

The Seton Sentinel

November 29, 2020



First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

Mark 13:33

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Tuesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Because the obligation is suspended for Sundays and Holy Days by the Bishop, it is not necessary to attend Eucharist on this day. We will have our regular Tuesday morning Eucharist at 8:00am. This is the only mass of the Immaculate Conception this year.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Please note the changes in this year's Christmas Eucharist Schedule. Again, there is no obligation to attend mass on Christmas this year. We offer the following times for your convenience :

Thursday, December 24— Masses at 2:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Friday, December 25—Masses at 12:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am.

Please note: Reservations are not necessary to attend, however, if the church reaches allowed capacity, you may be asked to come back at another time for a different mass. There is to be no standing room and social distancing must be followed.

Sorry, No Advent Pirosy Sales

Please note that due to the rise in Covid cases, we are **NOT** having pirosy sales this year.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

All raffle tickets need be in to us no later than this Friday December 5th before 12 Noon. Please do not drop them in the collection basket after this weekend as they will not be placed in the barrel for the drawing. Drawing will be on December 8th. Thank you for your cooperation in this request for fundraising for the parish.

Christmas Giving Tree

Each year our parish reaches out to members of our community who are in need of help for the holidays. If you or someone you know is struggling, please contact Lori, Pastoral Associate, at our parish office. This year we **will not** have the Traditional Christmas Giving Tree with tags to buy gifts. We only ask if you are able, to please donate **Grocery Gift Cards** (Gerritys, Price Chopper, Walmart, Target, etc) that we will distribute to those in need. Please mark the envelope (with Gift card(s) enclosed) as follows: **Christmas Gift Cards.** Please drop in Collection Basket, office door mail slot, mail, or bring into rectory.

New Livestreaming Capability:

Thanks to the hard work of parishioner Bill Schultz we have installed new equipment to livestream our weekend Eucharist to you on facebook/setonpa and setonpa.com. Join us online Saturday at 5:00 pm or anytime thereafter to view mass for our parish. We will announce the Christmas Livestream Schedule soon. If you would like to assist in running the livestreaming equipment, call Father Joe at the office and we'll train you how to do it! You'll notice some big differences in the broadcasts with this equipment.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Because of your continued generosity, our Parish, its Ministry and Mission has been able to continue to operate during these months of the pandemic. Your support is needed now more than ever. While many of you are still not ready to return to mass in person, you have been very faithful in getting us your offerings on a regular basis through the basket, the mail, the rectory door slot, online and other ways. We are extremely thankful for however you get your offerings to us. Once again, Thank You for remembering your parish in this critical time.

Weekly Offering for the period ending November 14/15:
\$9569.25

Building & Maintenance (Nov): \$999.99

DIOCESAN:

Care & Education of Priests (Nov.): \$665.00

Greeters/Ushers Needed

As you can see we have a number of masses scheduled for Christmas Eve/Day. It is so important that we have enough people to welcome people in the church, count so that we stay under our corona limits, make sure people are wearing masks, helping them find seats, taking up the collection, etc., People who have not been coming to church these past several months will need direction as they will not know where to sit, how to go to communion, which door to exit, and other covid practices we have been doing. If you are able to help us in these matter, please fill out the form below so we know that our masses are all covered. You do not need to be a regular usher to help. Thank You.

Please fill this in and return as soon as possible:

I am able to help with the Greeting
and
Ushering at Christmas Mass. I will be
at the Christmas Eve Mass:
_____ 2:00pm
_____ 3:30 pm
_____ 5:00 pm
_____ 8:00 pm
_____ 10:00 pm
Christmas Day Mass:
_____ 12:00 am
_____ 8:00 am
_____ 9:30 am
_____ 11:00 am
Name _____
Phone _____
Lori will call you to confirm schedule.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS 2021

Lector Workbooks for Year B 2021 are located in the server sacristy. If you are not attending Mass right now, we will hold your book in the Server Sacristy until you are able to return.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

In person classes cancelled until January 23rd. Assignments should be completed at home and turned in on time to the Religious Ed Office. Stay Safe Everyone!

Assignments for Nov. and Dec 5/7 should be handed in by December 12th. Slow mail, email, or drop off in parish mail slot (office door), or drop off at office during regular office hours. Make sure the student's name and grade are on the envelope.

Assignments for December 12/14 to January 23/25 can be returned when the children return in January 23/25, **HOPEFULLY!!!**

Please check the parish website setonpa.com or our Facebook page for current updates. Parent meetings for Grades 2, 7 & 8, will also be posted there.

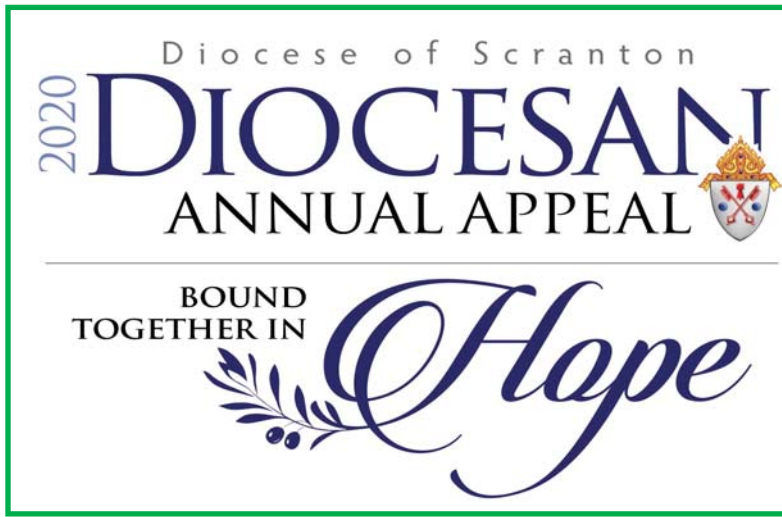
ALSO: One last REMINDER to our 9th Grade Confirmation class: All paperwork must be in by Monday, November 30th.

