

The Seton Sentinel

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

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Advent Prayer and Worship

Today's Readings may be found in the 2023 Breaking Bread Book beginning at page 42.

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	106 S Stainless the Maiden	405 B There Is A Longing
Comm	708 B Holy Is His Name	708 B Holy Is His Name
Sending	8 S O Come O Come Emmanuel	58 B Emmanuel

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.



Confessions: Tuesday, December 20th 8:30am
Be in line by 9:00 am

Thursday, December 22nd 6:00 pm
Be in line by 7:15 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

Christmas Eve 4, 10 and Midnight masses will be livestreamed at facebook.com/setonpa

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

Get the Church Ready for Christmas!

Help us put out the trees and wreaths, garland and manger **TODAY**, 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.

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!



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: (No classes Dec. 24 or Dec. 31 Christmas holiday)

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

Classes will resume Sat., Jan. 7th, and Monday, Jan. 9th

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 Envelopes are on the tables at the entrances of the church. We are only **\$250.00** away from our goal! Please help if you can. Thank you to all who have donated already.

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!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish offices will be closed on December 23,24,25, and 26th for the Christmas Holiday. Emergency Calls for Father Joe will be attended to as soon as possible He's at extension 105 if you need him. Please use the main menu for holiday mass schedules.

SETONPA.COM

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) Christmas livestreamed masses will be on Christmas Eve, 4 P.M with the Children's Choir , 10 pm Adult Choir and 12 Midnight the Teen Choir.

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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.

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.

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 Dec. 3/4, 2022

Regular: \$10,023.80

Dues \$3069.00

All Souls (addt'l): \$15.00

Christmas Flowers:

\$814.00 (addt'l)

"Give to God as you have Received"



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We are asking that the gifts (**with the tags attached to the wrapped gift**) be returned by TODAY, December 18th. Please place near the Reconciliation Room or bring to the rectory. If you forgot your gift, please bring to the rectory by Monday, as we have to distribute the gifts soon.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS!! Winners of Social Concerns Daily Lottery

Draw Date	Day	Number	Prize	Name
Dec 5th	Mon	751	\$25.00	Janice Krynak
Dec 6th	Tues	161	\$25.00	Carol Hrobaski
Dec 7th	Wed	427	\$25.00	Marie Wiliszewski
Dec 8th	Thur	873	\$25.00	Cora Artim
Dec 9th	Fri	667	\$50.00	Dot Cavinski
Dec 10th	Sat	349	\$50.00	Julius Miscavage
Dec 11th	Sun	596	\$50.00	Marge Semanek

THANK YOU, HOLY NAME SOCIETY

We want to thank the Holy Name Society for their very generous donation of \$2000.00 to our church. May God bless you always!

