

# SETON SENTINEL

December | 1 | 2024



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah.  
In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot.

Jer 33:14-15



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## *Eucharist*

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday &  
Friday 8:00am  
No Mass on Wednesday  
Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)  
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &  
5:30pm

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## **Confessions:**

Saturday 3:30-3:45pm or you  
may call Fr. Chmil for an  
appointment



# Worship

## Intention

### **Monday, December 2**

8:00am William & Mildred Frusciante

### **Tuesday, December 3**

8:00am Angelo Licata

### **Wednesday, December 4**

**No Daily Mass**

### **Thursday, December 5**

8:00am Nancy Bankus

### **Friday, December 6**

8:00am Nick Frusciante

### **Saturday, December 7**

4:00pm James Connell

### **Sunday, December 8**

8:30am Dan Curran

11:00am Frank Wachala

5:30pm Richard Sisko

## Requested by

Family

Volack Family

Brothers, David & Joseph

Family

Wife & Children

Martha Dougalas

Family

Sister, Christine

# 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~~ **David Givens**~~ offered Family  
~~In Memory of~~ **Andrew Selensky Sr.**~~ offered by  
daughter, Gerry



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

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

*-Ps 25: 1b, Lectionary*





## Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Chmil

### **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Urban

### **Assisting Celebrant**

Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

### **Permanent Deacons**

Lori Raymond

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Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M.

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Phil Bosha

## Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
8:30am to 3:00pm

### **CLOSED FRIDAY**

Weekends and Evenings  
by appointment.

**570-287-6624**



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Classes are for students in Grades 1-8. Classes are on Saturdays from 9am-10:15am and on Mondays, from 6pm-7:15pm.

**Saturday Classes:** Dec. 7, 14 (no classes on Dec. 21 and 28).

**Monday Classes:** Dec. 9, 16 (No classes on Dec. 2, 23 and 30).

### **PARENT MEETINGS FOR SACRAMENTAL GRADES:**

**SUNDAY, December 1st,** following Sunday 5:30pm Mass. Parents & students, please attend the 5:30pm mass. Meeting in church hall after mass. Students welcome to attend the meeting. IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION PACKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THIS MEETING. Letters will be mailed home to all of our 8th grade CCD parents and to our 8th grade Catholic School parents regarding this meeting.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 6:30PM, IN OUR CHURCH HALL:** For parents of our First Holy Communion class. Students welcome to attend. IMPORTANT 1ST HOLY COMMUNION PACKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING. Letters will be mailed home to both the parents of our 2nd grade CCD class and our 2nd grade Catholic School parents regarding this meeting.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH:** 7TH GRADE STUDENTS & THEIR PARENTS ARE TO ATTEND THE SUNDAY, 5:30PM MASS, FOLLOWED BY A SHORT MEETING IN THE CHURCH HALL. **Our 7th grade students will be ENROLLED in our Confirmation Program at this mass, and each student will be given their own Bible.** IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION PACKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING. Letters will be mailed home to both the parents of our 7th Grade CCD classes and to parents of our 7th Grade Catholic School students. Students are welcome to attend the meeting.

### **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.

### **ADVENT PIROHY SALE DATES**

**We will be selling our frozen pirohy on Saturday/Sunday, December 7th & 8th after all masses in the school cafeteria, while supplies last. Cost is \$12/dozen.**

"My Kingdom does not belong to this world." Help lead others to Christ and to know His merciful love. Prayerfully consider He may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister.

**Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or email: [info@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:info@dioceseofscranton.org)**

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS ANNUAL COVERED DISH CHRISTMAS SOCIAL WITH OTHER PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

Our SCC will be hosting their annual covered dish Christmas Social on Friday, December 6th, at 6pm in the church hall. All other Church organization members are cordially invited. Entertainment will be provided. If you have a special dish you would like to share with your friends, you are encouraged to bring it along. Hope to see you there!

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT**

Our SCC will be hosting a "Polar Express" Christmas Movie Night for children 4 years old and up on Friday, December 13th, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm in the church hall. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Parents, feel free to drop off your children and get some Christmas shopping done or go out for dinner. Please bring a throw blanket for sitting during the movie. Cozy, comfortable attire recommended. Please see the sign up sheets in the back of the church.

### **SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION & DINNER**

Swoyersville Kiwanis is happy to be working with Rainbow Jewelers & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church to assist the Marine Corps Reserve and the Toys for Tots Program. Collection boxes for new/unwrapped toys are at Rainbow Jewelers Kingston & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall (on the stage) through Dec. 11th. Members from all communities are also invited to join the Swoyersville Kiwanis at their Toys for Tots Dinner Meeting with Marine representatives on Wed., Dec. 11th at 6pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall. Dinner, beverage, & dessert: \$20/adults, \$10/children 5-10. **Reservations are required by Dec. 4th.** Call or text 570-288-6730 or email: swoyk1951@comcast.net. Payment at the door. Don't forget to bring your toy or donation for Toys for Tots Program. We thank you in advance for your support.

### **SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS LETTERS TO SANTA**

Santa's Express Mailbox is ready to collect your letters/post cards. All letters/cards will be sent to him by his Express Mail, so he will have time to read them and send that special Personalized letter back to all the good boys and girls before Christmas. Santa's Coloring Postcards are available at Rainbow Jewelers, at the entrance of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, and in the lobby of the Swoyersville American legion. Color your postcard and complete the special space with your Christmas list. Children from all communities are welcome to send their letters, but Santa does remind all the boys and girls to be sure to include your return address. Santa's North Pole Express Delivery Mailbox is in place at the Swoyersville American Legion, Shoemaker St., Swoyersville, and letters/cards can be dropped anytime. The last pickup is December 16th. Santa wants to be sure everyone gets his letter so be sure to drop off your letter by the deadline. Check out Swoyersville Kiwanis on Facebook for more programs.

