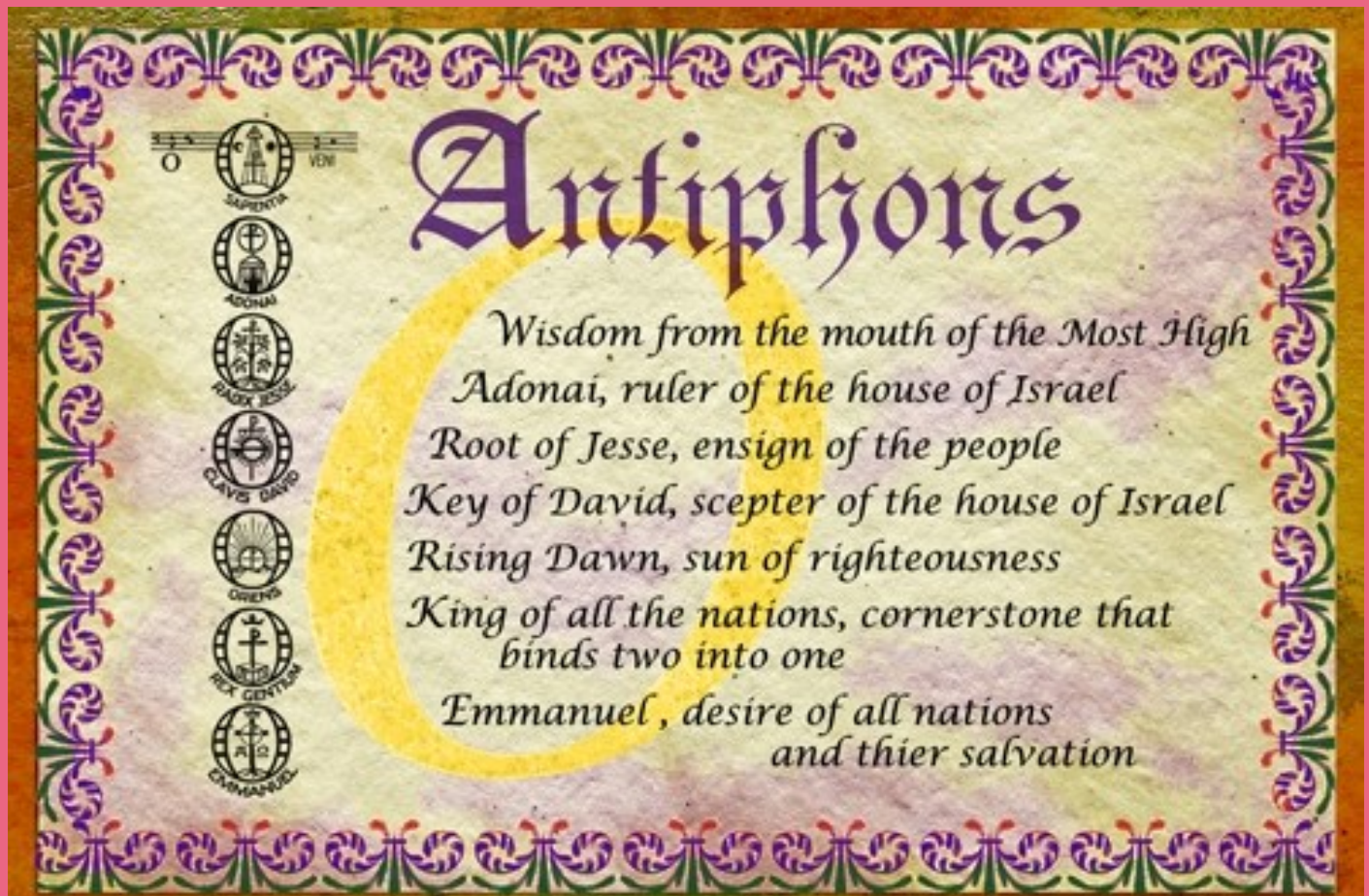


St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

# Seton Sentinel



"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!"

*Third Sunday of Advent*

December 16, 2012

Swoyersville, PA

**PIROHY-MAKING HELP NEEDED**

A big Thank You to all those who helped make pirohy the past three Mondays! We still need help to make the pirohy for one more **Monday, tomorrow, December 17th**. If you can help ball potatoes, come at 7:00 am, all others come at 8:30 am. Experienced or not, come out and join in the fun and help out. **DON'T FORGET TO PICK-UP your PIROHY on MONDAY** at the time you indicated if you ordered them for this week.

