

DECEMBER 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

Seton Sentinel

A PUBLICATION OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON R.C. PARISH

SWOYERSVILLE, PA — DIOCESE OF SCRANTON



**Knights of Columbus
All-You-Can-Eat
BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Today!

9am to 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 and your camera!

Religious Education Classes

December Classes for Saturdays:

Dec. 15 (no classes on Dec. 22 & 29)

December Classes for Mondays:

Dec. 10, & 17th(Christmas Play)

(No classes Dec. 24 & 31)

January Classes for Saturdays:

Jan. 5, 12, & 26 (no class on Jan. 19th)

January Classes for Mondays:

Jan. 7, 14, & 28 (no class on Jan. 21st)

January 6th, 11:00am: 6th Grade Family Mass. Social after mass in church hall.

January 13th, All 7th Grade Confirmation students...extra class in church hall after 5:30pm mass

Daily Mass

We will begin our winter mass schedule alteration beginning January 2nd. Monday—Friday Liturgy will be celebrated at 12:10 pm for the winter months.

Oplatki is available before and after masses this weekend in the vestibule and at the rectory during the week. Cost is \$5/pack of 6 wafers.

Advent Confessions

Saturday's Confessions are heard from 3:45 to 4:15. In addition, Confessions are scheduled for Saturday, December 22nd from 11:30 am until all are heard. One final opportunity for confession before Christmas will be offered on Sunday, December 23rd from 4:15pm to 5:15pm.

Grocery Store Gift Cards

Around the Holidays we ask our parishioners to donate Grocery Store Gift Cards in any amount for emergency assistance to the needy that come through our rectory. You may drop them off at the rectory or place them in the collection basket.

Ushers Help Needed

If you plan on attending any of the masses on Christmas Eve or Day, please offer to help with the collections and seating people. We will especially need lots of help at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy. If you can help at this Mass, please call the office this week and leave your name so we know there are people to count on for that mass in particular. We do need lots of help so even if you are not a regular volunteer, please consider helping out.

PAROCHIAL 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
- ◆ Sister Sarah Landis, IHM
Pastoral Counseling/ Therapy

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
- ◆ David Quinn
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ Carol Hrobaski
- ◆ Phil Boshia
St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach



Giving Tree

Help an unfortunate family or elderly parishioner

Our Giving Tree is up and ready with the gift tags for the needy children and families & shut-ins. Please return the gifts with **TAG ATTACHED**. If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, please 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 next Sunday, December 16th.**

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Keeping In-Touch With Seton

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*Church
Decorations*

Getting God's House Ready

A tremendous undertaking

The Art and Environment Team will begin to set-up for Christmas next Sunday, December 16th after the 11:00 am Mass. All parishioners are invited to help with this project. There are lots of Greens to hang, trees to put up and light, ladders to climb, nativity figures to carry, light testing, tree fluffing, and lots more. Please consider lending a hand if you can. Thank you!

Final Advent Pirohy Sale

Friday, December 14

Join the Fun!!!



Come help us with the pirohy making this Friday, December 14th, beginning at 7:00am if you could help ball potatoes. After 8:30 am more help is needed pinching and other preparation. There's always lots to do so grab your friends from other parishes and bring them along. It's lots of fun!!! Lunch is served too!

SIGN UP SHEETS and SALES

Pirohy are \$7 a dozen, and there is a limit to the number of dozen of pirohy we are able to produce in one day. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our next Pirohy Sale this Friday, December 14th. Pick up times are noon to 2pm or 5pm-6pm in the school cafeteria. Once we reach our maximum, the sheets are pulled and no more orders are taken. Do not call the rectory to reserve your pirohy at any time. We cannot accept calls, you must sign-up on the weekends.

*Christ
IS Coming!*

Annual Christmas Play

Monday, December 17

6:30 p.m.



Youth Choir's Christmas Play

Each year, the Youth Choir delights an audience of our parishioners and friends with the Annual Christmas Play and judging from the props being set-up on the stage in the hall, this year is really going to be something else! We invite you to be with us on **Monday evening, December 17th at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Hall**. Children always help us get in the spirit of Christmas and our Youth Choir is working very hard on this production. Join us!

