



# The Seton Sentinel

## The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA

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### Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Friday:**

**8:30am to 3:00pm**

Weekends and Evenings  
by appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all Holy  
Days of Obligation and Federal  
Holidays.

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area? Just visiting?  
You will find a warm welcome here!  
To become a registered member,  
please call the parish office during  
regular business hours.



### 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Parish Goal: \$47,000.00

Pledged so far: \$41,265.00

Balance: \$5,735.00

Thank you for your continued support  
of the Diocesan Annual Appeal.  
To make a pledge, take one of the  
envelopes at the entrance of the  
church or go to [annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org)  
to donate on-line.

## 2015 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Parish Goal is in sight! We are only about \$6,000.00 away from meeting our goal. Thank you to all who have given so far. If you have not yet pledged or given a gift please consider doing so this week. With your help we can once again meet our goal and help those in need in our diocese. Envelopes are located at the entrances of the church. Thank you for considering this request.

### THANK YOU, WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME!

Our **2016 Church Calendars** have arrived and are on the tables at the church entrance. Please take a calendar home with you. We want to thank **WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME** for sponsoring these beautiful calendars for our church again this year!!! May God bless you always!

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place on Sundays during the 10am Mass and runs concurrent with the Religious Ed schedule. CLOW is for children ages 5 through 5th grade. Anyone interested in volunteering to help, please call Mark Mizzer at 852-9254.

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS IN SACRISTY

Just a friendly reminder that Lector workbooks for 2016 (Year C) are in the server sacristy. Thank you.

### THANK YOU FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone who came out to help with the Care and Share Program for the past two weekends. The program was a huge success thanks to all the volunteers! Boxes of food will be distributed to the families on our parish list, and also to Holy Family Food Pantry. Anyone in need of non-perishable food items or if you know of someone in need, please call Lori at the rectory. All calls are confidential.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Our PPC will meet Tuesday, December 1st, at 6:30pm in the rectory.

### CHRISTIAN WITNESS AWARD- ST. CLARE/ST.PAUL SCHOOL

*Congratulations to Jake Marx*, Grade 4, for being selected by his peers, for the Christian Witness Award at St. Clare / St. Paul School for the first quarter of the 2015-2016 school year! He was selected for demonstrating a willingness to learn and help others, showing kindness and applying Christian principles at school. While St. Clare / St. Paul, and other Catholic schools, are well known for academic excellence, exemplary athletics accomplishments, and safe, wholesome environments, we recognize that Christ is the reason for our schools. Faith formation, our lifelong journey, is most important. Therefore, we take great pride and pleasure in recognizing Jake for his shining Catholic Christian example!

## Parish Staff

Cora Artim

*Children's Choir*

Phil Bosha

*Maintenance*

Chris Calore

*Maintenance*

Scott Coates

*Contemporary Mass Musician*

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM

*Parish Social Minister*

Margaret Loveless

*Director of Religious Education*

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi

### **Pastor**

Lori Raymond

*Pastoral Associate*

Joseph Sabol

*Assistant Organist*

Monica Salis

*Business Manager*

Marge Semanek

*Director of Music*

Rev. Anthony Urban

*Weekend Celebrant*

### **Direct Contacts**

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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.

### **LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/ CD'S**

Don't forget to check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CD's located in our vestibule. For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

## ALTAR GUILD ADVENT *PIROHY* SALES

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17**

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our first Advent Pirohy Sale, this Thursday, Dec. 3rd. Cost is \$7.00/dozen. You may pick up your order in the school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm.

