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NOVEMBER 21, 2021

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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, 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.

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Today's Music

4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Gath: 573 G To Jesus Christ Our Sov.

Prep: 619 G Let All Mortal Flesh

Comm: 115 S The Lord IS My Hope

Send: 598 G O God Beyond All Prais

5:30pm Sunday

Gath: 45 S Let Heaven Rejoice

Prep: 85 S Shine Jesus Shine

Comm: 115 S The Lord IS My Hope

Send: 82 S Glorious in Majesty

Subject to change

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Join us for Thanksgiving

Day Liturgy at 9:00 am

Thursday.

Offices closed Thursday and

Friday this week.

ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday's during Advent we will provide a "Quiet Oasis," in the midst of the noise of the outside world for a few hours. From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm stop in at anytime for any length of time for some quiet time before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. The 2 hours will be *completely SILENT*. No Benediction. The Adoration will just conclude at 8:00 pm without ceremony. Make plans to join us each week, one week, one hour, whatever you wish. The time is yours and Jesus' during this Holy Season of Preparation. Begins, Thursday, December 2nd.

Fall Fundraisers

Please remember to pick up your Fresh Apple and Pumpkin Pie Orders *this Wednesday, November 24th from noon to 2pm or 5-6pm.*

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lector Workbooks for Year C 2022 are located in the server sacristy. Readings begin for November 29th. All lectors are asked to please pick up your book after Mass. Thank you.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

This Sunday after the 9:00am Mass, the drawing for the Thanksgiving 50/50 Raffle will take place. Good luck to all who bought tickets!

Oplatki Available

While supplies last, the *Oplatki*, Christmas Wafers, will be available in church *on the weekends of Advent* or by calling the rectory. The wafers will be on the tables near the entrance and we ask a donation for each package of \$5.00. It will be done on the honor system so bring the correct amount for the basket next to the *Oplatki*.

FOOD REQUEST UPDATES: The Social Concerns Committee is requesting the following items for the **Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne:** Strawberry jelly, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, canned pasta, crackers, boxes of cereal. Drop off box is located in the vestibule. Thank you.

Pastoral Council Meeting— Tuesday, November 30th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Discussions will include the 2021-2023 Synod called for by Pope Francis.



Faith Formation

Parents/Guardians: Please note that Religious Education classes will not be held this Saturday, November 27th, and Monday, November 29th, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Christmas Church Decorating

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 19th!!! We will need lots of help after the 11:00 am mass putting up all the trees, hanging the wreaths and the garland, assembling the manger, moving things around, etc. -- Please lend us a hand if you are able. It will take a lot of work to get our church ready for the big day so come along and join the fun. This is a good opportunity for our Confirmation students to get service hours.



THANKSGIVING AND 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, at our parish office. All calls are confidential.

This year again, we **will not** have the Traditional Christmas Giving Tree with tags on to buy gifts. We only ask if you are able, to please donate **GIFT CARDS**. We will need Gerity's or Price Chopper grocery cards for Thanksgiving.

For Christmas, we are asking for Walmart or Target Gift Cards to give to the families of needy children, and they will be able to purchase the gifts themselves. Please place gift cards in an envelope marked: **Thanksgiving/Christmas Gift Cards**. **Please drop in the Collection basket, office door mail slot, mail, or bring to the rectory. Thanks so much for whatever you can do. We did this last year and it worked out well.**

 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** **THANK YOU, SETON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
Thank you so very kindly to our Knights of Columbus Council #12976 for their very generous donation of the proceeds from their recent Chicken Bar-B-Que in the amount of \$3000.00, to be put towards our church projects. God bless you!
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OFFICE HOURS

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

Reconciliation is available on Saturday beginning at 3:30 until 3:50 p.m. just prior to the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Other times at your request. Just ask Father.

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.

Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation are offered through the department of Religious Education or Catholic Schools. Contact the office for more information.



You make the difference! With your continuing support you are making a difference during these uncertain times. You believe in the mission and ministry of our parish. You are making a difference in our outreach and just covering our day-to-day expenses and we are grateful. Online giving is available at www.setonpa.com and follow the link .

Again, Thank You for Your Generosity!



Collection Total for October 30/31, 2021

\$8121.25

All Saints Day: \$699.00

If you experience a delay in receiving your envelopes, please contact the rectory. You may also use a plain envelope for your donations in the meantime. Indicate your name and *envelope number* (if known) so you can receive proper credit.



Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Diocese of Scranton
2021 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL



RISING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

APPEAL UPDATE:

So far, our parish has raised 90% of our goal of \$44,000.00!!!! Just a little more than \$4,000.00 to go this is once again incredible for this time in the campaign! Please keep up the good work. We will have more ways for you to give in the days and weeks ahead including a parish puzzle and more.

Thank you so much to those who gave or pledged so far. If you have not pledged or given to the Annual Appeal yet, Please consider making a gift or pledge today. It does not matter how small or large it is, every donation will help us reach our goal and more importantly, help others in our Diocese. Log on at annualappeal.org, follow the links, or get a pledge card at the entrance of the church.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE 2021

Orders due by Wednesday, November 24th Must be Pre-paid

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Select items:

4 ½" Red (about 3-4 bloom) **\$5.00each** Qty: _____ Amt. Due: \$ _____
6" Red (about 5 blooms) **\$8.00each** Qty: _____ Amt. Due: \$ _____
(all pots are wrapped in colored foil) Total due: \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ check _____ cash _____

Checks Payable to : Confraternity of Christian Mothers or CCM

Pick up orders on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, in the school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5 to 6pm.

