



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

DECEMBER 21ST, 2025 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4 pm Steve Gergely (Jim Gergely)

Sunday, December 21, 2025 –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 am Memory of Michael J. Guercio

(Joann Guercio)

11:30 am Caroline M. Kolano

(Gene Kolano & Family)

Monday, December 22, 2025

8:30 am Deceased Members of Hrvnak & Watson

Families (Doug & Lois Watson)

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

8:30 am For the Parish Family

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 –

CHRISTMAS EVE

(No morning Mass at 8:30 am)

4 pm For the Parish

8 pm For the Parish

Thursday, December 25, 2025 –

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 am For the Parish

Friday, December 26, 2025

8:30 am Frederick Mehalic

(Stephanie & Louis Scavnicky)

Saturday, December 27, 2025

4 pm John & Anna E. Petrisko

(Sheldon, Anna Marie, Dave & Matt Blon)

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:30 am Anna Nee (Rosalie Vojtas)

11:30 am Mary Brumbaugh & Lena Carmosina

(Paul & Norma McGowan)

CONFESIONS – SATURDAYS* 3 pm – 3:45 pm

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

Queen of Angels Catholic School

Jennifer Filak, *Principal*

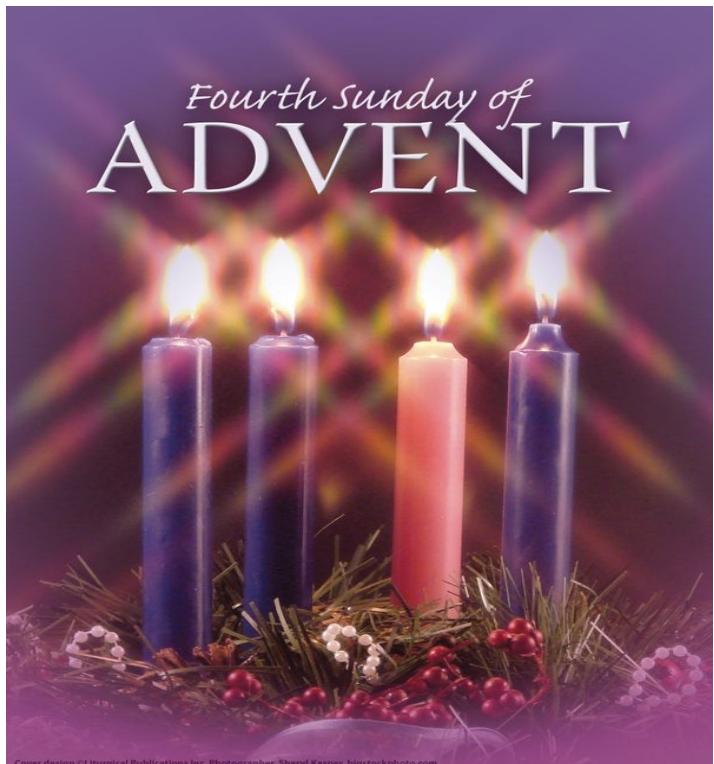
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Words of Faith from Father Jim

One of the recent areas in which the Holy Spirit has helped me to grow is in practicing mental prayer during my daily Holy Hour. The greatest resource we have in this life is our time, and that means the greatest gift I can offer God is my time. Making a daily Holy Hour says to the Lord, *You are worth my time*, no matter what joys or sufferings have been part of the day. It also says, “I trust You, Lord.” Many people—myself included—can get stuck wondering what to do during a Holy Hour: *Should I pray the Rosary? Read Scripture? Read my current spiritual book?* All of that is good. As priests, we often pray part of the Liturgy of the Hours (the Divine Office) during our daily Holy Hour, and I have loved all of this for some time now. However, I can honestly say that contemplation, or mental prayer, has always been the more difficult aspect of prayer for me to make a habit.

Last week, in the silence of my Holy Hour, I felt prompted to set aside my usual routine. Instead, I became still, bowed my head in silence, closed my eyes, and imagined a place where I could meet the Lord Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and simply sit with them for a while. It was something like the top of a hill, with an open doorway. A bright and joyful Blessed Mother Mary took my hand when I reached out for help entering this space and led me into this place of safety.

I trembled as I embraced the truth of her pure goodness and felt no sense of needing to say anything at all. Together, we looked at my day as if it were laid out on a table before us. I entered more deeply into my imagination...and I was able to let go of my will and rest in our Lord's in this space.

The biggest false roadblock for people practicing mental prayer is the belief that they must know the *correct* images of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to think about. The good news is that God has not given us exact images we are supposed to imagine—we only have images from those prayerful people who have contemplated them before us. Why has God made it this way? ---So that we may imagine Him, Joseph, and Mary freely. He knows we need this, and He delights in our holy imagination. *That* is mental prayer.

