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December | 8 | 2024

2nd
Sunday
of Advent



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Luke 3:4

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Eucharist

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday &
Friday 8:00am
No Mass on Wednesday
Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

Connect with us:



*"Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they
will be called children
of God"* (Matthew 5:9)

Confessions:

Saturday 3:30-3:45pm or you
may call Fr. Chmil for an
appointment

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Worship

Intention

Requested by

Monday, December 9

8:00am Elaine Mikolosko

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Tuesday, December 10

8:00am Agnes Mesaros & Al Baloga

Nieces, Theresa Yurko & Susan

Wednesday, December 11

No Daily Mass

Thursday, December 12

8:00am Mary Beth Hanadel

Gerney/Marcin Family

Friday, December 13

8:00am Living Members of Priests' Purgatorial Society

Saturday, December 14

4:00pm Joseph Danowski

Family

Sunday, December 15

8:30am James Alba

Dawn D'aries Zera

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

Daughter/Sister, Josie Kandrak & Family

5:30pm George Sisko Jr. & Jean

Daughter, Christine

Prayer



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please join us on

**Tuesday evenings from 5pm to 7pm
in the church. Come spend a few
minutes or longer with Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament.**



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of~~ **David Givens**~~ offered by Loving Family
~~In Memory of~~ **Frank Wachala**~~ offered by Family



**ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS--The Rosary will be
prayed for vocations after daily mass.**

PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

~~Kathleen Gorman~~

**May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the
Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

OPLATKI

**OPLATKI (Christmas Wafers) is available in the church vestibule on
the weekends of Advent or by calling the rectory. The wafers are
located on the table in the vestibule. Donation is \$5 for each pack
of 4 wafers. It will be done on the honor system, so please bring
the correct amount for the basket next to the Oplatki.**

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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes are on Sat. from 9am-10:15am and on Mon. from 6pm-7:15pm.

Saturday Classes: Dec. 14 (no classes on Dec. 21 and 28).

Monday Classes: Dec. 9, 16 (No classes on Dec. 23 and 30).

PARENT MEETING TODAY FOR 7TH GRADE PRE-CONFIRMATION CLASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH: 7TH GRADE STUDENTS & THEIR PARENTS ARE TO ATTEND THE SUNDAY, 5:30PM MASS, FOLLOWED BY A SHORT MEETING IN THE CHURCH HALL. **Our 7th grade students will be ENROLLED in our Confirmation Program at this mass, and each student will be given their own Bible.** IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION PACKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING. Letters have been mailed home to both the parents of our 7th Grade CCD classes and to parents of our 7th Grade Catholic School students. Students are welcome to attend the meeting.

2025 CHURCH CALENDARS

THANK YOU, WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME!!! Our 2025 church calendars are located on the tables at the church entrance. Please take one home with you. We want to thank **WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 1442 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, for sponsoring our church calendars. May God bless you always!

ADVENT PIROHY SALE THIS WEEKEND

We will be selling our frozen pirohy THIS Saturday/Sunday, December 7th & 8th after all masses in the school cafeteria, while supplies last. Cost is \$12/dozen.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Appeal is in progress. Envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance, if you haven't already donated. If you already received a letter in the mail, please respond. Gifts of any size are welcome and participation is important. God bless you for your kindness.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY THANKSGIVING RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the lucky winners!!!!

JoAnn Prohaska \$1000, Ray Knaub \$400, Dee Kovaleski \$400

Proceeds will benefit the HNS Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you to all who supported our organization God's blessings to all.



HELP US GET THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS!!

Help up put up the trees and wreaths, garland, and manger on Sunday, December 22nd, at 12:30pm. Lots of hands will mean light work. Please lend a hand if you can! 7th & 8th grade Confirmation students, this is a great opportunity for church service hours. Just come to the church around 12:30.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Our SCC will be hosting a "Polar Express" Christmas Movie Night for children 4 years old and up on Friday, December 13th, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm in the church hall. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Parents, feel free to drop off your children and get some Christmas shopping done or go out for dinner. Please bring a throw blanket for sitting during the movie. Cozy, comfortable attire recommended. Please see the sign up sheets in the back of the church.

