like we do in verbal intercessory prayer)

## Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Registration for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd faith formation at IC for Level I (preschool/kindergarten age), Level II and Level III is occurring at this time.

There will be a parent meeting/open house on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for those interested in enrolling your child and learning more about this faith formation program. The meeting will be held in Room 6 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Parish Administration/Faith Formation building.

If there are any questions about this program or any adults who are willing to assist during the sessions, please contact Stephanie Scavnicky at 412-818-9730. Thank you.

### GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUPS

Two Grief Share groups are available:

- Monday evenings at I.C.

Grief Share support group will be held at Immaculate Conception in the Children's Liturgy Room on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Contact Gerri Dornin at [gdornin@comcast.net](mailto:gdornin@comcast.net) to register or for additional information on dates. You are welcome to start attending at any point, as each session is "self-contained." There is no fee.

- Thursday afternoons at St. Agnes

Grief Share support group will be held at St. Agnes in the Bertolina Room in the Faith Formation Center (Old Convent), Thursdays from 1:00 pm - 2:30 p.m. Contact Audrey Quinlan at [audreyquinlan@comcast.net](mailto:audreyquinlan@comcast.net) to register or for additional information on dates. You are welcome to start attending at any point, as each session is "self-contained." There is no fee.



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Youth Choir 2025-2026

Kindergarten- 12th Grade

*"To sing is to pray twice." - Saint Augustine*



The SEAS Youth Choir will provide an ensemble experience for children to develop musically as individuals while contributing to the liturgy. Members of the Youth Choir will be featured in the liturgy in a variety of ways. The Youth Choir will sing at masses once a month (see below schedule).

#### 5 Things KIDS Should know:

1. The choir is a great way to directly participate in our parish liturgy. Students can receive service hours for this time.
2. We have practices right before the 4 PM mass (see schedule below).
3. You get to meet new people and hang out with your friends during practices while singing together!
4. You get a chance to play instruments during the masses, talk in the microphone, and add some motions to music.
5. Being a member of the choir will allow you to be part of our living nativity during the Christmas Eve mass OR to solo sing!

#### 5 Things PARENTS should know:

1. Anyone between the ages of 6-18 years old are welcome to join!
2. We sing at several masses throughout the academic calendar year.
3. Our practices are listed below and are only 45 minutes.
4. Singers will have the opportunity for reading into the microphone, playing instruments, and meeting new friends.
5. We will perform the living nativity for members of the choir during the Christmas Eve mass.

#### FALL 2025 Dates

All rehearsals will be from 2:45-3:30 PM before 4:00 PM mass. We will have a quick snack before the mass starts at 4 PM. Snack donations welcome.  
Spring 2026 dates to follow.

- Saturday, September 13
- Saturday, October 4
- Saturday, November 22
- Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24, 4 PM
  - Christmas Eve rehearsal: Tuesday, December 23 from 5-6:30 PM
  - Nativity Costumes will be given at the rehearsal. Children are welcome to bring their own costume pieces from home.

#### Directors

Rita Feals- Retired Elementary Music Teacher (Latrobe), Music Director SEAS. [rfeals@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rfeals@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

Bridget Faulk- Current choir director at Norwin High School, Cantor SEAS. [bspore01@gmail.com](mailto:bspore01@gmail.com)

#### SEAS YOUTH CHOIR MEMBER SIGN UP (email Bridget Faulk with the below information)

Youth Choir Member's Name, Grade, Parent Phone number, Parent E-mail, Instruments played (if any)

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.



## CANDLE INTENTIONS

**St. Peregrine** – August 16-29:  
**Ellen Wilson** (Morning Rosary Group)  
**St. John Neumann** – August 16-29:  
**Healing & Blessings for Gail Henderson** (Morning Rosary Group)

## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The next Clothing Collection for SVDP is the weekend of September 13/14. (Please bring donated items ONLY on the designated weekends since storage is limited.) SVDP appreciates all donations! Thank you! (Questions or concerns please contact Julie McNamara at 412-310-1305).

PLEASE REMEMBER NUTRITIOUS SNACK ITEMS FOR FOOD BANK.

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

**\$10,997.00**

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish offers Online Giving.

- Scan QR Code on the new Pew Cards or QR Code below.
- Click Create a new account.
- Create an ID and password.
- Allow 2 minutes to complete the process.



If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!

## 2025 Mass Intentions Available

There are a few Mass intention openings in December. Please fill out a form in the back of the church, or stop in the office. Thank you.

