

# THE SETON SENTINEL

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*“Stay awake! For you do not know the day on which your Lord will come.”*

*Matthew 24:42*

December 1, 2013

Swoyersville, PA

### Monday Advent Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Monday of Advent beginning this Monday, December 2nd, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated each Monday from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Please use these times as your opportunity for your Christmas confession since our parish will not have a formal Penance Service. Confessions are also heard on Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45 or call Father Joe for an appointment.

### ADVENT PIROHY SALE

We are having our Advent Pirohy Sales on the following dates ( all on Fridays): **December 6, 13, and 20**. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. We need a lot of volunteers to help make them on the days of the sales. If you can help ball potatoes, come at 7:00AM, all others come at 8:30AM. Experienced or not, come out and join in the fun and help out.



### CHRISTMAS WAFERS-OPLATKI

Christmas Wafers are available after weekend Masses until Christmas in the church vestibule. Donation is \$5.00 for a pack of six wafers. These wafers are sealed in a plastic bag to preserve freshness. Purchases can also be made at the rectory office during office hours.

### ADULT EDUCATION (ENRICHMENT) SERIES

The series will conclude this Thursday, December 5th. Even if you have not been to any of the other sessions, it's not too late to join in the conversation and fellowship! Join us next Thursday. Light refreshments to follow.



### FREE GIFT-WRAPPING

We are offering free gift wrapping on Friday, December 20th, from 3pm-7pm in our church hall.

We are accepting donations of wrapping paper, bows, and tape, if anyone would like to donate to help defray cost. A box for these donated items is located near the Food Pantry box.

### DIOCESAN EVENING OF REFLECTION

#### FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

On Wednesday, December 11th, from 7pm-9pm, the Diocese will hold an "Evening of Reflection", here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, in our church hall. It is designed especially for persons serving in any type of liturgical ministry: lectors, EM's, music ministry, hospital-ity ministers, and all who make the liturgy special for others. Spend an evening of prayer and faith-sharing with others in our area who are interested and involved in leading meaningful liturgy.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns Committee will once again this year sponsor **the Giving Tree** for presents for needy families and shut-ins. The tree is located at the entrance of the church near the Reconciliation Room. You are invited to take a tag from the tree and purchase the gift for the person who is described on it. Names are not used to ensure confidentiality. Please return the gift, wrapped, with the gift tag attached as soon as possible, but **no later than Sunday, December 15th** so we can distribute them during that week.

### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Celiac disease affects many people. People with this disease are allergic to wheat and prevents them from receiving Holy Communion. Our parish offers low gluten hosts to those who need them. To make arrangements, call the rectory and make sure the priest knows what mass you will be attending. We ask those who are to receive the gluten-free hosts to come to Communion first, so that the hands of the minister do not contaminate the special host.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

All Penance Services start at **7:00PM:**

Sunday, December 15, St. Ignatius, Kingston

Tuesday, December 17, All Saints, Plymouth

Wednesday, December 18, Holy Family, Luzerne

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

There is still time to join the Combined Choir in time for Christmas! Join us for practice, to be held on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 11th and 18th at 6:30 as well. Altos, Sopranos, and **Men's Voices are particularly needed**. Join us for music and fun for the combined choir practices this week!



### "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" CAMPAIGN

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus are running a "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" Campaign. We will be selling magnets, pins, and Christmas cards every weekend after all masses until Christmas at the church entrance.



### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our Knights of Columbus is having an All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet with Santa on **Sunday, December 15th from 9am-1pm**. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 7-12, and children 6 and under are free. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses (along with our "Keep Christ in Christmas" items). Tickets will also be sold at the door. Bring your camera and get your child's picture taken with Santa. For more information, call Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 or Mike Kopec at 570-714-2924.

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Our Knights of Columbus has formed a First Degree Team. The First Degree installation will take place the middle of January. We are looking for new members. Please call Mike Kopec at 570-714-2924 or Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 for more information.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Our Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, December 10th, at 7:00PM in the church hall.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

In the coming months, all parishioners will be asked to respond to this question: *"Looking to the coming years, if you could imagine or transform our parish in any way you wished, what 3 things would you do to enhance its life and vitality?"*

Next PPC Meeting is this Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in need of more EM's to bring the Holy Eucharist to our homebound parishioners on the First Friday of each month. If you think you are able to help out, please contact Fr. Joe or Lori, for more information.

### CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Reservations close this weekend for the Christian Mothers Christmas Party to be held Sunday, December 8th, after the 11:30 Mass in the church hall. Call Fran at 288-1708 by December 1st. Christian Mothers will attend 11:30 Mass in a body, and will meet in the church hall at 11:15. Party cost is \$10.00. Members are asked to bring a wrapped \$5.00 bingo gift and/or an unwrapped baby gift or donation for PA for Human Life.

### COLLECTIONS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 23/24

The Collection Report will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

### December's Schedule

**Next Sunday, December 8th** is the **2nd Sunday of Advent this year**. The *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* which is usually celebrated on the 8th is moved this year to Monday, December 9th. Because it falls on a Monday, **it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year**. Therefore, mass will be celebrated as usual on Monday, December 9th at 8:00 a.m.

