

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother
Monday, December 8, 2014



THE SETON SENTINEL

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014



ONLINE GIVING

Is now available in association with



myEoffering



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WHAT IS myEoffering?

myEoffering is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We chose to use myEoffering because they are part of a trusted, Christian family-owned company, who have been serving the needs of churches for nearly 100 years. Their product is solid, secure, easy, and convenient.

WHY SHOULD I USE myEoffering?

Many of you already pay for most of your purchases electronically, whether online or with a credit or debit card. So we have decided to offer this service as a convenience to you - you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every Sunday. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. You can set the donations to match your pay periods, and even send your one-time donations to the special offerings we may have from time-to-time. This new service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or even your mobile device. Now you can control how and when you give your tithes.

HOW DOES IT HELP?

Online giving is the future. In the lifetime of our young people, we will see electronic payments overshadow traditional methods of paper payments. In order to position ourselves to continue doing the work of God in the future and to make it as convenient as possible to be a cheerful giver to God's work, we have decided to offer online giving to you. In addition to easier access to giving and more engagement with young stewards, online offering has many benefits for the church. It allows us to more easily track contributions for budgeting. It saves us from manually tracking those contributions every week. It saves us from large fees on check processing and allows us to more accurately forecast expenditures and needs.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Signing up is as simple as going to our church website listed above and look for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the myEoffering page for our church. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! Or scan the code to the right with your mobile device to get started now.

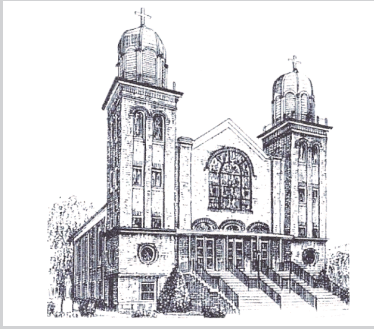


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 Monday– Friday
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Weekends and Evenings
by appointment only

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th

Today, Sunday, December 7th, our parish will pause for A Day of Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 11:30 a.m. Mass and adoration will continue until 5:15 with Benediction, and then the Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 pm. Even if you did not sign-up, please come and spend some time in prayer before Our Lord, present in the mystery of His Body and Blood on the Altar.

DECEMBER 8th HOLY DAY

Monday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because it falls on a Monday, we will host a special mass this (Sunday) afternoon that will be in honor of the Holy Day, not a Sunday Obligation Mass. You will need to go to mass twice between Saturday afternoon and Monday evening to fulfill both obligations. If you go on Sunday morning, you may also come Sunday afternoon and receive Holy Communion because it is two different celebrations. The Schedule for the Holy Day will be: Sunday, December 7th, at 5:30 p.m. and Monday, December 8th, at 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

SEAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST TODAY

The Knights Annual All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet is being held today, Sunday, December 7th, from 9am to 1pm. Cost is \$7/adults and \$4/children. The breakfast will be held in our school cafeteria. Tickets will be sold at the door.

OPLATKI SALE

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

ADVENT PIROHY SALES

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Altar Guild will sponsor this year's Advent Pirohy Sale on Dec. 12th and 19th. Due to the increase in cost of ingredients, the cost will be \$7.00/dozen. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. We will need lots of help making the pirohy!!! Volunteers are needed. Come to the school cafeteria at 8am on the Fridays of the sales.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word continues this Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All of our younger parishioners are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word designed especially for young ears! Children will be dismissed after the Gathering Rite to the basement to hear God's Word and then will rejoin their parents and the rest of the community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All children are most welcome to participate and are welcome each Sunday of Advent.

DON'T FORGET NEXT WEEKEND:

THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree Project will come to a close next Sunday, December 15th. If you took a tag, please return it attached to the gift and bring it back to the church by next weekend. If you were unable to fulfill the gift, please bring back the tag so we can make other arrangements. Thank you for your assistance in this project!

CHURCH HOLIDAY DECORATING DATE REMINDERS

The Art and Environment Committee will begin to decorate our church on Sunday, December 21st, at 1:00 pm. Lots of help is needed! Strong backs and ladder climbers are in particular demand. Please come back after masses to help us if

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir
 Phil Bosha
Maintenance
 Chris Calore
Maintenance
 Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
 Terry Jankoviak
Director of Faith Formation
 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

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
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 570-287-4587
 Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
 Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
 pray for us!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We are getting closer to our parish goal of **\$47,000.00** for this year's Annual Appeal. Thank you so much to all who have contributed or pledged so far. We have raised **\$42,205.00** to date. If anyone has not given yet, please do so at this time so we can reach our goal. We **need \$4,759.00** to reach our goal. Every dollar gets us closer. Remember, there is no such thing as a small gift. Everyone's contribution helps those in need in our diocese. God bless you for your generosity!

REPLICA OF ST. ELZABETH ANN SETON STATUE

"St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Child"
 Sister Margaret has offered to cast 9" replica statues of the sculpture now located in front of our church to our parishioners. A sample is located at the church entrance this weekend and you may order your copy of the statue for a \$50.00 donation by signing the order sheet located near the statue. Payment will be due when you pick up the statue. It would make a great gift for a fellow parishioner!