The Youth Choir will sing before and during the 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Liturgy in the upstairs Church. This year, so as to be compliant with Fire Codes, and for everyone's safety, we will have two 4:00 pm Liturgies on Christmas Eve; the Upstairs Church, and once the seating is filled, you will be directed to the Parish Hall for another "live" mass with a priest and music, not a screen. Your cooperation is appreciated in this matter. Once the pews are filled upstairs, please come downstairs to participate in Christmas Liturgy.



4 pm Christmas Eve Notice:

The complete Christmas schedule is listed on page 4 of this edition of the Seton Sentinel. If we could have the attention of those planning to attend the 4:00 pm Mass Christmas Eve for a moment: In the past we have had an issue with overcrowding at that Liturgy. People end up standing everywhere with no room for Ministers to get through for Communion or God forbid if there is an emergency in the church. This year, to serve all who wish to attend mass at 4:00 pm, there will be mass offered both upstairs in the church and downstairs in the hall. Once the church reaches its capacity for seating, you will be asked to proceed to the hall. No standing in the vestibule, choir loft or stairways will be permitted in the church. There will be room to sit downstairs with Fr. Joe celebrating mass in the hall. This is not a broadcast, or piped-in audio, there will be an actual mass taking place with a priest in the hall. We need everyone to understand and cooperate if told there is no more room in the church to proceed downstairs for mass. Thank you in advance for everyone's comfort and most of all safety and security.

Bulletin Deadlines

For the next several weeks, we ask that all bulletin announcements be sent to Lori by Thursday, two weeks before the weekend you wish the article to appear in the Sentinel. We will be working on a tight schedule to get the bulletin printed over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Thank you.

NEW CHURCH YEAR CALENDARS OUT NOW

Please take your copy of the 2019 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Year Calendar located at the church entrance. Once again, a very special acknowledgement and sincere thanks to **WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 1442 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, for underwriting the expense of the calendars.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE ON DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who have given to this year's Appeal. We have nearly half of our goal raised. If you have not yet made a pledge or given a gift, can I ask that if you are in the position to do something, that you step up before the end of the year? We have been reassured that the monies raised by the Annual Appeal do not support legal fees, lawsuits, or former priests. The Annual Appeal does support the much needed charity work of the Church. I want to particularly draw your attention to Catholic Social Services and all the help they provide for those in need in our Dioceses. Think of the Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre and how many people they feed on a daily basis. Without your help these needs will not be met. I know there has been much pain in our Diocese since the Grand Jury's Report was made public in August. We cannot ignore those hard facts and the amount of good people who are still suffering because of the actions and inactions of certain priests and bishops. But not to give to the Annual Appeal does nothing to punish those parties who caused the pain. It does, however, create more pain for more innocent people who could possibly benefit from your generosity that is being withheld to send a message. Our parish always sets the bar high. Let's do it one more time and meet our goal this year and be the light that other parishes look to. Even a small gift will help those in need. Thank you for reading this and considering this request.

Father Joe

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus will meet this Tuesday, December 11th, at 7pm in our church hall.



Monday, December 24 Vigil:

- 4:00 pm Youth Choir *upstairs*
- 4:00 pm Cantor and Instruments *hall*
- 7:00 pm Cantor and Instruments
- 10:00 pm Choral Mass of Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25 Day:

