

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish*

***THE SETON SENTINEL***

*January 3, 2021*



*Epiphany of the Lord*

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

## Patronal Feast Day, Monday, January 4th

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

This Monday is the Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on the official Roman Calendar. While it falls on an unfortunate time of the year, “the dead of winter,” we shall celebrate with our regularly scheduled daily mass at 6:30 am on Monday. Perhaps we can do something more formal in honor of our Patroness when the weather gets better and we are COVID free. Until then, Happy Feast Day, everyone!

#### From Father Joe:

I wish to acknowledge and thank all of you who remembered me this Christmas. Your Mass Cards, Greeting Cards, Prayers, Gifts, Goodies, and many other kindnesses to both myself and Dino have overwhelmed me once again! Please know that I am indeed grateful for your kindness. You have made me feel extra special especially this year when we are all so distanced. Please, if I do not get the opportunity to thank you personally, accept this as a small token of my gratitude.

AND...

To Chris, John, Elaine, and John and Paul at Floral Design in Forty Fort, -- Thank You So much for your hard work to get our Church ready for the season. It was just perfect for this year's more subdued celebrations.

And our Musicians....Marge, Joe and Scott, and all the beautiful voices who shared their gifts with us and continue to do so on a weekly basis, Our parish is so very fortunate to have you all.

To all who volunteered to help with greeting and ushering, Thank You -- luckily we had to turn no one away from our Liturgies! That is a success story for 2020. God's Blessings to all who helped in any way this Christmas.

#### 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.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Holy Name Society will meet today, Sunday, January 3rd, in the church hall after the gam Mass. New members are welcome.

#### GIVING TREE THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We want to thank our dear parishioners & friends who so very generously donated Gift Cards to our Christmas Giving Tree this year. Although our Giving Tree was different this year, your kindness and love to those less fortunate was so very much appreciated by many families and children in need! Also, many thanks for the food gift cards from Seton Knights of Columbus, Swoyersville Kiwanis, Forty Fort Lions, and Seton Social Concerns Committee who donated poinsettias & food gift cards to our First Friday homebound. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless each and everyone of you abundantly!

#### THANK YOU !!!


"Dear Friends,  
Your kindness means so much more than words could ever THANK you for. Just a note to thank you for your recent food donation to Holy Family Food Pantry. Your continued support of the pantry is priceless! Hoping you all have much joy and good health in 2021.  
God bless you all,  
Lou & Carol Cardoni, Food Pantry Coordinators"

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER JOE!

We want to wish our very dear Pastor, Father Joe, a very happy and blessed 50th Birthday! (A little belated greeting as his birthday is December 30th). Father Joe, may our Good Lord bless you with a very happy and healthy year! Thank you for all you do for us!

#### 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.



The star was a particularly evocative symbol. Various interpreted as a figure of an angel or as a sign of the Holy Spirit, it pointed the magi (and so also the members of the church who meditate on the gospel) to Christ.

"Is it to be wondered at," asked John Chrysostom, "that a divine star ministers to the rising Sun of Righteousness? It halts above the head of the child as if saying, 'This is he.'"

~ John Gunstone ~



*By Dr. Scott Hahn*  
**Newborn King**

## *Epiphany of the Lord*

One of my nieces loved to perform when she was just a pre-schooler. She would sing songs or do 'amazing' tricks! But she always wanted someone to introduce her, beginning with the traditional "Ladies and gentlemen." Without a proper introduction she could not perform and the show came to a grinding, if not teary, halt. No doubt she loved the spotlight and the attention.

Everyone likes to be treated with special attention. Some occasions, like birthdays and anniversaries, call for it. Some people require a special introduction: new friends, relatives, business associates and VIP's. Whether as a courtesy or an obligation, a little attention makes everyone feel good. It acknowledges people's importance and what they mean to us. It highlights the abilities and qualities of those we love and respect. Most importantly, it gives us the chance to let others know how we feel, even if we don't say it often enough.

A little special attention goes a long way. It lifts the spirits, changes hearts, lightens the mood and brightens a day. Our actions speak volumes and let our family know how important they are to us. Don't wait for a special performance or occasion or for the show to come to a halt. Give your loved ones the attention they deserve—yours!

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### *The gifts of God are multiplied,*

and we in our time experience all that the first believers did. For though the gospel account tells us only of the days when three men, untaught by prophetic preaching or the testimonies of the Law, came from the distant East in order to know God, yet we see the same thing happening now even more clearly and on a far larger scale in the enlightenment of all who are called.

• Leo the Great, Fifth century

## Epiphany of the Lord

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews.

As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, he is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see Micah 5:1-3; 2 Samuel 5:2).

Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see 1 Kings 2:19). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25).

His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see Numbers 22:21; 23:7; 24:7,17).

This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too, refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign - that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle.

