

December 4, 2016  
Second Sunday of Advent



# The Seton Sentinel

A publication of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



## THE SETON SENTINEL

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### Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings  
*by appointment only*

Parish Office is closed for all  
Holy Days of Obligation and  
Federal Holidays.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm  
or by appointment

### Mission Statement:

"We are Called....

To act with Justice,

To love Tenderly,

To Serve One Another,

To Walk Humbly with God"

*Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David Haas*



This Thursday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Join us for the Eucharist on Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30 pm (Vigil Mass), or Thursday, December 8th at 8:00 am, 12:10 pm and 6:30 pm. This is the patronal Feast Day of the United States of America. Join us in prayer for our nation on this Solemnity.

**Our parish office will be closed on Dec. 8th, in observance of this Holy Day.**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET

Our Knights of Columbus is holding their annual All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet next Sunday, December 11th, from 9am to 1pm, in our school cafeteria. Price is \$7/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! Also, our Knights' next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at 7pm in the church hall. New members welcome!



## Holiday Hands Needed:

Can you spare some time on Tuesday, December 13th at 9am? We are looking for a few helping hands to stuff baggies with straw for Christmas. Each year we have a mess because of the Christmas Straw. This year we have a new plan. The straw will be blessed and placed in baggies for you to take home and then put in your wallet. Please do not open the baggie in Church to avoid getting straw all over the floor. If you are available to help us, give Lori a call in the office. With a small team, this can be completed quickly. Thank you.



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PLAY

**We are proud to present a new Christmas Tradition on Monday, December 19th, 6:30pm, in church hall. This year the play is Based on *It's a Wonderful Life*. Admission is FREE. Everyone is welcome!**

## Mark Your Calendars:

On **Sunday, December 18th** we will begin to decorate our church for Christmas. As you know this is no small undertaking and we will need lots of help. There will be trees to set up and string lights on, wreaths, and garland to hang, nativity statues to set up, and more. There will be lots of ladder climbing required and some lifting to be done. We welcome everyone's help but could really use strong backs and agile folks to climb and lift. Plan on coming and lending a hand. The more people who show, the easier it will be.

## ALTAR GUILD ADVENT PIROHY SALES—

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9th.** Cost is \$7.00/dozen. Pick up in school cafeteria from 12noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. **We will need lots of help making the pirohy!** Come to the school cafeteria at 7am if you can help ball potatoes. All others come at 8:30. Bring a friend along. Lunch will be served!

Final Advent Pirohy Sale is on Friday, December 16th.

**Absolutely no phone orders will be taken at the rectory.**

The Parish **Pastoral Council** will resume this **Tuesday, December 6th**, with an open meeting at 6:30 pm. In the church hall. Members of the various parish organizations (Holy Name, Christians Mothers, Knights, Social Concerns, etc.) are invited to the December meeting to continue our conversation about our Parish's Mission and Vision.

## PRAYER CHAIN

There is no Prayer Chain meeting in December. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017, at 9am in our church hall. New members are welcome!

## MANY THANKS FROM OUR HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The members of our **Holy Name Society** wish to extend their sincere gratitude to everyone for the tremendous support on their **Christmas Cash 50/50 Raffle**. The lucky winner of **\$1140.00** was Janice Krynak. Congratulations, Janice!

**Also, the Holy Name Society will meet today, Sunday, December 4th, after the 8:30am Mass in the church hall. Nomination of officers will take place.**

## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Please add one of these items to your shopping list and bring into church with you. Drop off in the boxes in the Church vestibule. The collection benefits the Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne. **CANNED FRUIT, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CEREAL, CANNED BEEF STEW, CANNED VEGETABLES, SMALL BAGS OF RICE, MAC & CHEESE.**

“Daily we can make an Advent examination. Are there any feelings of discrimination toward race, gender, or religion? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners? Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts.” Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*

## Invitation to other Organizations of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Our Social Concerns Committee would like to invite all members of all of our other **parish organizations** to a **Christmas Social** on Friday, December 9th, at 7pm in our church hall. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Please RSVP by today, December 4th.

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Reservations are now being taken for the annual Christian Mothers Christmas Party. Members pay \$10.00 and non-members \$15.00. The party will be held next Sunday, December 11th, at 1pm in our church hall. **Please RSVP by December 5th by calling Sue Bayer at 570-714-1628. Also, if you are attending, you are asked to bring a pack of diapers, size newborn to size 2, for the Pro-Life Center in Wilkes-Barre.**



Our **Giving Tree** is up and ready with the gift tags for the needy children and families & shut-ins. Please return the gifts with the **TAG ATTACHED**. If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, 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 December 18th.)

## Parish Staff

Cora Artim  
*Children's Choir*  
Phil Bosha  
*Maintenance*  
Chris Calore  
*Maintenance*  
Scott Coates  
*Contemporary Mass Musician*  
Sister Jane Ellis, IHM  
*Parish Social Minister*  
Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi  
*Pastor*  
Lori Raymond  
*Pastoral Associate*  
Joseph Sabol  
*Assistant Organist*  
Monica Salis  
*Business Manager*  
Marge Semanek  
*Director of Music*  
Sister Marion Tarone, IHM  
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*Permanent Deacon*

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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.

**Prayer Chain**

Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confidential.



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Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up for electronic giving. It's a fast easy way to remember your offerings. You can chose to give weekly, monthly, pay dues, etc. Look for and click:



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

December CCD classes : Saturday, December 3, 10, and 17. No classes on Dec. 24 and 31. Monday—December 5, 12, and 19 (Christmas play in church hall). No classes on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Please note: 7th Grade Confirmation Additional Class: Sunday, Dec. 18 after 5:30pm mass

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume Sunday, January 8, 2017, at the 10:00am Mass.

