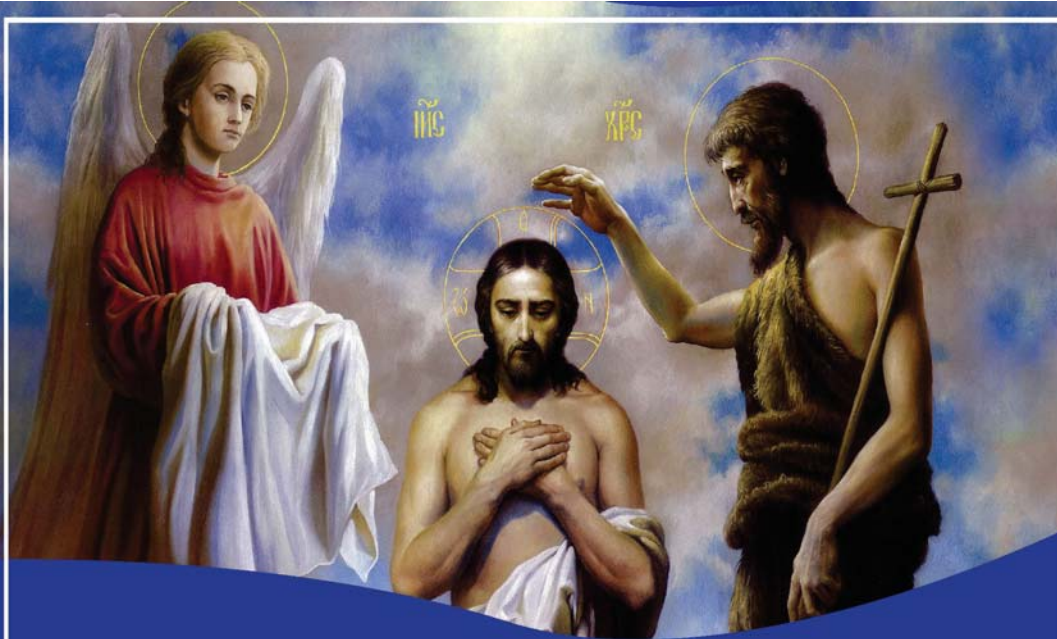


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January | 12 | 2025



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# Worship

## Intention

### **Monday, January 13**

8:00am Robert Colondo Jr.

### **Tuesday, January 14**

8:00pm David Burgess

### **Wednesday, January 15**

10:00am No Daily Mass

### **Thursday, January 16**

8:00am James Morrissey

### **Friday, January 17**

8:00am Anne Gibbons

### **Saturday, January 18**

4:00pm Ray Gustave

### **Sunday, January 19**

8:30am George & Mary Krakosky

11:00am Living & Deceased Members of Swoyersville Kiwanis

5:30pm Robert Prushinski

## Requested by

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Francis Talerico

Daughter, Pat Quinn & Family

Wife, Donna, & daughters, Hilary & Ashley

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Mary Hosey

***SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!***

# Prayer



## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

***Please join us on***

***Tuesday evenings from 5pm to 7pm  
in the church. Come spend a few  
minutes or longer with Jesus in the  
Blessed Sacrament.***



### **SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS**

~~In Memory of~~ ***Edward Evelock***~~offered by  
Jane & Family

~~In Memory of~~ ***Stephen Holena***~~offered by Family

### **PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

~~***Vincent Piccone III***~~

***May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed,  
through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***



***ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS--The Rosary  
will be prayed for vocations after daily  
mass.***

## Parish Staff

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Rev. Anthony Urban

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### **Director of Maintenance**

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Classes in January:

Saturday, January 11, 25 (no class Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Day)

Monday: January 13, 27 (no class Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Day)

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Appeal is in progress. Envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance, if you haven't already donated. If you already received a letter in the mail, please respond. Gifts of any size are welcome and participation is important. God bless you for your kindness.

## SETON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12976

Our KofC will meet this Tuesday, January 14th, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

Our SCC will meet this Thursday, January 16th, at 6:30pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

## Christmas Decorations Takedown on Saturday, Jan. 18th

Volunteers Needed! Come to the church at 12 noon on Sat., January 18th. We need lots of help!! Please lend us a hand if you can. 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation students: this is a good opportunity to earn service hours. We hope to be done by 3pm.

