

THE SETON SENTINEL

JESUS CHRIST
THE KING OF KINGS

November 26, 2017



St. Elizabeth Ann
SETON PARISH

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Our **Giving Tree** is up and ready with the gift tags for the needy children and families & shut-ins. Please return the gifts with the **TAG ATTACHED**. If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, bring back the tag & place it back on the tree. We always have a very successful drive, **THANKS** to our parish's tremendous generosity. We thank you in advance for your participation in this year's gift drive. Please return all gifts as soon as possible, no later than Sunday, December 17th.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

A Community Blood Drive will be held on **Thursday, December 14**, in our **church hall** from **11am-4pm**. You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code **SEASP**. Streamline your donation & save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading & health history on the day of your appt. **Donate Blood.**



ADVENT PIROHY SALES

FRIDAY, December 1st.

Cost is \$7.00/dozen.

Pick up in school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

We will need lots of help making the pirohy! Come to the school cafeteria on Friday, Dec. 1st, at 7am if you can help ball potatoes. All others come at 8:30am. Bring a friend along. Lunch will be served!

Additional pirohy sales on: Friday, Dec. 8th, and Friday, December 15th.

No phone orders will be taken at the rectory. Please do not call.



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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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Office Hours: Monday–
Thursday 8:30 to 5:00

Friday 8:30 to 3:00

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all
Holy Days of Obligation and
Federal Holidays.

Reconciliation Saturdays
3:15pm to 3:45pm or by
appointment

Mission Statement:

*“We are Called.... To act with
Justice, To love Tenderly, To
Serve One Another, To Walk
Humbly with God”*

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David
Haas

WIN!!!

*Santa's New Sleigh or
Santa's Sack of Cash!!!*

Tickets are still available for the 2018 Chevy Malibu or the \$15,000.00 in Cash Drawing to be held on Sunday, December 17th after the 5:30 pm Mass. The car is parked outside this weekend and tickets will be available before and after all masses this weekend or by calling the rectory. Each \$100.00 ticket gives you a 1 in 500 Chance to be the Big Winner right before Christmas! Hurry! Tickets are going fast. We only have 159 tickets left. Get yours today!



Other News and Notes:



Bereavement Group

For those who are having a hard time with the loss of a loved one. It could be months, or even years since your beloved has gone, but the grief remains. You do not have to be alone in your pain. Call Fr. Joe for more information on this ministry which is done by a licensed Therapist for our parish.



PASTORAL COUNSELING/THERAPY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton now has a licensed therapist on our Pastoral Staff. If you think you may benefit from this ministry, please contact Fr. Joe for a referral. All inquiries will be held in the strictest confidences. This is above and beyond what Father can do by himself in spiritual direction or advisement.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with our "Care and Share" Food Drive. The Drive was a great success. We were able to make up 30 food boxes for our parish families in need for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and still had two truck loads to donate to Holy Family Food Pantry! Our Knights of Columbus also donated \$20.00 Gerrity gift cards to all the families in need of a box. **Thanks again to everyone who donated and helped in any way!**

Knights All-U-Can-East Breakfast Buffet will be held on **Sunday, December 3rd, from 9am to 1pm downstairs in our church hall.** Cost is \$8.00/adults and \$4/children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door. Santa Claus will be there, so bring your list and your camera!

BECOME A "KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus is having a membership drive. Become a "KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS". The nearly 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus form the largest Catholic fraternal group in existence. As Knights, we serve our parish & community while working each day to create a better world through charity. If you are looking to live out your faith in the spirit of charity by helping others, our Knights of Columbus Council welcomes you to join us. As a member of our council, you will strengthen your faith & become a better Catholic, husband, & father. Through your support of our parish & community, you will form friendships with fellow Knights that can last a lifetime. We will be conducting an installation ceremony Tuesday, **December 12th, at 6pm in our church hall.** If you are currently a member at another council & wish to transfer here, you can do so by just filling out one of our forms. To sign up or for more information, call or text Mark Perugino, Grand Knight, at 570-262-2896. Thank you.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Christian Mothers are taking reservations for their Christmas Party to be held on **Sunday, December 10th, at 2:00pm at the Avenue Diner in Wyoming.** Cost is \$15.00 for guests. RSVP December 1st by calling Sue Bayer at 570-714-1628.

Also, our Christian Mothers will meet today, **Sunday, November 26th, at 2pm** in our church hall. We will have a Guest Speaker, Mr. John Bankus Jr., from Social Concerns. New members are welcome.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns Committee would like to invite all members of our parish's ministries and organizations to their annual Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 1st, at 7:00pm in the church hall. Please join us for a festive evening of fellowship, entertainment, & refreshments as we gather to ring in the holiday season.



YOUR OFFERINGS

for November 11/12

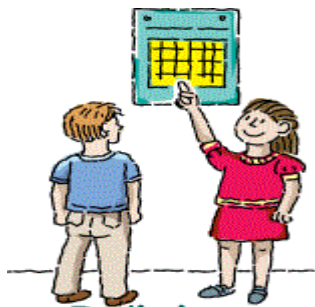
Thank You for Your Generosity!

