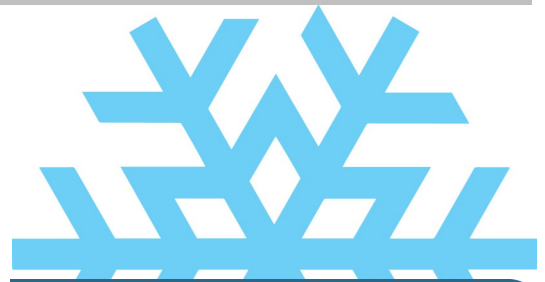
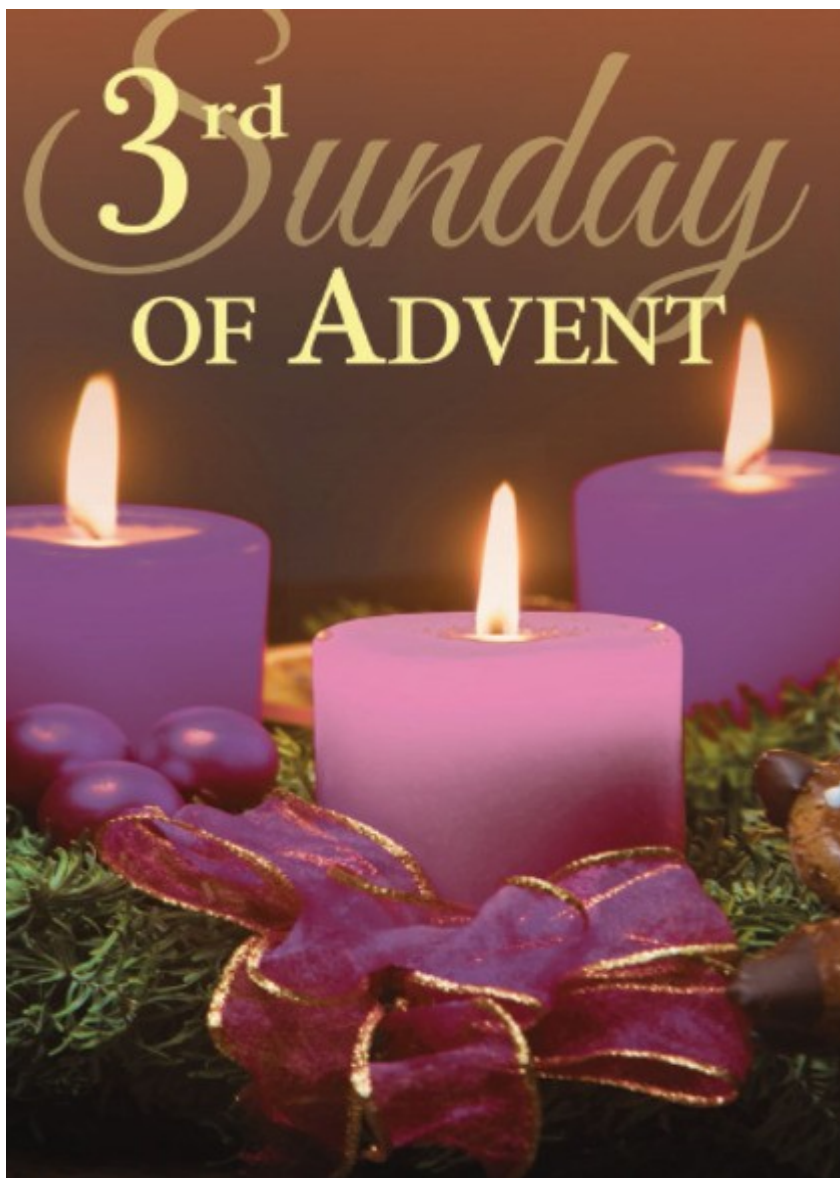


Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019

Seton Sentinel

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24th Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm - Children's Mass

*Youth Choir
Church*

4:00 pm—Vigil Mass

cantor

School gym

9:00 pm—Choral Mass

Festive preludes begin at 8:30 pm

December 25th Christmas Day:

12 MIDNIGHT - cantor

9:00 am—choir

11:00 am—cantor



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In Preparation for Christmas

Our Christian Mothers will once again be offering the Christmas Wafers before and after each weekend mass. The *oplatki* is available for an offering of \$5/pack of 6 wafers. You may also stop in the rectory to obtain yours if unable to do so at weekend masses.

Pirohy Making

Monday, December 16

Pirohy making takes place on **Mondays** during Advent in our **school cafeteria** beginning at 7:00 am. **Please come this Monday, December 16h**, at 7am if you can help ball the potatoes, and all others come at 8:30am. We have lost many members due to illness over the past several months. We desperately need more help. No experience necessary, we'll train you on the spot. Even if you just have an hour or two to give, we'll take it. Bring your friends! Lunch will be served, too. Thank you.