"When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share His love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them". *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "How to Build a Culture of Life"*

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

Our Pro-Life Ministry  
meets on the third



Tuesday of each month in the church hall after Holy Hour. The rosary will be said at 6:45 in church to end abortion. New members are welcome.



# 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST

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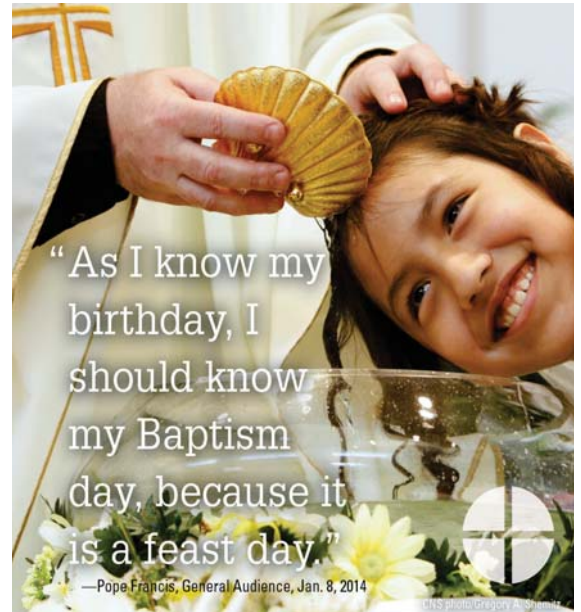
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### WEEKLY OFFERING

**WEEKEND OF Dec. 28/29, 2024**

REGULAR: \$9389.25 DUES: \$618.00

CHRISTMAS: \$24,725.55

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: \$395.00 (additional)

Assessment: \$70.00

Immaculate Conception: \$40.00

E-offerings: Reg. \$411.79 Dues: 101.63 Christmas: \$100.00

#### DIOCESAN:

Care & Education: \$266.00

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## Ways to Give:



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# Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

## Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

## Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedricum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

## Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the **increase** or **decrease** in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

## (Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

## Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

**This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.**

## Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

## Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.

**Parish Financial Report**  
**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Swoyersville**  
**TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Revenue</b>					
Collections	694,192	668,081	607,754	567,869	577,751
Faith Formation Fees	2,150	2,373	4,149	1,035	3,340
Fundraising/Development	143,771	193,744	8,781	96,102	148,867
Other Income	46,238	65,270	43,097	44,778	58,567
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	-	-	13,939	56,530
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	-	-	89,664	187,588
Diocesan Special Collections	2,382	479	69,964	16,195	16,013
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>888,733</b>	<b>929,947</b>	<b>733,745</b>	<b>829,582</b>	<b>1,048,656</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	273,425	241,988	306,525	301,842	308,225
Rectory	62,449	41,961	39,173	34,165	115,367
Liturgy	98,299	110,089	77,412	75,728	75,710
Faith Formation	36,749	36,147	12,248	33,932	28,744
Social Justice	26,873	29,025	22,095	29,558	28,477
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	188,402	208,952	150,106	155,132	143,050
Fixed Expense	49,994	1,435	45,194	43,607	42,081
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	19,813	104,247	-	-	45,700
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	-	-	2,138	-	-
Catholic School Assessment	106,668	101,952	113,640	113,776	109,100
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	-	1,109	21,767	16,195	15,629
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>862,671</b>	<b>876,905</b>	<b>790,298</b>	<b>803,937</b>	<b>912,083</b>
<b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	<b>26,062</b>	<b>53,041</b>	<b>(56,553)</b>	<b>25,645</b>	<b>136,573</b>
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>**(SEE NOTE)**</b>	<b>(321)</b>	<b>(821)</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>17,190</b>
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>25,741</b>	<b>52,220</b>	<b>(58,503)</b>	<b>27,599</b>	<b>153,763</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	1,142	821	-	(1,950)	4
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	821	-	(1,950)	4	17,194
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>(321)</b>	<b>(821)</b>	<b>(1,950)</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>17,190</b>
<b>Diocesan Loan/Debt</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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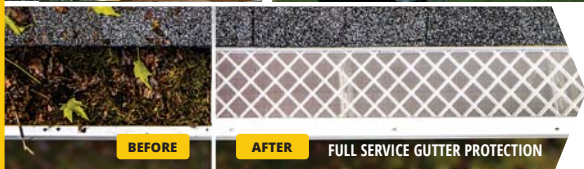


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