

SETON SENTINEL

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of Jesus

FALL FUNDRAISER REPORT

A very big thank you to all who participated in anyway in our fall food fundraising activities. Our Net Income from all of the sales came to \$32,176.81!!! This is a tremendous boost to our bottom line for the past year without a summer festival. Those responsible for the work do not wish to be named, but please accept my sincere Thanks and Gratitude on behalf of the entire parish. And Thank You to all who supported the sales!

Father Joe

WINTER FUNDRAISERS

There are several winter food fundraisers scheduled. Please refer to the website for more information. The schedule was sent home in a recent bulletin but because of the mail situation many have not yet received the forms.

Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils

Meeting on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 in the parish hall. This is a combined meeting and those who were invited to be at the meeting concerning Pastoral Planning last March with Bishop Bambera are asked to be in attendance. You should receive an email with a link to a video. Please watch the video carefully and come ready to discuss the information contained therein.

Please Keep Your Guard UP

This is no time to relax your guards or let them down in church. Remember to keep 6 feet apart at all times while in the church. Do not rush the communion procession or the exiting process. There have been groups gathering together after mass indoors. This is a no-no. We do everything we can to get you in and out of the church quickly, (i.e. reciting the Psalm, and acclamations), please exit expeditiously at the end mindful of the 6 foot apart rule.

Where are my Envelopes?

The ongoing postal situation has caused a delay in our mailed communications with you including our offering envelopes. If you do not receive your envelopes on time, please use a plain white envelope with your full name, and envelope number if you know it and drop it in the basket at mass, slide it through the mail slot in the office, mail it to us at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville, PA 18704 or use the online giving option at setonpa.com look for:



Your continued regular support is crucial to our being able to continue operations of the parish at this time. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Seton Calendars

Our Seton Calendars, sponsored by Wroblewski Funeral Home, Forty Fort, have been mailed to all of our parishioners. Please be patient, as the Post Office has been backed up.

MANY THANKS

For your many kind expressions wishing me Merry Christmas and then a few days later, 50TH Birthday Blessings, I am simply amazed at the kindness of our parish staff and parishioners. I am humbled and grateful for each of you— not only at Christmas Time but all year through! From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all your expressions of affection for me. I am sincerely THE luckiest priest in diocese! -- Father Joe

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Our KofC will meet this Tuesday, January 12th, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

Baptism of the Lord

In one parish, after adults were baptized during the Easter Vigil, the pastor would announce what each of the newly Baptized would do for the parish. It might be visiting the sick, or tutoring in the school, or helping deliver meals to the elderly and shut-ins. It made very clear the Baptismal call to service and renewed the parish's commitment to practice what they believed. The life of the parish flourished because faith and spirituality were a way of life, and not just another good idea.

When Jesus is baptized, the Spirit descends on Him and the voice from heaven identifies Jesus as the Son on whom God's favor rests. His ministry is about to begin, and yet, immediately after this extraordinary scene, the Spirit will lead Jesus into the wilderness to be tested by Satan and strengthened for the work ahead.

Baptism is more than a social event. It is a commitment to a journey of faith and a special relationship to the Father. Our parents and godparents stand with us as we are joined once and for all to the Body of Christ, the Church. We will be tested and strengthened, challenged to live a life worthy of the grace and favor bestowed on us. We are God's children and God's favor rests on us.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021

SUNDAY Jan. 10	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
MONDAY Jan. 11	Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
TUESDAY Jan. 12	Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
WEDNESDAY Jan. 13	Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
THURSDAY Jan. 14	Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
FRIDAY Jan. 15	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
SATURDAY Jan. 16	Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
SUNDAY Jan. 17	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

HOMEMADE PASTIE SALE PICK UPS

If you placed your order for homemade pasties, please remember to pick up your order in the school cafeteria this Thursday, Jan. 14, from noon to 2pm or 5 to 6pm. Please wear a face mask and follow our social distancing signs.

Also, our Chicken Pot Pie order forms are due by Thursday, January 21st. The sale date is the following Thursday, Jan. 28th. Order forms are on our website, in the church vestibule, & also in our Dec. 20th bulletin we mailed home to all parishioners, but as of this writing of the bulletin, were not received yet due to a Postal delay.

By Dr. Scott Hahn

The Anointing

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Cycle B)

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 (or Acts 10:34-38 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10 (or Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30)

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan - that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus" - opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed...with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word Messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see 2 Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10,17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary - Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32-33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage-way to healing and freedom - a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
www.SalvationHistory.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

In person classes will hopefully resume on January 23rd. Assignments should be completed at home and turned in on time to the Religious Ed Office. Stay Safe Everyone!

Assignments for December 12/14 to January 23/25 can be returned when the children return in January 23/25, **HOPEFULLY!!!**

Please check the parish website setonpa.com or our Facebook page for current updates. Parent meetings for Grades 2, 7 & 8, will also be posted there.

Any questions, please call Sister Marion at 570-287-6624, extension 116.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Our Parish remains open and operating solely through your generosity. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do for us through the year, especially during the pandemic. If you can continue to remember your envelopes and get them to us each week via slow mail, the office mail slot, the collection basket, or on-line giving at setonpa.com we can continue our mission together.

Collection total for the week of December 26/27, 2020

\$10,239.32

CHRISTMAS: \$19,663.87

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

2020 Goal: \$44,000.00

Raised so far: \$25,245.00

Needed: \$18,755.00

There is still time to make a contribution to the Appeal, envelopes are on the tables at the Church entrance or you can log on to dioceseofscranton.org and click on GIVING then follow the link to the Annual Appeal. Send your donation directly to Diocese of Scranton, Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Avenue—Scranton, PA 18503. Be sure to include your name and address AND **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville** in the mailing so that our parish receives proper credit for your contribution.



2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST PLEASE, NO PHONE REQUESTS

Please make your request by filling out this form. Then drop in collection basket, US mail, drop in rectory mail slot, or email Monica at: seton.swoy@aol.com

ENVELOPE #: _____

NAME: _____

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THANK YOU!

EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, January 11

6:30 am Joseph & Anna Barnoski

Daughter & Family

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am Florence Balog

Joe & Rosemary DeSanto

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 am Stephen & Helen Gaydos

Son, Robert, & daughter, Ann Marie

Thursday, January 14

6:30 am Marie Puchalsky

Barbara Ripa & Family

Friday, January 15

6:30 am Carmella Uter

Stravinsky Family

Saturday, January 16

5:00 pm Raymond Podskoch

Tom & Marge Semanek

Sunday, January 17

7:00 am **Pro Populo**

9:00 am Josephine Reggie

Nephew, Felix

11:00 am Nancy Kodra

Husband, Frank

5:30 pm Mason Romanowski

Tom & Judy Williams

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!



IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.....

~~Helen Sartin~~

May the Lord grant her Eternal Rest. Amen.

This Week's Sanctuary Candles

1. In Memory of Joseph & Anna Barnoski offered by Daughter & Family
2. In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family



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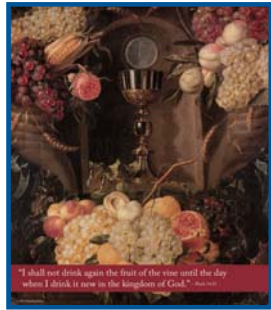
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