LIFELINE SCREENING here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall

Thursday, December 12th Lifeline Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. Call 1-800-679-5191 to make appointment.

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE.DAWN--10 DAY CRUISE TO 8 PORTS IN IRELAND, JULY 7TH-18TH, 2025

Monsignor David L. Tressler, Pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston, & Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, will serve as Chaplain on this 10-day Ireland Cruise. The trip will depart on Monday, July 7, 2025, and return on Friday, July 18, 2025. We will have roundtrip motorcoach to & from Newark Int'l Airport. The flight will be on United Airlines nonstop to Southampton & depart from Southampton to Newark nonstop. We will visit 8 ports in Ireland which include: Waterford, Cork (Cobh), Dingle, Foynes (Limerick), Galway, Killybegs, Dublin and Belfast, Northern Ireland. The island is approximately 300 miles north to south and 175 miles east to west. Although small, it has so much to offer with its beautiful scenery, welcoming people, and many historical sites. Also included is a highlight tour of London on the 18th! The cruise includes a beverage package, specialty dining, & 150 free internet minutes, transfers & fees is priced starting at \$4495.00 /person based on double occupancy for an Oceanview stateroom. To obtain a brochure, further questions, or to make a reservation, call John Madden 570-342-5790 at Travelworld.

"My Kingdom does not belong to this world." Help lead others to Christ and to know His merciful love. Prayerfully consider He may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or email: info@dioceseofscranton.org

A **Christmas Cookie Walk** will be held on Saturday, Dec 14, from 10am to 1pm in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Hall, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. Choose from dozens of delicious homemade cookies for only \$10/lb. Lottery ticket theme basket & 50/50 raffle. Be aware this is not a nut free environment.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Kate Leahy, a fellow member of the Scranton Diocesan Chapter of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, along with the mental health ministry committee at Divine Mercy Parish, Scranton (Minooka), will be hosting a very special service, *Blue Christmas*, on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in Divine Mercy Parish Church, 312 Davis St., Scranton, which is intended to bring comfort, spiritual word and song, and accompaniment to those who may be troubled or experiencing mental or emotional stress at the holiday time. In brief, the service is a mix of sacred readings and music, scripture, congregational prayer, reflection time, congregational candle lighting, etc. The service follows the Saturday Vigil Liturgy; Blue Christmas does not include Liturgy of the Eucharist.

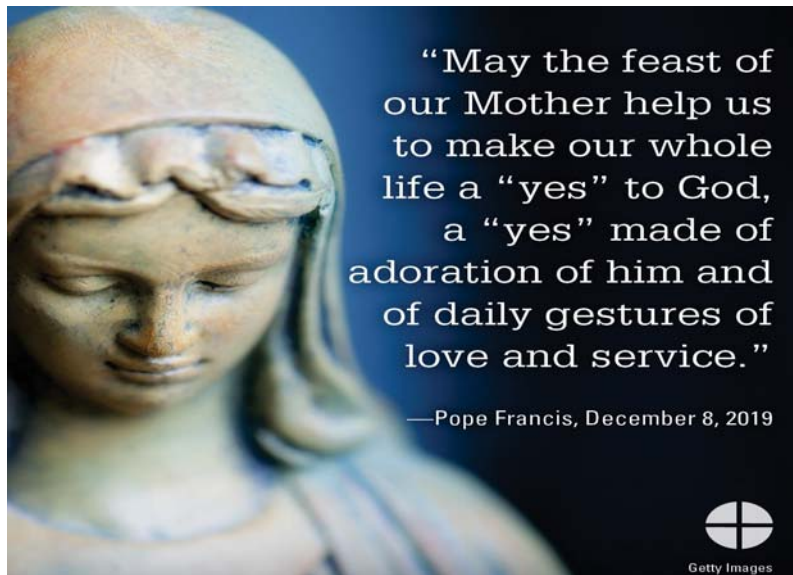
BECOME A "KNIGHT" BEFORE CHRISTMAS -~IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

All men 18 years of age and older are encouraged to join. Please call/text Grand Knight, Mark Perugino, at 570-262-2896 for information. Our induction Ceremony is this Tuesday, Dec. 10th, at 6pm in our church hall.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH SANTA TODAY!!!

