

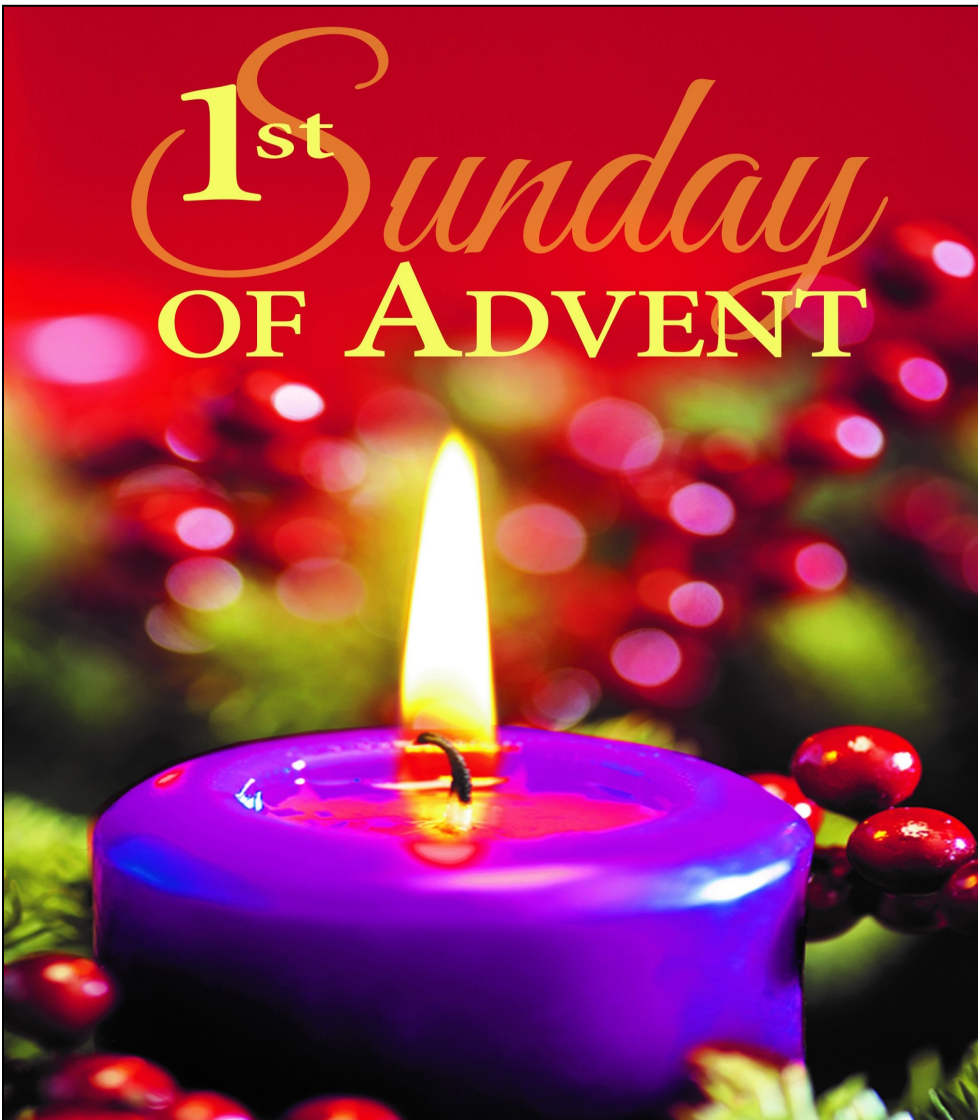
First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2019

# Seton Sentinel

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SWOYERSVILLE, PA — DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
OF ADVENT



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## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### December 24th Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm - Children's Mass

*Youth Choir  
Church*

4:00 pm—Vigil Mass

*cantor*

*School gym*

9:00 pm—Choral Mass

*Festive preludes begin at 8:30 pm*

### December 25th Christmas Day:

12 MIDNIGHT - *cantor*

9:00 am—*choir*

11:00 am—*cantor*



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE...

# ADVENT!

The Season of Hope, of Joyful Expectation and Preparation is here! We call it Advent, the four Sundays prior to Christmas, we light the Advent Wreath and countdown the days until Christmas. Many people use Advent Calendars as a reminder to do good deeds or make small sacrifices before Christmas.



