

# SETON SENTINEL

January | 7 | 2024

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn king  
of the Jews? We saw his star  
at its rising and have come  
to do him homage."

Matthew 2:2

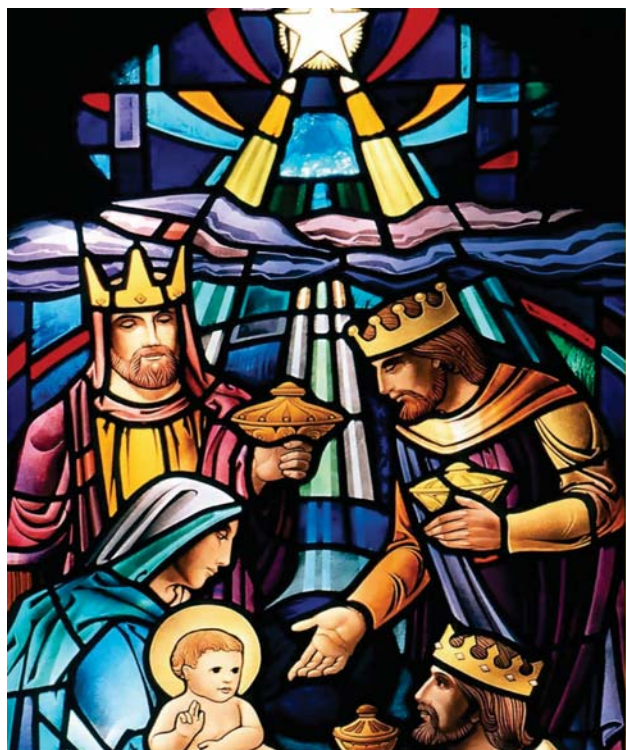


**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
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### *Eucharist*

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday &  
Friday 8:00am  
No Mass on Wednesday  
Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)  
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &  
5:30pm

Connect with us:



*"They fell down and worshipped  
him. Then they opened their  
treasures and offered him gifts of  
gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*  
-Matthew 2:11

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This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Please take time to pray before presenting your gifts to the Lord. Your support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal helps thousands of our neighbors in need with food, shelter, and clothing each year.

### *Confessions:*

Saturday 3:30-3:45pm or you  
may call Fr. Chmil for an  
appointment



# Worship

## Intention

## Requested by

### **Monday, January 8**

8:00am No Daily Mass

### **Tuesday, January 9**

8:00am No Daily Mass

### **Wednesday, January 10**

8:00am No Daily Mass

### **Thursday, January 11**

8:00am No Daily Mass

### **Friday, January 12**

8:00am No Daily Mass

### **Saturday, January 13**

4:00pm Jason Kilduff

Susan & Julie Mizenko

### **Sunday, January 14**

8:30am Roman Ziegler

M/M John Brown

11:00am Rita Tibus

Joe & Terri Burgess

5:30pm Christmas Mass Intentions

## Prayer

**Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament** is held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening Prayer and Benediction conclude the night. All are welcome to come, even just for a quick visit on Thursday evenings here in church.



## Special Intentions



### **SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS**

~~In Memory of **Nancy Bankus** offered by Barbara Jo & Robert Asklar

~~Health & Blessings for **Kathleen** offered by Mom, Barbara Pitcavage

### **PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

*May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### **BAPTISM SUNDAY**

Congratulations & God's blessings upon



~**Dante James DiGregorio**~ and his family. Dante will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00 Mass today.

### **ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS**

*The rosary will be prayed for vocations after daily mass.*



## Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Chmil x105

### **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Urban

### **Assisting Celebrant**

Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

### **Permanent Deacons**

Lori Raymond x100

### **Pastoral Associate/Director of Religious Education**

Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M.

### **Pastoral Outreach Ministry**

### **Music Ministry**

Marge Semanek

### **Director of Liturgical Music**

Joseph Sabol

### **Accompanist**

Scott Coates

### **Accompanist**

Pat Quinn

### **Office Assistant**

### **Sacristans and Maintenance**

Chris Calore

### **Director of Maintenance**

John Sartin

Trudy Brown

Pat Quinn

Betsy Evanoski

Phil Bosha

## Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
8:30am to 3:00pm

### **CLOSED FRIDAY**

Weekends and Evenings  
by appointment.

**570-287-6624**

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATES

If you haven't already donated, the Diocesan Annual Appeal envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance. If you already received a letter in the mail, please respond. Gifts of any size are welcome and participation is important. God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

DAA goal: \$44,000.00

Total raised: - \$40,347.52

over/under: - \$ 3,652.48

We have reached 91.7% of our goal.

Number of donors: 267 23.71% of our parishioners gave

## NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note that there are no Daily Masses this week, as Fr. John will be on Retreat. For after-hour emergency calls, please follow the prompts on the message.

## Christmas Decorations Takedown on Thursday, Jan. 11th

On Thursday, January 11th, from 1-3pm and 4-5:30pm, we will be taking the Christmas Decorations. **We need lots of help!** Please lend us a hand if you can. This is a good opportunity for our 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation students to earn service hours, who can come at 4pm.