Any questions, please call Sister Marion at 570-287-6624, extension 116.

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"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"
(Mk 13: 35-37)





Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

2020 Goal:	\$44,000.00
Raised so far:	\$23,305.00
Needed:	\$20,695.00

Thank you to all who gave thus far!
 Envelopes are on the tables at the church entrances.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Thursday, January 14, 2021

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
 Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body

An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke

Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease

Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

BLOOD DRIVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020 IN CHURCH HALL, 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

The American Red Cross is urging donors who are healthy and feeling well to make an appointment to give blood to maintain the blood supply for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. More blood donors are needed now to ensure hospitals have the blood needed to save lives. The Red Cross is currently testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies, providing donors insight into whether they have been exposed to this coronavirus.

You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and use the Sponsor code SEASP. Streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Life's a Gift. Give More of It. [Please Donate Blood. Now more than ever!](#)

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegations of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30

6:30 am Francis & Dorothy Lukacinsky Donald, Marlene, & Denise

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 am Geraldine Gulla Husband, Tom & Children

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 am Theresa Mihalek Patti Wiatroski

Thursday, December 3

6:30am Theodore Pietryka Jr. Wiedlich Family

Friday, December 4

6:30am Adam & Agnes Kolojejchick Grandchildren, Barb & Joe

Saturday, December 5

5:00 pm Joseph Danowski Sr. Angeline Danowski

Sunday, December 6

7:00 am **Pro Populo**

9:00 am James Connell Wife & Children

11:00 am Nancy C. Kodra Carol & Don

5:30 pm Paul Blaski Gloria Pacyna



This Week's Sanctuary Candles

1. In Memory of Raymond Chimock offered by wife, Rosemary & Children
2. In Memory of Andy & Dorothy Stuka offered by Family

BAPTISM SUNDAY

This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptism of:

~~*Anntoinette Marie Elizabeth Powers*~~

Anntoinette will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00am Mass today.



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- Sister Marion Tarone, IHM**
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Music Ministry

- Margaret Semanek, Director of Liturgical Music**
- Joseph Sabol, Assistant Organist**
- Cora Artim, Youth Choir Director**
- Scott Coates, 5:30 PM Mass Musician**

Sacristans

- Christopher Calore x 133**
- Patricia Quinn**
- Betsy Evanski**

Maintenance and Cleaning

- Christopher Calore, Director of Maintenance**
X 133
- Gertrude Brown**
- John Sartin**
- Phil Bosha, St. Mary's Cemetery**

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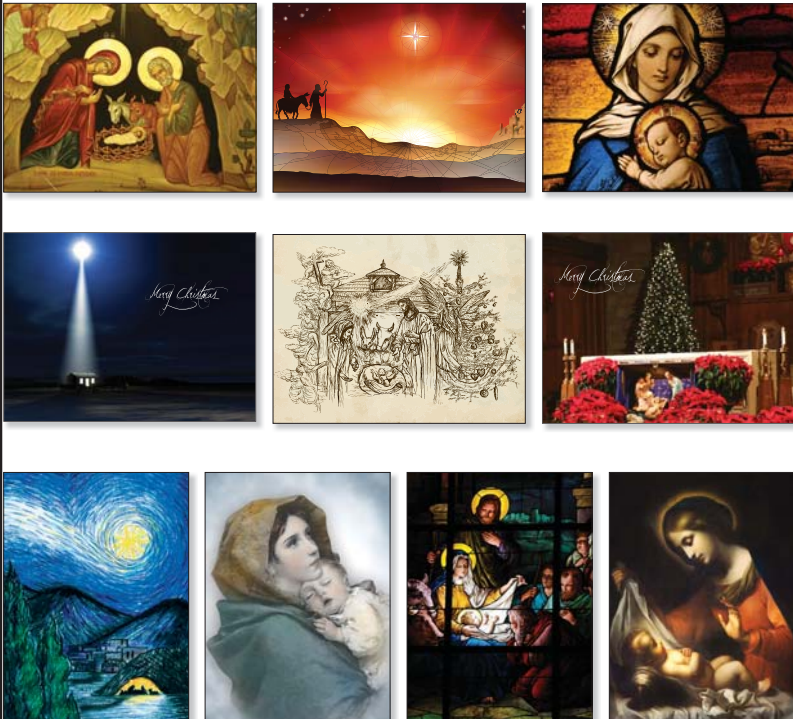
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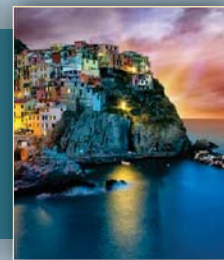


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