**PRAYER GROUP**

Our monthly Prayer Group meeting will be held this Wednesday, December 7th, at 7pm in our church hall. Join us for a time of song, praise, scripture reading, sharing & intercessory prayer. Contact John Witkosky at 288-4311 to confirm meeting time.



*Home for Christmas*



*"Give to the Most High God, as God has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and God will give back to you sevenfold."* Sirach 35: 9-10

**November 19/20, 2016**

SUNDAY: \$7288.04	DUES: \$970.00
LOOSE: \$534.76	E-GIVING: \$247.99
Holy Day (All Saints): \$5.00	
<b>TOTAL: \$9045.79</b>	

November Building & Maintenance: \$1099.30

**Diocesan:** November Care & Education of Priests: \$170.00

**May God Bless You for your Generosity!**

**December Parish Group Collection: Altar Guild**

**HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT/SCHOLARSHIP TEST** for interested Public and Private School 8th graders: Saturday, December 10th, at 8:30am. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test : 570-829-2424

### St. Michael's Byzantine Cookie Walk

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 N. Main St., Pittston, is having a Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 11th, in the church hall from 10am to 1pm. All homemade cookies will be featured. Some of the cookie varieties include peanut butter, chocolate chip, thumbprint, Kolachi, Italian Ricotta, Pepper cookies, Linzer, cherry winks, and many more. Fill a container (provided) with cookies and pay \$8.00 per pound. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

**Christmas Cookie Platter Sale**—December 10th, sponsored by the **Youth Ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church**, 420 Main Road, Hanover Twp., from 11am to 1pm in church hall. Platters are \$35 & will include 75 cookies & approx. 20 different varieties. Platters must be pre-ordered by calling 570-814-6444. Also, the Youth Ministry is sponsoring a **Christmas Cookie Walk Fundraiser** on December 17th, from 10am to 1pm in the church hall. Cookie containers may be purchased for \$9 each & filled with the cookies of your choice. To purchase tickets, call 570-814-6444.

**MARRIAGE HELP.** If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, with a long i) Program can help you, Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be February 24-26, 2017, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Registration required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more information or to register, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

### AMAZON SHOPPING

The Christmas shopping season has officially begun. When purchasing items from Amazon.com, please consider logging into your account via the Amazon Smile Program. A portion of your sale will be donated to The Little Sisters of the Poor, Holy Family Residence, at no additional cost to you. To help, log into your account at: [smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0832764](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0832764)

### The Feast of St. Nicholas

The Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA cordially invites you to celebrate The Feast of St. Nicholas today, Sunday, December 4th, at 2:00pm at St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church, 663 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre. In Slovakia, St. Nicholas is the bearer of gifts for children. Come & join us for a wonderful evening of singing Slovak Christmas carols and sharing Christmas memories. Hospitality will follow.

## Hospital Visitation

A reminder to all parishioners: If you or a family or friend is admitted to the Hospital, Physical Rehab, or a Nursing Home, please contact Sister Jane at 570-763-5160 to inform the parish. We try to visit everyone we know is hospitalized or in a facility for any length of time but we need your help. Hospitals do not release patient information to the parish any longer due to privacy regulations. For emergency Anointing of the Sick, call anytime, day or night the main rectory number for assistance. Note that priests are assigned to hospital emergency calls on a rotating basis so ask the nurses station to call the priest on duty in the event of an emergency.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHHOUSE BOOKS/CDs



Did you check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CDs located in our vestibule? For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

### 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. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis)

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 allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, December 5**

8:00 am Theodore Skrainy Lucas Pointon

**Tuesday, December 6**

8:00 am George Armstrong *St. Nicholas* Aunt Elaine & Susan

**Wednesday, December 7**

8:00 am Andrew Husovsky Jr. *St. Ambrose* Joseph R. Gibbons  
5:30 pm Olga Cajka Confraternity of Christian Mothers

**Thursday, December 8**

8:00 am Marge Pointek *Immaculate Conception* Marie Gould  
12:10 pm Elizabeth Ziegler Barbara Stevens  
6:30 pm Mildred Krakosky Confraternity of Christian Mothers

**Friday, December 9**

8:00 am Norma Romanowski *St. Juan Diego* Marge & Marie Nevolas

**Saturday, December 10** vigil: **Third Sunday of Advent**

4:00 pm Frank & Frances Czock Daughter, Barbara, & Bernie Hurley  
5:30 pm William Galletti Minich Family

**Sunday, December 11**

8:30 am Bernadine Smith **Third Sunday of Advent** Daughters, Pam & Sheila  
10:00 am Edward & Marguerite Krogulski Children  
11:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Confraternity of Christian Mothers  
5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

**Sanctuary Candles**

- In Memory of Theodore Skrainy offered by sister, Sophie Pointon
- Special Intention



**Priest's Schedule**

**Saturday, December 10**

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi  
5:30 pm Fr. Urban

**Sunday, December 11**

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi  
10:00 am Fr. Urban  
11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi  
5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi



**CHRISTMAS 2016 AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

Saturday, December 17, Confessions 11am-12:30pm  
Monday, December 19, 6:30 pm Children's Choir Christmas Play  
Tuesday, December 20, Confessions 4:30 pm- 6:30 pm  
Saturday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES  
4:00 pm—Children's Mass, 6:00 pm, and 9:00 pm—The Vigil Mass  
Sunday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES  
12:00 midnight—The Solemn Choral Mass of Christmas Day,  
8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am

**There Will Be No 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Day.**