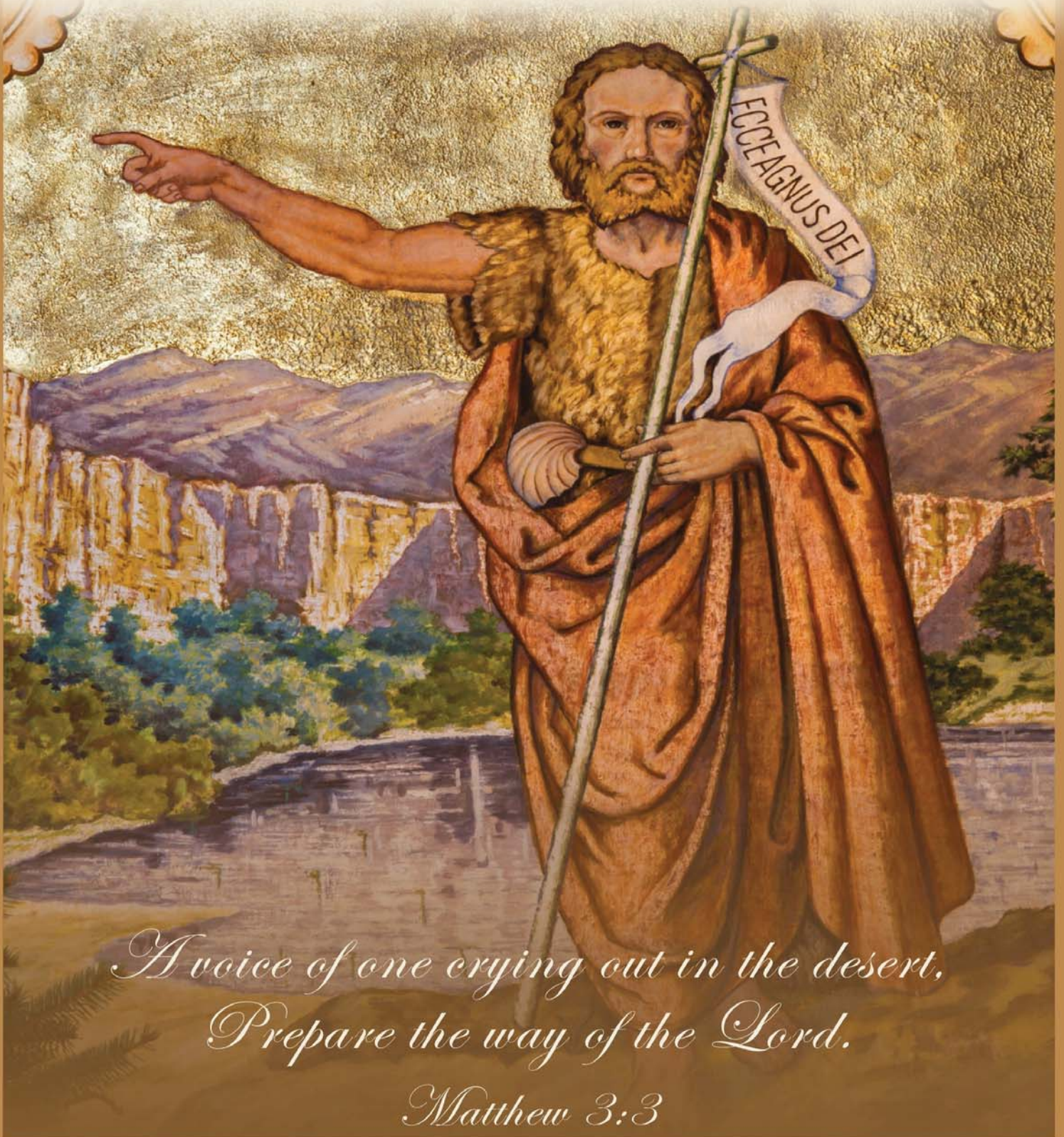


The Seton Sentinel

December 4, 2022

The 2nd Sunday of Advent



*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

Matthew 3:3

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Advent Prayer and Worship

Today's Readings may be found in the 2023 Breaking Bread Book beginning at page 34.

