

SETON SENTINEL

December | 10 | 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Prepare

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Mark 1:3

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Eucharist

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday &
Friday 8:00am
No Mass on Wednesday
Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

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Confessions:

Saturday 3:30-3:45pm or you
may call Fr. Chmil for an
appointment



Worship

Intention

Monday, December 11

8:00am Phyllis Balberchak

Tuesday, December 12

8:00am Carol Melluzzo

Wednesday, December 13

8:00am No Daily Mass

Thursday, December 14

8:00am Madelyn Roote

Friday, December 15

8:00am Health & Blessings for Frank & Mary Ann Fosko in Honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, December 16

4:00pm Chorba Family

Sunday, December 17

8:30am Doreen Dougherty

11:00am Michael S. & Michael C. Ritondo

5:30pm Leona Mitchell

Requested by

Joe & Terri Burgess

Robert Miller

John & Carol Hrobaski

Anna Mae Venetz

Brother, Joe & Family

Daughter/Sister Josie & Family

Grandchildren, Ryan & Brina Jo

Special Intentions

Prayer

Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening Prayer and Benediction conclude the night. All are welcome to come, even just for a quick visit on Thursday evenings here in church.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of **Josephine Condon** offered by Jane & Family

~~In Memory of **John Klemunes** offered by Family

BREAD & WINE OFFERING

~Health & Blessings for **Frank & Mary Ann Fosko** in Honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary

PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

~~**Dolores Bubblo**~~ **Rosemary Chimock**~~**Robert Giadosh**~~
~~**Sr. Augustine Marie Molnar, SSCJ**~~

May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

The rosary will be prayed for vocations after daily mass.

Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Chmil x105

Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

Permanent Deacons

Lori Raymond x100

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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

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DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATES

If you haven't already donated, the Diocesan Annual Appeal envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance. If you already received a letter in the mail, please respond. Gifts of any size are welcome and participation is important. God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

DAA goal: \$44,000

Total raised: - \$30,855

over/under: -\$13,145

We have reached 70.13% of our goal.

Number of donors: 190 16.8% of our parishioners gave

ADVENT PIROHY-MAKING DATES & SALE DATES

PIROHY-MAKING:

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13TH

Ballers come at 7:00am and all others come at 8:30am.

PIROHY SALE DATES: Frozen Pirohy 1st Come, 1st Served
Friday, Dec. 15th, 8:30am-10:30am and 5pm-6:30pm (while supplies last) **\$10/dozen**

2024 CHURCH CALENDARS--

THANK YOU WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME

Our 2024 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 Avenue, Forty Fort, for sponsoring our church calendars. May God bless you always!

TODAY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BREAKFAST BUFFET

WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

9AM TO 1PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall

116 Hughes St., Swoyersville

Adults: \$10 Children 12 & under: \$5

Tickets available at the door

Questions? Call Mark: 570-262-2896



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, in our parish office. All calls are confidential.

For **Christmas**, we are having our “**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**”, with the gift tags for the needy children and families, and for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or home-bound. Our *Christmas Giving Tree* is placed near the Reconciliation Room, with the gift tags. If you are able, please take a tag, purchase the item, wrap the gift, and return the gifts (**with the tag attached to the wrapped gift**) by December 17th or sooner. (And as always, we will be accepting Grocery gift cards, too. Just drop in collection basket or bring to the rectory). If the gift tags are all taken, you can still bring in a wrapped gift and mark for “boy” or “girl” and “age” of child.

THANK YOU FROM SOCIAL CONCERNS Our SCC wants to thank everyone for the beautiful coats donated for our annual Coat Drive. All the coats went to very good homes.

WINNERS OF HOLY NAME SOCIETY HOLIDAY CASH RAFFLE:

CONGRATULATIONS to the lucky winners of the HNS Holiday Cash Raffle held on November 19th.

1st Prize: \$1000 --Jane Evelock 2nd Prize: Dan Krynak \$400 3rd Prize: John Dolan \$400

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to help support our Holy Name Society. God bless you!

HELP US GET THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

Help us put up the trees and wreaths, garland, and manger next Sunday, December 17th, after the 11:00am Mass. Lots of hands will mean light work. Please lend a hand if you can!

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation students--this is a great opportunity for church service hours.

OPLATKI

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) is available in the church vestibule on the weekends of Advent or by calling the rectory. The wafers are located on the table in the vestibule. Donation is \$5.00 for each pack of 4 wafers. It will be done on the honor system, so please bring the correct amount for the basket next to the Oplatki.