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING AT SETON

Our parish will host training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on three consecutive Thursday evenings during January: Jan 8, 15, and 22nd beginning at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Attendance at all three sessions is required for certification for ministry in our parish. We would like to gather some names for this ministry and extend the invitation. If you know of someone who you think would make a good addition to our EM team, please call Lori at the rectory and give their name.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Confessions: Regularly scheduled Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45
 Saturday, December 20th 11:00 am-12:30pm
 Monday, December 22nd 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
 These will be the only times for Reconciliation this season in our parish.

Area Penance Services:

You are also invited to participate in the following Parish Penance Services:
 Tuesday, December 16th, 7:00 pm at St. John's in Larksville
 Sunday, December 21st at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius of Loyola in Kingston.
 If unable to make any of these times, call the rectory to set up an appointment.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

December 24th, Christmas Eve: 4:00, 5:30, 9:00 pm
December 25th Christmas Day: 12:00 Mid, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am.

**COLLECTION REPORT
 November 22/23, 2014**

SUNDAY: \$8662.78 DUES: \$413.00
 LOOSE: \$540.97 **TOTAL: \$8573.81**

May God bless you for your generosity



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 9th, at 7pm in the school cafeteria. New members are welcome.

The annual "Christ is Christmas" Campaign will be held by our Knights of Columbus in the church vestibule after all Masses now through Christmas. We will be selling beautiful Christmas cards, magnets, and pins.

In conjunction with the "Christ is Christmas" Campaign, our Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a **"Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest"**. There will be a \$25.00 First Prize gift card in each age group category (which will be Boys and Girls 5 to 7, 8 to 10, and 11 to 14). Place your theme drawing in the box located near the Reconciliation Room. Deadline is Sunday, December 14th.

Rules for Contest:

~Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas

~Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan, & any visual image)

~Poster must be 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk, or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.

~Each poster must be submitted in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest box, located in the back of the church. The name & age of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster.

~All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. ~Poster will not be returned.

SEAS CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our Christian Mothers will attend the 11:30am Mass and receive in a body prior to their Christmas Party in the church hall on Sunday, December 14th. Please meet in the church hall at 11:15am. Members are reminded to bring a package of diapers as our Christmas Gift to the Pro-Life Center.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Church Hall, Monday, Dec. 22nd, 12:30-6pm.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT/SCHOLARSHIP TEST for interested public and private school 8th graders—Saturday, December 13th, at 8:30am. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at 570-829-2424.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL SEASONAL CONCERT—Sunday, December 14th at 3pm. All are welcome.

The **Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA** cordially invites you to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Sunday, Dec. 7th, at 2:00pm at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 663 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Come & join us for a wonderful afternoon of singing Slovak Christmas Carols & sharing Christmas memories.

New Christmas Play: Camillus the Clumsy Christmas Camel "Living" Nativity 2014—St John the Baptist Church, Larksville, 4pm (Christmas Eve Vigil mass immediately follows). The Rev. Gerald Gurka's new play intersects legends of the 3 Kings, their camels, and Mary's Flowers on the First Christmas.

The First Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on April 25, 2015, at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. The event will feature 2 nationally known speakers: Fr. Larry Richards, author of "Be a Man", and Damon Owens of the Theology of the Body Institute. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, as well as devotional prayers. Please save the date & plan to join Bishop Joseph Bambera, many clergy, & all faithful brothers who will be participating in an effort to build up the Church. For more information, contact Men's Conference co-chairs: Glenn Yanik, at gmyanik@epix.net or 570-362-0417, or Michael Kilmer at michaelkilmer71@gmail.com or 570-746-0100.

LIFELINE SCREENING AT SEAS....St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is pleased to offer a preventive health event. LifeLine Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive & painless health screenings on 1/8/2015. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests & osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event & to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

Eucharistic Worship Schedule and Intentions *Second Week of Advent*

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m.	John Hrivnak	
12:10 p.m.	Alice Chronowski	Richard & Betsy Evanoski
5:30 p.m.	Hilary Bonin	Mikina Family

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 a.m.	Stephen Kutz	Barbara
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Wednesday, December 10

8:00 a.m.	Lottie Chipego	Jill Marie, Venessa, & Kayleigh Derwin
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Thursday, December 11

8:00 a.m.	Margaret Kaschak	Joann Rovinski, Brooke & Family
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Friday, December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:00 a.m.	Gerard Rooney	Don & Barbara Stevens
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Saturday, December 13 (vigil: Third Sunday of Advent)

4:00 p.m.	Sharon & Joseph Kuhar	Kuhar Family
5:30 p.m.	Thomas M. Gill	M/M Sebastian Piccillo

Sunday, December 14 **Third Sunday of Advent**

8:30 a.m.	Geraldine Margallis	Donna & Darlene Rybka
10:00 a.m.	Pro Populo	
11:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of Confraternity of Christian Mothers	



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~In Memory of Stephen M. Sapack offered by daughter, Joan & Family
 ~In Memory of Adolph & Mary Jarensky offered by Children

Celebrant's Schedule

December 7-8 *Immaculate Conception*

5:30 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi
8:00 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
12:10 pm	Fr. Urban
5:30 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi

December 13-14

4:00 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm	Fr. Urban
8:00 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am	Fr. Urban
11:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi



SUNDAY AFTERNOON MASS TO BE ADDED TO OUR PARISH SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, February 15, 2015, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will offer the 5:30 pm Contemporary Sunday Eucharist. The mass will be geared toward young adults but all are most welcome to attend. Especially those whose work and other schedules make it difficult to attend morning masses on Sunday.