Sunday, December 8, 2024 9am to 1pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville
Adults: \$10 Children 12 & under: \$5
Tickets available at the door
Questions? Call Mark: 570-262-2896



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT 11/09/2024

DAA 2024 Goal: \$55,801.00
% to Goal: 57.62%

Total Committed: \$32,152.00
Balance to Achieve Goal: \$23,649.00

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

WEEKEND OF November 23/24, 2024

REGULAR: \$7327.00 DUES: \$891.00
ALL SAINTS: \$51.00 ASSESSMENT: \$60.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: \$1886.00
E-OFFERING: Reg. \$379.03 Dues: \$171.07

DIOCESAN:

Care & Education of Priests: \$25.00
Campaign Human Dev.: \$469.00

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Ways to Give:



Online: www.setonpa.com



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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ,

Pray for us!



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

We are still accepting Gerrity's and Price Chopper Gift Cards for Christmas. Please put in an envelope, and mark "Grocery Gift Cards". You may drop in collection basket, office door brass mail slot, mail, or bring to the rectory. Thank you!!!

Please return all gifts for the **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**, wrapped and with the tag attached by December 15th. Thanks so much for whatever you can do. May God bless your generosity and kindness!

2024 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Confessions

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 21, 2024 3:30 pm–3:45 pm

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2024

8:30 am & 11:00 am

PEACE IN THE WOMB CHRISTMAS CAROLING

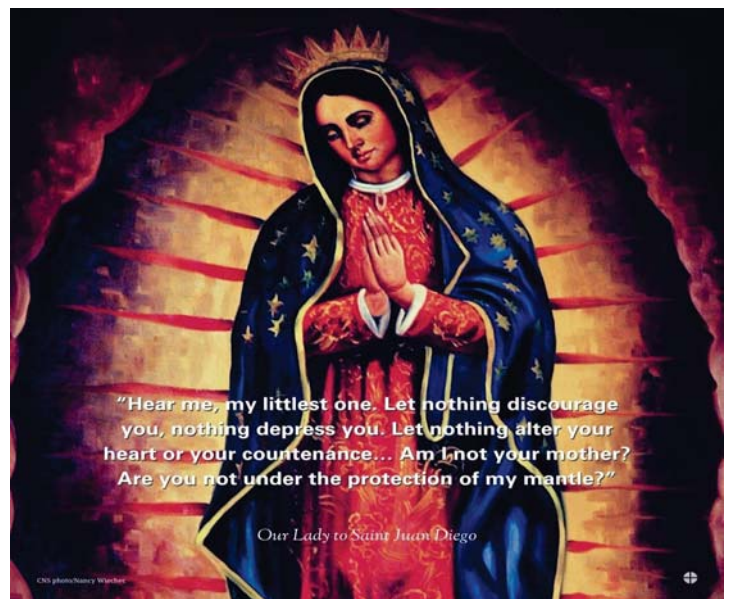
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 2PM, AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, 101 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, across from King's College. Abortion pill is sold at this facility. Free street parking available. Organized nationally by the Pro-Life Action League. Sponsored by: Order of Alhambra, A Catholic organization dedicated to assisting those with special needs. Live music by Ernie Pappa. Call Ada Magni for more info: 570-693-1338

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Our Pro-Life Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the church hall after Holy Hour. The rosary will be said at 6:45 in church to end abortion.

"Life is a gift from God, and every person has dignity and worth because each is made in the image of God."

~~Billy Graham, American Evangelist



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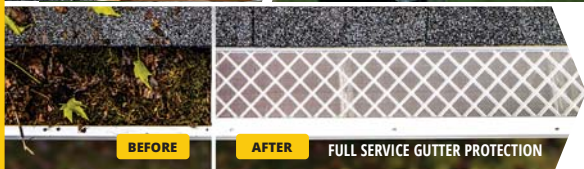
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