We too, must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see Revelation 22:16), and the light of the world (see Isaiah 42:6; John 8:12).

As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts - our intentions and talents - on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

## 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](http://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 of 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](http://setonpa.com) we can continue our mission together.

Collection total for the week of December 19/20, 2020

**\$8083.84**

### DIOCESAN:

Campaign for Human Development: \$644.00

### Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

2020 Goal: \$44,000.00

Raised so far: \$25,245.00

**Needed: \$18,755.00**

### WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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CHILD

KING  
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### BAPTISM SUNDAY

This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptism of:

*~Sophie Mae Gaughan~*

Sophie will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00am Mass today.



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

*~Joan Snopeck~ George Besermin~  
~Ronald Shadie~ Irene Sabol~ Gertrude Hardy~  
May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest. Amen.*



### This Week's Sanctuary Candles

1. In Memory of John Hafner offered by wife, Shirley
2. In Memory of Paul Peter Dzurisin offered by Barbara Jo & Bob Asklar

# EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Monday, January 4 Patronal Feast Day ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

6:30 am James Douglas Wife & Family

**Tuesday, January 5**

8:00 am William Higgs Stefanides Family

**Wednesday, January 6**

8:00 am Elizabeth Ankenbrand Tina Genanie & Lee Havard

**Thursday, January 7**

6:30 am Joseph Melluzzo Phil & Mary Lou Bosh

**Friday, January 8**

6:30 am Richard J. Smith Joe & Terri Burgess

**Saturday, January 9**

5:00 pm Daniel Balberchak Maurguerite Corrigan

**Sunday, January 10**

7:00 am **Pro Populo**

9:00 am Andrew Barilla Tom & Marge Semanek

11:00 am General Edward C. Meyer Doug & Patti Workman

5:30 pm Thomas Lewis Mother, Mary

*SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!*



**SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021**

<b>SUNDAY</b> Jan. 3	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
<b>MONDAY</b> Jan. 4	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>TUESDAY</b> Jan. 5	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Jan. 6	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
<b>THURSDAY</b> Jan. 7	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
<b>FRIDAY</b> Jan. 8	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
<b>SATURDAY</b> Jan. 9	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
<b>SUNDAY</b> Jan. 10	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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- Margaret Semanek, Director of Liturgical Music
- Joseph Sabol, Assistant Organist
- Cora Artim, Youth Choir Director
- Scott Coates, 5:30 PM Mass Musician

## Sacristans

- Christopher Calore    x 133
- Patricia Quinn
- Betsy Evanski

## Maintenance and Cleaning

- Christopher Calore, Director of Maintenance  
X 133
- Gertrude Brown
- John Sartin
- Phil Bosha, St. Mary's Cemetery

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- Ann Marie Aed

## Finance Council Chair

- Michael Perhach

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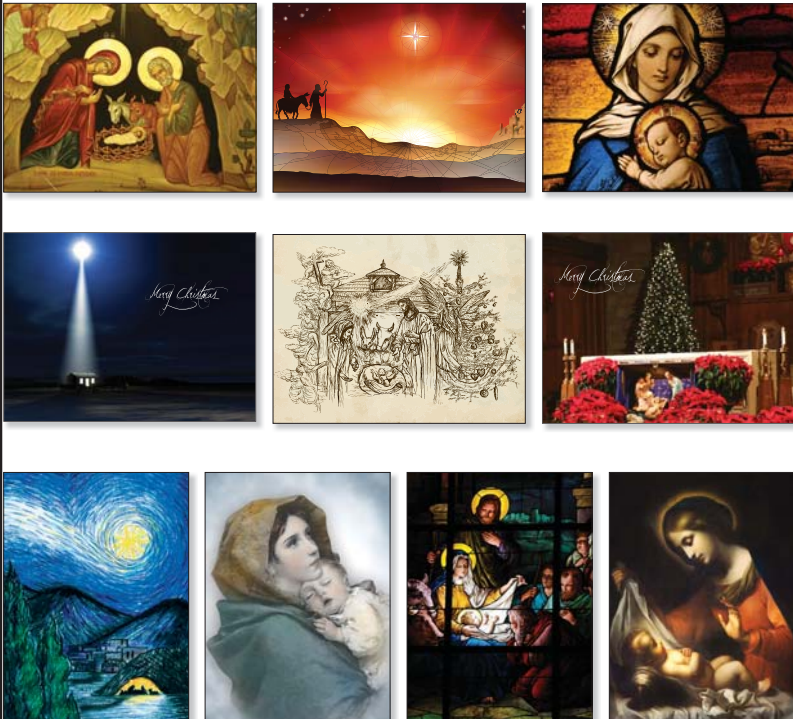
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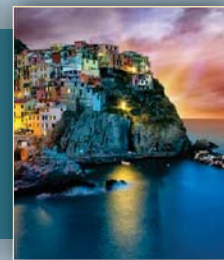


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