Notice our Advent Wreath this year is adorned with an image of our Blessed Mother 'expecting.' May this serve as a reminder that as Mary carried the WORD in her body, so we too, carry God's Word with us to share with the world. Have a Blessed Advent!

## In Preparation for Christmas

Our Christian Mothers will once again be offering the Christmas Wafers before and after each weekend mass. The *oplatki* is available for an offering of \$5/pack of 6 wafers. You may also stop in the rectory to obtain yours if unable to do so at weekend masses.

## Pirohy Making

**Dates: Mondays, December 2, 9, and 16**

Pirohy making takes place on *Mondays* during Advent in our *school cafeteria* beginning at 7:00 am. *Please come this Monday, December 2nd*, at 7am if you can help ball the potatoes, and all others come at 8:30am. We have lost many members due to illness over the past several months. We desperately need more help. No experience necessary, we'll train you on the spot. Even if you just have an hour or two to give, we'll take it. Bring your friends! Lunch will be served, too. Thank you.

Sign-up Sheets for our *next pirohysale* (December 9th) are on the tables at the church entrance *until* we reach our maximum number of dozen we can make. **No phone calls** for orders will be taken. Pick ups are on Monday, December 9th, between noon-2pm or 5pm-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Cost is \$8 per dozen.

# PARISH STAFF

## Pastoral Ministry

- ◆ Rev. Joseph Pisaneschi, V.F. Pastor
- ◆ Rev. Anthony Urban Assisting Celebrant
- ◆ Deacon John Ziegler Permanent Deacon
- ◆ Lorraine Raymond Pastoral Associate
- ◆ Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Pastoral Care Minister
- ◆ Mr. John Bankus Sr. Deacon Candidate

## Finance Office

- ◆ Monica Salis Business Manager

## Religious Education

- ◆ Sister Marion Tarone, IHM Director of Religious Education

## 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
- ◆ Patricia Quinn
- ◆ Betsy Evanoski

## Maintenance and Cleaning

- ◆ Christopher Calore Director of Maintenance
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ John Sartin
- ◆ Salvatore Piccillo Weekend Maintenance
- ◆ Phil Boshia St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

## Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

## Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach

**GATHER**  
Readings at # 991

First Sunday of Advent  
Cycle A

HYMNS	4,8:30 & 11	5:30 pm Sun
Gathering	S 7	S 105
Preparation	G 590	S 7
Communion	S 1	S 9
Sending Forth	G 395	S 39



# SETON VITALS

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday:

8:30am-5:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-3:00pm

Weekend and evenings by appointment

The parish offices are closed on all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

## RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays

3:30 to 3:50pm or by appointment

## Church and Gym Decorating for Christmas

Friday, December 20th 9:00 am Gym Set-up

Sunday, December 22nd, 11:45 am—Church

It's all hands on deck as we need to accomplish a

lot in just a few hours. Come and help us set up the Church for Christmas. Trees to be set-up, wreaths to hang, nativity figures to move, ladders to climb, etc., Join us between the masses Sun., Dec 22nd beginning at 11:45 am.



## Christmas Giving Tree



Our Giving Tree is up and ready with the gift tags for the needy children and families and shut-ins. Please return the gifts with the **TAG ATTACHED** by **December 16th**. If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, please bring back the tag & place it back on the tree. We always have a very successful drive, THANKS to our parish's tremendous generosity. We thank you in advance for your participation in this year's gift drive.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 15th, from 9am-1pm downstairs in our church hall. Cost is \$8.00/adults and \$4/children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door. Santa Claus will be there, so bring your list & your camera.

