

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA



*“I am the voice of the one crying out in the wilderness.”*

## THE SETON SENTINEL

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014



# ONLINE GIVING

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## 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.

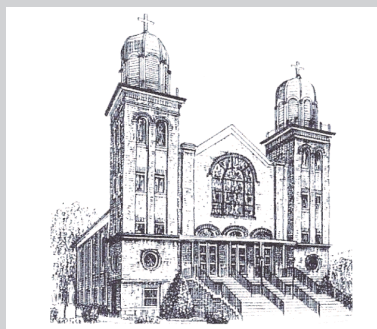


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**Office Hours:**

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.

**THE GIVING TREE**

Our Giving Tree Project will come to a close today, December 14th. If you forgot your present today you may drop it off at the rectory tomorrow, Monday, December 15th. Monday will be the final day to get them back to us.

**WELCOME SEMINARIAN MICHAEL DREVITCH**

We welcome back to our parish, Michael Drevitch, a 3rd year Theology Student from the Diocese of Scranton, studying at St. Mary’s Seminary and University at Roland Park, MD. Michael will be ordained a transitional deacon this May and to the priesthood the following June. He will be assisting us over the Christmas holiday. Please introduce yourself to Michael and keep him and the other men of our diocese studying for the priesthood in your prayers daily.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

**Confessions:**

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. There will be several priests available at both of these services to hear your confession.

**OPLATKI SALE**

The Seton Confraternity of Christian Mothers will continue to offer the Christmas Wafers after masses continuing this weekend. Offering is \$5.00/pack. They will also be available in the rectory during office hours as well.

**ADVENT PIROHY SALES**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s Altar Guild will sponsor this year’s final Advent Pirohy Sale on Dec. 19th. The cost is \$7.00/dozen. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. We need lots of help making the pirohy, even if you can only help an hour or two. Come to the school cafeteria Friday morning at 7am to help ball the potatoes, all others come at 8:30. Lunch will be served.

**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 , aged 5 to 5th grade, are invited to participate.

**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 you can.

**THANK YOU FROM SEAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our Knights want to thank everyone who helped with their Annual All-U-Can Eat Breakfast on Dec. 7th. Thanks also to everyone who came out and supported our breakfast, making it a great success!

**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):  
 570-763-5160  
 Faith Formation Office:  
 570-287-4587  
 Father Joe's email: [fatherjoey@aol.com](mailto:fatherjoey@aol.com)  
 Parish direct email: [setonpa@aol.com](mailto: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. Due to last week's Holy Day on Monday we have not received an updated tally this week from the diocese. At last count we still **need \$4,759.00** to reach our goal. Thank you so much for considering this request and may God bless you for your generosity!

**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.

**REPLICA OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON STATUE**

Sister Margaret has offered to cast 9" replica statues of the sculpture now located in front of our church to our parishioners. Please call Lori at the rectory to place your order. Payment will be due when you pick up the statue. It would make a great gift for a fellow parishioner!

**HOLIDAY FOOD ASSISTANCE**

Please contact Fr. Joe or our Pastoral Associate, Lori Raymond, if you are in need or know a family in our community who needs help this Christmas. Screened families & individuals may receive help with food for holiday meals. Please notify us now, as the holiday is approaching quickly. Thank you.

**PARISH MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, **Sunday, January 4th**, all ministers are cordially invited to attend the Annual Christmas Appreciation Party to be held in your honor. The party will be held from **2-5pm in the church hall** with a catered dinner & refreshments. In order to help us properly plan for the party, please RSVP by signing the sheet on the tables at the church entrance, or call Lori at the rectory by Friday, December 26th, or leave a message with your name & phone number. (Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate spouses & children who are not in ministries for this party.)

