

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

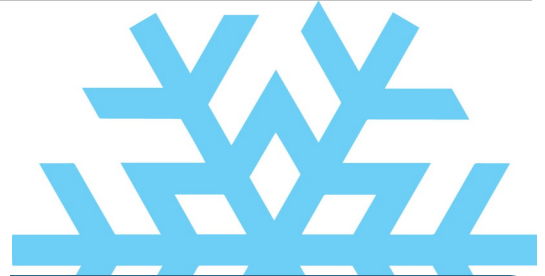
Seton Sentinel

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SWOYERSVILLE, PA — DIOCESE OF SCRANTON



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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



In Preparation for Christmas

We 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.

Haul out the Holly.....

Church Decorating for Christmas

Today 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. We really do need lots of help!!!!

Attention Children attending the 4:00 pm Mass!

We hope once again to have a special visitor stop by both the church and the gym at the end of mass with a small treat for you. Keep your fingers crossed that he'll have time to stop by before his big flight!!!

Special Thanks to our **Seton Knights of Columbus** for providing the Michael Mootz chocolate pops for the children of our parish.

CCD SCHEDULE

Classes in December:

Saturdays: **No Class:** 28

Mondays: **No Class:** 23,30

Classes in January:

Saturdays: 4, 11, 25 **No Class:** 18

Mondays: 6, 13, 27 **No Class:** 20

FAMILY MASS: Sunday, January 12th at 11:00am—6th Grade

EXTRA CLASS: for all 7th grade Confirmation students on Sunday, January 26th after the 5:30pm Mass

GATHER

Readings at # 1000

Fourth Sunday of
Advent
Cycle A

	HYMNS		4, 8:30 & 11	5:30 pm Sun
Gathering	S	148	S	9
Preparation	S	7	S	7
Communion	G	395	G	590
Sending Forth	G	886	G	577

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 Bosha
St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

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- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

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- ◆ Michael Perhach



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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



Christmas Mass Schedule

This year's Christmas Mass Schedule is printed on the cover of the Sentinel. It is also being sent home to envelope holders. Please note there will be 2 masses celebrated at 4:00 pm. The Children's Mass in the Church and the Vigil Mass in the School Gym. We needed more room so we moved it to the gym this year. Please note that the gym is **not** handicapped accessible. If you need accessibility, please attend mass in the church and you may want to arrive early as the church usually fills up before 3:30 pm. We will try to reserve the front row and the first row after the break for our handicapped parishioners and friends. Once the church is filled, we kindly ask that everyone proceed to the gym for mass there. Fire codes and regulations must be observed to ensure everyone's safety.

Ushers' Schedule:

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance: To be sure that all masses are properly covered with ushers, we ask that you kindly sign up for the mass you will be attending on Christmas so we can at least have someone to gather other collectors if needed. We will need ushers for both 4:00 pm masses & upstairs in the church as well.

HELP! We need ushers for 9:00pm mass on Christmas Eve.

HEAT-TRACK MATS

You may have noticed the new mats on the left side of the outside staircase leading to the church. We have installed state-of-the-art Heat Track Mats that will sense when snow or freezing precipitation falls and immediately warms the mats so that they are wet and not snow-covered or slippery. We have had some mishaps on the steps in the past because they are hollow underneath and freeze before the sidewalks. We only did one section of the steps as a trial. If they work, we'll do the rest of the steps at a later time. We ask that when it is snowing or raining, and the temp. is below 35 degrees or so, to use the side of the steps with the Heat Track mats for everyone's safety.

2020 Catholic Art Calendars


Please take your copy of the 2020 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church calendar located at the church entrance. Once again, a very special acknowledgement & sincere thanks to **WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 1442 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, for underwriting the expense of the calendars.



JMJ CATHOLIC RADIO

Having begun Advent JMJ Catholic Radio, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at 98.9fm & 750AM, Hazleton at 1490AM & 100.1FM, and Dushore at 91.7FM, invites you to listen to our special Advent and Christmas programming. Each day you can tune into "Catholic Answers" daily from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, and weekends at 6:00pm to 7:00pm. In addition to this apologetic outreach, Father Leo McKernan and Father David Cramer explore the Sunday Readings on Tuesdays at 3:00pm, Thursdays at 6:00pm, and Saturdays at 9:00pm.