### **LIFELINE SCREENING here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall**

Thursday, December 12th Lifeline Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. Call 1-800-679-5191 to make appointment.

### **NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE.DAWN--10 DAY CRUISE TO 8 PORTS IN IRELAND, JULY 7TH-18TH, 2025**

Monsignor David L. Tressler, Pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, & Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, will serve as Chaplain on this 10-day Ireland Cruise. The trip will depart on Monday, July 7, 2025, and return on Friday, July 18, 2025. We will have roundtrip motorcoach to & from Newark Int'l Airport. The flight will be on United Airlines nonstop to Southampton & depart from Southampton to Newark nonstop. We will visit 8 ports in Ireland which include: Waterford, Cork (Cobh), Dingle, Foynes (Limerick), Galway, Killybegs, Dublin and Belfast, Northern Ireland. The island is approximately 300 miles north to south and 175 miles east to west. Although small, it has so much to offer with its beautiful scenery, welcoming people, and many historical sites. Also included is a highlight tour of London on the 18th! The cruise includes a beverage package, specialty dining, & 150 free internet minutes, transfers & fees is priced starting at \$4495.00 /person based on double occupancy for an Oceanview stateroom. To obtain a brochure, further questions, or to make a reservation, call John Madden 570-342-5790 at Travelworld.

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## BECOME A "KNIGHT" BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Our Knights of Columbus are having a MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. All men 18 years of age and older are encouraged to join. Please call/text Grand Knight, Mark Perugino, at 570-262-2896 for information.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH SANTA



Sunday, December 8, 2024 9am to 1pm  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville  
Adults: \$10 Children 12 & under: \$5  
Tickets available at the door  
Questions? Call Mark: 570-262-2896

### THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CARE & SHARE PROGRAM

Our Kof C wants to thank all of the volunteers who came out to support our Care & Share Program. Thank you to all who helped put the doorhangers on the homes, those who helped collect all the food from the homes, those who helped sort all the donations, and to all who so generously donated to this worthwhile cause. We collected an enormous amount of items, which will be used to feed those in need from our parish and community and to support our local Holy Family Food Pantry. May God bless your generosity of time and donations! If you or someone you know is in need of some food items, please call Lori at the office. All calls are confidential.

### NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. ANDREW (START on HIS FEAST DAY , November 30th and continue to Christmas)

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary at midnight in Bethlehem in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen. (traditionally prayed 15x per day)

#### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT 11/09/2024

DAA 2024 Goal: \$55,801.00

% to Goal: 57.62%

Total Committed: \$32,152.00

**Balance to Achieve Goal: \$23,649.00**

#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

##### WEEKEND OF November 16/17, 2024

REGULAR: \$7598.00 DUES: \$555.00

ALL SAINTS: \$92.00 ASSESSMENT: \$95.00

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$1407.00

##### DIOCESAN:

Care & Education of Priests: \$113.00

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## Ways to Give:



Online: [www.setonpa.com](http://www.setonpa.com)



Mail to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
116 Hughes St.,  
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**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ,**

**Pray for us!**

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Each year our parish reaches out to members of our parish and community who are in need of help for the holidays. If you, or someone you know is struggling, please contact Lori, Pastoral Associate, in our parish office, 570-287-6624. All calls are confidential.

We are still accepting Gerrity's and Price Chopper Gift Cards for Christmas. Please put in an envelope, and mark "Grocery Gift Cards". You may drop in collection basket, office door brass mail slot, mail, or bring to the rectory. Thank you!!!



For Christmas, we are having our "**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**", with the gift tags for the needy children and families, and our parishioners who are in nursing homes or homebound. The Christmas Tree is now placed near the Reconciliation Room, with the gift tags attached. Please wrap the gifts. We are asking that the gifts (**with the tags attached**) be returned by December 15th. Thanks so much for whatever you can do. May God bless your generosity and kindness!

**FYI: If tags are all taken this weekend, we will add tags next weekend, until all tags are placed on the tree.**



### 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.



"When a life is not valued in the womb, it will not be valued outside the womb."

Spiritual Children of St. Padre Pio

### QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

1. The first reading is from :  
(a) the New Testament (b) the prophet Jeremiah (c) the people of Israel?
2. The paths of the Lord are:  
(a) known to all (b) unknowable (c) kindness and constancy?
3. Saint Paul was writing to:  
(a) the Thessalonians (b) unbelievers (c) members of his family?
4. Saint Paul wanted his readers to  
(a) follow the laws (b) increase and abound in love (c) avoid the Pharisees?
5. Jesus told us to beware lest:  
(a) our hearts become drowsy (b) we become too eager (c) we follow the wrong advice?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(c); 3(a); 4(b); 5(a)



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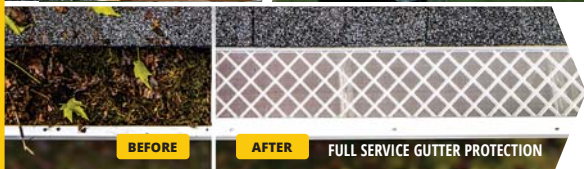
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