**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON FEAST DAY**

Friday, January 4, 2013, is our patroness' Feast Day. Since this is the first year we are St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, there is reason to celebrate this day. We would like to gather with everyone for a special mass at 5:30PM with the children from the parish playing a special role in the celebration. Mother Seton is identified with children most often. There will be a blessing with the relic and a medal of Mother Seton distributed at the end of mass. We would also like to share in a little fellowship and refreshment afterwards. We are planning to have homemade pizza following the mass in the parish hall. We ask you to sign-up at the tables at the entrance of the church if you are planning to join us for pizza after mass.

**2013 PARISH CALENDARS**

Pick-up your new Parish Calendars after mass today at the entrance of the Church. Thanks to Wroblewski Funeral Home for sponsoring our calendars.

**CONFIRMATION MEETING REMINDER**

A meeting for all Confirmation students will be held today, Sunday, December 16, from 5-6:30 pm, in the Church hall. All Confirmation students are expected to attend.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & CONFESSIONS**

This is our first year for all of us together at our new parish. Every consideration has been given to keep a Christmas Mass Schedule that would provide ample opportunity for all parishioners to attend mass. The schedule is as follows:

**Confessions:** Saturday, December 22, 11am-12:30pm

**Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th**

4:00 p.m. Family Mass

5:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

9:00 p.m. Carol Mass

**Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th**

12 Midnight Solemn Choral Mass of Christmas

8:30 a.m. Christmas Mass at Dawn

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass during the Day

**\*THE 4:00PM FAMILY MASS**

There will be a brief Christmas play and the children will lead congregational singing of a few Christmas Carols at 3:30 PM. All are welcome but please keep in mind the availability for seats will be limited due to the large crowd expected to attend this Mass.

**CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCES**

A Christmas Mass Remembrance envelope is enclosed with your envelopes. There will be 9 Masses offered for your intentions.

**CHURCH DECORATING**

We are in need of some male volunteers to help Chris put up the Christmas trees and the manger in the Church on Tuesday, December 18th, at 1PM.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The office will be closed on Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, and Wednesday, December 26th. Please hold off on all business matters on these days. Emergency calls will be answered as soon as possible.

**OPLATKY**

The *Oplatky* (Christmas Wafers) are available after masses this weekend and for as long as supplies last before Christmas. You may also come to the rectory during business hours and purchase them as well. \$2.00 for a pack of 4.

***SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!*****ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

Each Season our neighboring parishes take turns with hosting Advent/Lenten Penance Services. The schedule for Advent is as follows:

Sunday, Dec. 16, St. Ignatius, Kingston, 7pm

Tuesday, Dec. 18, Holy Family, Luzerne, 7pm

Thursday, Dec. 20, St. John the Baptist, Larksville, 7pm

If none of these times and days suit your needs, please contact the rectory to set up an appointment for your Christmas Confession as soon as possible. Otherwise there will be one additional opportunity for confessions on Saturday, December 22nd from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. here at Seton. Only 1 priest will be available on that day so please try to take advantage of the services at the neighboring parishes.

**MALTY FIRE CO. BOOT DRIVE**

This weekend, Dec. 15/16, after all Masses, the Maltby Fire Co. will be having their Boot Drive Collection.

**THANK YOU CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN**

On behalf of the parish, Fr. Joe would like to acknowledge and thank the members of CCW for their generous donation to the parish at their recent Christmas party. A check for \$3000.00 was given to the parish on behalf of the organization. Thank you for your generosity!!! We appreciate your efforts!

**BULLETIN PRINTING**

I wish to thank our faithful bulletin sponsors for placing an ad with us. I am appealing to all business owners. We need more advertisers to be able to continue to print our bulletin each week. We are not fulfilling our end of the deal with enough advertisers for Pilot Bulletins to service our parish. Ads are readily available, in color and very reasonably priced. Please call Paul this week at 617-779-3771 to see what can be done to help draw attention to your business and help your parish out at the same time. Thank you for considering this special request.

-Gratefully, - Fr. Joe

**MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Attention all CCD Instructors, Choir Members, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Youth Ministry Adult Volunteers, and anyone else who performs a regular ministry in our parish. Let's get together and celebrate Our Lord's Birth by honoring all of you. Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (the 12th Day of Christmas), from 2-6PM for an appreciation party with a catered meal, refreshments, and a little music provided by a DJ. In order to help us properly plan for the party, please RSVP by calling Lori at the rectory by Thursday, December 27th, or leave a message with your name, phone number, and the number of people in your party. We look forward to celebrating the Epiphany with all of you in our parish hall.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

A *heartfelt thank you* to everyone who donated Christmas gifts to the giving tree. Your response has been "**TREE**" **MENDOUS!!!** May God bless you abundantly for all the smiles, joy, and love that your kindness will bring to the many children, families, and elderly when they receive their presents.



