

The Seton Sentinel

DECEMBER 17, 2017

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear





Church Decorating

Today is the last day to return your presents for the Giving Tree. Please return the gifts with the **TAG ATTACHED**. If for some reason you forgot your gift today, please bring it to the rectory tomorrow, Monday, December 18th by noon. Thank you for all your help in this year's project!

Today, Sunday, December 17th, following the 11:30 am Mass, we will begin the monumental task of getting the church ready for the Christmas Celebrations. That means, we need LOTS of help! This is a good chance for service hours for High School, Confirmation, and other students. Also, we need strong men to carry over trees, nativities, hang wreaths, etc. We can use all the help we can get.

THE SETON SENTINEL
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Parish

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Office Hours: Monday–
Thursday 8:30 to 5:00

Friday 8:30 to 3:00

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only



Last Chance for Tickets!!!

WIN!!!

*Santa's New Sleigh or
Santa's Sack of Cash!!!*

The drawing is this Sunday, December 17th
after the 5:30 pm mass.

Tickets are available after or
before masses
this weekend or until the drawing.

Only 500 tickets will be sold for the
2018 Chevy Malibu
or the \$15,000.00 in cash

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

Reconciliation Saturdays
3:15pm to 3:45pm or by
appointment

Mission Statement:

*"We are Called.... To act with
Justice, To love Tenderly, To
Serve One Another, To Walk
Humbly with God"*

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David
Haas



OPLATKI AVAILABLE



The Christmas Wafers are available in the vestibule before and after masses today, while supplies last. Donation is \$5 per package of six wafers.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

“Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that call for time and money. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us...Let us pray that this liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives.” Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

PRAYER CHAIN

The next meeting of our Prayer Chain is on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 9am in our church hall. Please join us!



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



Christmas
Masses

*Christmas Eve: 4:00pm, 6:00pm,
and 10:00pm*

Christmas Day: 8:30am & 11:00am

Please note the alteration in next Sunday’s Mass Schedule: There is **no 11:30 Mass on Sunday, December 24th.**



RESPECT LIFE MASS

The Annual Respect Life Mass, sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Councils, Knights of Columbus, will be held at St. Faustina Parish, Hanover St., Nanticoke, Sunday, January 14, 2018, at the 11:00am Mass. The Knights, along with Pro-Life representatives, will offer prayer intentions during the Mass for a greater respect of all Human Life & to end abortion. January is Respect Life month as abortion was legalized on January 22, 1973. Since then, upwards of 60 million innocent unborn children have been aborted. Father Nash, Pastor, warmly invites all to attend & to pray for the most vulnerable of Human Lives, those with disabilities, the ill, & the unborn.

GIVING BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR:

To receive tax credit for your parish donations, all 2017 donations should be received by December 31, 2017. Should you wish to make a donation before the end of the year, please place it in the collection basket at any time before January 1, 2018 or stop by the rectory. You may also send in your offerings. We will graciously help you in this matter. Thank you for considering your parish at this time of the year.



We kindly ask that you remember all of the needs of our parish in the Christmas Collection next week. We are reliant on this collection to catch-up on overdue bills and help with extra winter expenses. Many Thanks.



**MARCH FOR LIFE
BUS**

For information regarding a local bus going to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 19th, please contact Mr. Chris Calore, PA for Human Life Representative, at 570-824-5621.



Third Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 18th, Youth Choir Christmas Play at 6:15 in church hall

A reminder to parents in the event of inclement weather to check the message on the Religious Education Department's Direct Phone Line at 570-287-4587 to see if classes are cancelled.

Classes for December:

Monday: Dec. 18 (Christmas Play on the 18th))

No Class: Dec. 23, 25, 30 & Jan 1

Classes resume: Jan. 6 & 8

Sunday, Jan 7th, 11am:

6th Grade Family Mass followed by coffee & donuts in church hall.

Bereavement Group



Many people who have experienced the loss of a loved one don't know that the grieving process takes time. We can't "just get over it" and there is no easy way to get through our painful feelings of loss. To learn more about what to expect as you grieve your loss, a Bereavement Group will be meeting which you would be welcomed to join. Call the parish office for more information or to join the group.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton now has a licensed therapist on our Pastoral Staff. If you think you may benefit from this ministry, please contact Fr. Joe for a referral. All inquiries will be held in the strictest confidences. This is above and beyond what Father can do by himself in spiritual direction or advisement.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Holy Family, Luzerne, Dec. 17 at 3:00 pm

St. Ignatius, Kingston, Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm

St. Therese, Shavertown, Dec. 18th at 7:00 pm

St. John, Larksville, Dec 19th at 7:00 pm



Confessions at Seton

Saturdays from 3:15-3:45

In addition, there will be an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation on **Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30 pm** and **Saturday, December 23rd at 11:30 am**

Please take advantage of the Penance Services listed above. Don't wait until the last minute to make your Christmas Confession.

