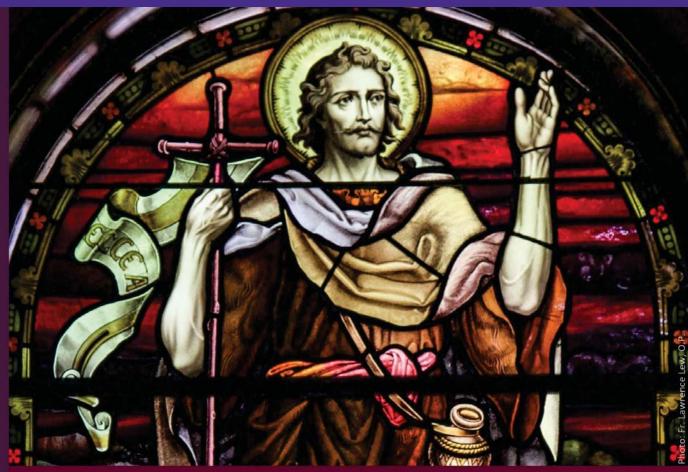
THE SETON SENTINEL

DECEMBER 5, 2021

2nd SUNDAY



John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Luke 3:3

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue - You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you.

We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!

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New Office Hours

Please make note of our new office hours : Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm Closed on Fridays

(until further notice)

Immaculate Conception

This Wednesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Eucharist will be offered in our Parish on Tuesday, December 7th (vigil) 5:30 pm and Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 am and 12:10 pm.

Advent Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday's during Advent we will provide a "Quiet Oasis," in the midst of the noise of the outside world for a few hours. From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm stop in at anytime for any length of time for some quiet time before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. The 2 hours will be *completely SILENT*. No Benediction. The Adoration will just conclude at 8:00 pm without ceremony. Make plans to join us each week, one week, one hour, whatever you wish. The time is yours and Jesus' during this Holy Season of Preparation.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS:

In order to help you prepare spiritually for Christmas, we will offer the following opportunities for your Christmas Confessions before December 24th.

- -Each Saturday from 3:15-3:50 p.m. in the Church Reconciliation Room
- -Sunday, **December 19th 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm** prior to the 5:30 pm Sunday Eucharist.
- -Monday, **December 20th following the 8:00 am** Eucharist until all are heard.
- -Thursday, **December 23rd**, **5:30 pm** until all are heard.

Please do not wait until the last minute to make your confession for Christmas. Get to the sacrament early to avoid lines.

Oplatki Available

While supplies last, the *Oplatki*, Christmas Wafers, will be available in church *on the weekends of Advent* or by calling the rectory. The wafers will be on the tables near the entrance and we ask a donation for each package of \$5.00. It will be done on the honor system so bring the correct amount for the basket next to the *Oplatki*.

Christmas Church Decorating

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 19th!!! We will need lots of help after the 11:00 am mass putting up all the trees, hanging the wreaths and the garland, assembling the manger, moving things around, etc. —- Please lend us a hand if you are able. It will take a lot of work to get our church ready for the big day so come along and join the fun. This is a good opportunity for our Confirmation students to get service hours.

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Just a Reminder that our parish will not be selling Pirohy this year for Christmas.

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. All calls are confidential.

> This year again, we will not have the Traditional Christmas Giving Tree with tags on to buy gifts. We only ask if you are able, to please donate GIFT CARDS.

For Christmas, we are asking for Walmart or Target Gift Cards to give to the families of needy children, and they will be able to purchase the gifts themselves. Please place gift cards in an envelope marked: Christmas Gift Cards. Please drop in the Collection basket, office door mail slot, mail, or bring to the rectory. Thanks so much for whatever you can do.

Holy Name Society

Our HNS will meet today, Sunday, December 5th, after the 9:00am mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.





THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Over 250 blankets were collected Our Kof C Blanket Drive was a huge success!!! Our Knights want to needy families in our community. Over 250 blankets were collected and distributed to the following: Ruth's Place, St. Vincent de Paul Cloth-IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL. ing Pantry, Holy Family Food Pantry, Luzerne, and the Salvation Army Social Services Agency. They were most appreciative of your generosi-

ty. Thank you to all you donated to this worthy cause. May God bless you always!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 50/50 RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Shaina Aquilina, the lucky winner of our Holy Name Society's 50/50 Raffle. The prize amount was \$1500.00!! Thank you to all who participated and supported our Holy Name Society.

2022 CHURCH CALENDARS

Our 2022 Church calendars are located on the tables at the church entrance. Please take one home with you. We want to thank Wroblewski Funeral Home, 1442 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, for sponsoring our church calendars. Thank you, Aaron and Tom! May God bless you always!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Our SCC will be meeting this Tuesday, December 7th, at 6:00PM in the Church Hall to discuss upcoming projects. New members are always welcome!

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Seton Vitals

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday—Closed

Evening and Weekends by appointment

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our Parish warmly welcomes those who are with us each weekend, occasionally, and all who are looking for a spiritual home. Actual membership begins by filling out a Census Form at setonpa.com on the link at the top of the page. Once completed, send it to the office and we'll get you on "the official books," as soon as possible.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday. 1st time parents are asked to attend a brief instruction class on Baptism. You can contact Lori directly for information.

Reconciliation is available on Saturday beginning at 3:30 until 3:50 p.m. just prior to the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Other times at your request. Just ask Father.

Weddings are usually celebrated Saturday at 1:00 pm or on Friday afternoon or evening. Contact Father as soon as possible to reserve the date and complete the necessary paperwork.

Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation are offered through the department of Religious Education or Catholic Schools.
Contact the office for more information.