God has given us the ingredients, yes—but He leaves the contemplation to us, His children. This Advent, allow yourself to enter the silence and contemplate the Holy Family. Create your own mental prayer space and look at your life together with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Hear His heartbeat next to yours, and allow their (The Holy Family's) gentleness toward you to be received. And then... just stay there for a while.



Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-7

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/

Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candle (December 20-26):

Father John (Karen & Jamie)

Altar Candles (December 20-26):

William & Josephine Eastman

(Daughter, Barbara)

+ Please pray for all of our faithful departed and their families, especially Gerald Naylor, who died recently. +

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The next Clothing Collection for SVDP is in January, 2026.

(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 412-310-1505).

Father Jim, Father Louiegene, Father Vijay, and Staff wish you and your loved ones a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

May the Peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Holy Season.



Sunday Offertory

Offertory is not available due to early Bulletin deadline.

Adult & children envelopes and loose money

Online Giving

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!

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 2025:

4 pm

8 pm

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2025:

9 am

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 2025:

6 pm

New Years Eve Party Immediately following Mass

New Year's Day, January 1, 2026:

9 am

Parish Office Hours for Christmas and New Year's

The office will close at **11:00 AM** on December 23rd and will reopen on December 29th.

The office will be closed from December 31st and will reopen on January 5th.

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

MARY'S GARDEN BRICK SALE - 2 for \$100, or \$60 each. Please complete one of the forms in the back of the church.



ATTN: Altar Servers

Please stop by to pick up your Christmas gift on Christmas or any day after.

Holly Jolly **Jackpot** **TWO DAYS TO WIN**

Winning number taken from *First PA Pick 3 EVENING Number drawing on*

Dec. 31, 2025 - Win \$1,250.00 CASH

Jan. 1, 2026 - Win \$1,250.00 CASH

Benefits Immaculate Conception Parish

Donation \$10.00

**500 Tickets Sold
SGOC License #491**



Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare our hearts for the joyous celebration of Christ's birth, I would like to extend warm Christmas greetings on behalf of Queen of Angels Catholic School. This holy season invites us to pause, give thanks, and reflect on the many blessings God has placed in our lives—including the gift of this vibrant and faith-filled parish community.

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, generosity, and unwavering support of our school. Your commitment to Catholic education allows our students to learn, grow, and encounter Christ each day. Because of you, Queen of Angels continues to flourish as a place where children are formed in faith, nurtured in virtue, and inspired to live as disciples.

May the peace and joy of the Christ Child fill your homes and hearts this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Please know of our ongoing prayers for you and your families.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas,

Jennifer Filak

Principal, Queen of Angels Catholic School

Blessings

Home Blessing Kits—The Home Blessing Kits will be available this weekend, while supply lasts. The tradition is to bless your home on the Feast of the Epiphany which falls on January 6, 2026. We ask that you take ONE kit per home and donate at least \$1.00 to pay for the supplies. The kits have been blessed and included within the kit are the instruction sheet, chalk and holy water. The family will use the chalk to write the following above the doorway.

20 + C + M + B + 26

The letters represent the first initials of the three kings who visited the Christ child on the Epiphany: Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar. Those letters also signify the Latin phrase *Christus Manionem benedicat*, which means, “May Christ bless this House”.

ATTENTION LECTORS:

2026 Lector Workbooks are available in the Francis Room. Please take the one with your name on it so we can make sure everyone has theirs. Check in the office if additional copies are needed.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day Ministry sign ups. They will be available in the back of Church on November 29.

Please sign up for a Mass.

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Giving Tree. Your generosity will help bring joy to 180 children in our community. Blessings to you all. 



COMING SOON...


FISH FRY 2026

After Christmas, there are only 54 days until Ash Wednesday on February 18!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS YEAR'S FISH FRY,
PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM BY SCANNING THE QR CODE
WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE'S CAMERA AND CLICKING THE LINK THAT
APPEARS OR BY VISITING THE LINK BELOW.



Or visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/SEASFish2026

Contact Fish Fry Chair Julie McNamara at 412-310-1505 with any questions



7:00-10:00PM

31 DECEMBER

New Year's Eve PARTY

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Mack Hall. All are welcome to attend! This is a family friendly event.

Please BYOB at your discretion.

If you would like to help with this, please let us know by calling the office.

BLESSING OF THE BABY JESUS



**BRING YOUR BABY JESUS (WRAPPED AS A GIFT)
TO MASS ON DECEMBER 20th or 21st TO BE
BLESSED FOR YOUR HOME NATIVITY SCENE.**