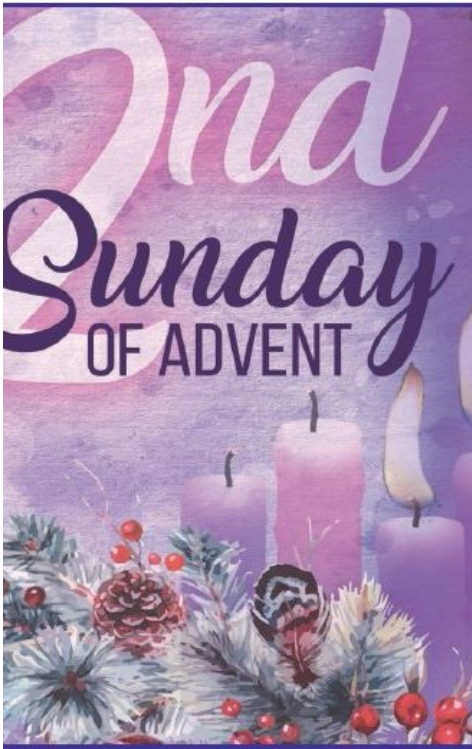
- 12:00 mid** Cantor and Instruments
- 8:30 am Choral Mass of Christmas Day
- 11:00 am Cantor and Instruments



MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP



The Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019. Cost is \$50.00, which includes bus and buffet dinner. Make checks out to "PHL" (by January 11th), and mail to Chris Calore, 37 Elder Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Bus departs right here from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at 6:15am, right after 5:50am Mass. We will return home approximately 10:30pm.



Honoring our Heroes

The Kiwanis Club of Swoyersville is happy to announce a new community program: "Honoring Our Heroes" banners. Banners are available for the purchase price of \$150. These banners are 24"x48" in size and are red and blue in color with American Flag details. Banners are 2 sided and will display a black and white photo of your hero, living or deceased, along with information on their position and dates of serving our country. Banners are available for residents and heroes of all communities, but will be displayed throughout the town of Swoyersville. Your hero banner will be proudly displayed each year from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. For information & order forms, call or text Hero Chairperson Jean Marie at 570-479-0850 or email: jmsswoykiwanis1@gmail.com. Deadline for orders is March 2, 2019.

Community Blood Drive

Right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall on **Thursday, December 13th**, 1:00pm-6:00pm. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: SEASP to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience & save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading & health history questions on the day of your appointment.



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thus far, we are just about half way to our goal of \$47,000.00. There is still time to make a pledge or give a gift to the Annual Appeal. Envelopes are located on the tables at the Church entrance or visit: annualappeal.org and give online to



Weekly Offering for the Weekend of November 24/25, 2018

\$ 8567.21

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 do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Counseling Ministry Offered

Don't suffer in silence...

Sister Sarah Landis, IHM, a licensed certified therapist and counselor addresses problems with depression, anxiety, grieving, relationship issues, and many other mental health concerns. Sister's office is located at the former Holy Trinity Convent, across from the rectory on Hughes Street. For more information or to contact Sister Sarah directly, call the main office and dial extension 124 when prompted.

Other Collection Totals:

Thanksgiving : \$270.00 (benefits Social Concerns)

Nov. Parish Groups Collection-Altar Guild: \$682.29

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Second Week of Advent Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Intention	Requested by
<u>Monday, December 10</u>	
8:00 am Margaret Kadish	Ron Kadish
<u>Tuesday, December 11</u>	
8:00 am Gulla & Regeski Families	Irene Gulla
<u>Wednesday, December 12</u>	
8:00 am Joseph Danowski	Nephew, Brandon McNulty
<u>Thursday, December 13</u>	
8:00 am Margaret Yadrnak	Barbara Podskoch & Family
<u>Friday, December 14</u>	
8:00 am Health & Blessings for Theresa Charney	Children & Grandchildren
Third Sunday of Advent	
Saturday, December 15	
Vigil, 4:30 pm Stephen & Helen Gaydos	Son, Robert, & daughter, Ann Marie & Family
Sunday, December 16	
8:30 am Robert Mey	Ann Marie & Stacey Yeager
11:00 am William & Susan Yurko	Theresa Yurko & Susan
5:30 pm <i>Pro Populo</i>	



IN DYING THAT WE'RE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:

~Theresa Mihalek~
 May the Lord grant her Eternal Rest.



Vigil Candles This Week

- In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family
- In Memory of Stephen & Victoria Rish offered by daughter-in-law, Gerry

Every valley
 shall be FILLED,



and every mountain and hill
 shall be MADE LOW.

Luke 3:5

