

SETON SENTINEL

December | 17 | 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Rejoice

"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." John 1:26-27

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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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 18

8:00am Frederick P. Lokuta

Tuesday, December 19

8:00am Joseph Gibbons

Wednesday, December 20

8:00am No Daily Mass

Thursday, December 21

8:00am Angelo & Helen Licata

Friday, December 22

8:00am Stephen Holena

Saturday, December 23

4:00pm Richard Mizenko

Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30am Karen Ziegler

11:00am Margaret Stelma

December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00pm (church) Intention of Presider

4:00pm (hall) Intention of Presider

10:00pm Intention of Presider

December 25, Christmas Day

8:30am Intention of Presider

11:00am Intention of Presider

Requested by

Family

Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

Sister, Martha Berti

Wife, Barbara

Wife & Children

Ed & Jean Sartin

Bernadine Regis & Family

Prayer

Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening Prayer and Benediction conclude the night. All are welcome to come, even just for a quick visit on Thursday evenings here in church.



Special Intentions

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS



~~In Memory of **Louis Michaels** offered by Michaels Family

~~In Memory of **David Dunsmuir** offered by wife, Rosemary & Children

PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

~~**Kristina Bednar**~~**Emily Goliash**~~ **Michael Sincavage**~~

May their souls 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

Rev. John J. Chmil x105

Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

Permanent Deacons

Lori Raymond x100

Pastoral Associate/Director of Religious Education

Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M.

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Marge Semanek

Director of Liturgical Music

Joseph Sabol

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Scott Coates

Accompanist

Pat Quinn

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Chris Calore

Director of Maintenance

John Sartin

Trudy Brown

Pat Quinn

Betsy Evanoski

Phil Bosha

Office Hours

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

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATES

If you haven't already donated, the Diocesan Annual Appeal envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance. 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 and generosity.

DAA goal: \$44,000.00

Total raised: - \$38,742.52

over/under: - \$ 5,257.48

We have reached 88.05% of our goal.

Number of donors: 247 21.9% of our parishioners gave

2024 CHURCH CALENDARS--

THANK YOU WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME !!!

Our 2024 church calendars are located on the tables at the church entrance. Please take one home with you. We want to thank **WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 1442 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, for sponsoring our church calendars. May God bless you always!



KNIGHTS
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THANK YOU FROM OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our KofC want to thank everyone who helped out or came out to help support our organization by coming to our Breakfast with Santa last Sunday. The breakfast was delicious and Santa brought a lot of smiles to the children who attended. Hope to see you at our next event.



TODAY: HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

Help us put up the trees and wreaths, garland, and manger today, Sunday, December 17th, after the 11:00am Mass. Lots of hands will mean light work. Please lend a hand if you can! 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation students--this is a great opportunity for church service hours.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Each year our parish reaches out to members of our 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. All calls are confidential.

For **Christmas**, we are having our “**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**”, with the gift tags for the needy children and families, and for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or home-bound. Our **Christmas Giving Tree** is placed near the Reconciliation Room, with the gift tags. If you are able, please take a tag, purchase the item, wrap the gift, and return the gifts (**with the tag attached to the wrapped gift**) by today, December 17th (And as always, we will be accepting Grocery gift cards, too. Just drop in collection basket or bring to the rectory). If the gift tags are all taken, you can still bring in a wrapped gift and mark for “boy” or “girl” and “age” of child.

OPLATKI

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) is available in the church vestibule on the weekends of Advent or by calling the rectory. The wafers are located on the table in the vestibule. Donation is \$5.00 for each pack of 4 wafers. It will be done on the honor system, so please bring the correct amount for the basket next to the Oplatki.