Holiday Office Hours

Thurs., Dec. 21st, 8:30am-12noon

Friday, Dec. 22nd, 8:30am-12 noon

Monday, Dec. 25th Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 26th Closed

Please hold all non-urgent calls until Wed., December 27th, during normal office hours. The schedule for Masses is listed in this bulletin. Please save the schedule and refer to it or access the schedule on-line at setonpa.com instead of calling the rectory. Thank you.



Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Bosha
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass
Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Pastoral Care Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi V.F
Pastor

Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate

Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist

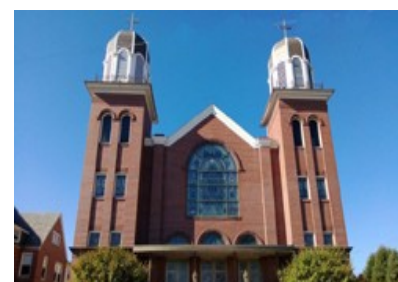
Monica Salis
Business Manager

Marge Semanek
Director of Music

Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious
Education

Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon





CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PLAY

“A Christmas Tale”
based on a “Christmas Carol”

Monday, December 18th

6:30pm in our church hall

Admission is Free

Everyone is welcome!

Come and See this Magnificent Production of our parish children!

Our parish was the recipient of a bequest made by our dearly departed Deacon Pete Hoegen.

We are truly grateful to his estate and his thoughtfulness to our parish community. Rev.

Mr. Peter Hoegen served Holy Name-St.Mary's Parish during the 1990's.

Please remember Deacon Pete and his family in your prayers. We also ask that you consider remembering our parish in your final plans.



Bold Choices Retreat

(Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully)

Join us for a young adult (18-35) retreat at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit January 5-6. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more. Cost is \$65.00. For more information and/or to register, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

Once again, our Sincere Thanks to all who helped our Parish reach our goal for the **Diocesan Annual Appeal!** There is still time to donate. Remember that after our goal is met, 75% of what is contributed over the goal comes back to our parish. This is a great incentive to help the Diocese reach out to others! Envelopes are located at the entrance of the Church.

Beginning the weekend of

January 6/7, 2018

- **Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 pm**
- **Sunday Masses 8:30, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm.**
- **Monday-Friday Mass 12:10 pm**

Confessions Saturday 3:45– 4:15 pm



Direct Contacts

Office of Pastoral Care (Sr. Jane): 570-763-5160
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Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
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Prayer Chain Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in our church hall. Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confiden-



Mass Intentions

Offered for:

Requested by:

Monday	Dec. 18	8:00 am	Anna & Joseph Gulla		Irene Gulla
Tuesday	Dec. 19	8:00 am	Joseph Gibbons		Sister, Pat Quinn & Family
Wed	Dec. 20	8:00 am	William & Mary Sheehan		Daughter
Thursday	Dec. 21	8:00 am	Adam Mihalek		Wife, Theresa
Friday	Dec. 22	8:00 am	Richard Belza		Joan & Don Moss
Saturday	Dec. 23	4:00 pm	Joseph & Lois Koval	Children	Fr. Joe
Saturday	Dec. 23	5:30 pm	Rosarii Rosentel	Sons & Families	Fr. Urban
Sunday	Dec. 24	8:30 am	Peter Raymond	Family	Fr. Joe
Sunday	Dec. 24	10:00 am	Harry Jacobs	Jean Modlock & Family	Fr. Urban
Sunday	Dec. 24	4:00 pm	Christmas Mass Intentions		Fr. Joe
Sunday	Dec. 24	6:00 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>		Fr. Urban
Sunday	Dec. 24	10:00 pm	Christmas Mass Intentions		Fr. Joe
Monday	Dec. 25	8:30 am	Christmas Mass Intentions		Fr. Joe
Monday	Dec. 25	11:00 am	Christmas Mass Intentions		Fr. Joe

RECENTLY DEPARTED

~*John Tressa*~~~*Edward Harkins III*~~~*Donald Washko*~~~ May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



~In Memory of Beatrice Skiengel offered by Husband & Family
~In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family

