

THE SETON SENTINEL

DECEMBER 12, 2021



3rd Sunday of Advent

“Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.”(Lk 3: 11)

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue -

You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you.

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Today's Music

4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Gath: 3 S Beyond the Moon & Stars

Prep: 403 G Come O Long Expected Jesus

Com: 9 S O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Send: 67 M Glory Hosanna

5:30pm Sunday

Gath: 45 S Let Heaven Rejoice

Prep: 761 G God Has Chosen Me

Com: 8 S Come, Come, Emmanuel

Send: Prepare Ye, the Way of the Lord

Subject to change

CHOOSE
LIFE

Advent Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday's during Advent we will provide a "Quiet Oasis," in the midst of the noise of the outside world for a few hours. From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm stop in at anytime for any length of time for some quiet time before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. The 2 hours will be **completely SILENT**. No Benediction. The Adoration will just conclude at 8:00 pm without ceremony. Make plans to join us each week, one week, one hour, whatever you wish. The time is yours and Jesus' during this Holy Season of Preparation.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS:

In order to help you prepare spiritually for Christmas, we will offer the following opportunities for your Christmas Confessions before December 24th.

-Each Saturday from 3:15-3:50 p.m. in the Church Reconciliation Room.

-Sunday, December 19th 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm prior to the 5:30 pm Sunday Eucharist.

-Monday, December 20th following the 8:00 am Eucharist until all are heard.

-Thursday, December 23rd, 5:30 pm until all are heard.

Please do not wait until the last minute to make your confession for Christmas. Get to the sacrament early to avoid lines.

Oplatki Available

While supplies last, the *Oplatki*, Christmas Wafers, will be available in church *on the weekends of Advent* or by calling the rectory. The wafers will be on the tables near the entrance and we ask a donation for each package of \$5.00. It will be done on the honor system so bring the correct amount for the basket next to the *Oplatki*.

Christmas Church Decorating

Mark your calendars for next Sunday, December 19th!!! We will need lots of help after the 11:00 am mass putting up all the trees, hanging the wreaths and the garland, assembling the manger, moving things around, etc. --- Please lend us a hand if you are able. It will take a lot of work to get our church ready for the big day so come along and join the fun. This is a good opportunity for our Confirmation students to get service hours.

2022 CHURCH CALENDARS

Our 2022 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 Ave., Forty Fort*, for sponsoring our church calendars.

SAINT ELIZBETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!

Just a Reminder that our parish will not be selling *Pirohy* this year for Christmas.

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, at our parish office. All calls are confidential.



This year again, we **will not** have the Traditional Christmas Giving Tree with tags on to buy gifts. We only ask if you are able, to please donate **GIFT CARDS**.

For Christmas, we are asking for Walmart or Target Gift Cards to give to the families of needy children, and they will be able to purchase the gifts themselves. Please place gift cards in an envelope marked: **Christmas Gift Cards**. **Please drop in the Collection basket, office door mail slot, mail, or bring to the rectory. Thanks so much for whatever you can do.**



FOOD REQUEST UPDATES: The Social Concerns Committee is requesting the following items for the **Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne**: Strawberry jelly, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, canned pasta, crackers, boxes of cereal. Drop off box is located in the vestibule. Thank you.

You make the difference! These are very challenging times: Grocery Prices through the roof, utilities, astronomical gas prices, and yet you continue to support the mission and ministry of our parish! Thank You! You are making a difference in our outreach to help cover our day-to-day expenses and we are grateful. Online giving is available at www.setonpa.com and follow the link.



Collection Totals:

November 20/21, 2021

\$6891.75

Diocesan: Campaign for Human Development: \$528.00

Should you experience a delay in receiving your envelopes, please contact the rectory. You may also use a plain envelope for your donations in the meantime. Indicate your name and *envelope number* (if known) so you can receive proper credit.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus will meet this Tuesday, December 14th, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES REMAINING IN DECEMBER:

MONDAY EVENING: December 13, 20

SATURDAY MORNING: December 18

Classes will resume on Monday, January 3rd and Saturday, January 8th

1st Grade Family Mass will be on Sunday, January 2nd, at 11:00am

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday—Closed
Evening and Weekends by appointment

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our Parish warmly welcomes those who are with us each weekend, occasionally, and all who are looking for a spiritual home. Actual membership begins by filling out a Census Form at setonpa.com on the link at the top of the page. Once completed, send it to the office and we'll get you on "the official books," as soon as possible.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday. 1st time parents are asked to attend a brief instruction class on Baptism. You can contact Lori directly for information.

Reconciliation is available on Saturday beginning at 3:30 until 3:50 p.m. just prior to the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Other times at your request. Just ask Father.

Weddings are usually celebrated Saturday at 1:00 pm or on Friday afternoon or evening. Contact Father as soon as possible to reserve the date and complete the necessary paperwork.

Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation are offered through the department of Religious Education or Catholic Schools. Contact the office for more information.



SYNOD AND THE ACT OF LISTENING

A voice has no power unless it is listened to. *Listening* is one of the most powerful and deeply human experiences that we can have because the act of listening respects and validates the voice that is being heard. Being listened to satisfies the deepest longings of the human heart. In short, we affirm one another's dignity and inherent creativity through the process of listening.