## Social Concerns Christmas Party

The SCC invites all members of other St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Organizations to their annual Christmas Party to be held on Friday, December 6th, at 7pm in our church hall. Contact Mary Ann Martinsky for more information: 570-287-3484

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7/8

**4:00pm—Altar Servers:** Kelsey Jones, Noah St. Clair; **Lector:** Ted Sherrill; **EMs:** Deacon Jack, Mary Jean Simpson, Ann Savinski, Bob Slezak

**8:30am—Altar Servers:** Cole McKenzie, Dominic Adameck; **Lector:** Michael Mey; **EMs:** Jayne Ruger, Gloria Mizenko, Anna Mae Venetz, Erin Gallagher

**11:00am—Altar Servers:** Abigail & Zachary Schultz; **Lector:** John Dolan; **EMs:** Susan Bayer, Ed Kudey, Marie Gould

**5:30pm—Altar Servers:** Nicholas Cook, Johnny Fredericks; **Lector:** CCD Students; **EMs:** Alida Matusek, Patti & Doug Workman

## CCD SCHEDULE

### Classes in December:

Saturdays: 7,14,21

**No Class:** 28

Mondays: 9,16

**No Class:** 2, 23,30

**Next Sunday, December 8th:** 7th Grade Confirmation students **Enrollment during 5:30pm mass** + extra class after Mass. All students are expected to be present at this Mass for Enrollment.



**Weekly Offering  
November 16-17, 2019  
\$9162.25**

Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment to do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

**Other Collections:**

Building & Maintenance: \$1054.00

**Diocesan:**

Care & Education of Priests (Nov.): \$778.00

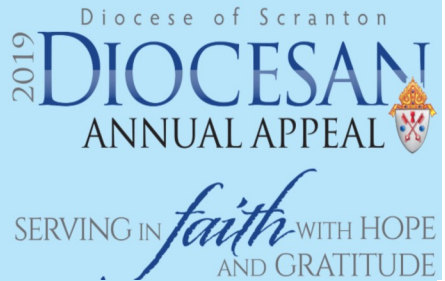


**ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD PANTRY:**

~~Jelly~~Rice~~Instant Potatoes~~

~~Canned Fruit~~Canned Chicken~~

Donation boxes are located in the vestibule next to the statues of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.



*PLEASE, help us reach our goal this year!*

*Goal: \$47,000.00*

*Total Raised:*

*\$28,863.00*

***Under:***

***\$17,137.00***

**IN SEARCH OF.....**

~~~~~a DRIVER to take someone to and from the doctor's office. This is a paid job.

~~~~~an up-to-date Recumbant Bike to either donate or sell at a bargain price.

Please call Lori at the parish office for more details.

**Holy Name Society**

Our HNS will meet today, Sunday, December 1st, after the 8:30am mass in our church hall. New members are welcome!

**50/50 Christmas Raffle Drawing Today**

Today, Sunday, December 1st, our HNS will hold their 50/50 Christmas Raffle after the 8:30am Mass. Good luck to everyone who purchased tickets!



We want to thank the following organizations for their generosity and kindness in helping with donations of food and/or grocery gift cards for the needy of our parish for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Thank you Seton Knights of Columbus, Forty Fort Lions Club, and Swoyersville Kiwanis. Also, thank you to our many kind and generous parishioners who have donated (and continue to donate) gift cards to our parish. May God bless you always!

## CHRISTMAS FOOD & TOY REGISTRATION

**St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen**, a program of Catholic Social Services is once again teaming up with local parishes & the U.S. Marines "Toys for Tots" for this year's Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, we distributed toys to hundreds of children in the Wyoming Valley. **This year's registration for Toys & Food** for Christmas will be held at St. Mary's (Our Lady of Fatima Parish), 134 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre on: Monday, Nov. 25th—10am to 1pm and 3pm-6pm. Children up to age 10 are eligible. Parents should bring the following: 1. Photo ID of Parent or Guardian 2. Original Birth Certificates for each child and 3. Proof of address—such as recent utility bill. Food Distribution will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre on Monday, Dec. 16th from 10am-1pm and 3pm-6pm. Toy Distribution will take place at St. Mary's (Our Lady of Fatima Parish) 134 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, on Monday, December 16th from 10am-1pm and 3pm-6pm. We Need Donations of Toys: to donate toys or **new outerwear** for the children, please contact Dianne at 570-406-9843. They can also be dropped off at the kitchen from 8am-1pm daily. Drop offs should be made through the Kitchen's rear entrance on Bennett Street.

## RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

January 17, 2020, Holiday Inn Express, Harrisburg East. Is your marriage going down the right road? ...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, & so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help & offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more info, call 717-356-2185 or visit our website: HelpOur-Marriage.com

## SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO "THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS"

SUNDAY, December 1st, 2:00pm, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center, at St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, 134 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre. Come & join us for a wonderful afternoon of singing Slovak Christmas carols & sharing Christmas memories. Slovak hospitality to follow.

