

DECEMBER 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Seton Sentinel

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Luke 21:25-28

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”



Knights of Columbus All-You-Can-Eat BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, December 9th

9am to 1pm downstairs in our church hall. Cost is \$8.00/adults and \$4/children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door. Santa Claus will be there, so bring your list and your camera!

Holy Name Society

Our Holy Name Society will meet today, Sunday, Dec. 2nd, in the church hall after the 8:30am Mass. New members are welcome!

Religious Education Classes

December Classes for Saturdays:
Dec. 1, 8, & 15 (no classes on Dec. 22 & 29)

December Classes for Mondays:
Dec. 3, 10, & 17th(Christmas Play) (No classes Dec. 24 & 31)

December 2nd

5:30PM: 7th Grade Family Mass & Enrollment & Extra Class in church hall following mass.

Daily Mass

We will begin our winter mass schedule alteration beginning January 2nd. Monday—Friday Liturgy will be celebrated at 12:10 pm for the winter months.

Offertory Envelopes

We are aware that the offertory envelopes were late in arriving to your homes. This was a problem with the Postal Service due to the large amount of mail that was being sent for the election last month. By now, you should have received your set. If you have not, please contact Monica and she will assist you.

Grocery Store Gift Cards

Around the Holidays we ask our parishioners to donate Grocery Store Gift Cards in any amount for emergency assistance to the needy that come through our rectory. You may drop them off at the rectory or place them in the collection basket.

Oplatki Is available before and after masses this weekend in the vestibule and at the rectory during the week. Cost is \$5/pack of 6 wafers.

HNS 50/50 Raffle Winner!

The winner of our Holy Name Society's Christmas Cash Raffle is Shelia Davis, a parishioner of Seton Parish. Shelia won a total of \$1250 in the 50/50 Drawing! Congratulations to Sheila and thanks to everyone who supported this HNS Raffle. Proceeds go towards the Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt.

Giving Tree

Help an unfortunate family or elderly parishioner

Our Giving Tree is up and ready with the gift tags for the needy children and families & shut-ins. Please return the gifts with **TAG ATTACHED**. If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, please 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. Please return all gifts as soon as possible, **no later than Sunday, December 16th.**



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PAROCHIAL STAFF

Pastoral Ministry

- ◆ Rev. Joseph Pisaneschi, V.F. Pastor
- ◆ Rev. Anthony Urban Assisting Celebrant
- ◆ Deacon John Ziegler Permanent Deacon
- ◆ Lorraine Raymond Pastoral Associate
- ◆ Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Pastoral Care Minister
- ◆ Sister Sarah Landis, IHM Pastoral Counseling/ Therapy

Finance Office

- ◆ Monica Salis Business Manager

Religious Education

- ◆ Sister Marion Tarone, IHM Director of Religious Education

Music Ministry

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Patricia Quinn
- ◆ Betsy Evanoski

Maintenance and Cleaning

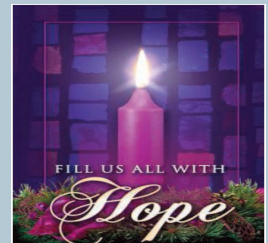
- ◆ Christopher Calore Director of Maintenance
- ◆ David Quinn
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ Carol Hrobaski
- ◆ Phil Boshia St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach



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Getting God's House Ready

A tremendous undertaking

The Art and Environment Team will begin to set-up for Christmas on Sunday, December 16th after the 11:00 am Mass. All parishioners are invited to help with this project. There are lots of Greens to hang, trees to put up and light, ladders to climb, nativity figures to carry, light testing, tree fluffing, and lots more. We would appreciate you wiring this date on your calendar and lending a hand if you can. Thank you!

Pirohy Sale

Friday, December 7

GET INVOLVED!



"Pirohial" School is back in session!!! Friday at the school cafeteria. The Altar Guild invites all parishioners to participate in this fundraiser!

Come help us with the pirohy making on Friday beginning at 7:00am if you could help ball potatoes, after 8:30 am, more help is needed pinching and other preparation. There's always lots to do so grab your friends from other parishes and bring them along. It's lots of fun!!! Lunch is served too!

SIGN UP SHEETS and SALES

Pirohy are \$7 a dozen, and there is a limit to the number of dozen of pirohy we are able to produce in one day. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our next Pirohy Sale this Friday, December 7th. Pick up times are noon to 2pm or 5pm-6pm in the school cafeteria. Once we reach our maximum, the sheets are pulled and no more orders are taken. Do not call the rectory to reserve your pirohy at any time. We cannot accept calls, you must sign-up on the weekends.



Annual Christmas Play

Monday, December 17

6 p.m.