For better or worse, words are powerful. And when the spoken word expresses something authentic, if not heard, cannot bear fruit in the world. *Authentic listening is an act of love.*

Throughout her history, the Church values the art of listening. From the earliest days of Christianity, the Church has used the model of a *Synod*, or the concept of *Synodality*, as a means of listening to the voice of Christ alive in the Church's members.

WHAT IS A SYNOD?

Like many of the words that we use in our Catholic tradition, *Synod* is an ancient Greek word that means assembling to determine the path forward. A *Synod* is a *Process* that gathers Christ's disciples so that their voices can be heard. It is the Church's belief that each and everyone's voice is that of Christ. And when two or three of Christ's Faithful are gathered, he is present and alive in their midst.

The history of the Church also shows us that the model of Synodality was a critical tool at times of crisis and challenge. A particular 'synod' was called to address various crises in the life of the Church and history tells us that, in those moments, the presence of the Holy Spirit was alive in their midst, leading the Church forward. The model of a Synod allows the presence of Christ to be given voice at this moment in our history.

THE 2021-2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS

On March 7, 2020, Pope Francis announced that a Synod of Bishops would convene at the Vatican in October 2023, the theme of which will be *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission*. As a vital first step in the Synod process, the Holy Father has invited each diocese around the world to listen to the voices of its people including those who are marginalized or may have fallen away from the Church.

By virtue of our Baptism, all of us are called to be active participants in the life of the Church through discernment, participation and co-responsibility. Through a process of careful listening, our participation in the Synod process will enable us to better understand how the Christian community participates in the life of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton today and how that shared participation among our members might grow in the future.

(From Bishop Bambera's Letter to the Faithful, October 4, 2021)

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THE 2021-2023 SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

By calling for the 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is inviting the Church to *gather* and to *listen* to each and every Catholic to find the Church's path forward at this time in our history. This is a moment for the voice of God's people to be heard to give voice to the direction of the Church. Pope Francis is providing the opportunity for this ancient and tested model to find relevance in light of today's challenges and opportunities.

The Holy Father seeks to hear every voice. Prayerfully consider participating in your parish's in-person consultation session or through the online survey at www.dioceseofscranton.org.

THE SYNOD AND JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Far from being a temporary or one-time experience in calling the Church to participate in the Synod process, Pope Francis is reminding us that the very mission of the Church requires the entire People of God to be on a journey together, with each member playing his or her crucial role, united with each other. The Holy Father's hope is that the experience of this unique world-wide opportunity will bring about a new springtime for listening, discernment, dialogue and decision-making in our Church, so that the whole People of God can better journey together with one another and the entire human family, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

(From Bishop Bambera's Letter to the Faithful, October 4, 2021)

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

ADSUMUS SANCTE SPIRITUS



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

nor partiality influence our actions.

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.*

Amen.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" TODAY

A choral concert directed by Ms. Ann Manganiello & Elementary Instrumentalists Concert directed by Mr. Mark Stransky. Today, SUNDAY, December 12th, at 1:30pm at Holy Redeemer High School McCarthy Auditorium. Donation: \$3.00; Senior Citizens/Students: \$2.00

Diocese Adds Name to List of Credibly Accused

Following the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report in August 2018, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera made a promise that he would be open and transparent in the way that the Diocese of Scranton handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true.

In August 2018, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since that time, additional names have been added to the online list as necessary, with public notification.

The Diocese was recently notified by the Franciscan Friars, Holy Name Province, that the name of a friar who had previously been stationed in ministry within the Diocese was being included on its listing against whom credible sexual abuse/misconduct claims have been made. As a result of this information, the Diocese of Scranton has also decided to add the following name to its original list of credibly accused individuals:

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Hennessy, Placid (OFM)

If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Father Gerald W. Shantillo, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to immediately contact law enforcement and/or Mary Beth Pacuska.



Remembering at Eucharist



Monday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Lois Clair Piccone-Bare Piccone & Bare Family

Tuesday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Health & Blessings for Deacon George Mochin Social Concerns Committee

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Irene Gulla Steve, Stephanie, & Michaela Hilley

Thursday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Lukesh Family Mary Bardsley

Friday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Lukacinsky Children

Saturday, December 18

4:00 p.m. Leonard & Norma Zavada Children

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*

Sunday, December 19

7:00 a.m. Joseph Gibbons Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

9:00 a.m. Joan Snopeck Jean & Bob Prushinski

11:00 a.m. Richard Mizenko Wife, Gloria

5:30 p.m. Michael S. & Michael C. Ritondo Daughter/sister Josie & Bob Kandrac



Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Church

4:00 pm Gym

6:00 pm

9:00 pm

Saturday, December 25th

12 Midnight

9:00 am

And 11:00 am

Sunday, December 26th

9, 11 am, and 5:30 pm

*No 7:00 am Mass today

Friday, December 31

Vigil of MMoG 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 1st

10 a.m. MMoG

*No 4:00pm Mass Today

5:30 pm Vigil, Sunday

Sunday, Jan 2

7,9, 11 am and 5:30 pm

Special Intentions This Week

This Week's Sanctuary Candles

~~In Memory of **Walter Gavlick** offered by Wife & Children

~~In Memory of **Frank & Catherine Mucha** offered by Family



Baptism Sunday

This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptism of:

~~**Elena Rose Ogden**~~

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