Today's Music

	4:00, 8:30 11:00 am	5:30 pm
Gathering	8 S O Come O Come Emmanuel	48 B Beyond the Moon and Stars
Prep	7 S Creator of the Stars of Night	501 B All that is Hidden
Comm	2 S Your Mercy Like Rain	6 S On that Holy Mountain
Sending	48 B Beyond the Moon and Stars	"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

Please, if you take the Leaflet Missal with you to your pew, kindly **return it after mass**. Otherwise those at the next mass who are looking for them will not be able to have them. **Be considerate of others.**

Do not remove the Breaking Bread or the Hymnal Supplement books from the church. Several copies are missing from the pew racks. If you want one for your home order it at ocp.org The Breaking Bread is \$10.00 per copy plus shipping. Again, if you remove these books from the pews, the next person who sits there will have no worship aid for mass.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This week we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Solemnity of Obligation for Catholics, with masses Wednesday, Dec 7th, 4:00 pm—Thursday, Dec 8th 7:30 am and 5:30 pm. [regularly scheduled Adoration will follow the 5:30 pm Mass and the church will be open until 8:00 pm for quiet prayer and Benediction.] **Our parish office will be closed on Thursday, in observance of the Holy Day.**



Study, Sharing, Prayer

Wednesday Evenings during Advent:

Join us for some *prayer and reflection* on the coming Sunday's readings. **Advent Faith Sharing** is a time to be with the Sunday Scriptures and listen to the Holy Spirit and one another as we journey in this Sacred Season. Beginning, Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 pm in the hall. All are welcome to participate, there are no right or wrong answers or questions. *Bring a Bible with you if possible.*

Quiet Reflection

Thursday Evenings during Advent--a Quiet Oasis

In addition to our regular adoration schedule we will begin at 6:00 pm praying Evening Prayer of the Church together and close with Night Prayer and Benediction at 8:00 pm. If you can make it to either or just adoration, please come in for some quiet time during this hectic season and be with Jesus. Begins December 1st.

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Log on to get the latest updates!

Facebook.com/setonpa has our livestreamed masses each weekend beginning Saturdays at 4:00 pm. (available anytime after that as well)

Children's Choir: Practice at 5:15 on Monday in church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please call Lori if any questions: 570-287-6624 x100

Saturdays: 9am-10:15am Mondays: 6pm -7:15pm

DECEMBER CLASSES:

Saturdays: 10, 17 (No classes Dec. 24 or Dec. 31 Christmas holiday)

Mondays: 5,12,19 (No classes Dec. 26 or Jan. 2nd-Christmas Holiday)

Attention: Sunday, December 4th, 5:30pm Mass: 7th Grade

Confirmation Enrollment Mass. Students & parents are to attend this mass, followed by a parent meeting in the church hall.

Students are welcome to attend the meeting.

CONFESSIONS are heard on Saturday afternoons between 3:25-3:50 pm, also, by request or appointment by calling Father at the rectory. You are always welcome for Celebration of the Sacrament when Father is available.

OPLATKI

Oplatki (Christmas wafers) is available in church on the weekends of Advent or by calling the rectory. The wafers are located on the tables in the vestibule. Donation is \$5.00 for each pack of 4 wafers. It will be done on the honor system, so please bring the correct amount for the basket next to the Oplatki.



Our parish goal is \$44,000.00. Please consider donating today at: annualappeal.org to make your pledge or donation now. There is a link on setonpa.com to take you to the diocesan site as well. Brochures and Envelopes are on the tables at the entrances of the church. Thank you to all who have donated already.

Raised Goal Yet to

\$37,145.05	\$44,000.00	84.42%	\$6,854.95
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HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our HNS will meet today, Sunday, Dec. 4th, after the 8:30am mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.

2023 CHURCH CALENDARS

Our 2023 Church calendars are located on the tables at the church entrance. Please take one home with you. We want to thank **WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 1442 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, for sponsoring our church calendars. May God bless you always!

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday—*Closed*

Evening and Weekends by appointment

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our Parish warmly welcomes those who are with us each weekend, occasionally, and all who are looking for a spiritual home. Actual membership begins by filling out a Census Form at setonpa.com on the link at the top of the page. Once completed, send it to the office and we'll get you on "the official books," as soon as possible.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday. 1st time parents are asked to attend a brief instruction class on Baptism. You can contact Lori directly for information.

Weddings are usually celebrated Saturday at 1:00 pm or on Friday afternoon or evening. Contact Father as soon as possible to reserve the date and complete the necessary paperwork.

Eucharistic Adoration

Join us Thursday evenings from 6-8 in the church for quiet prayer and Adoration. Stop in at anytime for any length of time.
You are welcome here!

Giving

Weekend of Nov.20/21, 2022

Regular: \$6710.00

Dues (additional): \$467.00

Building & Maintenance: 1747.00

All Saints (add'l): \$26.00

Diocesan:

Care & Educ. \$125.00

Campaign for Human Dev.: \$534.00

"Give to God as you have Received"



Confessions: Tuesday, December 20th 8:30am

Be in line by 9:15 am

Thursday, December 22nd 6:00 pm

Be in line by 7:45 pm

No confessions on Sat. Dec 24th

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th:

4:00 pm (Church and Gym)

6:00 pm & 10:00 pm+

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th:

12 Midnight *, 8:30 am and 11:00 am+

*+Choral Mass *Sunday evening ensemble*

New Year's Eve and Day will be the regular weekend schedule.

Get the Church Ready for Christmas!