PEACE IN THE WOMB CHRISTMAS CAROLING TODAY

SUNDAY, December 17th at 2pm. Where: Planned Parenthood, 101 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre (across from King's College) . Free street parking available. Sponsored by Alhambra #4, a Catholic organization dedicated to assisting those with special needs. Music provided by Ernie Pappa. Contact Ada Magni for more info: 570-693-1338

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP NORTHEAST COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

is supporting the NEPA Youth Shelter from Dec. 6 to Dec. 21st. The mission of NEPA Youth Shelter is to provide quality emergency shelter & related services to unaccompanied youth ages 14 thru high school graduation from all counties in NEPA. Junior Leadership will be collecting **non-perishable snacks** and **personal hygiene products** for the NEPA Youth Shelter. Some of the personal hygiene products **most needed are razors, shaving cream, hair ties, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, face wash, acne products, makeup remover, deodorant, gel, body spray, ethnic hair products, lotions**, etc (Please **NO** feminine products, travel sized products, toothbrushes or toothpaste).

A BOX IS PLACED IN OUR CHURCH VESTIBULE FOR THE ITEMS NEEDED. THANK YOU!!!!



SOCIAL CONCERNS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

“POLAR EXPRESS “

Tuesday, December 19th, 5pm-8pm Church Hall

For children only, ages 5-8

Parents, drop off your children (maybe you can get a little Christmas shopping done or go out for dinner). Please feel free to bring a throw blanket for sitting during the movie. Cozy, comfortable attire recommended.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

DECEMBER CLASSES:

Saturdays: (No classes December 23 , 30 Christmas Holiday)

Mondays: December 18 (No classes Dec. 25 or January 1st Christmas Holiday)



2023 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Confessions: Thursday, Dec. 21st: 6pm-7pm

Sat., Dec. 23rd: 3:30-3:45pm

4th Sunday of Advent Masses: Sat. Dec. 23rd: 4pm

Sunday, Dec. 24th: 8:30am & 11am

Christmas Eve: Sunday, Dec. 24th, 4:00pm (both church & hall) and 10:00pm

Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 25th, 8:30am and 11:00am

Feast of the Holy Family: Sat. Dec. 30th: 4pm Sunday, Dec. 31st: 8:30am & 11:00am

New Year's Eve, Vigil Sunday, Dec 31st: 4:00pm

New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God, Monday, January 1, 2024: 10:00am

Did You Know...

...the birthday
of Christ on December
25th was already being
celebrated in 336 AD in
the liturgy of the city
of Rome?

Offerings

Weekend of December 2/3, 2023

REGULAR: \$10,174.00

DUES: \$2894.00

Christmas Flowers: \$741.00

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$5.00

Day's Wage: \$20.00

Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests: \$10.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$5.00

Ways to Give:



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HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

~~Soups w/meat (Chunky soups)``Canned pasta (ravioli)~~Canned fruit~~Jelly

GIVE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.



Community Blood Drive here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Friday, January 12, 2024, 12:30pm to 5pm. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS 1-800-733-2767) OR visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SEASP to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

LIFELINE SCREENING here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall

Friday, January 19, 2024

Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. All 4 screenings for \$149: Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), & Atrial Fibrillation. Get your special Community Circle pricing! Three ways to register & receive the special discount: Call 1-800-679-5191, online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HC, or text the word circle to 216-279-1607



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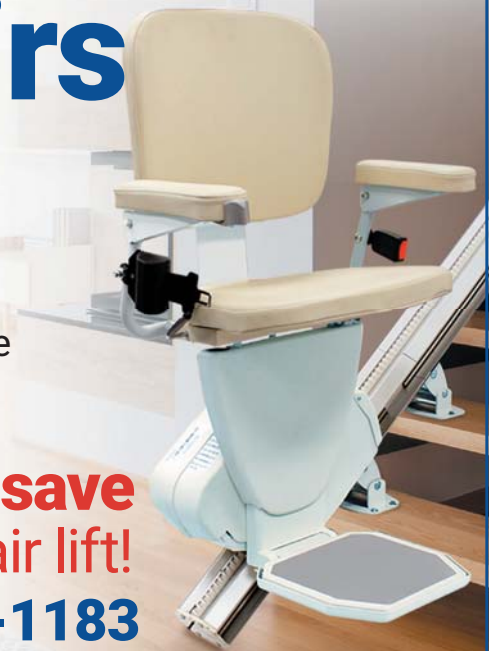
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