Please send in payment with order: Drop off order form & payment at the rectory office door/mail slot, collection basket, or mail to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Poinsettia Sale, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, PA 18704

Contact persons: Stephanie 570-696-9527 or Pat 570-288-6906

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

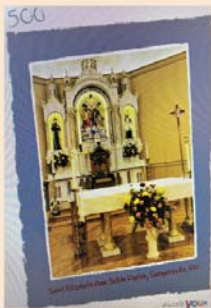
The CCM will have a Christmas social on Sunday, December 5th, at 1:30pm in the church hall. This will be a covered dish luncheon at which time we will induct the new officers for the 2022-2023 term:

President: Sue Bayer, Vice-President: Theresa Yurko, Secretary: Liz Zdancewicz, Treasurer: Theresa Schaeffer

The Confraternity will provide desserts, beverages, paper products, and cutlery. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish (no desserts) as well as serving pieces or chafing/sterno if needed. Please RSVP to Stephanie Walski at 570-696-9527 by November 19th.

CARE AND CONCERN CLINIC SEEKING NURSES

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William St., Pittston, is seeking volunteer nurses to assist with its Care & Concern Free Health Clinic, which will hopefully re-open in the near future. Anyone interested in this volunteer experience is asked to call St. John's parish office at 570-654-0053 to schedule an interview with Fr. Joseph Elston, Pastor. Time commitment would be several hours on Wednesday eve-



PIECE BE WITH YOU!

We are all IN THIS TOGETHER!

Please help us complete our

first-of-its-kind puzzle challenge!



What is it: A virtual "race" to complete a 500-piece parish stewardship puzzle in conjunction with Giving Tuesday and the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

How does it work? For each online donation of \$20 or more made between Nov. 15 and 30, we'll put your name on a puzzle piece in hopes of finishing a fully sponsored puzzle by Nov. 30. We'll be in a friendly competition with other parishes to finish our puzzle first, raise the most dollars and/or have the most donors. Our parish can win \$1,000 prizes from the Diocese, and all donors can win personal prizes, including a YETI backpack cooler.

Then what? Our parish will glue and display the puzzle in recognition of our faithful parish stewards.

How do I participate? Donate by visiting: <https://scranton.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-elizabeth-ann-seton-parish-swoyersville> or drop a special **#iGiveCatholic envelope** in our collection by SUNDAY NOV. 28. (Envelopes are at the back of the church.) **Donations must be made or recorded online between Nov. 15 and 30!**

Who else is competing? #iGiveCatholic is a faith-based generosity challenge that promotes charitable giving to Catholic causes across the country for Giving Tuesday! The website <https://www.igivecatholic.org/> will contain a national leaderboard, with the most generous parishes receiving special national recognition!



Follow our progress and check out the prize updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/iGiveCatholicDioceseofScranton>

For more info, contact Sandra Snyder at Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org or 570-591-5004



Remembering at Eucharist



Monday, November 22

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Lorraine Drost Aleson Family

Tuesday, November 23

8:00 a.m. Cheryl Yaskoweak David & Bernadette Passeri

Wednesday, November 24

8:00 a.m. Edward Brominski Sr. Lucille Ontko

Thursday, November 25

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

Friday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Loretta Cywinski John, Kim, & Shelby Jackloski

Saturday, November 27

4:00 p.m. Stephen & Helen Gaydos Son, Robert, & daughter, Ann Marie

5:30 p.m. Joseph Sweeney Sal & Barb Alba

Sunday, November 28

7:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**

9:00 a.m. Bill & Mary Sheehan Daughter, Mary

11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Kudasik Gary & Emily Lewis

5:30 p.m. Raymond Chimock Wife, Rosemary & Family

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th

Vigil Masses,

4:00 pm Church

4:00 pm Gym

6:00 pm

9:00 pm

Saturday, December 25th

12 Midnight

9:00 am

And 11:00 am

Sunday, December 26th

9, 11 am, and 5:30 pm

***No 7:00 am Mass today**

Friday, December 31

Vigil of MMoG 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 1st

10 a.m. MMoG

5:30 pm Vigil, Sunday obligation

Sunday, Jan 2

7,9, 11 am and 5:30 pm



Special Intentions This Week

This Week's Sanctuary Candles

~~In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family

~~In Memory of Maureen Brennan offered by godmother, Terri Burgess



Altar Flowers

~In Memory of Helen Jenzorski offered by granddaughter, Jane & Family



Baptism Sunday

This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptism of:

~~Ellie Gray Pavlick~~

Ellie will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00am Mass today.



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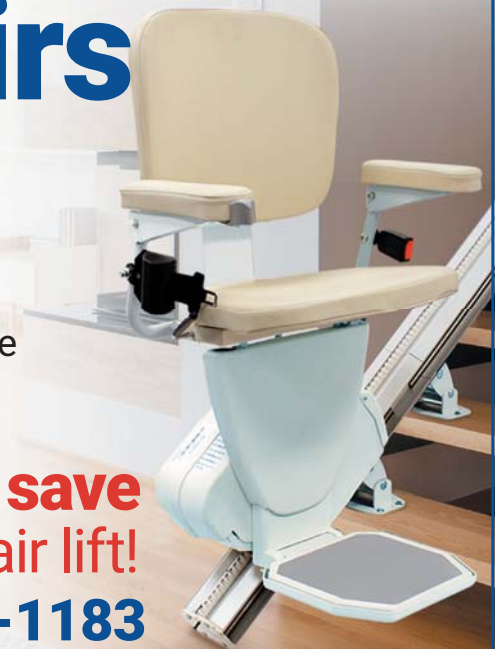
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