

THE SETON SENTINEL

JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



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!



“Today the Goodness of God Cries Out and the Waters come to Life with Your Saving Grace!”

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The Baptism of Jesus and the Conclusion of the Christmas Season

As today concludes our Season of Christmas we will be disassembling the trees and displays in and around the church today after the 11:00 am mass. Please lend us a hand. Many hands make light loads. It also should not take very long if we get enough help. See you after the 11:00 today. Ordinary Time resumes tomorrow, Monday, January 10th. For those who follow the Liturgy of the Hours, Monday begins Week 1 of the Psalter and we are in Cycle C for the Sunday Lectionary.

Mission Appeal in Our Parish This Weekend

Sister Kathy Kurdziel IHM will make an appeal in the parish for a small mission staffed by the IHM Sisters in the mountains of Peru. The IHMs have lived among the people for more than 27 years, tending to their heartaches and celebrating their victories. The mission survives mostly on donations from mission appeals in US parishes. **A second collection will be taken this weekend at all masses for the missions.**

Daily Eucharist this Week: Please note that there will only be a daily mass On Monday, January 10 this week. Weekday masses resume as usual the week of January 17th.

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday

This Thursday 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. All are Welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will meet this Tuesday at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30am --3:00pm *Friday—Closed*

Our office will be closed on Monday, January 17th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Log on to: dioceseofscranton.org to participate in the 2021-2023 Synodal Church Survey. It takes about 15 minutes to answer simple questions and you have the opportunity to make your voice count as Pope Francis desires to hear from all Catholics. Pass this information on to those who do not attend church so that they can be heard as well. Married, divorced, remarried, single, widowed, single, LGBT, rich or poor, the Holy Father wants to hear from EVERYONE! Log on and take the survey today!

Parish Staff

Pastoral Ministry

Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105

Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John (Jack) Zeigler x130

Permanent Deacon

Lori Raymond x100

Pastoral Associate/Dir. of Religious Education

Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M.

Pastoral Outreach Ministry

Mr. John Bankus

Permanent Deacon Candidate

Music Ministry

Marge Semanek

Director of Liturgical Music

Joseph Sabol

Accompanist

Scott Coates

Accompanist/5:30 p.m. Sunday

Finance Office

Christine Osmanski

Finance Office Secretary

Pat Quinn

Office Assistant

Sacristans and Maintenance

Chris Calore x133

Director of Maintenance

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Not sure how to **congratulate** and **thank you** for your **generosity** during the Christmas Season but I will try. Do you realize how many smiles you brought to children's faces with the donation of Gift Cards for Christmas? The outpouring was incredible from this community! On behalf of those families helped, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. There is the matter of the Christmas Offering for our church which surpassed anything I could have hoped for and is the largest Christmas Collection ever received in our parish. Your regular Sunday offerings have been quite generous as well. It is amazing. Through the COVID Crisis, the wild Inflation, uncertainty of the times, you continue to respond to the needs of others and our parish in a spectacular way. Our current count for the Diocesan Annual Appeal stands at \$52,980, that's nearly \$9,000 above our goal which means 75% of what we collect over the goal comes back to the parish! Terrific Job Everyone! Give yourselves a pat on the back, well done!!!! With every hope that this generous spirit continues to fill our parishioners hearts and blessings for all that you do, I am your honored and grateful Pastor,

Father Joe

And now the numbers....

Collection Report

Sunday, December 26th, 2021:	\$ 9,701.25
Christmas (so far):	\$ 27,720.00
Additional Decoration Offerings:	\$ 1,037.00

Thank you for all you do for our parish!

Should you experience a delay in receiving your envelopes, please contact the rectory. You may also use a plain envelope for your donations in the meantime. Indicate your name and *envelope number* (if known) so you can receive proper credit. Online Giving is available at setonpa.com follow the link.



**2021 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 Christine at: seton.swoy@aol.com

ENVELOPE #: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

THANK YOU!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TODAY, Sunday, January 9th, all 7th Grade Confirmation candidates will meet for an additional class after the 5:30pm mass in our church hall. Class will end at 7:45.

There are no Religious Education classes on Saturday, January 15th, and Monday, January 17th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

MORE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Amico
Mrs. Lorraine Andrzejewski
Ronald Andrzejewski, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Bankus
Mr. John G. Bankus
Mrs. Rosemarie Barton
Mrs. Nancy Bednar
Miss Barbara Beggs
Mr. William Bogutski, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bojarcik, Jr.
Mr. Richard Burda
Mrs. Rosemary Chismar
M/M Joseph Davidson Jr
& Family
Mrs. Dorothea French
Mr. & Mrs. Romuald Habersky
Miss Maureen Harkins
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marianacci
Mrs. Karen Martinelli
Mrs. Colleen Mattey
Mr. & Mrs. John Matusek
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mayerski
Mr. & Mrs. Jared Meehan
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Meyer
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Monko
Jenna Novakowski
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Novakowski
Dolores Petroski
Mr. Fred Proleika, Jr.
Mrs. Shirley Proleika
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Prushinski
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Przybyla
Rosemary Ritchie
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Romanowski
Mrs. Theresa Schaeffer
Mrs. Sheryl Sealock-Danowski

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Usefara
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Vojtko
Mrs. Barbara Wasilewski
Mrs. Lucille Watlack
Kayla Williams
Mr. Thomas Zabresky
Mrs. Joan Zim

A Note from Father Joe: I wish to extend my thanks to all those who remembered my birthday last month. Our super staff "surprised me" with a beautiful cake and very generous gift. To everyone who sent cards, texts, messages, Emails, gifts, well wishes, and those "sang to me" at morning mass or on the phone — You once again, touched me by your kindness. - Gratefully, Father Joe.