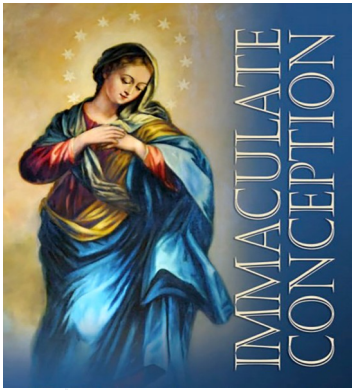


Youth Choir's Christmas Play

Each year, the Youth Choir delights an audience of our parishioners and friends with the Annual Christmas Play and judging from the props being set-up on the stage in the hall, this year is really going to be something else! We invite you to be with us on Monday evening, December 17th at 6:00p.m. in the Parish Hall. Children always help us get in the spirit of Christmas and our Youth Choir is working very hard on this production. Join us!

The Youth Choir will sing before and during the 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Liturgy in the upstairs Church. This year, so as to be compliant with Fire Codes, and for everyone's safety, we will have two 4:00 pm Liturgies on Christmas Eve; the Upstairs Church, and once the seating is filled, you will be directed to the Parish Hall for another "live" mass with a priest and music, not a screen. Your cooperation is appreciated in this matter. Once the pews are filled upstairs, please come downstairs to participate in Christmas Liturgy.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



The Patronal Feast of the United States is this Saturday, December 8th, a Holy Day of Obligation (even though it falls on a Saturday). **Masses to fulfill the obligation will be celebrated on Friday at 4:00pm and 5:30pm and Saturday at 10:00am.**

Catholics are required to go to mass twice next weekend, between Friday and Sunday. (See page six for more information).

Advent Confessions

Saturday's Confessions are heard from 3:45 to 4:15. In addition, Confessions are scheduled for Saturday, December 22nd from 11:30 am until all are heard. One final opportunity for confession before Christmas will be offered on Sunday, December 23rd from 4:15pm to 5:15pm.

THANK YOU!

We want to thank the following organizations for their generosity and kindness in helping with donations of food and/or grocery gift cards for the needy of our parish for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Thank you Seton Knights of Columbus, Forty Fort Lions Club, and Swoyersville Kiwanis. Also, thank you to our many kind and generous parishioners who donated grocery gift cards to our parish. May God bless you always!



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall on Thursday, December 13th, 1:00pm-6:00pm. 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 & save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading & health history questions on the day of your appointment.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

PLACEMENT/SCHOLARSHIP TEST for interested Public & Private School 8th Graders. Saturday, December 8 at 8:30am. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at 570-829-2424.

8th Annual Christmas with a Twist

The Marine Corps (Toys for Tots Program) December 7, 2018 (Doors open at 5:30pm) 6pm-8pm Place: St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston Cost: Donation of an unwrapped toy for a child Infant to 16 years old. Sponsored by: Making A Difference Ministries Hosted by Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Czestochowa #3987 Music Artists: Stephen L. Perillo & the Followers, Mark & Allison Ritsick of "Broken Road Duo". For more info. on concerts & events, call Stephen 570-899-2264

COOKIE WALK

Our Annual All Saints Parish Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, December 16th, from 9:30am-12:30pm, in the Holy Child Faith Formation Center at 119 Willow St., Plymouth. Purchase a box & fill it with as many cookies as you can. Prices are \$5 for a small box & \$10 for a large box. This is a great opportunity for you to buy a variety of homemade cookies for the holiday season.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, December 9th, 7pm, at Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. Join us for some festive carol singing, featuring our SUMC choirs, bells, & guests. The Anthracite Brass will be with us to add their special touch to the evening. Take time out from your Christmas shopping to enjoy a night of music.

Monday, December 24 Vigil:

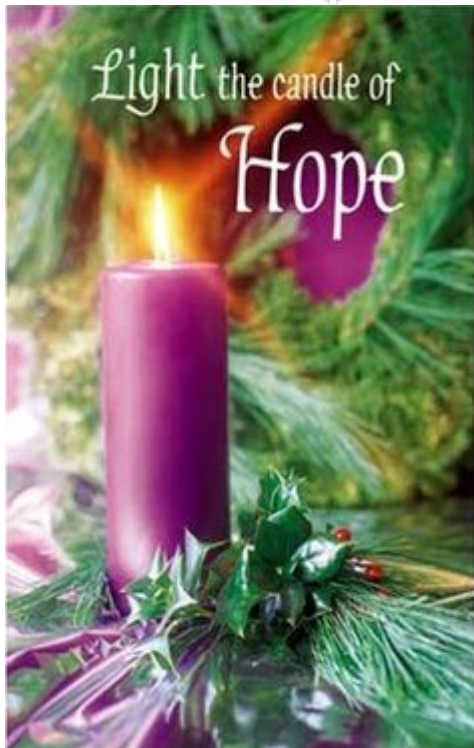
4:00 pm	Youth Choir	<i>upstairs</i>
4:00 pm	Cantor and Instruments	<i>hall</i>
7:00 pm	Cantor and Instruments	
10:00 pm	Choral Mass of Christmas Eve	