SIGN UP sheets for December 16th are on the tables at the church entrance, while supplies last. Orders for December 16th will be able to be picked up in the cafeteria this Monday, December 16th. Please **do not call the rectory** and try to order pirohy; we are unable to take phone orders under any circumstance.

CCD SCHEDULE

Classes in December:

Saturdays: 21 **No Class:** 28
Mondays: 16 **No Class:** 23,30

Classes in January:

Saturdays: 4, 11, 25 **No Class:** 18
Mondays: 6, 13, 27 **No Class:** 20

FAMILY MASS: Sunday, January 12th at 11:00am—6th Grade

EXTRA CLASS: for all 7th grade Confirmation students on Sunday, January 26th after the 5:30pm Mass



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

Today, Sunday, December 15th, from 9am-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 & your camera.

GATHER

Readings at # 997

Third Sunday of
Advent
Cycle A

	4, 8:30 & 11		5:30 pm Sun	
Gathering	S	4	S	105
Preparation	G	395	G	577
Communion	S	2	S	9
Sending Forth	S	7	"Prepare ye the way of the Lord"	

PARISH 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
- ◆ Mr. John Bankus Sr.
Deacon Candidate

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
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ John Sartin
- ◆ Salvatore Piccillo
Weekend Maintenance
- ◆ Phil Bosha
St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

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- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

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- ◆ Michael Perhach



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday:

8:30am-5:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-3:00pm

Weekend and evenings by appointment

The parish offices are closed on all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays

3:30 to 3:50pm or by appointment



Church and Gym Decorating for Christmas

Friday, December 20th 9:00 am Gym Set-up

Sunday, December 22nd, 11:45 am—Church

It's all hands on deck as we need to accomplish a lot in just a few hours.

Come and help us set up the Church for Christmas. Trees to be set-up, wreaths to hang, nativity figures to move, ladders to climb, etc., Join us between the masses Sun., Dec 22nd beginning at 11:45 am.



Christmas Giving Tree

Please **WRAP** the gifts (unless notated otherwise) and return the gifts with the **TAG ATTACHED** by **December 16th**. If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, please bring back the tag & place it back on the tree.

THANK YOU for your **tremendous generosity!!!!**

Christmas Mass Schedule

This year's Christmas Mass Schedule is printed on the cover of the Sentinel. It is also being sent home to envelope holders. Please note there will be 2 masses celebrated at 4:00 pm. The Children's Mass in the Church and the Vigil Mass in the School Gym. We needed more room so we moved it to the gym this year. Please note that the gym is **not** handicapped accessible. If you need accessibility, please attend mass in the church and you may want to arrive early as the church usually fills up before 3:30 pm. We will try to reserve the front row and the first row after the break for our handicapped parishioners and friends. Once the church is filled, we kindly ask that everyone proceed to the gym for mass there. Fire codes and regulations must be observed to ensure everyone's safety.

Ushers' Schedule:

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance: To be sure that all masses are properly covered with ushers, we ask that you kindly sign up for the mass you will be attending on Christmas so we can at least have someone to gather other collectors if needed. We will need ushers for both 4:00 pm masses & upstairs in the church as well.

2020 Catholic Art Calendars

Please take your copy of the 2020 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church calendar located at the church entrance. Once again, a very special acknowledgement & sincere thanks to **WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 1442 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, for underwriting the expense of the calendars.



JMJ CATHOLIC RADIO

Having begun Advent JMJ Catholic Radio, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at 98.9fm & 750AM, Hazleton at 1490AM & 100.1FM, and Dushore at 91.7FM, invites you to listen to our special Advent and Christmas programming. Each day you can tune into "Catholic Answers" daily from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, and weekends at 6:00pm to 7:00pm. In addition to this apologetic outreach, Father Leo McKernan and Father David Cramer explore the Sunday Readings on Tuesdays at 3:00pm, Thursdays at 6:00pm, and Saturdays at 9:00pm.



**Weekly Offering
November 30/December 1, 2019
\$9212.49**

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 do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann



ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:

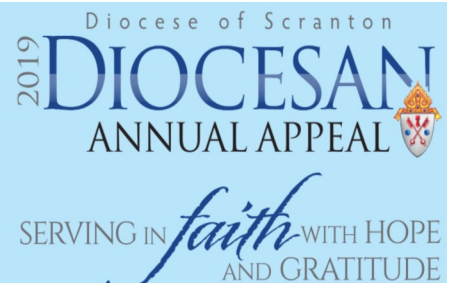
- ~~Jelly~~Rice~~Instant Potatoes~~
- ~~Canned Fruit~~Canned Chicken~~

Donation boxes are located in the vestibule next to the statues of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.