**COLLECTIONS 12/9/12**

Sunday Offering: \$6727.50

Dues: \$4402.45

Immac. Conception: \$1991.49

Loose: \$271.80

Other: \$433.00

Retirement for Religious: \$1991.49

***Thank you for your generosity!! God bless you!*****DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, & the Office for Parish Life invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2013 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 16. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Please call Lori at the office to request an invitation, with your mailing address, before Feb. 8th.

**RED CROSS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

The American Red Cross needs you! Blood Drive Volunteer opportunities: Appointment Manager, Canteen Procedures, and Pre-sign Manager. Please call Pauline Andel, Blood Services Coordinator, at 823-7161, ext 340, or email her at : pauline.schwalm-andel@redcross.org

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE THIS WEEKEND**

Christmas Ornaments on sale for \$6.00 after all masses this weekend. The ornaments were created by students of the School of the Holy Childhood, a school for children with disabilities in Rochester, NY, to benefit St. Damien Children's Hospital, Port au Prince, Haiti, founded by Fr. Rick Frechette, Passionist priest & physician.



We are very close to reaching our parish goal for this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you to all who have pledged or given a gift so far in the campaign. We are only about \$3,000.00 short of our goal. The small gifts are adding up fast! If you have not yet pledged, please considering doing so now. Envelopes are at the entrance of the Church for your convenience. With your help, we can make a difference in the lives of people who are in need across our diocese. Thank you for considering this request. Here are the latest numbers:

28.53% (384 out of 1,346) gave/pledged  
DAA 2012 Goal: \$45,000.00  
Total Raised: \$41,935.00  
(Under): (\$3,065.00)

**REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY****TEEN MASS Jan. 13 Teen Mass, 5pm****All Saints, Plymouth****Sunday, January 27th**

**Regional Rec Room OPEN & INFO NIGHT hosted by St. Ignatius Leadership Team. 6:00 pm –7:00 pm 6th, 7th & 8th graders AND 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (High School)**

**Sunday, February 10th**

5pm, Regional Teen Mass, Social & Speaker Series  
(St. Ignatius)

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, December 17th**

8:00 a.m. Joan Dougherty

Phil Bosha

**Tuesday, December 18th*****O Sapientia***

8:00 a.m. Philip Ansilio

M/M Anthony Kondracki

**Wednesday, December 19th*****O Adonai***

8:00 a.m. John A. Viercinski

Rich &amp; Betsy Evanoski

**Thursday, December 20th*****O Radix Jesse***

8:00 a.m. Michael &amp; Helen Mesaros

Harry &amp; Ruth Yekel

**Friday, December 21st*****O Clavis David***

8:00 a.m. Mary Roccograndi

Eleanor Emmert

**Saturday, December 22nd****(Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent)*****O Oriens***

4:00 p.m. Elizabeth A. Farber

John &amp; Bernie Connell

5:30 p.m. Rosarii Rosentel

Sons &amp; Families

**Sunday, December 23rd****4th Sunday of Advent*****O Rex Gentium***8:30 a.m. *Pro Populo*

10:00 a.m. Edward Krogulski

Wife &amp; Family

11:30 a.m. Chester Stanishefski

Wife &amp; Son

**IN MEMORIAM** Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord...~Andrew Husovsky

**E**mmanuel (God is with us)  
**R**ex Gentium (King)  
**O**riens (Morning Star)  
**C**lavis David (Key of David)  
**R**adix Jesse (Root of Jesse)  
**A**donai (Lord)  
**S**apientia (Wisdom)

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

~In Memory of Richard & Edward Mizenko  
 ~In Memory of Joseph Koschella

**Presider's Schedule December 22-23**

4:00 p.m. Urban

5:30 p.m. Pisaneschi

8:30 a.m. Guest

10:00 a.m. Pisaneschi

11:30 a.m. Urban

***Scripture for the week of December 16, 2012***

16	SUN	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
17	Mon	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
18	Tue	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
19	Wed	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
20	Thurs	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
21	Fri	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
22	Sat	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

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## Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

## Parish Staff

- Rev. Joe Pisaneschi Pastor
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Brian Williams Regional Youth Minister
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance

### Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The Sacrament is celebrated bi-monthly after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated in 2014 by one of the Diocesan Bishops. Children must be consecutively registered in our Religious Education Program to be eligible to receive.

### Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the paper work necessary.

### Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact one of the Priests or the Deacon.

### Penance

Is celebrated Saturday from 3:15 p.m.-3:50 p.m.  
Other times by request.

### Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

If you or a relative or friend is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or is homebound. Please contact the Parish Office for a Pastoral Visit. Holy Communion is brought to those who request it on First Fridays.

### **Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday 8:30-4:00  
Closed Holidays and Holy Days

### **Direct Contacts**

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684

Regional Youth Ministry Office: 570-288-6446

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

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Youth Ministry email: SJBrian2aol.com