The 2026 Mass book will be open sometime in the fall – watch for a bulletin announcement.

## 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](mailto:skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org) to register for Baptism Preparation.



All women, married or single, are invited to join with our sisters in Christ in serving our parish family. The Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild meet once a month and together we share fellowship and worship. We work together to help our parish family grow in their love for our Lord. Are you looking for a way to serve our parish family? Sign up as a member and join us. Together we will serve the Lord with gladness.

Some upcoming activities include a Craft and Vender show, Card Party, Christmas Party, providing prayer angels for our First Communion children and helping St. Anne's Home with bingo and prizes for their residents plus many more activities and interesting speakers.

Our first meeting is August 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm in Mack Hall, with an ice cream social. We hope that you will join us. If you can't make that the next meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Mack Hall.

All Adults 21 years or older are invited to

## Theology on the Vine



FR. THOM DANSAK  
Presenting

## Fun With the Saints

*A lighthearted approach to the "Why & How" of the theology of praying to the saints, highlighting differences in the Anglican, Byzantine & Roman rites of the Catholic Church.*

**Thursday Aug. 28, 2025**

**Doors open 6:00 pm**

Program begins at 6:30 pm

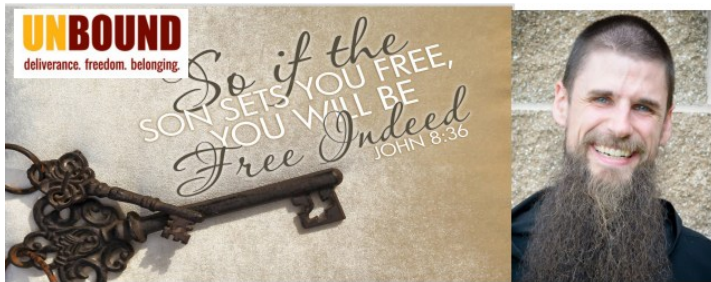
## OUR LADY'S PLAZA

*Immaculate Conception Parish Hall*

A great opportunity for Catholic adults to meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith and how it affects our lives. Wine, cheese and light beverages are served.

**Food - Faith - Fellowship**





## UNBOUND Freedom in Christ Conference

Ascension Church, Mersinger Hall,  
615 Division St, Jeannette PA 15644  
Saturday Sept 27, 8:45 am - 4:15 pm  
(Optional Mass at 8 am)

Teachings by Fr. Boniface Hicks OSB  
Based on **UNBOUND** by Neal Lozano

Unbound is a simple, gentle, & powerful prayer ministry where you will learn from the basic gospel message how to be free from regrettable actions, reactions, false beliefs, shortcomings –anything that limits your life.

Registration \$50; Students 12 & up \$20; Couples \$80  
(lunch included)

<https://unboundpghbg.ticketbud.com/unbound-conference-ascension-jeannette>

For more information or to register by mail (by Sept 23) call 412 657 4036 or email [UnboundPittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:UnboundPittsburgh@gmail.com)



**412**  
1 Timothy  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025  
**COLOR WAR**  
6pm-8pm @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
White t-shirt is part of registration.  
THIS IS A WET WAR!  
Bring towels!  
REGISTRATION FOR TSHIRT IS  
DUE AUGUST 17  
<https://www.dsvhub.com/stagnescchurch/forms/412colorwar2025>



### LUNCH BAG PANTRY:

Donations of water bottles, juice, noodles, crackers, pudding & Fruit cups and other snack items are needed and can be placed in the storage containers in the back of the church.

SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY (SAM) will host the next Rosary and Prayers for Recovery on **Wednesday August 20, 2025 at NOON**. Pray with us on the third Wednesday of each month as we invite anyone afflicted or affected by addiction to be with us for a time of prayer and support. Join us via ZOOM.

Meeting ID: 831 0693 2294 Passcode: 442627

For questions or a copy of the prayers- Jennifer Macioce  
724-708-9150 or [Jenn.macioce@gmail.com](mailto:Jenn.macioce@gmail.com)

**412**  
1 Timothy  
High School Ministry  
Fundraising for a trip to the  
National Catholic Youth  
Conference (NCYC)  
Sold here: \$10  
After all Masses on  
August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
Labor Day Ticket  
Two Days to Win  
Winning number taken from First PA Lottery Pick 3 EVENING Number drawing on  
September 1, 2025 - Win \$1,250.00  
September 2, 2025 - Win \$1,250.00  
Benefits 4:12 High School Ministry  
(Immaculate Conception, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton & St. Agnes Parishes)  
Donation \$10.00 500 Tickets Sold SGOC License #531





Dear Parishioners,

Queen of Angels Catholic School is excited to welcome the 2025–2026 school year! We hope your summer has been filled with rest, joy, and time spent with loved ones.

