



*“Be Watchful! Be Alert!”*

*Mark 13:33*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA

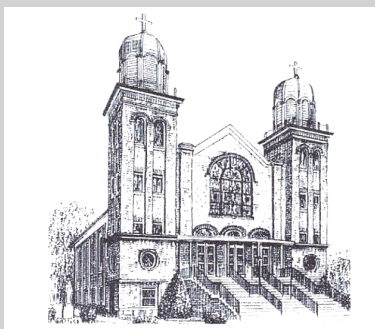
THE SETON SENTINEL

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

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8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.Weekends and Evenings  
*by appointment only*Parish Office is closed for all  
Holy Days of Obligation and  
Federal Holidays.**WELCOME TO OUR  
PARISH!**

New to the area? Just visiting? You will find a warm welcome here! To become a registered member, please call the parish office during regular business hours.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word begins this Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All of our younger parishioners are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word designed especially for young ears! Children will be dismissed after the Gathering Rite to the basement to hear God's Word and then will rejoin their parents and the rest of the community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All children are most welcome to participate and are welcome each Sunday of Advent.

**ADVENT PIROHY SALES**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Altar Guild will sponsor this year's Advent Pirohy Sale on Dec. 5, 12, and 19. Due to increase in cost of ingredients, the cost will be \$7.00/ dozen. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. We will need lots of help making the pirohy!!! Volunteers are needed. Come to the school cafeteria at 8am on the Fridays of the sales.

**OPLATKI SALE**

The Seton Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be offering the Christmas Wafers after masses beginning this weekend. Offering is \$5.00/pack. They will also be available in the rectory during office hours starting December 1st.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th**

Next Sunday December 7th, our parish will pause for A Day of Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 11:30 a.m. Mass and adoration will continue until 5:15 with Benediction and then the Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 pm. Please sign-up for 1/2 hour periods of adoration that Sunday and join us for Benediction and the Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception.

**DECEMBER 8th HOLY DAY**

Next Monday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because it falls on a Monday, we will host a special mass on Sunday afternoon that will be in honor of the Holy Day, not a Sunday Obligation Mass. You will need to go to mass twice between Saturday afternoon and Monday evening to fulfill both obligations. If you go on Sunday morning, you may also come Sunday afternoon and receive Holy Communion because it is two different celebrations. Our Schedule for the Holy Day will be: Sunday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. Monday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our Pasta Dinner a huge success! Thank you to Mark Perugino and all members, friends, & Confirmation students, and bakers who volunteered their time and talent. And thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the delicious meal!

**CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**

Reservations will close December 4th for the Christian Mothers Dec. 14th Christmas Party in the church hall after the 11:30am Mass. Members are asked to meet in the church hall at 11:15am to attend Mass in a body. Members are also asked to bring a package of diapers for the Pro Life Center, instead of a Christmas gift. Guests are welcome. Any questions or to make reservations, call Susan Bayer at 763-5944 or Pat Quinn at 288-6906.

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!*

**Parish Staff**

Cora Artim  
*Children's & 11:30 Choir*  
 Phil Bosha  
*Maintenance*  
 Chris Calore  
*Maintenance*  
 Sister Jane Ellis, IHM  
*Parish Social Minister*  
 Terry Jankoviak  
*Director of Faith Formation*  
 Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi  
**Pastor**  
 Lori Raymond  
*Pastoral Associate*  
 Joseph Sabol  
*Assistant Organist*  
 Monica Salis  
*Business Manager*  
 Marge Semanek  
*Director of Music*  
 Rev. Anthony Urban  
*Weekend Celebrant*

**Direct Contacts**

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 to the publication week.



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**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

32.84%(335 out of 1,020) gave/pledged  
 DAA 2014 Goal: \$47,000.00  
 Total Raised: \$39,665.00  
 Under: \$7,335.00

**HOLIDAY HELP**

Please contact Fr. Joe or our Pastoral Associate, Lori Raymond, if you are in need or know a family in our community who needs help this Thanksgiving or Christmas. Screened families & individuals may receive help with the food for holiday meals & children's Christmas presents. We need to be notified now to be able to help for Christmas.