Christmas Flowers/Decorations

If you have not as of yet, please use your Christmas Decoration envelope to donate to our Christmas Displays. If you do not have an envelope and would still like to contribute, enclose offering in a plain envelope with your name on it, and we'll print the names in an upcoming bulletin after Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.



SERVING IN *faith* WITH HOPE AND GRATITUDE

Thank You to all who have pledged or given so far this year! We are still have quite a bit to go in achieving our goal. Please consider making a pledge or giving a gift today. Envelopes are at the church entrances.

PLEASE, help us reach our goal this year!

*DAA 2019 Goal: \$47,000.00
Total Raised: \$33,018.00
Under: \$13,982*

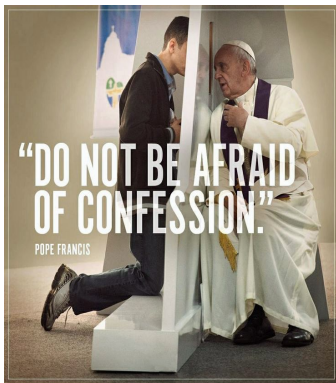
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY
50/50 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Congratulations to the lucky winner of the HNS 50/50 Christmas Raffle, Katie McHale who won \$1250.00.

The HNS thanks everyone who bought tickets and supported their fundraiser.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegations of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21— 10:30 AM UNTIL ALL ARE HEARD
AND 3:15 PM UNTIL 3:50 PM**

OTHER TIMES, PLEASE ASK FATHER FOR AVAILABILITY —DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD ON DECEMBER 24TH OR 25TH, EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCIES AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK CALLS.

Remember you don't need to remember "how to go" to Confession." The priest will help you. To make a good confession only five things are necessary: (1) Examination of Conscience; (2) Sorrow for our sins (3) A resolution of sinning no more; (4) Confession of our sins; (5) Satisfaction or penance. If you need help with any of these steps ask the priest for assistance.

Holy Redeemer High School—CONCERT TODAY

"Sounds of the Season", Choral Concert featuring the Royal Singers, Handbell Choir, Soloists, & Instrumentalists. Sunday, December 15th at 2pm. Holy Redeemer McCarthy Auditorium. Ticket donation is \$3 for adults & \$2 for students & Senior Citizens. Ticket purchase at the door.

Wyoming Valley Harmony Chorus... TODAY

Now including female members, will be presenting "Holidays, Holly and Harmony, Sunday, Dec. 15th, at 2pm, at the Church of St. Benedict, 155 Austin Ave., in the Parsons section of Wilkes-barre. Includes secular & religious favorites. Santa Claus has been invited & has confirmed his visit. Tickets are \$5 each & will be sold at the door, and in advance at 570-285-4810.

MEN, SAVE THE DATE!

The 6th Annual Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre. More information will be coming as it comes available, but please know this conference will support, challenge, & affirm all attendee's call as sons of God and brothers of Christ. Your help to get more men engaged would be greatly appreciated.

The Parish Office will be closed on the following days this Christmas Season:

*The Office will be **closed** on
Friday, December 20 at **Noon**
Monday, December 23 at **Noon***

Tuesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 25

Thursday, December 26

Office will reopen on Friday December 27.

Tuesday, December 31

Wednesday, January 1

*Office will reopen on Thursday, January 2,
2020*



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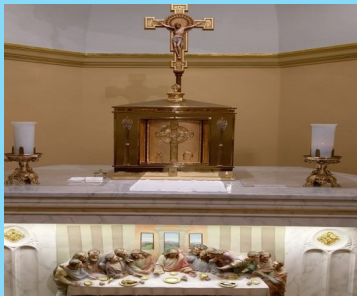
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Remembering

Monday—Friday Masses are now at 8:30 am

Sanctuary Candles



~In Memory of Lou Michaels
offered by Family

~In Memory of Bobby &
Michael Krostag offered by
Family

Monday, December 16th

8:30 am John & Mary Olejnik & John Jr. Remakus Family

Tuesday, December 17th

8:30 am Joseph Barnoski Sister, Rosemary & Family

Wednesday, December 18th

8:30 am Lorraine Drost Matt & Sara Michaels

Thursday, December 19th

8:30 am Joseph Gibbons Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

Friday, December 20th

8:30 am Eleanor Cheskiewicz Roy & Joanne Baker

Saturday, December 21st

4:00 pm Stephen & Helen Gaydos Son, Robert & daughter, Ann Marie & Family

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30 am Arlene Skiengel Sisters, Sr. Melita & Sr. Cynthia

11:00 am Richard Mizenko Family

5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

Sick, Hospitalized, Homebound?

Please contact Lori at the parish office if you or someone you know is homebound, hospitalized or in a long term or short term care facility. We want to keep track of all our parishioners and minister to the sick and aging the best we can, and we need to know their location to do that. Thank You.



***SAINT ELIZABETH
ANN SETON,***

PRAY FOR US!

