

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Seton Sentinel

“They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with  
Power and Great Glory”

*First Sunday of Advent*

December 2, 2012

Swoyersville, PA



### Adult Education Fall Series: Prayer

Our fall series will conclude on Thursday, December 13th with Msgr. John Sempa, pastor of Corpus Christ Parish in West Pittston and Harding talking about “What do we pray for?” and Christmas: God meets us in the flesh.” Join us, even if you have not been able to attend any other session this fall, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. This will be an excellent reflection and preparation for Christmas.

### Advent Pirohy Sales Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets for the next pirohy sale on December 10th are located on the tables at the church entrance. A limited amount of orders are being accepted each week, so please order for Christmas now. Specify your pick-up time on the sheet: 11 am–1 pm or 5pm-6pm. Please do not forget to come at these pick-up times. The cost is \$6.00/dozen.

### Pirohy Making Help Needed

A big Thank You to all those who helped make pirohy last Monday! We are in need of help to make the pirohy each Monday during Advent, December 3rd, December 10th and December 17th. If you can help ball potatoes, come at 7:00 am, all others come at 8:30 am. Experienced or not, come out and join in the fun and help out.

### Oplatky

The Oplatky (Christmas Wafers) are available after masses this weekend and for as long as supplies last before Christmas. You may also come to the rectory during business hours and purchase them as well. \$2.00 for a pack of 4.



All gifts are due back by Sunday, December 9th. Please check your tag to see if the gift is to be wrapped or unwrapped. Thank you for your generosity with this project.

### Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.



Our Parish will participate in the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, December 10th from 12:30 to 6:00 pm. Give the Gift of Life this Christmas Season!

### Holy Name Society

The next monthly meeting of Our Parish Holy Name Society will be December 9th after the 8:30 am Mass in the Parish Hall. The Holy Name Society does a tremendous job in helping our parish. Consider being a member. Both Men and Women are welcome in the HNS.



### Social Concerns

The parish Social Concerns Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. New Members are always welcome.

Last Weekend's Offertory Report

The collection report for November 25th will appear in next week's *Sentinel*.

Collection for Retired Religious

Next weekend, the Diocese of Scranton will participate in a Second Collection for Retired Nuns, Priests, and Brothers.

Diocese of Scranton  
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 ANNUAL APPEAL 

*"Serve One Another"*  
 1Peter 4:10

We are approaching our parish goal for the Annual Appeal. Here is the update:

24.22%(326 out of 1,346) gave/pledged

DAA 2012 Goal: \$45,000.00

Total Raised: \$36,370.00

(Under): (\$8,630.00)

Thank you to all who have pledged already. You are making a big difference! There is still time to make your pledge or gift. Envelopes are at the entrance of the Church or visit [annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org) or [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org)

Every gift, no matter how small, counts for those who count on us each day in our diocese for support and help from the Annual Appeal.

Thank you

A word of thanks to all who brought canned or non-perishable goods for Thanksgiving. Everything was delivered to the Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne.

Lectors

If you have not yet picked-up your workbook for 2013 please do so today in the altar servers sacristy after mass. Also, please note when you are proclaiming the Word at mass, adjust the microphone at least 6" from your mouth. The new system is quite powerful and you do not need to be that close to the microphone.

### Immaculate Conception



Saturday, December 8th is a National Holy Day of Obligation for All Catholics in The United States. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated with masses in our parish on Friday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 12 Noon. Please note that if you come to mass for the Immaculate Conception next weekend, you still must come back for Sunday's Obligation Mass. The Sunday Obligation begins with the vigil at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Our Country is under the protection of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. This is a good opportunity to pray for our nation and for Mary's Intercession and Christ's intervention in our history.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Congratulations to the winner of the First Annual St. Elizabeth Ann Seton K of C Council Fall Raffle, Jennie Alfano! And a huge round of applause to everyone that contributed to making the benefit a great success!



Good bye "Happy Holidays"-----  
Hello, "Today is born a Savior!",  
Through the Knights annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" program, magnets and lapel pins will be for sale on weekends during Advent while supply lasts.

Next Knights Meeting: December 11th 7:00 p.m.  
at the School Cafeteria.