Also, we are accepting Supermarket gift cards for the needy for Thanksgiving. You can drop them in the Sunday basket or bring them to the rectory. Any amount will be appreciated.



**THE GIVING TREE**

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** by **Dec. 15th**. (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.

**Life Line Screening at SEAS**

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 1/8/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 6/7**

Sat. December 6th 4:00PM Altar Servers: J. Cook & N. Cook Lector: T. Sherrill  
 EM'S: P. Bosha, C. Mishkel, F. Balog, J. Burgess, T. Burgess  
 5:30PM: Altar Servers: D. Drost, J. Burridge Lector: C. Gill  
 EM's: D. Hlavac, D. Markoch

Sun. December 7th 8:30am Altar Servers: M. Butchko, C. Bohn  
 Lector: H. Savinski EM's: A.M. Venetz, M. Gould, F. Fosko  
 10:00AM: Altar Servers: E. Jenkins, A. Semanek Lector: J. Mulcahy  
 EM's: J. Baker, E. Kudey, J. Quinn  
 11:30AM: Altar Servers: A. Rash, M. Pitcavage Lector: C. Suraci  
 EM's: A. Panuski, K., Plucas, G. Kimmerle, F. Suraci

**THE SACRAMENTS****Baptism**

Expecting or new parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make the arrangements and if necessary, attend the Pre-Baptismal Session. The celebration of the Sacrament is usually held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

**Confirmation**

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. This year Bishop Dougherty will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible.

**Matrimony**

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible (no less than 6 months prior) to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work. The dates at the Church are not guaranteed until an actual meeting with the pastor takes place.

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.  
or anytime by request

**Anointing of the Sick**

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish Priest, day or night. When someone is very ill please do not wait to call the priest. It is better to have the sacrament of the sick sooner rather than at the last minute.

**For ordinary sick calls  
(Non-Emergency):**

Please notify the Parish Social Ministry Office at (570) 763-5160 if you would like a parish representative to visit a family member who is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home. In compliance with HIPAA regulations (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), health care facilities are required to protect the confidentiality and security of health data. Therefore, the only way that the parish can be informed of someone needing assistance is through notification by a family member or friend.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY 50/50 RAFFLE**

The Holy Name Society is selling tickets for their **50/50 Raffle**. Donation is \$5.00/ticket and drawing will be held on December 7th, just in time for Christmas shopping. Members will be selling tickets after weekend Masses in November or you may purchase from any HNS member. Questions: call Anna Mae 287-7655.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Next meeting, Tuesday, December 2nd, 6:30 pm in the rectory.

**HANDICAP PARKING SPACES**

We kindly ask all those who use the handicap parking spaces along the side of the church—when you are pulling into the space, please park in the furthest spot that is available, so that other handicap drivers can just park right behind you. It is very difficult to parallel park along the building. Thank you for your cooperation and courtesy in this matter.

**SEAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

The Knights will be holding their annual All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, December 7th, from 9am to 1pm. Cost is \$7/adults and \$4/children. The breakfast will be held in our school cafeteria. Tickets will be on sale in the church vestibule after weekend Masses and also will be sold at the door.

The annual Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign will be held by our Knights of Columbus in the church vestibule after all Masses now through Christmas. We will be selling beautiful Christmas cards, magnets, and pins.

In conjunction with the Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign, our Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest". There will be a \$25.00 First Prize gift card in each age group category (which will be Boys and Girls 5 to 7, 8 to 10, and 11 to 14). Place your theme drawing in the box located near the Reconciliation Room. Deadline is Sunday, December 14th.