Sunday:	\$ 6811.00
Dues:	\$ 1484.00
Loose	\$ 596.53
Holy Day	\$ 39.00
E-Giving:	\$ 1044.74
Total:	\$ 9975.27

Diocesan: World Mission Sunday \$5.00
Care & Education of Priests (Nov): \$692.75

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2017 UPDATE:

Our Parish Goal: \$47,000.00
Total Raised: \$42,345.00
Under: \$4655.00



Religious Education SCHEDULE

No CCD Classes Saturday, November 25th or Monday, November 27th due to the Thanksgiving Break.

Sunday, December 3rd, 5:30pm: 7th Grade Family Mass & 7th grade Confirmation Enrollment during mass & Confirmation class after mass in church hall

Monday, December 18th, Youth Choir Christmas Play at 6:15 in church hall

A reminder to parents in the event of inclement weather to check the message on the Religious Education Department's Direct Phone Line at 570-287-4587 to see if classes are cancelled.

Classes for December:

Saturday: Dec. 2, 9, & 16

Monday: Dec. 4, 11, & 18 (Christmas Play on the 18th)

No Class: Dec. 23, 25, 30 & Jan 1

Classes resume: Jan. 6 & 8

Sunday, Jan 7th, 11am:

6th Grade Family Mass followed by coffee & donuts



Expectant parents & new parents who are planning their baby's baptism and have not previously attended a Baptismal Class, are invited to attend our next Baptism class, to be held on **Tuesday, November 28th, at 6:00pm in our church hall.** Please call Lori, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office to register for the class and to schedule the baby's baptism.



Masses for the Christmas Obligation:

Christmas Eve, 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00pm

No Midnight Mass this year.

Christmas Day, 8:30 and 11:00 am.

Advent Evening of REFLECTION

Advent offers us a glimpse into what is needed to accommodate the coming of God into our lives. With no room for Jesus' birth in an inn, he found warmth and shelter where there was space for him--in a manger, in the welcoming hearts of shepherds and seekers. Today, Emmanuel, God-with-us, continues to ask for room in our hearts, but now he speaks through the voice of our neighbors and through the wounds and hopes of our world.

In our time and place, how are we called to make room for the presence of Emmanuel once again? What might Advent say to us about the practice of more engaged prayer, deeper spaciousness of heart, and the justice of right relationship?

Join us in the Parish Hall, Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 pm for our Advent Evening of Reflection with Sister Chris Koellhoffer, IHM, she is a wonderful author, in fact, we use her stations of the cross booklet for Lenten devotion.



Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Bosha
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass
Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Pastoral Care Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi V.F
Pastor

Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate

Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist

Monica Salis
Business Manager

Marge Semanek
Director of Music

Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious
Education

Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon



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#GIVING TUESDAY

#GivingTuesday is a movement which celebrates and supports giving back to charities and non-profits. November 28th is the official **#GivingTuesday**. Kindly consider donating to one of our schools with an end of the year gift. At each one of our 20 schools, there is a gift opportunity for a unique project the school would like to have funded. For more info., or to make a gift to a specific school, please visit:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/DOSCatholicSchoolsGivingTuesday2017>

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

The Sound of Music, Friday & Saturday, December 1 and 2, at 7pm. Reserved seating. Adults/\$10, Seniors/\$9, Students/\$8. All are welcome! Call to pick up pre-sale tickets; 570-829-2424.

SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY OF NEPA

Come & join us for a wonderful afternoon of singing Slovak Christmas Carols & sharing Christmas memories. Slovak hospitality to follow. You are cordially invited to celebrate **"The Feast of St. Nicholas"**, on Sunday, December 3, at 2pm, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center, St. Mary's Church, 134 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre.

Friday, December 1st, 5pm, the 9th annual "Keeping Christ in Christmas" will be held with the singing of Christmas hymns by candlelight at the Nativity display on the lawn of the Luzerne County Courthouse, Wilkes-Barre. All are invited to participate. The Courthouse tree lighting ceremony follows at 5:30pm. Call Nancy for more info: 570-239-3363.

BINGO

St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, December 3rd. Alternate site(St. Mary School Hall), 1010 Hanover St., Nanticoke. Parking & entrance at rear of building. Cash prizes. Doors open 12:30pm, Games at 1:45pm. Beverages & snacks available.