PRAY  
for the  
SICK

## Confraternity of Catholic Women

Our CCW will hold their Christmas party next Sunday, December 9th in the church hall following the 11:30am Mass. Those attending are asked to assemble in the church hall by 11:15am. Dinner will be served promptly at 1pm. Deadline with payment reservations of \$12 is due today. A \$5 Door Prize donation will be appreciated the day of the party. Newly elected officers include Madeleine Barush, President; Pat Quinn, vice-president; Martha Douglas, Recording Secretary;

Joanne baker, Treasurer; Mary Zukosky, Publicity. Installation of newly-elected officers will take place prior to the party.

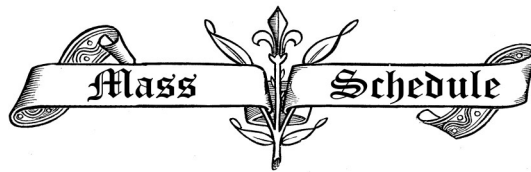
## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

Families make all kinds of plans. We have emergency plans, long range plans, financial plans, and plans for vacation. We plan college choices and how to pay tuition, career decisions and getting a good job, and we even make plans to rehab our homes. So, what about spiritual plans? Does your family ever make plans to start, build, enhance or grow your spiritual life? Even in religious families, faith and religion are not often discussed. Questions are left unanswered and, apart from talking about which Mass we will go to, people rarely discuss their beliefs, thoughts or goals when it comes to spirituality. Religion and faith are best taught in the home where people can be free to discuss ideas, ask questions and learn the family customs, traditions and beliefs.

This Advent is a great time to make a spiritual plan for your family. It is never too late to begin something new, or to establish a new tradition. Decide how you will celebrate Advent: praying together at home; using an Advent wreath; participating in daily Mass; going to confession; working for the poor; practicing the Works of Mercy; learning more about your faith. Share your beliefs and spiritual practices with each other. Whatever it is, plan well. The soul you save just might be your very own!

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**Monday, December 3rd St. Francis Xavier**

8:00 a.m. All Souls Intentions

**Tuesday, December 4th**

8:00 a.m. Ryan and Durkin Families

Joe and Kate Ryan

**Wednesday, December 5th**

8:00 a.m. Leo T. Gavlick

Vincent T. Dennis

**Thursday, December 6th St. Nicholas**

8:00 a.m. Eugene Zim

Wife Joan, Son, Christopher and Family

**Friday, December 7th St. Ambrose, 1st Friday (Vigil: Immaculate Conception)**

8:00 a.m. Walter Palmer

Barbara Stevens

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*

7:00 p.m. Intention of the Presider

**Saturday, December 8th Immaculate Conception (Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent)**

8:30 a.m. Raymond Yale

Charles Jarski

12 Noon Allen Scott

Rich and Betsy Evanoski and Family

4:00 p.m. Andrew and Mary Hunisch

Daughter Theresa Kollar

5:30 p.m. Mary Roccograndi

Rosella Savakinas

**Sunday, December 9th 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:30 a.m. Intention of the Presider

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers

**IN MEMORIAM** Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord...~Frances E. Weihbrecht~ Frank Kurilla

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

~Blessings for the Mattie and Marko Families

**Presider's Schedule December 8-9**

4:00 p.m. Pisaneschi

5:30 p.m. Urban

8:30 a.m. Pisaneschi

10:00 a.m. Pisaneschi

11:30 a.m. Urban

***Scripture for the week of December 2, 2012***

2 SUN Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

3 Mon Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

4 Tue Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

5 Wed Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

6 Thu Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

7 Fri Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

8 Sat Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

9 SUN Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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## Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

## Parish Staff

- Rev. Joe Pisaneschi Pastor
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Brian Williams Regional Youth Minister
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance

## Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The Sacrament is celebrated bi-monthly after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

## Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated in 2014 by one of the Diocesan Bishops. Children must be consecutively registered in our Religious Education Program to be eligible to receive.

## Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the paper work necessary.

## Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact one of the Priests or the Deacon.

## Penance

Is celebrated Saturday from 3:15 p.m.-3:50 p.m.  
Other times by request.

## Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

If you or a relative or friend is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or is homebound. Please contact the Parish Office for a Pastoral Visit. Holy Communion is brought to those who request it on First Fridays.

## Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30-4:00  
Closed Holidays and Holy Days

## Direct Contacts

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