As we look ahead, we are filled with anticipation and hope. We joyfully welcome back our returning students and are eager to greet the many new faces joining our school family. This year, we are blessed to serve over 285 students—including 50 bright-eyed kindergarteners—who will soon fill our classrooms with faith, laughter, and learning.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support of Queen of Angels. Your prayers, generosity, and presence enrich our mission and make it possible for us to continue nurturing children in a Christ-centered environment. We are truly blessed to have you as part of our faith community.

Our Catholic faith calls us to begin each school year with gratitude and purpose. Together, may we embrace the year ahead with hearts open to God's grace and minds ready for the learning and growth that awaits.

Looking forward to a wonderful year together!

With gratitude and prayers,

Mrs. Filak

Principal

## 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:

*Queen of Angels Catholic School*

c/o Ms. Jennifer Filak, Principal

One Main Street North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Or email Jennifer Filak at [jfilak@queenofangelssch.org](mailto:jfilak@queenofangelssch.org).

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

**GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**  
3RD-8TH GRADE GIRLS

A Season: Late August -November  
Registration Fee: \$125  
Eligibility: Must be an active parishioner or attend Queen of Angels Catholic School

**Register today!**

For questions or more information, please contact John Ulm at [john.ulm.412@gmail.com](mailto:john.ulm.412@gmail.com)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### OPPORTUNITIES

- Cafeteria Helpers
- Library Helpers
- Office Helpers
- Landscape Committee
- Popcorn Friday Volunteers
- Fundraising Volunteers
- Event/Hospitality Committee

### EVENT DETAILS

SIGN UP AT THE LINK BELOW



PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINA TOROK  
[CTOROK@QUEENOFANGELSSCH.ORG](mailto:CTOROK@QUEENOFANGELSSCH.ORG)  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Diocesan Clearances are required for all volunteer opportunities.

**FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION**

SEASON: SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER  
GAMES: SATURDAYS  
REGISTRATION FEE: \$100

ELIGIBILITY: MUST BE AN ACTIVE PARISHIONER OR ATTEND QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILD TO STAY ACTIVE, LEARN TEAMWORK, AND HAVE FUN IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER TODAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT JOE GIACOBBI AT [JOEGIACOBBI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOEGIACOBBI@GMAIL.COM)

SEE YOU ON THE FIELD!

***Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will start offering  
Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, August 18, 2025 after 8:30 AM  
Mass and conclude at 3:00 PM starting with the Divine Mercy  
Chaplet***

***Eucharistic Adoration then will continue every Monday thereafter...***

We are looking for individuals (adults) and groups (families, committees and ministry groups) to commit to a regular half-hour or hours (either once a week, every two weeks, or once a month) to keep Our Lord company at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Please prayerfully consider being an anchor adorer.

**Sign-Up sheets can be found in back of the church.**

"The best the surest and the most effective way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament." (Pope John Paul II – Prayer beginning Perpetual Adoration on December 8, 1982 at St. Peter's in Rome).

"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*, February 1980)



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**Come spend some time with our Lord and Savior!**

**Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2025, 5:00-9:00pm**

**St. Mary's Dome, Bradenville**

**\$30.00 a ticket**

Purchase tickets from members of the **Knights of Columbus**  
or in the **Parish Office**

**All proceeds will benefit the Partner Parishes of  
St. Martin & St. Joseph**

Donations of baskets for Chinese Auction will be  
appreciated (drop off at either parish)

**Volunteers are needed!**

If you have any questions, please call Ed J. at 412-  
289-7670

Sponsored by K of C Council 2648



**Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019** - will have their monthly meeting on Monday August 18, 2025, at the renovated Resurrection Hall at St Agnes. The meeting starts at 7:15 with the Rosary. St Jude Council covers the parishes of IC, St Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton. If you are interested in joining the Knights, or would like to transfer to our Council, please contact Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or email [a.borgony@comcast.net](mailto:a.borgony@comcast.net), or you can check out our website at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and join online.