**Rules for Contest:**

- ~Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas
- ~Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan, & any visual image)
- ~Poster must be 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk, or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.
- ~Each poster must be submitted in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest box, located in the back of the church. The name & age of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster.
- ~All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.
- ~Poster will not be returned.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON MASS TO BE ADDED TO OUR PARISH SCHEDULE

Through discussions with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Young Adults of our parish, it has been determined that beginning Sunday, February 15, 2015, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will offer the 5:30 pm Contemporary Sunday Eucharist. We would like this celebration to be a little different from our other scheduled parish masses. Hopefully, the youth and young adults from our parish will take the lead in the ministries for this mass. The music will be of the Contemporary Christian variety. Although this mass will be more or less geared for younger parishioners all will be invited to participate and attend. It may be helpful to those who have difficult work and other schedules on the weekends. We are hoping it will also be an outreach tool as well for those who feel out of place at traditional masses. More information to follow. For now, if any young person would like to volunteer to be part of this new music ministry, please call Lori at the rectory and give your name and your instrument played or let us know if you can sing.

#### “St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Child”

Sister Margaret has offered to cast 9” replica statues of the sculpture now located in front of our church to our parishioners. A sample is located at the church entrance this weekend and you may order your copy of the statue for a \$50.00 donation by signing the order sheet located near the statue. Payment will be due when you pick up the statue. It would make a great gift for a fellow parishioner!

#### DIOCESE OF SCRANTON EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING AT SETON

Our Parish will host training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on three consecutive Thursday evenings during January: Jan 8, 15, and 22nd beginning at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Attendance at all three sessions is required for certification for ministry in our parish. We would like to gather some names for this ministry and extend the invitation. If you know of someone who you think would make a good addition to our EM team, please call Lori at the rectory and give their name.

#### ATTENTION LECTORS!

Lector Workbooks 2015 have arrived & are in the Server Sacristy. Please pick up your book today. Readings begin on November 30th. Thank you.

### COLLECTION REPORT

November 15/16 2014

SUNDAY: \$6945.45      DUES: \$1229.00

LOOSE: \$394.36      HOLY DAY: \$5.00

**TOTAL: \$8573.81**

May God bless you for your generosity!

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

**Confessions:** Regularly scheduled Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45

Saturday, December 20th 11:00 am-12:30pm

Monday, December 22nd 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

These will be the only times for Reconciliation this season in our parish. If unable to make any of these times, call the rectory to set up an appointment.

#### “MARY OF NAZARETH”

A movie about the Mother of God

St. Therese’s Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown

Monday, December 8th at 6:30pm

Saturday, December 13th, at 2:00pm

Children 12 and up (due to the graphic nature of some scenes, e.g. Crucifixion)

Admission: \$10 per person (all donations are tax deductible ) No tickets will be sold at the door.

Contact Eileen for tickets: 570-675-3397 or

[erockensies@epix.net](mailto:erockensies@epix.net)

Proceeds to to JCADF (Jerry Cebulski African Disability Foundation- Sister Sponsa’s Children & Adults) The people of Liberia are dying from Ebola & starvation. Our staff in Liberia can get food & formula to them if we replenish our funds.

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS

#### BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:30pm-6:00pm

CHURCH HALL

## **Eucharistic Worship Schedule and Intentions** *First Week of Advent*

**Monday, December 1**

8:00 a.m. George M. Shendock Mother, Dorothy, & brother, Bob

**Tuesday, December 2**

8:00 a.m. William & Mary Sheehan Daughter

**Wednesday, December 3** St. Francis, Xavier

8:00 a.m. Joseph Banjock Felix Wawer Jr.

**Thursday, December 4**

8:00 a.m. James J. Connell Radzavicz Family

**Friday, December 5**

8:00 a.m. Leona Koschella Martha Lopko

**Saturday, December 6** (vigil: Second Sunday of Advent)

4:00 p.m. Marie Shampack Marcus & Jennifer Pokrinchak

5:30 p.m. J. Eugene Zim Wife, Joan, and son, Christopher & Family

**Sunday, December 7** Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. **Pro Populo**

10:00 a.m. Andrew Husovsky Jr. Rich & Betsy Evanoski

11:30 a.m. Michael Ritondo Josie Kandrak & Family

(vigil: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)

**5:30 p.m. Pro Populo**



**SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS**

~In Memory of Raymond W. Chimock offered by Wife

~In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents



IN MEMORIAM Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them~~Ruth Williams~~John Novak~~May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.

**Celebrant's Schedule**

December 6-7

4:00 pm Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr, Pisaneschi

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

