

The Seton Sentinel
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



JOHN
THE
BAPTIST

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming..."

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2015
Swoyersville, PA

THE SETON SENTINEL

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday:

8:30am to 3:00pm

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.



2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Parish Goal: \$47,000.00
Pledged so far: \$46,205.00
Balance: \$ 795.00

Thank you for your continued support
of the Diocesan Annual Appeal.
To make a pledge, take one of the
envelopes at the entrance of the
church or go to annualappeal.org
to donate on-line.

2015 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Parish Goal is in sight! We are only about **\$1,000.00** away from meeting our goal. Thank you to all who have given so far. If you have not yet pledged or given a gift please consider doing so this week. With your help we can once again meet our goal and help those in need in our diocese. Envelopes are located at the entrances of the church. Thank you for considering this request.

OPLATKI SALE

Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be offering the Christmas Wafers after masses this weekend in our church vestibule. Offering is \$5.00 for a pack of 6 wafers. They will also be available in the rectory during office hours until December 22nd.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ALL-U-CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET TODAY!

The Knights will be holding their annual All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet TODAY, Sunday, December 13th, from 9am to 1pm. Cost is \$7/adults and \$4/children. The breakfast will be held in our school cafeteria. Tickets are available at the door. ***A "SURPRISE" guest will stop in to greet the children.***

ALTAR GUILD ADVENT PIROHY SALES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our final Advent Pirohy Sale, this Thursday, Dec. 17th. Cost is \$7.00/dozen. You may pick up your order in the school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Please do not call the rectory to place orders. All orders must be on the sign up sheets in church. **Once we reach our quota, we will remove the sheets. So sorry for any inconvenience.**

We will need lots of help making the pirohy. Mark your calendar! Please come at 7am if you can help ball the potatoes, and all others come at 8:30am. Come and join us and bring a friend with you!!! Lunch will be served, too!

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON PRAY FOR US!

Parish Staff

Cora Artim

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Phil Bosh

Maintenance

Chris Calore

Maintenance

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Sister Jane Ellis, IHM

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Joseph Sabol

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Director of Music

Rev. Anthony Urban

Weekend Celebrant

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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CD'S

Don't forget to check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CD's located in our vestibule. For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

SAVE THE DATE—CHRISTMAS PLAY

Please save **Monday, December 21st at 6:30pm** on your December calendar. Our Youth Choir will be presenting their Christmas Play that evening and all are welcome! Hope to see you there!

THE GIVING TREE

Please return all gifts with the **tag attached** by **Dec. 14th**. If you didn't bring the gifts this weekend, you can still bring them to the parish office on Monday during office hours. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on Sundays during the 10am Mass and runs concurrent with the Religious Ed schedule. CLOW is for children ages 5 through 5th grade. Anyone interested in volunteering to help, please call Mark Mizzer at 852-9254.

NEXT SUNDAY

Santa's Dream Team will need all the help we can give them getting the church ready for the Christmas Celebrations! Please come to help decorate the church after the 11:30 am Mass, next Sunday, December 20th. We need lots of strong backs to carry items from the gym to the church, setting up the trees, manger, hanging the wreaths, fluffing the trees, etc., etc. Confirmation students and young men who can lift and climb are especially needed. The fun beings around 1:00pm. Join us!

Liturgical Note:

Our Advent wreath has been pretty much a bust this year. The candles burn straight down so you cannot see them lit. Sorry about the confusion. It may be best just to remove it at this point. The Advent Wreath, while a nice symbol, is not necessary in church. It is recommended that it be placed at the entrance of the church in the official documents.

SETON PRAYER CHAIN

The next meeting for our Seton Prayer Chain is on Saturday, January 9, 2016, at 8am in our church hall. Call Gail Kimmerle at 690-7520 for more information.

Know a Marriage That Needs Help: Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 26-Feb. 28, 2016, at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.



3rd Sunday of Advent

A number of years ago, the pastor of a neighboring parish, known simply as “the Monsignor” (you have to be famous to have just one name!), would often ask people, “What did you do for God today?” It didn’t matter what you had done the day or week before; what mattered was what you did with the present moment. His simple question reminded us that faith is never a done deal, but a deal waiting to be done.