PEACE IN THE WOMB CHRISTMAS CAROLING

SUNDAY, December 17th at 2pm. Where: Planned Parenthood, 101 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre (across from King's College) . Free street parking available. Sponsored by Alhambra #4, a Catholic organization dedicated to assisting those with special needs. Music provided by Ernie Pappa. Contact Ada Magni for more info: 570-693-1338



SOCIAL CONCERNS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

“POLAR EXPRESS “

Tuesday, December 19th, 5pm-8pm Church Hall

For children only, ages 4-8

Parents, drop off your children (maybe you can get a little Christmas shopping done or go out for dinner). Please feel free to bring a throw blanket for sitting during the movie. Cozy, comfortable attire recommended.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

DECEMBER CLASSES:

Saturdays: December 16 (No classes December 23 , 30 Christmas Holiday)

Mondays: December 11,18 (No classes Dec. 25, January 1st Christmas Holiday)

BAPTISM CLASS

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11am Eucharist on Sunday. First time parents are asked to attend a brief instruction class on Baptism. Our next class will be held on Wednesday, December 13th, at 6pm, in our church hall. New parents and expectant parents who plan on having their baby baptized in the near future, are asked to call Lori at the office to register for the class or for more information.



2023 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Confessions: Thursday, Dec. 21st: 6pm-7pm

Sat., Dec. 23rd: 3:30-3:45pm

4th Sunday of Advent Masses: Sat. Dec. 23rd: 4pm

Sunday, Dec. 24th: 8:30am & 11am

Christmas Eve: Sunday, Dec. 24th, 4:00pm (both church & hall) and 10:00pm

Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 25th, 8:30am and 11:00am

Feast of the Holy Family: Sat. Dec. 30th: 4pm Sunday, Dec. 31st: 8:30am & 11:00am

New Year's Eve, Vigil Sunday, Dec 31st: 4:00pm

New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God, Monday, January 1, 2024: 10:00am

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!

Offerings

Weekend of November 25/26, 2023

REGULAR: \$8693.05

DUES: \$1209.00

Christmas Flowers: \$1901.00

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E-offerings: Regular: \$197.69 Dues: \$61.63

Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests: \$55.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$60.00

Ways to Give:



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HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

~~Soups w/meat (Chunky soups)``Canned pasta (ravioli)~~Canned fruit~~Jelly

Free Advent Concert TODAY

Sunday, December 10th, 3pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 605 Luzerne Ave., West Pittston . A festival of lessons and carols is a service of lessons and supporting carols that originated in Truro, England, in 1880. It was adapted by the King's College Chapel in Cambridge in 1918 and broadcast by the BBC. It has since spread around the world as the retelling of the Christian's faith from Adam's fall to the birth of Christ.

A Christmas Celebration TODAY

Sunday, December 10th, at 3pm. The parishes of St. John the Evangelist & St. Joseph Mareello in Pittston will present "A Christmas Celebration", a fun, family-friendly Christmas organ concert with guest organist, Greg Zelek, a graduate of Julliard School & principal organist of the Madison Symphony Orchestra in Wisconsin. The concert will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston, and will feature festive organ music & the singing of Christmas Carols. All children who attend will receive a special take-home treat.

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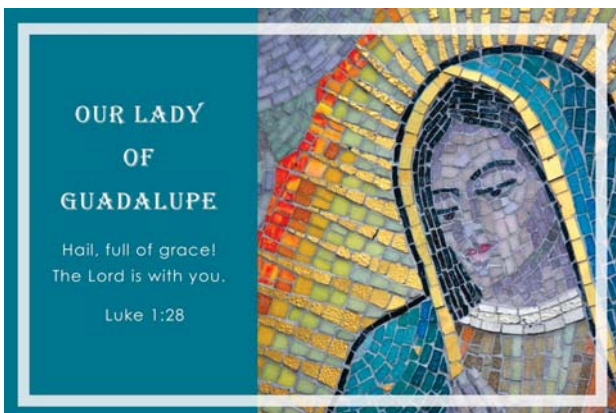
**Community Blood Drive here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall,
116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Friday, January 12, 2024, 12:30pm to 5pm.**

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS 1-800-733-2767) OR visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SEASP to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

LIFELINE SCREENING here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall

Friday, January 19, 2024

Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. All 4 screenings for \$149: Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), & Atrial Fibrillation. Get your special Community Circle pricing! Three ways to register & receive the special discount: Call 1-800-679-5191, online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HC, or text the word circle to 216-279-1607



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