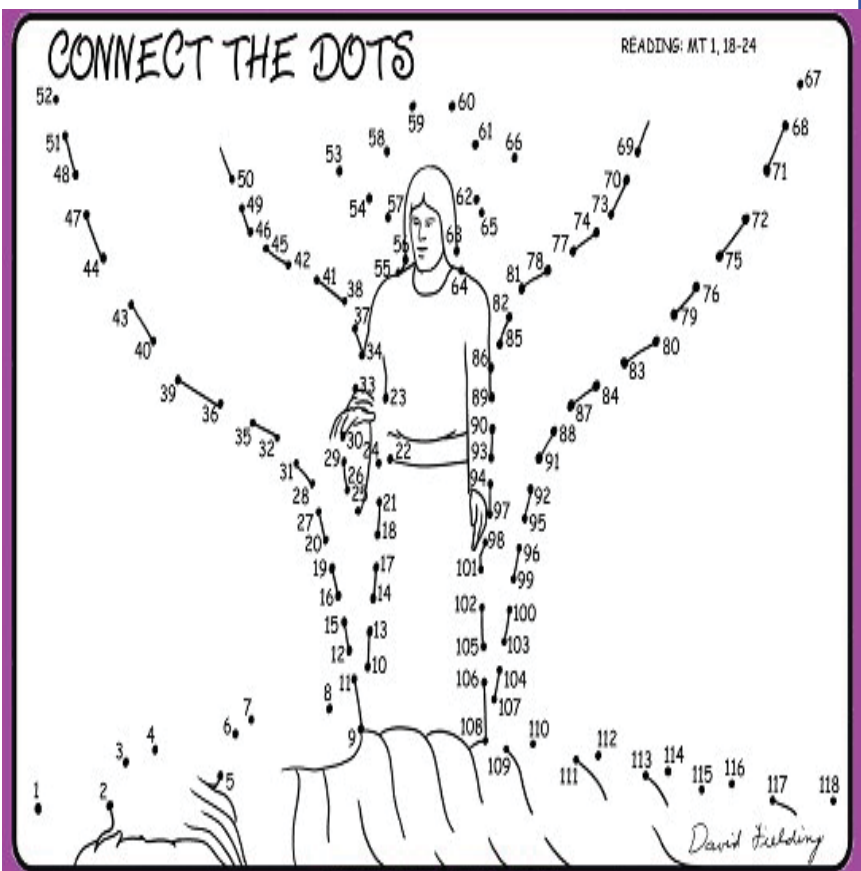


Nativity Crèche

In its present form, the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on Christmas Eve or at another time:

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



THANK YOU FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Kof C wants to thank everyone who came to the Breakfast Buffet with Santa, and to all who helped in any way. See you next year!

Journey OF Faith

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In Word & Deed

At a wedding rehearsal one Friday night, a harried bride made the observation that “today was the longest week of my life!”

When time is short and preparations are many, every moment seems to fly by and take forever at the same time. What seemed at one time to be so far away is now suddenly upon us. And as much as we anticipate great events, they still have a way of catching us off guard as though we had never prepared.

God never requires much time to transform our lives or save our souls. Every moment of grace we experience contains eternity within it. Packaged carefully in the constraints of time, a graced moment can make the difference between doubt and faith, sin and virtue,

sinner and saint. It's not because we are so easily transformed, but that grace is that effective and efficient. There is an economy of salvation which allows for the slightest hint of faith—a mustard seed—to bring us the joy of God's love and forgiveness.

Today's Readings

Is 7:10-14

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

Yes, there are only a few days until Christmas. But there is still time to let the spirit of Christmas renew and nourish our souls. Let something in this season of celebration—the prayers, the Mass, the decorations, the feeling of good will—move you one step closer to the Lord. Let this short week be the new beginning of a long, eternal life!

-Jim Gaffney



Emmanuel

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

~Matthew 1:21



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Christmas tree is “an ancient custom that exalts the value of life,” because the evergreen tree remains unchanged through the harshness of winter. When gifts are arranged under the tree, it becomes a symbol of “the tree of life, a figure of Christ, God's greatest gift to all.” - Pope John Paul II

Eucharist Schedule and Remembrances

Monday, December 19

8:00 a.m. Joseph Gibbons

Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 a. m. Richard Smith

Elaine Smith & cousin, Christine

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Dr. Jack F. Weldon

Barbara & Ralph Romanowski Sr.

Thursday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Michael & Judy Kopec

Seton Knights of Columbus #12976

Friday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Lorraine Ruch

Aunt Marge & Family

Saturday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

4:00 p.m. (Church)

Intention of the Presider (Rev. Louis Grippe)

4:00 p.m. (Gym)

Intention of the Presider

6:00 p.m.

Intention of the Presider

10:00 p.m.

Intention of the Presider

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

12 Midnight

Intention of the Presider

8:30 a.m

Intention of the Presider

11:00 a.m.

Intention of the Presider

Note: Father Joe Pisaneschi's Intentions will be your Christmas Intentions.

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.

Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of *Dr. Jack F. Weldon* offered by Barbara & Ralph Romanowski Sr.

~In Memory of *Dolores Berda* offered by Fran Krajnak

Baptism Today

Join us in welcoming *Beauregard Hemi Stewart* to the Christian family today through the Sacrament of Baptism which will be celebrated today after the 8:30 am Mass.

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