Advent is a deal waiting to be done. We can make grand plans and be filled with wishful thinking and spiritual thoughts, but good intentions never filled an empty stomach or healed a broken heart. Something always comes up that needs to be done and we end up saying to ourselves, “There’s always next year.” Really? What if there isn’t? What would you have wanted to do? This is the year, now is the time, and here is your opportunity.

So, do something. Get the family together and decide what you will do. Pray the rosary together. Use an Advent wreath. Volunteer at your parish. Celebrate the sacraments. Buy and wrap gifts for children in need. At the end of each day, ask yourself, “What did I do for God today?”

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Church Finances

November 28/29, 2015

Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$6401.00 DUES: \$391.00; HOLY DAY: \$7.00

LOOSE: \$641.25; E-GIVING: \$1016.39; **TOTAL: \$8456.64**

THANKSGIVING: \$387.00

NOVEMBER Parish Group Collection: \$878.50 Social Concerns Committee

EXPENSES: Each month our parish owes the following assessments in full to: Catholic Schools: **\$9,072.42**
Diocese of Scranton: **\$11,105.09** **TOTAL: \$20,177.51** Thank you for all you do for our parish!

VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.

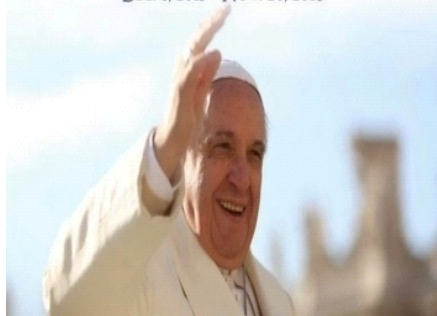
SETON PRAYER CHAIN

We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests.

A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



GET THE SETON MOBILE APP

Download the New Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Mass Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad!

Wyoming Area Catholic Christmas Concert & Living Nativity

Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, principal of WAC, Exeter, and the entire school family, cordially invite you to our annual Christmas Concert & Living Nativity on Sunday, December 13, beginning at 1:00pm in the school auditorium. Grades PK-5 will sing traditional Christmas carols. Students in 8th grade will present for us the true meaning of Christmas with their presentation of *The Nativity*. Throughout the presentation, students in grades 6 & 7 will render religious Christmas Carols. A special performance will be given by the WAC choir. On Dec. 13th, an evening display of the Living Nativity presented by the 8th grade students will take place in front of WAC School, 1690 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. All performances are free to the public, but a free will offering will be collected to donate to the Holy Childhood Association.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL SEASONAL CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 3:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, December 13th, 7:00pm, Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. Put yourself in the Christmas mood! Join us for our annual Carols by Candlelight with some festive carol singing, SUMC choirs, bells, organ and guests, the Anthracite Brass. Take time out from your Christmas shopping to enjoy a night of music.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church
420 Main Road, Hanover Township

Saturday, December 19th, sponsored by Youth Ministry
10am to 1pm in the church hall

For tickets or more information, call 570-262-6413 or 570-819-0404

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
PRAY FOR US!**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 14		<i>John of the Cross</i>
8:00 am	Angela Dougalas	Mother-in-law
Tuesday, December 15		
8:00 am	Betty Ripa Gaj	Ray, Barbara, & Family
Wednesday, December 16		
8:00am	Josephine Charney	Son-in-law, Edward Champagne
Thursday, December 17		
8:00am	Torregrossa Family	Steve & Maria Englot
Friday, December 18		
8:00am	Laing-Battin Families	Joe & Kate Ryan
Saturday, December 19		<i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
4:00 pm	Joseph J. Gulla	Bob & Michelle Petraitis
5:30 pm	Joseph Gibbons	Sister, Pat Quinn & Family
Sunday, December 20		Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 am	Thomas Runscavage Sr.	Family
10:00 am	Marguerite & Edward Krogulski	Children
11:30 am	Richard Mizenko	Wife & Family
5:30 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

**REST IN
PEACE**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



SANCTUARY CANDLES

~In Memory of Anna Gulla & son, Joseph offered by Irene Gulla
~In Memory of Bob & Michael Krostag offered by Family

Presiders Schedule

Sat Dec 19

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Urban

Sun Dec 20

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30pm Fr. Pisaneschi

The glory of God is a living person and the life
of each living person is the *vision of God.*

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