You make the difference! With your continuing support you are making a difference during these uncertain times. You believe in the mission and ministry of our parish. You are making a difference in our outreach and just covering our day-to-day expenses and we are grateful. Online giving is available at www.setonpa.com and follow the link.

Again, Thank You for Your Generosity!



Collection Total for November 13/14, 2021 \$9778.24

Care & Education of Priests (Nov.): \$810.00

If you experience a delay in receiving your envelopes, please contact the rectory. You may also use a plain envelope for your donations in the mean-time. Indicate your name and *envelope number* (if known) so you can receive proper credit.

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Just Incredible!

When we were doing so well at the beginning of this year's Annual Appeal, I mentioned in the bulletin that it would be nice to reach our goal by Thanksgiving. Once Again, the Mighty Arm of our wonderful parishioners was flexed and two days before Thanksgiving, I received word we reached our goal! What an accomplishment! This is the earliest I can remember reaching our goal in the yearly campaign. You made my job much easier by doing this and you make me very proud to be your pastor, once again. Congratulations, and Thank You on behalf of all that the Appeal will help this year because of your generosity. You have shown that your care and concern for others reach beyond the boundaries of our own parish. If you were planning to give there is still time. Once we reach our goal, 75% of anything we reach after that comes back to our own parish.

Gratefully,

Father Joe

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Christmas Mass Schedule

This year Christmas Falls on a Saturday, it is, as always, our duty to attend Eucharist for this, High Solemnity. The next day is of course Sunday. The Sunday obligation remains for December 26th, which is the Celebration of the Holy Family. The readings and texts are different on this day as it is a different Solemnity. There is a common theme however. The bottom line is that the weekend of Friday December 24 or Saturday, December 25, we need to attend one of the Christmas Masses. Then on Sunday, December 26th we need to attend mass again for the Sunday obligation. There are no vigil masses on Saturday, December 25 for Sunday, December 26th.

If you think that is confusing....Wait...

The following Weekend, The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God falls on Saturday, New Years Day. Because this day falls on a Saturday, it is not an obligation to be at mass that day, including the vigil on New Year's Eve. The Sunday, January 2 is a regular Sunday of Obligation and we need to attend mass either December 31st at the vigil, and there will be only one at 5:30 pm, or, one of the regular Sunday Masses. Here's the Complete Schedule:

Friday December 24th, Christmas Eve: Eucharist celebrated at 4:00 pm in both the Church and the Gym. Then Church only for 6:00 pm 9:00 pm. Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day Masses are at 12:00 Midnight, 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

There are no vigil masses Christmas Day for Sunday.

Sunday, December 26th Masses will be at 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm, there is no 7:00 am. Friday, December 31st No obligatory mass at 4:00 pm for the vigil of Mary, Mother of God. Saturday morning, January 1st Mass of the Solemnity of Mary at 10:00 am. At 5:30 pm, we begin to observe the Sunday of Obligation Masses for The Epiphany of the Lord. Sunday Masses will be at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm. There is only 1 vigil mass for this Sunday, at 5:30 on Saturday, Jan 1st. No 4:00 pm for this weekend.

A simplified schedule is in the mail and listed below. Please post it to your ice box or some other place for easy reference.

Today's Music

4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Gath: 3 S Beyond the Moon & Stars Prep: 9 S O Come O Come Emmanuel Com: 415 G My Soul In Stillness Waits Send: All Glory Praise and Honor 53 M

5:30pm Sunday

Gath: 9 S Beyond the Moon and Stars

Prep: 708 G Like A Shepherd

Com: Come, Come, Emmanuel Send: Prepare Ye, the Way of the Lord

Subject to change

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Christmas Mass Schedule
Friday, December 24th
Vigil Masses,
4:00 pm Church
4:00 pm Gym
6:00 pm
9:00 pm
Saturday, December 25th
12 Midnight
9:00 am
And 11:00 am
Sunday, December 26th
9, 11 am, and 5:30 pm
*No 7:00 am Mass today
Friday, December 31
Vigil of MMoG 4:00 pm
Saturday, January 1st
10 a.m. MMoG
*No 4:00pm Mass Today
5:30 pm Vigil, Sunday
Sunday, Jan 2
7,9, 11 am and 5:30 pm

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Remembering at Eucharist



Monday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Ted Woloszyn Family

Tuesday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Andrew Husovsky Jr. Betsy, Dan, & Families

5:30 p.m. Terry Jankoviak Fr. Joe & Seton Staff

Wednesday, December 8

7:00 a.m. Dolores Henry Fr. Joe & Seton Staff

12:10 p.m. George Reggie Catholic War Veterans Post 1601

Thursday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Frank & Tessie Valence Joe & Terri Burgess

Friday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Margaret Kadish Henry & Rena O'Dell

Saturday, December 11

4:00 p.m. Ray Gustave Joe & Terri Burgess

5:30 p.m. In Honor of the 70th Anniversary of Swoyersville Kiwanis

Sunday, December 12

7:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

9:00 a.m. Walter Gavlick Bill & Nancy Keating

11:00 a.m. Joseph Danowski Wife & Family

5:30 p.m. Robert Coniglio Frank & Michalina Terescavage





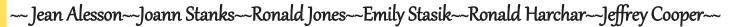
Special Intentions This Week

This Week's Sanctuary Candles

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

~~In Memory of Frank & Tessie Valence offered by Terri & Joe Burgess

Resting in the Peace of Christ, the Recently Departed



Baptism Sunday

This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptism of:

~~Amelia Grace Kruchinsky~~

Amelia will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00am Mass this weekend.







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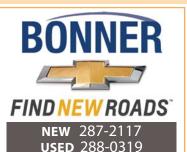




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