**COLLECTION REPORT  
 November 29/30, 2014**

SUNDAY: \$6335.45	DUES: \$426.00
LOOSE: \$ 338.40	<b>TOTAL: \$7099.85</b>

**May God bless you for your generosity!**

**THE SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism**

Expecting or new parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make the arrangements and if necessary, attend the Pre-Baptismal Session. The celebration of the Sacrament is usually held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

**Confirmation**

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. This year Bishop Dougherty will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible.

**Matrimony**

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible (no less than 6 months prior) to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work. The dates at the Church are not guaranteed until an actual meeting with the pastor takes place.

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. or anytime by request

**Anointing of the Sick**

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish Priest, day or night. When someone is very ill please do not wait to call the priest. It is better to have the sacrament of the sick sooner rather than at the last minute.

**For ordinary sick calls (Non-Emergency):**

Please notify the Parish Social Ministry Office at (570) 763-5160 if you would like a parish representative to visit a family member who is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home. In compliance with HIPAA regulations (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), health care facilities are required to protect the confidentiality and security of health data. Therefore, the only way that the parish can be informed of someone needing assistance is through notification by a family member or friend.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

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.



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

Schedule your appointment today. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: **SEASP**

**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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

**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 **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](mailto:gmyanik@epix.net) or 570-362-0417, or Michael Kilmer at [michaelkilmer71@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkilmer71@gmail.com) or 570-746-0100.

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS & CELEBRATION**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L, Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 21, 2015. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation should be made before March 16th, by contacting Father Joe or Lori Raymond, Pastoral Associate, at the rectory. 287-6624

**THE HAPPY ELF**...a story and lyrics by Harry Connick Jr., is coming to the Scranton Cultural Center. **Friends of the Poor** will receive a partial donation from ticket sales for opening night—**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH**. Tickets are available at 570-344-1111 or on the web at : [TheHappyElf.org](http://TheHappyElf.org). What a great way to celebrate the season with family and friends—or surprise someone special with gift tickets!!!

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

## **Eucharistic Worship Schedule and Intentions**

### *Third Week of Advent*

**Monday, December 15**

8:00 a.m. Edward Stofko M/M Frank Czock

**Tuesday, December 16**

8:00 a.m. Josephine Charney son-in-law, Edward Champagne

**Wednesday, December 17**

8:00 a.m. Michael Kaschak Sr. Susan Bayer & Theresa Yurko

**Thursday, December 18**

8:00 a.m. Joseph Gibbons sister, Pat Quinn & Family

**Friday, December 19**

8:00 a.m. Gulla & Regeski Families Irene Gulla

**Saturday, December 20** (vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent)

4:00 p.m. Richard E. Mizenko Roberta Pepperling

5:30 p.m. Lillian Jackloski Family

**Sunday, December 21** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 a.m. Carl Stravinski John & Christine

10:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**

11:30 a.m. Joseph E. Barush Rich & Betsy Evanoski



**SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS**

~In Memory of Joseph C. Rollman offered by wife, Jeanne & Children

~In Memory of Stella & Michael Papciak offered by daughter, Elaine & son-in-law, Richard



Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her~~**Eileen**

**Bernoski**~~ May her soul and the all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest In peace. Amen.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON MASS TO BE ADDED TO OUR PARISH SCHEDULE**

Through discussions with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Young Adults of our parish, it has been determined that beginning Sunday, February 15, 2015, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will offer the 5:30 pm Contemporary Sunday Eucharist. We would like this celebration to be a little different from our other scheduled parish masses. Hopefully, the youth and young adults from our parish will take the lead in the ministries for this mass. The music will be of the Contemporary Christian variety. Although this mass will be more or less geared for younger parishioners all will be invited to participate and attend. It may be helpful to those who have difficult work and other schedules on the weekends. We are hoping it will also be an outreach tool as well for those who feel out of place at traditional masses. More information to follow. For now, if any young person would like to volunteer to be part of this new music ministry, please call Lori at the rectory and give your name and your instrument played or let us know if you can sing.

**Celebrant's Schedule**

December 20-21

4:00 pm Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

8:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Urban

11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