Direct Contacts

Office of Pastoral Care (Sr. Jane): 570-763-5160
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Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com



**PRAYER
CHAIN**

THE MIRACLE OF BETHLEHEM, THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The Miracle of Bethlehem will be presented at 7:30pm on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, Dec. 1, 2 & 3, at the Cultural Centre of St. Faustina, 38 W. Church St., Nanticoke. The play, presented by the St. Faustina Kowalska R.C. Parish is free to the public and tells the story of the birth of Jesus in narration and song. Donations are appreciated. For additional parking, a shuttle bus will be provided to the Cultural Centre all 3 nights from St. Faustina Parish parking lot, 520 S. Hanover St, starting at 6:45pm with the last run at 7:15pm. Food & hot chocolate will be for sale. Animals provided by Endless Dreams Animals, Benton. Those attending are invited to pet the animals after the performance. For more information, call Judy at 570-735-0552 or 570-550-7799.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING EVENT: The order of Alhambra, an organization of Catholic men & women, dedicated to providing activities & support for special needs children & adults & assisting persons with intellectual disabilities, is planning a holiday Christmas Caroling event. Local chapter, Alhambra Caravan No.4 will sing Christmas carols at St. Joseph's Alhambra house in Scranton & the White Haven Center. Volunteers are welcome to participate in the event at 7pm on Dec. 4 at White Haven Center & Dec. 11 at St. Joseph's Center. We will meet at 6:10pm each time at St. Nicholas Church parking lot in Wilkes-Barre & then carpool to destinations. If interested, call Kathy at 570-825-3272.

Cookie Walk

A "Cookie Walk" for the Christmas holiday will be offered at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave, Dupont, on Sun. December 10, from 9am to 1pm in the church hall. Homemade cookies, fudge, & candies, will be offered for \$7/pound. Coffee, tea, & hot chocolate will be available.

6th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 16, from 10am-1pm. sponsored by the Youth Ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Rd., Buttonwood, Hanover Twp. Cookie containers may be purchased for \$9 & filled with cookies of one's choice. Cookie platters are available for \$35. For tickets, orders, or more info., call 570-814-6444.



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

Prayer Chain Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in our church hall. Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confidential.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Daily Eucharist
The Week of November 27-December 1

Offered for:

Monday	Nov. 27	8:00 am	Alexandra Skrainy	Daughter, Sophie Pointon
Tuesday	Nov. 28	8:00 am	Mary Matushek	Debbie & Mark Sobeck
Wednesday	Nov. 29	8:00 am	All Souls' Intentions	
Thursday	Nov. 30	8:00 am	Health & Blessings for Marge Aciukewicz	Daughter, Ann Marie Aed
Friday	Dec. 1	8:00 am	Bernard & Mary Laskowski	Son, Joseph



Requested by:

Daughter, Sophie Pointon

Debbie & Mark Sobeck

Daughter, Ann Marie Aed

Son, Joseph

Celebrant

The Weekend of December 2/3 First Sunday of Advent (Cycle B begins)

Fr. Pisaneschi	Saturday 4:00 pm	John Hovan	Jean Meckalavage
Fr. Urban	Saturday 5:30 pm	Donald Petty	Adella Yevich
Fr. Pisaneschi	Sunday 8:30 am	James Connell	Wife & Children
Fr, Urban	Sunday 10:00 am	George Donahue	Mayerski Family
Fr. Pisaneschi	Sunday 11:30 am	Edward & Anna Puchalsky	Family
Fr. Pisaneschi	Sunday 5:30 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

During this month of November we remember the souls of all the faithful departed in our prayers. This week we especially remember *Patricia O'Donnell, ~Geraldyn Kemmerer*. May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.



- 1.) In Memory of Raymond Chimock offered by Wife, Rosemary & Family
- 2.) In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2/3

Sat., Dec. 2nd, 4pm: Altar Servers: Colleen & Billy Ryan; Lector: Jon Meyer; EMs: Betsy & Carmen Perone, Donna Gustave, Al Kircher

Sat., Dec. 2nd 5:30pm: Altar Servers: Joey Lipinski, Daniel Drost: Lector: Betsy Evanoski; EMs: Michael Fender, Mary Jean Simpson, Ann Savinski, Richard Adamchik

Sun. Dec. 3rd, 8:30am: Altar Servers: Noah & Nora St. Clair; Lector: Karen Krakosky; EMs: Frank Fosko, Alida Matussek, Robert Slezak

Sun., Dec. 3rd, 10:00am: Altar Servers: Evan & Michael Dubaskas Lector: Jeanne Mulcahy; EMs: Jayne Ruger, JoAnn Prushinski, Ed Kudey, Teresa Featherstone

Sun., Dec. 3rd, 11:30am: Altar Servers: Zachary & Abbigail Schultz; Lector: Bob Artim; EMs: Susan Bayer, Phil Bosh, George Chervy;

Sun., Dec. 3rd, 5:30pm: Altar Servers: Riley Knaub, Anthony Favata; Lector: CCD students; EMs: Sheila James Davis, Maureen Salley

NEW MASS TIMES

Beginning the weekend of
January 6/7, 2018

- Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 pm
- Sunday Masses 8:30, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm.
- Monday-Friday Mass 12:10 pm

Confessions Saturday 3:45– 4:15 pm

Please make a note of these changes.