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 Church Hall, on Thursday, January 13, 2022. 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 \$139, Special Package Pricing, and take 60-90 minutes to complete. To register for your appointment please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit: <https://lisa.social/HSC>

Our Adult Choir Practices on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the choir loft and they **welcome new members!** There were only 8 members for Christmas and they sounded like many more and very beautiful. Imagine even more voices added to the mix! SAT(B) parts are all needed, but in particular men's voices would be very helpful. We hear you downstairs and some have very fine voices. We'll begin our Lenten and Easter practicing soon. Join us, praise God with your voice and have a little fun on Wednesday evenings.

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS HEART CAKE POP SALE

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is currently conducting a Heart Cake Pop Sale now through January 27, 2022. Delicious and decorated these Heart Shaped Pops, your choice 3 chocolate and 3 white or all white or all chocolate will be in a gift box ready for that someone special for Valentine's Day. Pops are \$15 per order but quantities are limited so place your order early. Pop orders can be taken by any Kiwanis members or call or text Paula at 570-288-6730 or email swoyk1951@comcast.net. All orders must be placed and paid in full by January 27th. Orders will be available for pick up on Thursday, February 10th from 4 pm to 6:30pm and Saturday, February 12th from 10 am to noon at 6 Ave B, Swoyersville. Delivery is available on orders of 6 or more to one location or talk to any Kiwanis member for assistance. Proceeds benefit community projects and Make A Wish. For more details on Kiwanis check us out on Facebook or Instagram.

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is happy to announce their donation of a Community Bulletin Board to Swoyersville Borough. The board is placed in the borough building near the entrance of the council room and is available to all Swoyersville nonprofit organizations, groups, or residents so information on upcoming events can be put on display. The rules/regulations for posting on the board have been approved by the Swoyersville Council.

~Information can be posted from nonprofit groups, organizations or residents of our community that will conduct a fundraiser/event to assist our community or a Swoyersville resident.

~Items posted cannot be political, negative, or show prejudice

~No business cards or business advertising

~No sales or solicitations

These rules are also on display next to the bulletin board. We invited all groups & organizations to take advantage of this board in getting out their information and help make their event a successful one. Anything advertisement not in accordance with the rules will be removed.

Kathleen Breznay, President, Swoyersville Kiwanis

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

We would like to announce that we are joining many other Catholic parishes across the United States that are taking part in the Spiritual Adoption Program.

The Social Concerns Committee urges you all--students and adults--to join our first Spiritual Adoption Program, nine months of prayer leading up to our annual baby shower (which benefits our local Pro-Life Center).

This simple, powerful program costs you only a minute of your time every day, but can save the lives of the innocent unborn.

PRAY for one particular, though unknown, baby to be spared from abortion.

CHOOSE A NAME for this child, and write it on the bottom of this form. Tear it off and place it in the basket by the statue of the Blessed Mother near the elevator. Sign your name if you wish, or don't if you so desire.

NO ONE WILL CALL YOU. You may adopt more than one baby if you wish.

The **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION** prayer (below) is for you to keep. Take it home and pray for the safety of this child every day in the quiet of your own time.

TAKE A HOLY CARD (available on the tables at the church entrance) to remind you of your commitment to this child.

Throughout your lifetime on Earth, this child will be known only to God, but we believe that in the world to come, you will meet with him or her eternally in Heaven and what a joyful meeting that will be!

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.

I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that

I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the Infant leapt in her womb."

(Luke 1:41)

~~~~~tear here~~~~~

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PLEDGE

I promise to spiritually adopt an unknown baby in danger of abortion by praying 9 months for the life of this child:

Name of your adopted child: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

(please place in basket by the Blessed Mother statue near the elevator)

# DAILY MASS

## Monday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Tillie Stapert Kim, John, Shelby

**Tuesday, January 11 NO MASS TODAY**

**Wednesday, January 12 NO MASS TODAY**

**Thursday, January 13 NO MASS TODAY**

**Friday, January 14 NO MASS TODAY**

## Saturday, January 15

4:00 p.m. Thomas Froncek Sister, Pattie

5:30 p.m. Josephine Reggie Nephew, Felix

## Sunday, January 16

7:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Swoyersville Kiwanis

11:00 a.m. Angie Zagursky John & Linda Stapert

5:30 p.m. Guido Boriosi Englot Family

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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.

## Special Intentions This Week

### This Week's Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of **Raymond & Elizabeth Podskoch** offered by Theresa

~In Memory of **Mary Ann Kudasik** offered by Richard, Carol, & Kristen Marzar



### Resting in the Peace of Christ, the Recently Departed

~~Anthony Martinelli~~George Haydu~~Ronald Yakupcin~~



### Today's Music

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

Gath: 85 S Shine Jesus, Shine

Prep: 161 S Before the Sun Burned

Com: 130 S Servant Song

Send: 541 G All Things New (vs 2)

### 5:30pm Sunday

Gath: 103 S All Are Welcome (All Belong)

PREP: 153 S God Alone

Comm: 85 S Shine Jesus Shine

Send: 108 S O Bless the Lord

*Subject to change*

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