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**Sunday
of Advent**

SETON SENTINEL



“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’” Mark 1:2-3

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Tuesday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Because the obligation is suspended for Sundays and Holy Days by the Bishop, **it is not necessary to attend Eucharist on this day.** We will have our regular Tuesday morning Eucharist at 8:00am.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS DUE

Get your Raffle ticket returns back to us by this weekend as the drawing is on Tuesday, December 8th.

Oplatki Christmas Wafers

Oplatki will be available for sale at the following times in our school cafeteria:

Saturday, December 12th - 9 am - 11 am

Wednesday, December 16th - 2 pm - 4 pm

Thursday, December 17th - 2 pm - 4 pm

Times and dates are subject to supplies lasting. Please come to the School Cafeteria and having correct amount will help us tremendously. Packages are \$5.00 each for a package of 6 wafers. Oplatki will not be sold at masses this year because of the pandemic. Thank you for your cooperation.

Confessions

Be mindful that there **will not** be Penance Services or additional Confessions scheduled before Christmas. You are reminded to use **“Perfect Contrition,”** during the Covid Crisis. It is still risky to come to confession at this time, although Father is available before the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays in the sacristy if circumstances warrant inperson confession.

2021 Church Calendars

This year, the new Church Calendars are being sent home in the mail. They are compliments of **Wroblewski Funeral Home in Forty Fort.** We are particularly grateful to Aaron and Tom for also covering the mailing costs of the calendars. If for some reason you do not receive yours, please call Monica in the office after the 1st of the year.

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. This year we **will not** have the Traditional Christmas Giving Tree with tags to buy gifts. We only ask if you are able, to please donate **Grocery Gift Cards** (Gerritys, Price Chopper, Walmart, Target, etc) that we will distribute to those in need. Please mark the envelope (with Gift card(s) enclosed) as follows: **Christmas Gift Cards.** Please drop in Collection Basket, office door mail slot, mail, or bring into rectory.

PARISH OFFERINGS

With mass attendance dropping off once again, it is important that you get us your offerings on a regular basis through the basket, the mail, the rectory door slot, online and other ways. Don't forget the online option at setonpa.com We are extremely thankful for however you get your offerings to us. Once again, Thank You for remembering your parish in this critical time.

Weekly Offering for the period ending
November 21/22:

\$6705.30

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 8th in Observance of the Immaculate Conception holy day.



Feeding the Community

Thank You from Holy Family Food Pantry

“Dear Friends, Wanting you to know that kindness like yours will always be remembered. Thank you for your continued donations to Holy Family Food Pantry. Your support is very important to our pantry. May God bless you all. Wishing you all a glorious Christmas season! “

~~Lou & Carol Cardoni, Pantry Coordinators

Greeters/Ushers Needed

As you can see we have a number of masses scheduled for Christmas Eve/Day. It is so important that we have enough people to welcome people in the church, count so that we stay under our corona limits, make sure people are wearing masks, helping them find seats, taking up the collection, etc., People who have not been coming to church these past several months will need direction as they will not know where to sit, how to go to communion, which door to exit, and other covid practices we have been doing. If you are able to help us in these matters, please call Lori in the office and let us know which mass you'll be at.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS 2021

Lector Workbooks for Year B 2021 are located in the server sacristy. If you are not attending Mass right now, we will hold your book in the Server Sacristy until you are able to return.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

In person classes cancelled until January 23rd. Assignments should be completed at home and turned in on time to the Religious Ed Office. Stay Safe Everyone!

Assignments for Nov. and Dec 5/7 should be handed in by December 12th. Slow mail, email, or drop off in parish mail slot (office door), or drop off at office during regular office hours. Make sure the student's name and grade are on the envelope.

Assignments for December 12/14 to January 23/25 can be returned when the children return in January 23/25, **HOPEFULLY!!!**

Please check the parish website setonpa.com or our Facebook page for current updates. Parent meetings for Grades 2, 7 & 8, will also be posted there.

Any questions, please call Sister Marion at 570-287-6624, extension 116.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Please note the changes in this year's Christmas Eucharist Schedule. Again, there is no obligation to attend mass on Christmas this year. We offer the following times for your convenience :

Thursday, December 24— Masses at 2:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Friday, December 25—Masses at 12:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am.

Please note: Reservations are not necessary to attend, however, if the church reaches allowed capacity, you may be asked to come back at another time for a different mass. There is to be no standing room and social distancing must be followed. Due to Sanitizing the Church between masses, doors will open approximately 20 minutes before mass, not before.

We hope to Live—Stream the following masses for Christmas: 2:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 12 Midnight, and 9:30 am.