Diocese of Scranton
 2019 **DIOCESAN**
 ANNUAL APPEAL 
 SERVING IN *faith* WITH HOPE
 AND GRATITUDE

**Weekly Offering
 December 7/8, 2019
 \$9650.78**

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

Thank You to all who have pledged or given so far this year! We are still have quite a bit to go in achieving our goal. Please consider making a pledge or giving a gift today. Envelopes are at the church entrances.

PLEASE, help us reach our goal this year!

DAA 2019 Goal: \$47,000.00
 Total Raised: \$33,018.00
Under: \$13,982



Food Collection
 for Holy Family Pantry

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.



Christmas Flowers/Decorations
 If you have not as of yet, please use your Christmas Decoration envelope to donate to our Christmas Displays. If you do not have an envelope and would still like to contribute, enclose offering in a plain envelope with your name on it, and we'll print the names in an upcoming bulletin after Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

OTHER COLLECTIONS:
 Immaculate Conception: \$1087.25

DIOCESAN
 Campaign for Human Development:
 \$637.00

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.

MEN, SAVE THE DATE!

The 6th Annual Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre. More information will be coming as it comes available, but please know this conference will support, challenge, & affirm all attendee's call as sons of God and brothers of Christ. Your help to get more men engaged would be greatly appreciated.

RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE HELP

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. If your marriage is in distress, even if you are currently separated or divorced, Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information visit: HelpOurMarriage.org

We are working to bring Retrouvaille back to the Diocese of Scranton in 2020! A Retrouvaille Weekend has been scheduled for May 29-31, to be held at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit. If you or any other Retrouvaille couple you know would like to assist with the nuts and bolts of restarting the ministry, help is needed. To learn more about attending the weekend, or to learn more about helping to bring this weekend to life, contact: Phil & Sue Milazzo, philmilazzo@outlook.com, 631-338-5413, or Jen Housel, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, or 570-207-2213, x1104.

ISLI Leadership Retreat—February 14-16, 2020

The International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) is a peer-facilitated faith-based leadership retreat developed at the University of Notre Dame. The ISLI retreat is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task oriented groups. During the retreat, participants take part in small group tasks that allow the student to make good decisions, examine leadership styles, practice leadership behavior, learn about positive communication, and develop self-motivational skills and learn problem solving and action planning techniques. The entirety of the retreat helps students to explore and express faith values in the Catholic Tradition. Complete applications are required by Sunday, February 2, 2020, and can be found at dioceseofscranton.org. Apply early as there are a limited number of spaces available for ISLI. For further information, please call Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213, ext 1155.

The Parish Office will be closed on the following days this Christmas Season:

*The Office will be **closed** on
Friday, December 20 at **Noon**
Monday, December 23 at **Noon**
Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25
Thursday, December 26*

Office will reopen on Friday December 27.

***Tuesday, December 31**
Wednesday, January 1
Office will reopen on Thursday, January 2,
2020*



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Remembering

Note: All Fr. Joe's Mass Intentions for Christmas will be the Parish "Christmas Intentions," as requested by parishioners and friends of Seton.

Sanctuary Candles



~In Memory of Leo Venetz
offered by wife, Anna Mae

~In Memory of Frank & Anna
Duzen & Ray Gustave offered
by Frank & Paula Matthews

Monday, December 23rd
8:30 am Marie Mishkel

Kathy Bennett

Tuesday, December 24th
NO MORNING MASS

4:00 pm (Church) Intention of Presider
4:00 pm (Gym) Intention of Presider
9:00 pm Intention of Presider

Wednesday, December 25th

12:00 Midnight Intention of Presider
9:00 am Intention of Presider
11:00 am Intention of Presider

Thursday, December 26
12:10 pm Ann Gagliardi

Denise Cremard

Friday, December 27th
8:30 am Ronnie Gibbons

Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

Saturday, December 28th
4:00 pm Francis & Edward Krull

Children

Sunday, December 29th
8:30 am Stanley Kudey

Wife & Children

11:00 am Rosa Torregrossa & Family

Steve & Maria Englot

5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

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.



***SAINT ELIZABETH
ANN SETON,

PRAY FOR US!***