## VOCATIONS

*"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or email: [info@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:info@dioceseofscranton.org)*

## WORD OF LIFE

*"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united Himself with every human being and desires for us to share Eternal Life with Him....Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect His Glory in the world." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life": A Brief Summary"*

## 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST

PLEASE, NO PHONE CALLS

Please make your request by filling out this form. Then drop in collection basket, US mail, drop in rectory mail slot, or email to Lori at : setonpa@aol.com

ENVELOPE #: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

### **SETON "CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE" A HUGE SUCCESS!!!**

**Wow! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We can't thank you enough, our dear parishioners and friends who donated so very generously to our Giving Tree! You made a lot of families & especially the children so happy on Christmas morning, and put smiles on the faces of our parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. YOUR GENEROSITY HAS BEEN "TREE" MENDOUS!!!! Thanks also to everyone who donated gift cards for those in need, and to our Social Concerns Committee who donated all the poinsettias for our nursing home & homebound parishioners! MAY OUR INFANT JESUS BLESS YOU ALL ABUNDANTLY IN THE NEW YEAR!**



### **Epiphany**

People can come into our lives, sometimes for a very short time, and make a big impression. The power of the encounter can change our life, renew our hope, or strengthen our resolve. It can even set us on a new course, leading us to places, causes and people we never imagined meeting.

The Magi, or astrologers as Matthew calls them, arrive to pay homage to the newborn Jesus. A star had guided them on their quest and when they left, they avoided Herod and went on their way. Their gifts represented the kingship of Christ (gold), His divinity (incense) and his redemptive suffering (myrrh). The story of the Magi reminds us that the whole world has come to recognize and worship a Savior, and the impact of this short visit would reverberate through the ages.

Like the Magi, our life is a journey of faith. We encounter Christ in hundreds of ways. Each momentary encounter has the potential of changing lives, healing wounds, easing suffering and restoring faith. Those we meet along the way are fellow pilgrims who also search for grace and life. Follow the star of faith and offer your gifts of love. Christ will surely lead you. ~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

### JANUARY CLASSES:

Saturdays: 6, 20, AND 27 (No class on Jan. 13th-Martin Luther King)

Mondays: 8, 22, and 29 (No class on Jan. 15th-Martin Luther King)



### ***Give Blood. Help Save Lives.***

Community Blood Drive here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, 116, Hughes St., Swoyersville, this **Friday, January 12, 2024, 12:30 to 5pm.** Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS 1-800-733-2767) OR visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

### **Lifeline Screening here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, FRIDAY, January 19, 2024**

Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. All 4 screenings for \$149: Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, & Atrial Fibrillation. Call 1-800-679-5191, online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HC, or text the word circle to 216-279-1607

### **HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:**

~~Soups w/meat (Chunky soups)``Canned pasta (ravioli)~~Canned fruit~~Jelly

### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

*Our HNS will meet today, January 7th, after the 8:30am mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.*

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

*Our KofC will meet this Tuesday, January 9th, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome!*

### *Offerings*

#### **Weekend of December 23/24, 2023**

REGULAR: \$ 12,237.00

DUES: \$ 806.00

CHRISTMAS: \$23,373.75

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$285.00

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: \$1197.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: \$67.00

**Diocesan:** Care & Education for Priests: \$113.00

## *Ways to Give:*



Online @ setonpa.com



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## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS (CONT'D)

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Mr. Daniel Brace  
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Mr. & Mrs. John Burke  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Burrier  
Sara Campa  
Mrs. Theresa Clark  
Mrs. Mary Pat Connell  
Mrs. Eleanor Corgan  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crofchick  
Mr., Ronald Deeble  
Nora Devine  
Miss. Brittany Diaz  
Mr. Robert Dougherty  
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gagatsek  
Miss Angelina Gaiteri  
Mrs. Laura Gaiteri  
Ms. Ruth Gassew

Mrs. Nancy Gaughan  
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Gazda  
Ms. Sara Greco  
Mrs. Marie Gould  
Miss Corine Hrobaski  
Mrs. Eleanor Hudak  
Mr. Ronald Jacobs  
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Jones  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Kaschak  
Mr. & Mrs. James Kilgallon  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kozich  
Mrs. Gloria Linko  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lipinski  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marianacci  
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Martinsky  
Mrs. Colleen Matthey  
Mrs. Alida Matusek  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Michaels  
Mr. & Mrs. David Miller  
Lynne Mylet  
Ms. Donna Novak  
Mrs. Lucille Ontko

Mrs. Catherine Onzik  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Pacovsky  
Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Perone  
Mrs. Irene Perugino  
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Mr. Fred Proleika, Jr.  
Mrs. Shirley Proleika  
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Jo Ann Sincavage  
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Mrs. Lisa St. Clair  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Stefanides  
Mr. & Mrs. Kerry Urban  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Vojtko  
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Volch  
Mr. & Mrs. James Washko  
Mrs. Lucille Watlack  
Mrs. Constance Yadrnak  
Mr. & Mrs. James Yozviak  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Zavada

*Today you revealed in Christ your eternal plan of salvation and showed him as the light of all peoples. Now that his glory has shone among us you have renewed humanity in his immortal image.*

*-Epiphany Roman Rite*





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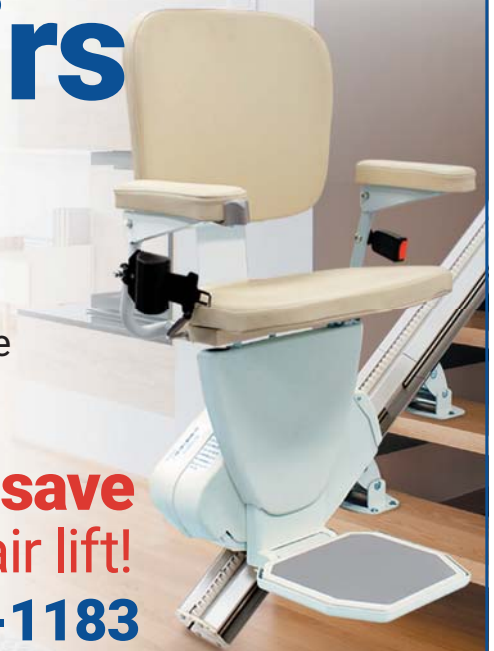
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