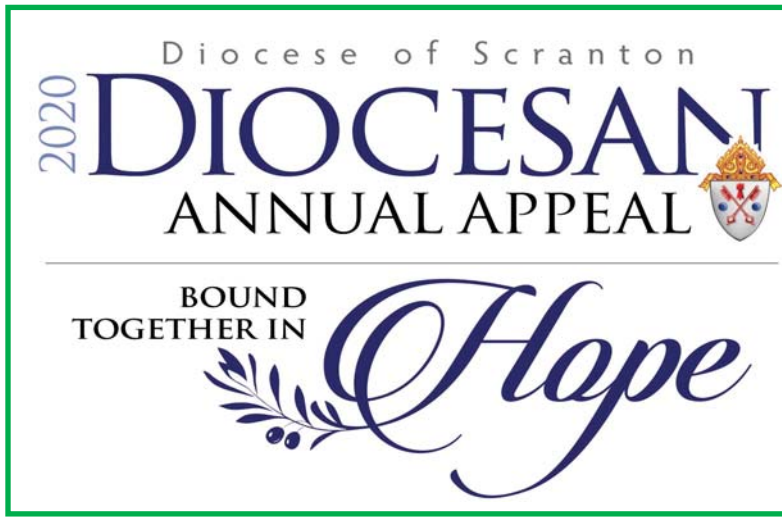


Confraternity of Christian Mothers POINSETTIAS

The Christian Mothers would like to thank everyone who ordered poinsettias in support of our organization. We truly appreciate the tremendous support from our parishioners & parish staff who helped make this fundraiser a success. Poinsettias will be available for pick up on Tuesday, December 15th, in the school cafeteria from 12:00 noon until 2:00pm or from 5:00-6:00pm.



**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
PRAY FOR US!**



Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

2020 Goal: \$44,000.00
 Raised so far: \$25,000.00
Needed: \$19,000.00

Thank you to all who gave thus far!

Envelopes are on the tables at the church entrances or go to dioceseofscranton.org and select "GIVING." to make an online donation. So far 171 parishioners have responded. Please consider giving today.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Thursday, January 14, 2021

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke

Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body

An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke

Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease

Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

BLOOD DRIVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020 IN CHURCH HALL, 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

The American Red Cross is urging donors who are healthy and feeling well to make an appointment to give blood to maintain the blood supply for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. More blood donors are needed now to ensure hospitals have the blood needed to save lives. The Red Cross is currently testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies, providing donors insight into whether they have been exposed to this coronavirus.

You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and use the Sponsor code SEASP. Streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Life's a Gift. Give More of It. [Please Donate Blood. Now more than ever!](#)

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegations of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, December 7

6:30 am Andrew Husovsky Jr.

Betsy, Dan, & Families

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 am Stella & Robert Shaner

Family

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 am Charles Infantino

Martina Genanie & Lee Havard

Thursday, December 10

6:30am Margaret Kadish

Barto Family

Friday, December 11

6:30am Leonard & Norma Zavada

Children

Saturday, December 12

5:00 pm William Coniglio

Wayne Manini

Sunday, December 13

7:00 am John Mazza

Best Friend, Dee Kovaleski

9:00 am Ray & Elizabeth Vanyo

Jim & Mary Beth Siracuse

11:00 am Michael S. & Michael C. Ritondo

Daughter, Josie & Bob Kandrac

5:30 pm **Pro Populo**



IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.....

~~~Edward Brominski Sr.~~~Richard Smith~~~

May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest. Amen.



### This Week's Sanctuary Candles

1. In Memory of Andrew Selensky Sr. offered by daughter, Gerry
2. Special Intention





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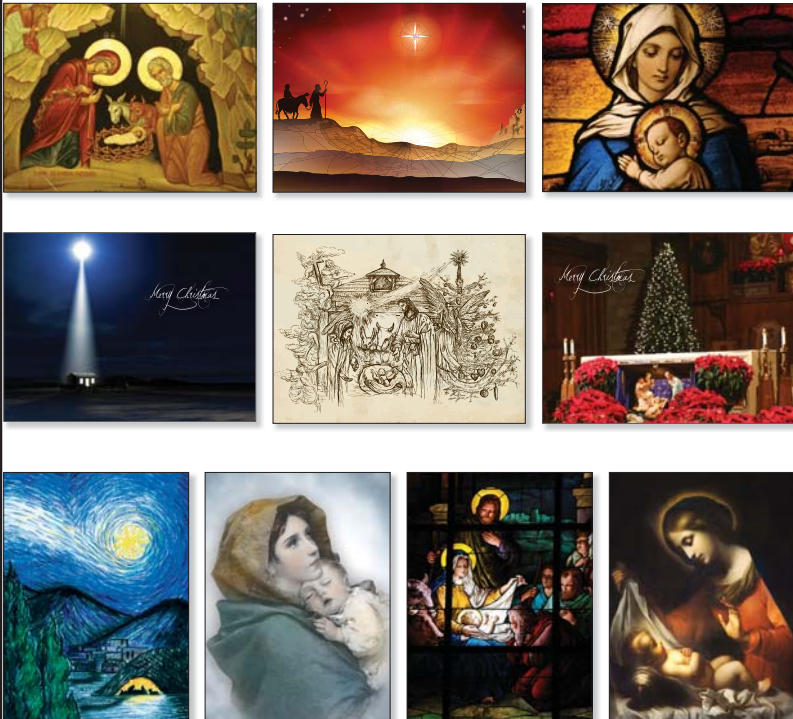
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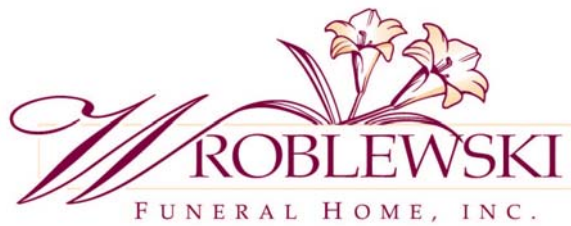
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