

THE SETON SENTINEL

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent



ADVENT

The Advent season begins today! The next four weeks are a time for reflection and preparation of the heart.

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.

We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!

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Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105

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Rev. Anthony Urban

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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. Begins, Thursday, December 2nd.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lector Workbooks for Year C 2022 are located in the server sacristy. Readings begin for November 29th. Lectors: please pick up your book after Mass. Thank you.

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*.

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.

Pastoral Council Meeting— Tuesday, November 30th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Discussions will include the 2021-2023 Synod called for by Pope Francis.

New Office Hours

Please make note of our new office hours beginning the week of November 29th. Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm Closed on Fridays (until further notice)



Christmas Church Decorating

Mark your calendars for 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.

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. We did this last year and it worked out well.**

Holy Name Society

Our HNS will meet next Sunday, December 5th, after the 9:00am mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.

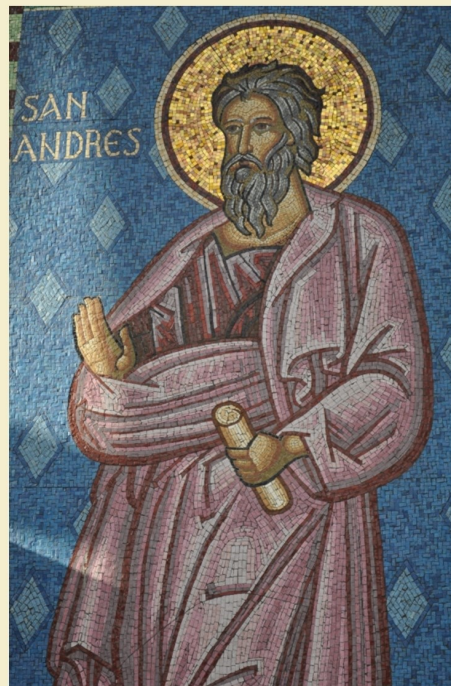
Saint Andrew the Apostle

FIRST CENTURY
FEAST DAY — NOVEMBER 30

In the synoptic Gospels, Andrew is a Galilean fisherman grouped with his brother, Peter, and with James and John in the inner circle of Apostles; in John's Gospel, he is the disciple of John the Baptist who is the first to follow Jesus and who brings his brother to the Lord. Many traditions about Andrew come from the apocryphal second-century Acts of Andrew, which depicts him as a zealous missionary in the Black Sea region who is crucified—tied to an x-shaped cross—by the Roman governor. Some early church historians also said he evangelized in Greece and Asia Minor. He is the patron saint of Scotland, Russia, Greece, and those who fish for a living.

“He was truly a man of faith and hope; and one day he heard John the Baptist proclaiming Jesus as: “the Lamb of God” (Jn 1:36); so he was stirred, and with another unnamed disciple followed Jesus, the one whom John had called “the Lamb of God”. The Evangelist says that “they saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day...” (Jn 1: 37-39). Thus, Andrew enjoyed precious moments of intimacy with Jesus.”

—Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience, June 14, 2006



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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.



You make the difference! With your continuing support you are making a difference during these uncertain times. You believe in the mission and ministry of our parish. You are making a difference in our outreach and just covering our day-to-day expenses and we are grateful. Online giving is available at www.setonpa.com and follow the link .

Again, Thank You for Your Generosity!



Collection Total for November 6/7, 2021
\$13,442.11

If 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.

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APPEAL UPDATE:

So far, our parish is short only about \$2,500.00 of our goal of \$44,000.00!!!! Please keep up the good work. If you have not yet made a pledge or gift, please consider doing it this week. It does not matter how small or large it is, every donation will help us reach our goal and more importantly, help others in our Diocese. Log on at annualappeal.org, follow the links, or get a pledge card at the entrance of the church. Thank you so much for making this possible!

ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please plan to join us on Sunday, December 5th, at 3pm, in St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 134 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, as the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton presents : **An Advent Christmas Concert**. Admission is free, free-will offering.

Director: Ann Manganiello; Acoompanist: Kimberly Gnaill; Percussion: Monica Spishcock; Holy Redeemer High School Handbell Choir

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!



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**



F I R S T
SUNDAY
 O F A D V E N T



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.

Jeremiah 43:14-15

Today's Music

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

Gath:	9 S	O Come O Come Emmanuel
Prep:	3 S	Beyond the Moon and Stars
Com:	415 G	My Soul In Stillness Waits
Send:	53 M	All Glory Praise and Honor

vs 2-4

5:30pm Sunday

Gath:	577 G	Sing Out Earth and Skies
Prep:	9 S	Beyond the Moon and Stars
Com:	8 S	Come, Come , Emmanuel
Send:	746 G	All that Is Hidden

Subject to change

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS 70 YEARS OF SERVICE

Members of the Swoyersville Kiwanis Club are happy to announce their 70th Anniversary Celebration of serving the children and helping others in our communities. Throughout the years the dedicated members have created a club that always took the time to look out for others and our community and offers assistance to groups and organizations. From the beginning the Kiwanis club offered Scholarship Award to high school senior, assisted St Joseph's Centers, local food pantries, Toys for Tots, Blue Chip Rescue Farm and many more. Through the years the list of support, programs and fun from the Swoyersville Kiwanis Club continues to grow. We invite members of the local communities to come out and celebrate and learn about us. Join us at our 70th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Celebration begins at 6:30 pm. Dinner buffet and beverage cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are required by Dec. 1st to Jane/Frank Aritz. Call or text 570-466-9826 or email attyfja@aol.com



Remembering at Eucharist



Monday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Latishon & Zielinski Families John

Tuesday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Matthew Gaiteri Wife & Daughter

Wednesday, December 1

8:00 a.m. Richard Smith David & Bernadette Passeri

Thursday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Peter Luzetsky Family

Friday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Martha Broda Cadence RX Family

Saturday, December 4

4:00 p.m. Eugene "Bud" Burgess Joe & Terri Burgess

5:30 p.m. Edward T. Proleika Shirley Proleika & Family

Sunday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Eugene Mikolaicik Chris Calore

9:00 a.m. Nancy Kodra Husband, Frank

11:00 a.m. **Pro Populo (6th Grade Family Mass)**

5:30 p.m. Joseph Burns Karen Collins



Special Intentions This Week

This Week's Sanctuary Candles

~~In Memory of Raymond Chimock offered by wife, Rosemary & Family

~~In Memory of John Gibbons offered by Wife & Sons



Resting in the Peace of Christ, the Recently Departed

~~ William Hlavac~~



Baptism Sunday

This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptisms of:

~~Patrick Francis Martinsky~~Charlee Jo Davis~~

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