To give you proper notice for the Christmas Mass Schedule, we announce the following:

Tuesday, **December 24th**, Masses will be at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, **December 25th**, Masses will be at 12:00 Midnight, 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, **December 31st**, Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. And Wednesday, **January 1st** at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish once again is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, December 9th, from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. Some *Fast Facts* about donating:

- Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood
- More than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day
- One donation can help save the lives of 3 people
- Although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, less than 10% actually do each year

Please consider becoming a donor. **The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.**

### MIRACLE OF BETHLEHEM

St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, Nanticoke, will present its 3rd annual production of the Miracle of Bethlehem. This live nativity will be shown on Friday, Dec. 6th and Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 7:00PM at our Parish Grove in Sheatown, 143 Old Newport Street Rear. Bring your own chair.

### THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

The Slovak Heritage Society of NE PA cordially invites you to celebrate "THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS" on Sunday, December 8th, at 2:00PM, at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 663 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Come & join us for a wonderful afternoon of singing Slovak Christmas carols and sharing Christmas memories. Slovak hospitality to follow.

### NATIVITY SINGING

December 6th at 5PM, the 5th Annual Keeping Christ in Christmas will take place by the singing of Christmas hymns at the public Nativity display on the lawn of the Luzerne County Courthouse, Wilkes-Barre. We will gather by candlelight around the manger before proceeding inside to the rotunda for the 5:30PM Christmas Tree lighting festivities, entertainment, and refreshments. All are invited to participate.



Diocese of Scranton  
**DIOCESAN**  
ANNUAL APPEAL 

*"Serve with Love"*  
Pope Francis

35.51%(386 out of 1,087) gave/pledged

DAA 2013 Goal: \$45,000.00

Total Raised: \$42,255.00

**Under -\$2,745.00**

We ask all parishioners who have not yet contributed to this year's appeal to please do so this week if you are at all able to help. Extra envelopes are on the tables at the entrance of the Church, or available at the rectory. Please, help us fulfill our duty to the Diocese and those who depend on the generosity each day of the Annual Appeal. Thank you for prayerfully considering this special request.

### Note from our Maintenance Department

Please see Chris before hanging signs on the school or gym doors. Only the blue painter's tape is allowed on the doors, so that no damage is done to the paint on the doors. You can always leave your signs in the office for Chris to post. Also, a reminder: Do not hang anything in the upper church. Submit it to the office, and we will place it on the bulletin board at the church entrance. Thank you for your cooperation.

### THANK YOU !!!

The Maltby Volunteer Fire Co. would like to thank everyone who donated during their Boot Drive on November 16 & 17. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Please notify the **Parish Social Ministry Office at (570) 763-5160** if you would like a parish representative to visit a family member who is **hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home**. In compliance with **HIPAA regulations** (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), health care facilities are required to protect the confidentiality and security of health data. Therefore, the only way that the parish can be informed of someone needing assistance is through notification by a family member or friend.



**Sacred Worship**

**Monday, December 2**

8:00 a.m. Anna Harchar Bernadine Hrycyna

**Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier**

8:00 a.m. Bette A. Proleika David & Mary Ann Schultz

**Wednesday, December 4 St. John Damascene**

8:00 a.m. James J. Connell David & Joyce & Family

**Thursday, December 5**

8:00 a.m. Joseph L. Ritsick Wife, Anna & Family

**Friday, December 6 St. Nicholas**

8:00 a.m. Andrew A. Husovsky Mary Bednarek

**Saturday, December 7 (Vigil: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT)**

4:00 p.m. Mike & Jenni Champi Carm & John Uter & Family

5:30 p.m. Stephen Kutz Fran Ponko

**Sunday, December 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 a.m. *Pro Populo*

10:00 a.m. Helen Dorko Frank & Alice Roccograndi

11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of our Confraternity of Christian Mothers



**BAPTISM SUNDAY** Congratulations and God's Blessings upon the family of *Charlotte Grace Carlsson*, who will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30AM Mass today.



~In Memory of Betty Nevolas  
~In Thanksgiving for blessings received

**Presider's Schedule December 7-8**

4:00 p.m. Fr. Urban  
5:30 p.m. Fr. Pisaneschi  
8:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi  
10:00 a.m. Fr. Urban  
11:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

**PRAY  
for the  
SICK**

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## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The celebration of the Sacrament is held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated in the spring of 2014 by Bishop Bambera. Children must be consecutively registered in our Religious Education Program to be eligible to receive.

### Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work.

### Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact the Pastor or the Deacon.

### Penance

Saturdays 3:15-3:45, other times by appointment.

### Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish

### **Direct Contacts**

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane) 570-763-5160

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 p.m.

## Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

## Parish Staff

- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance
- Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Parish Social Minister
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi Pastor
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Rev. Anthony Urban Weekend Celebrant