Tuesday, December 25 Day:

12:00 mid	Cantor and Instruments	
8:30 am	Choral Mass of Christmas Day	
11:00 am	Cantor and Instruments	

Help Wanted

Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, is seeking applicants for a part-time maintenance person to work 15 hours per week. Compensation will be an hourly rate. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, complete Safe Environment training through the Diocese of Scranton, and agree to all criminal background checks. For more information and to apply, contact Holy Family Parish at 570-287-6600.



Honoring our Heroes

The Kiwanis Club of Swoyersville is happy to announce a new community program: "Honoring Our Heroes" banners. Banners are available for the purchase price of \$150 complete. These banners are 24"x48" in size and are red and blue in color with American Flag details. Banners are 2 sided and will display a black and white photo of your hero, living or deceased, along with information on their position and dates of serving our country. Banners are available for residents and heroes of all communities, but will be displayed throughout the town of Swoyersville. Your hero banner will be proudly displayed each year from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. For information & order forms, call or text Hero Chairperson Jean Marie at 570-479-0850 or email jmsswoykiwanis1@gmail.com. Deadline for orders is March 2, 2019.

Cookie Walk will be held on Sat., Dec. 15th, from 10am-1pm, sponsored by the Youth Ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 420 Main Rd., Buttonwood, Hanover Twp. Cookie containers may be purchased for \$9 & filled with Christmas cookies of one's choice. Orders for platters (\$35) must be placed by Dec. 8. For tickets, orders, more info., call 570-814-6444.

Cookie Walk for the Christmas holiday will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Sat. Dec. 8th, 4:30-6:30pm & Sunday, Dec. 9th, 9am-12pm in the church hall. Choices of homemade cookies, candies, fudge, & specialty cookies! Lucky buyers will pay by the pound for their selections. Price is \$8.00 per pound.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thus far, we are almost half way to our goal of \$47,000.00. There is still time to make a pledge or give a gift to the Annual Appeal. Envelopes are located on the tables at the Church entrance or visit: annualappeal.org and give online to the appeal. Total Raised: \$23,117.00 Amt. Under Goal : -\$23,883.00



Weekly Offering for the Weekend of November 17/18, 2018

\$ 8594.27

Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment to God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Counseling Ministry Offered

Don't suffer in silence...

Sister Sarah Landis, IHM, a licensed certified therapist and counselor addresses problems with depression, anxiety, grieving, relationship issues, and many other mental health concerns. Sister's office is located at the former Holy Trinity Convent, across from the rectory on Hughes Street. For more information or to contact Sister Sarah directly, call the main office and dial extension 124 when prompted.

Other Collection Totals:

Nov. Building & Maintenance: \$1010.00

Diocesan

Nov. Care & Education of Priests: \$662.04

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First Week of Advent Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Intention	Requested by
<u>Monday, December 3</u> <i>Memorial: St. Francis Xavier</i>	
8:00 am Asayo Durosok	Barbara Ripa & Family
<u>Tuesday, December 4</u>	
8:00 am William Tibus	Joe & Terri Burgess
<u>Wednesday, December 5</u>	
8:00 am Richard Kole	Wife, Carol
<u>Thursday, December 6</u> <i>Opt. Memorial: St. Nicholas</i>	
8:00 am Midge Gregory	Martinsky Family
<u>Friday, December 7</u> <i>Memorial: St. Ambrose</i>	
8:00 am Andy Husovsky Jr.	Dan & Betsy & Families

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Masses:

4:00 pm	Edward Harkins III	Phil & Mary Lou Bosha
5:30 pm	Michael Kayrish	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
<u>Saturday, December 8</u> <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>+does not fulfill Sunday's obligation</i>	
10:00am	Susan & Dante Cardoni	Family



Second Sunday of Advent

+does not fulfill the Holy Day of Obligation

<u>Vigil, 4:30 pm</u>	William Coniglio	Mike & Joan Dzanko
<u>Sunday, December 9</u>		
8:30 am	Edward Harkins III	Phil & Darlene DiGiacomo
11:00 am	Alice Matukonis	Marge Palmer
5:30 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

*+ To fulfill both the Immaculate Conception Obligation and Sunday's Obligation, you are asked to participate in mass twice. Either Friday in the afternoon or evening and Saturday Morning **AND** Saturday afternoon or sometime on Sunday.*

Vigil Candles This Week

- In Memory of Andrew & Richard Selensky offered by sister, Gerry
- In Memory of Andrew Selensky Sr. offered by daughter, Gerry

