

The Seton Sentinel

December 13, 2020



Third Sunday of Advent

Oplatki Christmas Wafers

Oplatki will be available for sale at the following times in our school cafeteria:

Saturday, December 12th - 9 am - 11 am

Wednesday, December 16th - 2 pm - 4 pm

Thursday, December 17th - 2 pm - 4 pm

Times and dates are subject to supplies lasting. Please come to the School Cafeteria and having correct amount will help us tremendously. Packages are \$5.00 each for a package of 6 wafers. Oplatki will not be sold at masses this year because of the pandemic. Thank you for your cooperation.

Confessions

Be mindful that there **will not** be Penance Services or additional Confessions scheduled before Christmas. You are reminded to use "**Perfect Contrition**," during the Covid Crisis. It is still risky to come to confession at this time, although Father is available before the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays in the sacristy if circumstances warrant in-person confession.

2021 Church Calendars

This year, the new Church Calendars are being sent home in the mail. They are compliments of **Wroblewski Funeral Home in Forty Fort**. We are particularly grateful to Aaron and Tom for also covering the mailing costs of the calendars. If for some reason you do not receive yours, please call Monica in the office after the 1st of the year.

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.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Your generosity keeps our parish opened and our ministries active during this unprecedented time. This time of year is particularly difficult to remember us each week but we ask that if you are able to, please keep us in mind. Thank You for your past and present kindness and consideration of this request.

Weekly Offering for the period ending
November 28/29:

\$6009.11



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 matters, please call Lori in the office and let us know which mass you'll be at.

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.

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

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. Due to Sanitizing the Church between masses, doors will open approximately 20 minutes before mass, not before.

We hope to Live—Stream the following masses for Christmas: 2:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 12 Midnight, and 9:30 am.

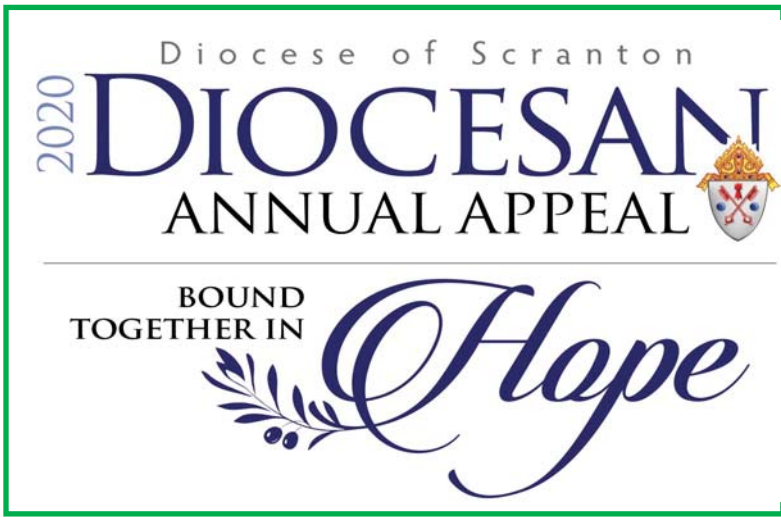


Confraternity of Christian Mothers POINSETTIAS

The Christian Mothers would like to thank everyone who ordered poinsettias in support of our organization. We truly appreciate the tremendous support from our parishioners & parish staff who helped make this fundraiser a success. **Poinsettias will be available for pick up on Tuesday, December 15th, in the school cafeteria from 12:00 noon until 2:00pm or from 5:00-6:00pm.**



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
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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.

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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Update

2020 Goal: \$44,000.00
 Raised so far: \$25,000.00
Needed: \$19,000.00

Thank you to all who gave thus far!

Envelopes are on the tables at the church entrances or go to dioceseofscranton.org and select "GIVING." to make an online donation. So far 171 parishioners have responded. Please consider giving today.

Virtual Grief Support Group

Winter and the post-holiday season can be difficult times to navigate grief, particularly during an ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scranton. Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of the parish to participate. The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30. The dates of the virtual meetings will be January 6, 13, 20 and 27. For more information please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133 or the parish office at 570-344-7231



EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14

6:30 am Constance Galasso

Harned Family

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 am Raymond & Sophie Tressa

Children & Families

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 am Health & Blessings for Harry Yekel

Social Concerns Committee

Thursday, December 17

6:30am Joseph Gibbons

Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

Friday, December 18

6:30am Bonnie D. Stiles

Family

Saturday, December 19

5:00 pm Benjamin & Wanda Czarnecki

Daughter, Caroline & Family

Sunday, December 20

7:00 am **Pro Populo**

9:00 am Bernadette & Bert Greco

Daughters

11:00 am Joseph Vidunas

Rita & Bob Stepanski

5:30 pm Rita Sabadish

SEAS Pirohy Makers



IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.....

~~~~Eileen Wolfe~~~~

May the Lord grant her Eternal Rest. Amen.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles

1. In Memory of Leo Venetz offered by wife, Anna Mae
2. In Memory of Bob & Michael Krostag offered by Family

The "O" Antiphons are seven short verses sung before the Magnificat during Evening Prayer of the Church on the seven days before the vigil of Christmas. They each begin with the exclamation "O". Each of them ends with a plea for the Messiah to come. As Christmas approaches the cry becomes more urgent. Your family could prepare an O Antiphon House. For instructions go to www.catholicculture.org/liturgicalyear/activities

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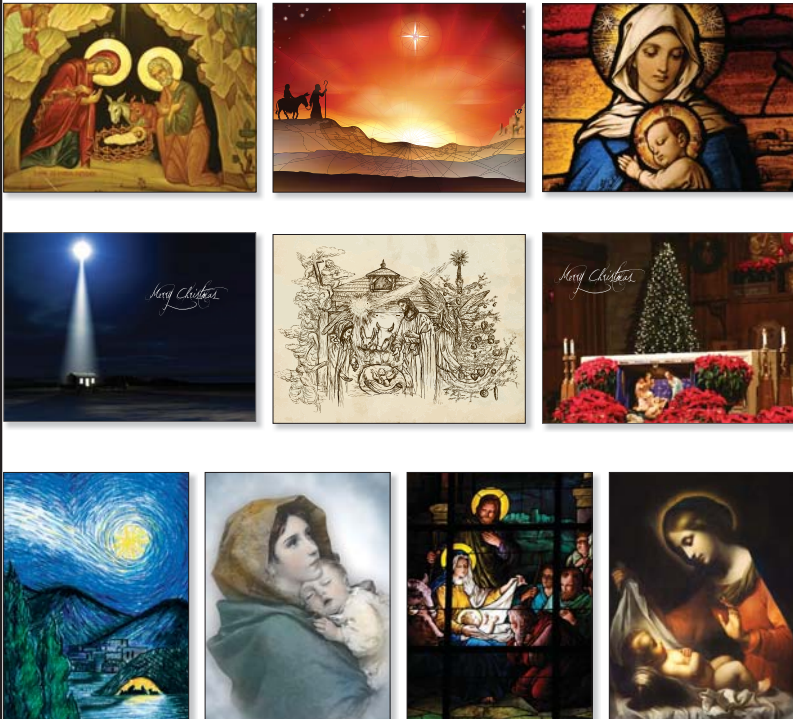
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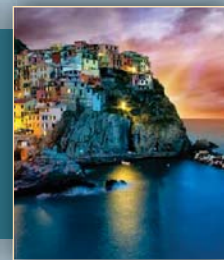


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