***We will need lots of help making the pirohy. Mark your calendar!***

***Please come at 7am if you can help ball the potatoes, and all others come at 8:30am. Come and join us and bring a friend with you!!! Lunch will be served, too!***

## **HOLY NAME SOCIETY 50-50 RAFFLE—December 6th**

***Buy your tickets now for our Holy Name Society's 50-50 Holiday Raffle.*** The drawing will be held ***next Sunday***, December 6th, the Feast of St. Nicholas, after the 8:30am Mass. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend ***in our church vestibule***. Cost is \$5.00 each. We ask all members to return all tickets by November 29th. ***Last year's prize was \$750.00!!!!***

Also, our Holy Name Society will meet on December 6th, in our church hall right after the 50/50 Drawing.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-U-CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET**

The Knights will be holding their annual All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, December 13th, from 9am to 1pm. Cost is \$7/adults and \$4/children. The breakfast will be held in our school cafeteria. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Tickets will also be sold at the door. ***A "SURPRISE" guest will stop in to greet the children.***

## **Christmas Sitting**

There is so much to do to get ready for Christmas and our 8th Grade Confirmation Class would like to help parents out. On ***Saturday evening, December 12th from 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the parish hall***, we will offer free child care ***for children aged 4 years old through 5th grade***. We will have student volunteers, along with adult supervision, entertain the children with games, crafts, stories, movie time, and more. Take this opportunity to wrap some presents, write some Christmas cards, or simply enjoy a quiet evening during the rush of the Christmas season. For more information, or to sign up your child(ren), please contact Margaret Loveless at 570-855-5118.

## **SAVE THE DATE—CHRISTMAS PLAY**

Please save Monday, December 21st at 6:30pm on your December calendar. Our Youth Choir will be presenting their Christmas Play that evening and all are welcome! Hope to see you there!

## **THE GIVING TREE**

Our Giving Tree is up and ready with the gift tags for the needy children and families & shut-ins. Please return the gifts with the ***tag attached*** by ***Dec. 14th***. (If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, bring back the tag & place it back on the tree.) We always have a very successful drive



## CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Reservations are now being accepted for the Christian Mothers Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, December 13th, after the 11:30am Mass in our church hall. Cost is \$15.00 per guest. Please **RSVP by December 4th** by calling Fran Krajnak at 570-288-1708 or Sue Bayer at 570-714-1628. Members and guests are reminded to donate diapers (size newborn to size 2) instead of exchanging gifts. Our final meeting for this year will take place on Sunday, November 29th, at 2pm in our church hall.

## OPLATKI SALE

Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be offering the Christmas Wafers after masses starting this weekend downstairs in our church hall. Offering is \$5.00/pack. They will also be available in the rectory during office hours starting December 1st.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Give a meaningful gift this holiday season. Donate blood. Community Blood Drive :  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish **Thursday, December 3rd from 12:30pm to 5:30pm**  
Schedule your appointment today: 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use  
Sponsor Code: SEASP

## HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

**Placement/ Scholarship Test** for interested public and private school 8th graders : Saturday, December 12th, 8:30am. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at 570-829-2424.

## Holy Redeemer High School Seasonal Concert

Sunday, December 13th at 3:00pm

All are welcome!!!

## New Advertising Representative for Pilot Bulletins

Father Joe is happy to announce that Phil Bosha is our new local advertising rep for Pilot Bulletins. Anyone who would like to advertise in our bulletin or if you have any questions about advertising in our bulletin, please call the parish office at 287-6624 and ask for Phil Bosha.

## Church Finances

**November 7/8, 2015**

### Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$7057.00 DUES: \$847.00; HOLY DAY: \$27.00

LOOSE: \$508.50; E-GIVING: \$240.20; **TOTAL: \$8679.70**

### DIOCESAN:

NOVEMBER CARE & EDUCATION OF PRIESTS: \$172.00

This Month's Special Groups Envelope will benefit Seton's Knights of Columbus Council.

**EXPENSES:** Each month our parish owes the following assessments in full to: Catholic Schools: **\$9,072.42** Diocese of Scranton: **\$11,105.09** TOTAL: **\$20,177.51** Thank you for helping us meet these and our other monthly expenses.

## VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.

### SETON PRAYER CHAIN

**We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests.**

A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

## EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



### GET THE SETON MOBILE APP

Download the New Seton App from [setonpa.com](http://setonpa.com) and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Mass Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or iPad!

### HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS

The Holidays are right around the corner and that could be a very hard time of the year for some of our families who do not have the resources for a Holiday meal, let alone Christmas presents for children. ***If you or someone you know is struggling please let us know.*** Contact Lori, our Pastoral Associate, at the office. All calls will be held in the strictest confidence. We will be preparing Holiday Food Baskets and Christmas presents for children. We will once again be accepting Food Cards from local supermarkets and sponsoring the Annual Giving Tree. If you can help with a grocery gift card for someone in need, drop it in the collection or bring it by the office. Your help is appreciated as we reach out to those who may go without this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

### ADVENT SERVICE: *OPEN OUR HEARTS*

Three parishes in northeastern Pennsylvania are continuing an annual tradition of collaborating to present two special services during the upcoming Advent season. *Open Our Hearts*, an Advent service of word and song, will be presented in locations in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties on the second and third Sundays of Advent, December 6 and December 13. Both services are free and open to the public.

The first will be held on Sunday, December 6, at Holy Family Parish Church, 574 Bennett Street, Luzerne, and the second is set for Sunday, December 13, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 208 Smith Street, Dunmore. The services begin at 7 PM each evening and are open to the public at no charge.

This year marks the seventh year of this remarkable collaboration among three parishes in two counties. The music for the service features the combined choir of more than 60 voices from Holy Family Parish, Luzerne (Rev. Joseph Pisaneschi, Administrator); Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore (Rev. David Cappelloni, Pastor); and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore (Rev. John Doris, Pastor), as well as several soloists and an instrumental ensemble. The Directors of Music at the parishes are, respectively, Linda Houck, Joseph Moffitt, and Geri Seitzinger.

*Open Our Hearts* offers those who participate an opportunity to embrace the season of Advent and its spirit of preparation for Christmas. Through Scripture readings and musical selections, the program will focus on how God's people have opened their hearts to welcome Him throughout salvation history.

For more information about these events, please contact the parish office at Holy Family Parish, Luzerne (570-287-6600), Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore (570-346-7429), or Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore (570-344-1209).

# SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, November 30**      *St. Andrew, Apostle*

8:00 am      All Souls' Intentions

**Tuesday, December 1**

8:00 am      Health & Blessings for Englot Family

**Wednesday, December 2**

8:00am      John M. Lagoski                      **Baldrica Family**

**Thursday, December 3**      *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

8:00am      William Dorman Sr.                      **Family**

**Friday, December 4**      *St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

8:00am      John & Mary Olejnik                      **Remakus Family**

**Saturday, December 5**                      *Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent*

4:00 pm      George Kopetchny                      **Wife & Children**

5:30 pm      Jean & Jim Reilly                      **Family**

**Sunday, December 5**      **Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am      James J. Connell                      **Michael & Wendy Harrison**

10:00 am      *Pro Populo*

11:30 am      Joseph "Parker" Podskoch                      **M/M Andrew Barilla Jr.**

5:30 pm      Marguerite Silvent                      **Theresa Kennedy & Irene Brennan**



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

~John Humko~

GIVE HIM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY HIS SOUL AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



## SANCTUARY CANDLES

~In Memory of Raymond W. Chimock offered by Wife, Rosemary, & Children  
~In Memory of Bette Proleika offered by Family



## BAPTISM SUNDAY

**CONGRATULATIONS and God's Blessings** upon

~Emma Rose Ackourey~ ~Wesley Xavier Brennan~ ~Adrianna Lee Perugino~

They will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.

## PRESIDER SCHEDULE:

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH:** 4:00PM: Urban  
5:30PM Pisaneschi

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH** 8:30am Pisaneschi  
10:00am Sinnott  
11:30am Urban  
5:30pm Pisaneschi