



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

The Seton Sentinel

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2012

Swoyersville, PA

ADULT EDUCATION FALL SERIES: PRAYER

Our fall series will conclude on **Thursday, December 13th** with Msgr. John Sempa, pastor of Corpus Christ Parish in West Pittston and Harding talking about “What do we pray for?” and Christmas: God meets us in the flesh.” Join us, even if you have not been able to attend any other session this fall, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. This will be an excellent reflection and preparation for Christmas.

ADVENT PIROHY SALES SIGN-UP SHEETS

Sign-up sheets for the **last pirohy** sale before Christmas on **December 17th** are located on the tables at the church entrance. Specify your pick-up time on the sheet: 11 am–1 pm or 5pm-6pm. Please do not forget to come at these pick-up times. The cost is \$6.00/dozen.

PIROHY-MAKING HELP NEEDED

A big Thank You to all those who helped make pirohy the past two Mondays! We still need help to make the pirohy for the next two **Mondays, December 10th and December 17th**. If you can help ball potatoes, come at 7:00 am, all others come at 8:30 am. Experienced or not, come out and join in the fun and help out.

RECONCILIATION ROOM

A new, modern, Reconciliation Room is under construction. The room will give the penitent the option, the church requires, to go to confession, anonymously, or behind the screen or face-to-face. While construction is going on please continue to use the present confessional, right door only for the sacrament. It is important that the option for face-to-face confession is available especially in the training of our children. The reconciliation room will be more comfortable, private, and spacious for all of us. Thank you for your patience while this project is being completed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry Schedules through January have been mailed. If there are any serious errors (like you are not on the schedule for the entire season) please call Lori at the rectory. We are working with a computer program to schedule ministries. It is not a perfect application and with requests for only certain masses, it becomes difficult to manage everyone. We have lots of people to work into the schedule.

BULLETIN APPEAL FROM THE PASTOR

I wish to thank our faithful bulletin sponsors for placing an ad with us. Being the only Roman Catholic Church in Swoyersville it would seem that we would have even more sponsors for the publication. I am asking that you consider calling Paul Blanchette at Pilot Bulletins (617) 779-3771 today to find out more about advertising in FULL COLOR with the Seton Sentinel. Rates are very reasonable and business are reporting an increase in phone calls and traffic from their ads. We need your support to maintain and continue to build our fine weekly publication. Thank you for considering this request. Fr. Joe

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

This is our first year for all of us together at our new parish. Every consideration has been given to keep a Christmas Mass Schedule that would provide ample opportunity for all parishioners to attend mass. The schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. Family Mass *(Beware, avoid this mass if at all possible we expect a large crowd)*

5:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

9:00 p.m. Carol Mass

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th

12 Midnight Solemn Choral Mass of Christmas

8:30 a.m. Christmas Mass at Dawn

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass during the Day

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

This weekend in the Diocese of Scranton there will be a Second Collection for Retired Nuns, Priests, and Brothers.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Parish will participate in the American Red Cross Blood Drive on **Monday, December 10th** from

12:30 to 6:00 pm. Give the Gift of Life this Christmas Season!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next monthly meeting of Our Parish Holy Name Society will be today, **Sunday, December 9th** after the **8:30 am Mass** in the Parish Hall. The Holy Name Society does a tremendous job in helping our parish. Consider being a member. Both Men and Women are welcome in the HNS.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The parish Social Concerns Committee will meet on **Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. New Members are always welcome.

OPLATKY

The *Oplatky* (Christmas Wafers) are available after masses this weekend and for as long as supplies last before Christmas. You may also come to the rectory during business hours and purchase them as well. \$2.00 for a pack of 4.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 16, St. Ignatius, Kingston, 7pm

Tuesday, Dec. 18, Holy Family, Luzerne, 7pm

Thursday, Dec. 20, St. John the Baptist, Larksville, 7pm

MALTY FIRE CO. BOOT DRIVE

Next weekend, Dec. 15/16, after all Masses, the Maltby Fire Co. will be having their Boot Drive Collection.



All gifts are due back today, Sunday, December 9th. If you have missed the deadline, please drop your gift off at the rectory by Monday, December 10th. Thank you for your generosity with this project.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE NEXT WEEKEND

Christmas Ornaments on sale for \$6.00 after all masses next weekend. The ornaments were created by students of the School of the Holy Childhood, a school for children with disabilities in Rochester, NY, to benefit St. Damien Children's Hospital, Port au Prince, Haiti, founded by Fr. Rick Frechette, Passionist priest & physician.

**MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Attention all CCD Instructors, Choir Members, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Youth Ministry Adult Volunteers, and anyone else who performs a regular ministry in our parish. Let's get together and celebrate Our Lord's Birth by honoring all of you. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 6th**, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (the 12th Day of Christmas), **from 2-6PM** for an appreciation party with a catered meal, refreshments, and a little music provided by a DJ. In order to help us properly plan for the party, please RSVP by calling Lori at the rectory by Thursday, December 27th, or leave a message with your name, phone number, and the number of people in your party. We look forward to celebrating the Epiphany with all of you in our parish hall.



Good bye "Happy Holidays"-----
Hello, "Today is born a Savior!",
Through the Knights annual "Keep Christ
in Christmas" program, magnets and lapel
pins will be for sale on weekends during

Advent while supply lasts.

Next Knights Meeting: **December 11th 7:00 p.m.** at the
School Cafeteria. Help is needed to decorate for Christ-
mas. Hope to see you there, the more the "Merrier"

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON FEAST DAY

Friday, January 4, 2012, is our patroness' Feast Day.
Since this is the first year we are St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton Parish, there is reason to celebrate this day.
We would like to gather with everyone for a special
mass at 5:30PM with the children from the parish
playing a special role in the celebration. Mother Se-
ton is identified with children most often. There
will be a blessing with the relic of the saint after
mass. We would also like to share in a little fellow-
ship and refreshment after the mass. More details
forthcoming. Mark your calendars and plan to be a
part of the celebration on January 4th.

COLLECTIONS 11/25/12

Sunday Offering:	\$6177.50
Dues:	\$744.00
Loose:	\$689.68
Total:	\$7611.18

COLLECTIONS 12/2/12

Sunday Offering:	\$7440.50
Loose	\$414.23
Holy Days	\$30.00
Dues	\$1261.00
Total	\$9145.73
Care & Education	\$1506.72
Christmas Flowers	\$1631.00

Thank you for your generosity!! God bless you!

Diocese of Scranton
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ANNUAL APPEAL 

"Serve One Another"
1Peter 4:10

As we approach the finish line for the 2012 Annual
Appeal, here is how St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
stands so far:

24.22%(326 out of 1,346) gave/pledged

DAA 2012 Goal: \$45,000.00

Total Raised: \$36,370.00

(Under): (\$8,630.00)

Thank you to all who have pledged already. You
are making a big difference! There is still time to
make your pledge or gift. Envelopes are at the en-
trance of the Church. Help us meet our goal! We
are not that far away given only 1/3 of the parish
has pledged so far. Every gift, no matter how
small, counts for those who count on us each day in
our diocese for support and help from the Annual
Appeal.

REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

TEEN MASS

Jan. 13 Teen Mass, 5pm All Saints,

Plymouth

Sunday, January 27th

**Regional Rec Room OPEN & INFO
NIGHT hosted by St. Ignatius Leader-
ship Team. 6:00 pm –7:00 pm 6th, 7th &
8th graders AND 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
(High School)**

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 10th

8:00 a.m. Ernest Baldrica Family

Tuesday, December 11th

8:00 a.m. Frances Powalchick Anna Kuchemba

Wednesday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. John & Mary Farris Mike & Jan Sternick

Thursday, December 13th St. Lucy

8:00 a.m. Mary Jane Wentz Henry & Christine Shemanski

Friday, December 14th St. John of the Cross

8:00 a.m. Margaret Kaschak Stella Tibus

Saturday, December 15th (Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent)

4:00 p.m. Frank Podczaski Daughter, Catherine & husband, Frank Suraci

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*

Sunday, December 16th 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Joseph Koschella Helen Zuba, Mark & MaryAnn Kosco

10:00 a.m. Richard Mizenko Bob & Micki Artim

11:30 a.m. Joseph, Sharon, & Mary Ellen Kuhar Family

IN MEMORIAM Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord...~Betty Proleika~ Anna Harchar~ John Passeri



SANCTUARY LIGHT

~In Memory of David Mishkel
~In Memory of Catherine & Frank Muchla

Presider's Schedule December 15-16

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

Scripture for the week of December 9, 2012

9	SUN	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
10	Mon	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
11	Tue	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
12	Wed	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
13	Thu	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
14	Fri	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
15	Sat	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
16	SUN	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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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

- Rev. Joe Pisaneschi Pastor
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Brian Williams Regional Youth Minister
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance

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 Sacrament is celebrated bi-monthly after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated in 2014 by one of the Diocesan Bishops. 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 paper work necessary.

Holy Orders

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

Penance

Is celebrated Saturday from 3:15 p.m.-3:50 p.m.
Other times by request.

Anointing of the Sick

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

If you or a relative or friend is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or is homebound. Please contact the Parish Office for a Pastoral Visit. Holy Communion is brought to those who request it on First Fridays.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30-4:00
Closed Holidays and Holy Days

Direct Contacts

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