Help us put up the trees and wreaths, garland and manger on Sunday, December 18th after the 11:00 am Mass. Lots of hands will mean light work. Please lend a hand if you can!

7th and 8th grade Confirmation students--this is a great opportunity for service hours.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Each year our parish reaches out to members of our community who are in need of help for the holidays. If you, or someone you know is struggling, please contact Lori, Pastoral Associate, in our parish office. All calls are confidential. For **Christmas**, we are returning to the "**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**", with the gift tags for the needy children and families, and our parishioners who are in nursing homes or homebound. Our Christmas Giving Tree is placed near the Reconciliation Room, with the gift tags. We are asking that the gifts (**with the tags attached to the wrapped gift**) be returned by December 18th or sooner.

And as always, we will be accepting Grocery gift cards, too. Just drop in collection basket or bring to the rectory. Thanks so much for whatever you can do. May God bless you always!

A note from Deacon John

My family and I would like to thank each and every one of you for making Sunday's Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception such an unforgettable experience. We were humbled and overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support shown by our Seton family. The beautiful Mass celebrated by Father Joe and the magnificent voices of the choir will remain with us forever! Many thanks to all who participated in the Mass, and to the Knights of Columbus for leading us in the procession. Thank you also for the wonderful reception and to everyone who made it such a family event, and especially to those behind the scenes involved in setting up, serving, and cleaning up after the meal. Everything was perfect! Finally, thank you for all the good wishes, cards, and gifts I received from our parish friends and our faith-filled parish organizations. Your generosity is beyond compare and is deeply appreciated. May God Bless you all!

The **Social Concerns Committee** would like to invite all members of our **Church organizations** to our **annual Christmas potluck dinner** on Friday, December 16th, at 6:30 PM in our Church Hall. Hope to see you there!

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Questions? Call Mark: 570-262-2896



SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

Santa made a special trip to the Swoyersville Kiwanis Club bringing along his “North Pole Express Delivery mailbox”. Santa & his elves are starting to get very busy getting the toys ready for his Christmas Eve trip, so Santa asked our Kiwanis Members for a little help. We will be collecting letters for Santa in his Express Mailbox. All letters will be sent to him by his express mail, so he will have time to read them & send that special personalized letter back to all the good boys & girls before Christmas. Please include your return address. The Kiwanis members are happy to assist Santa with his letters, & invites the children from all our local communities to get their letters ready & off to Santa. Santa’s North Pole Express Delivery Mailbox is in place at the Swoyersville American Legion, Shoemaker St., Swoyersville. Letters can be dropped in his special mailbox any day & anytime. Drop off by December 17th. Check out Swoyersville Kiwanis on Facebook and Instagram.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT/SCHOLARSHIP TEST

For interested Public & Private School 8th graders--Saturday, December 10, 2022, 8:30am to 11:45am--Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at 570-829-2424. Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre

A CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

...will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Sat., December 10th, from 3-6pm and Sunday, Dec. 11th, from 8am to 12pm in the church hall. Choose from a great selection of homemade cookies, candies, & fudge all prepared by parishioners. Cookies will be sold for \$10/pound & will be available while supplies last.



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Monday, December 5th

8:00 a.m. Emery & Joanna Marcin Granddaughter, Tara

Tuesday, December 6th

8:00 a.m. Joseph Balent Sr. Carol & Al Semanek

Wednesday, December 7th (Immaculate Conception Vigil)

No morning mass today

4:00 pm Andrew Husovsky Jr. Betsy, Dan, & Families

Thursday, December 8th IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:30 am Leo Brandenburg Jr. Mom, Joan

5:30 pm Edward Evelock Paul Suda

Friday, December 9th

8:00 a.m. Edward Volack Sr. Volack Family

Saturday, December 10th

4:00 p.m. Frank & Tess Valence Joe & Terri Burgess

Sunday, December 11th

8:30 a.m. Francis Roccograndi Wife & Family

11:00 a.m. Joseph Danowski Wife & Family

5:30 p.m. Thomas & Geraldine Gulla Gregg, Debbie, & Marc Kolendowicz

Local Daily Mass Options

Monday—Friday Mass is offered at the following locations and times:

7:30 a.m. *St. Ignatius Parish*, Kingston, 12:10 p.m. *Holy Family Parish*, Luzerne.

You are most welcome to attend any of these masses that fit your schedule best.

Resting in the Peace of Christ, the Recently Departed

~~Joanne Helinski~~Charmaine Zablotny~~Robert "Bob" M. Tobias~~James Kephart~~

Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of *Andrew Selensky Sr.* offered by daughter, Gerry

~In Thanksgiving for blessings received offered by Carmella Gibbons

Baptism Sunday

Congratulations & God's blessings upon *Nora Marie Simoson* and her family. Nora Marie will be baptized by water & the Holy Spirit after the 11:00am mass today.

Welcome Everyone!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, gender identity or orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue - You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!

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