## COOKIE WALK

A Cookie Walk will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Saturday, Dec. 7th, from 3:30 to 5:30pm, and on Sunday, Dec. 8th, from 9am to 12pm in the church hall. This is a great way to add some delicious homemade goodies to your Christmas table. A large variety of homemade cookies, candies, & fudge will be available at a cost of \$8 per pound.

**LIVING "THE KETO LIFE" SUPPORT GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, December 3 in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Building's cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. To sign up text or call Jerry Hook at 570-498-9015 or go to: [www.meetup.com/ketolife-supportgroup/](http://www.meetup.com/ketolife-supportgroup/)

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



**American Red Cross** You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) and use the Sponsor Code: SEASP. Streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading & health history questions on the day of your appointment. Life's a Gift. Give More of It. Please donate blood.

## 8th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 14th, from 10am to 12:30pm at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Twp.. \$9/container to fill with whatever cookies you like. There will be over 30 varieties to choose from. Pre-made platters will also be available for \$35. Complimentary coffee, tea, & cocoa will be available for all patrons. A Christmas Raffle will be held in conjunction with the event. Proceeds benefit the parish youth ministry program. For more information and/or reservations, call 570-814-6444 or visit [exhc.org](http://exhc.org)

## JMJ Catholic Radio

Having begun Advent JMJ Catholic Radio, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at 98.9FM & 750AM, Hazleton at 1490AM & 100.1FM & Dushore at 91.7FM, invites you to listen to our special Advent & Christmas programming. Each day you can tune into "Catholic Answers" daily from 6pm-8pm, & weekends at 6pm-7pm. In addition to this apologetic outreach, Fr. Leo McKernan & Fr. David Cramer explore the Sunday Readings on Tuesdays at 3pm, Thursdays at 6pm, & Saturdays at 9pm.

## 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.

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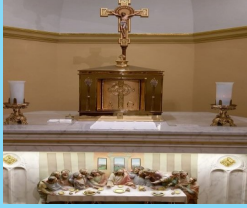
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# Remembering

Monday—Friday Masses are now at 8:30 am

### Sanctuary Candles



~In Memory of Andrew  
Selensky Sr. offered by  
daughter, Gerry

~In Memory of Helen &  
Anthony, Virginia M. & John,  
& Virginia & Sean, offered by  
Gloria, Annette, John &  
Valentino

### Monday, December 2nd

8:30 am Theresa Mihalek

M/M Donald Halliday

### Tuesday, December 3rd

8:30 am Geraldine Gulla

Husband, Tom & Children

### Wednesday, December 4th

8:30 am Andrew T. Potsko

Jankoviak Family

### Thursday, December 5th

8:30 am Stephen R. Hudak

Wife, Eleanor

### Friday, December 6th

8:30 am Leonard & Norma Zavada

Children

### Saturday, December 7th

4:00 pm Benjamin & Wanda Czarnecki

Daughter, Caroline & Family

### Sunday, December 8th

8:30 am Nicholas Gushka

Jackloski Family

11:00 am Andy Husovsky Jr.

Betsy, Dan, & Families

5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

### Liturgical Observance of the Immaculate Conception for 2019 from the Vicar General

In this calendar year of 2019, December 8—normally the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—falls on the Second Sunday of Advent. Because the Sundays of Advent rank higher on the liturgical calendar, the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. The obligation of the faithful to attend Mass remains attached to the day itself (December 8) and does not transfer with the liturgical observance. Therefore, there is no obligation to participate at Mass this year on the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception which will be observed on December 9, 2019. There shall be one Mass here at Seton will be at 8:30 am.



In Dying that We Are Born to Eternal Life...

~~Joseph Mucha~~

~~Michael Dimino~~

~~Madeleine Barush~~

May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest.

### Sick, Hospitalized, Homebound?

Please contact Lori at the parish office if you or someone you know is homebound, hospitalized or in a long term or short term care facility. We want to keep track of all our parishioners and minister to the sick and aging the best we can, and we need to know their location to do that. Thank You.

