

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

The Seton Sentinel

November 23, 2014

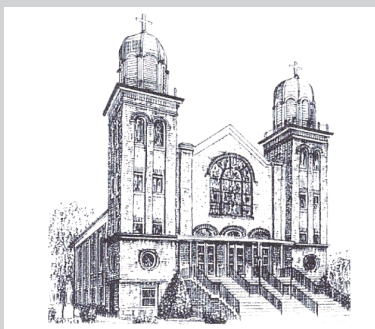
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Monday– Friday
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by appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all
Holy Days of Obligation and
Federal Holidays.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

New to the area? Just visiting? You will find a warm welcome here! To become a registered member, please call the parish office during regular business hours.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Parish Family Thanksgiving Day Mass: Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome! Because the Knights of Columbus did a food drive last weekend for the needy, we will not be collecting non-perishable or canned goods at the mass this year. Special thanks again this year to “Mom,” Joyce Fasula, and Gerrity’s Markets for the donation of the fruit that will be passed out at the end of mass.

Mother Seton Sculpture has arrived!

“St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Child”

It is an original production by Sister Margaret Beaudette, S.C.I.

For more than 30 years, Sister Margaret has devoted her talents to art, teaching and creating original liturgical and religious sculptures in bronze, bonded bronze and fiberglass.

Sister Margaret’s work is found in churches, hospitals and other venues across the United States as well as in South Korea, Bermuda, Haiti, Canada and Lourdes, France.

As an artist, working from her studio in the Bronx, New York, Sister Margaret’s style is uniquely her own. Sister Margaret has offered to cast 9” replica statues of the sculpture now located in front of our church to our parishioners. A sample is located at the church entrance this weekend and you may order your copy of the statue for a \$50.00 donation by signing the order sheet located near the statue. Payment will be due when you pick up the statue. It would make a great gift for a fellow parishioner!

PROPERTIES UPDATE

Thus far we have liquidated the following properties from the former Holy Name-St. Mary’s Parish: The caretaker’s house, the two lots that housed the former church structure, and most recently a successful bid was placed for the convent house on Barber Street. We still have the rectory house which is for sale. If you would like to tour the building, please contact Monica at the office. This really is a very well-constructed house which would make a beautiful family home! We would be most happy to entertain reasonable offers. The land on Wyoming Ave. in Forty Fort is not for sale at this time and will remain our parish property for the foreseeable future.

ADVENT

The season of Advent begins next Saturday at 4:00 pm. Our Art and Environment team members will meet Saturday at 11:00 am to prepare the church. Lectors, the Reading Cycle “B” begins next Saturday at the 4:00 pm Mass. Daily Mass Readings are proper for Advent and Christmas. Year “1” begins after the Baptism of the Lord in Ordinary Time.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children’s Liturgy of the Word begins next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All of our younger parishioners are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word designed especially for young ears! Children will be dismissed after the Gathering Rite to the basement to hear God’s Word and then will rejoin their parents and the rest of the community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All children are most welcome to participate and are welcome each Sunday of Advent.

Parish Staff

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Children's & 11:30 Choir
 Phil Bosha
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 Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
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 to the publication week.



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
 pray for us!**

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

32.84%(335 out of 1,020) gave/pledged
 DAA 2014 Goal: \$47,000.00
 Total Raised: \$39,665.00
 Over(Under): (\$7,335.00)

We do need everyone's help to make our goal. Please take an envelope and fill it out. As always, thank you for considering this special request and may God Bless You for all of your generosity.

HOLIDAY HELP

Please contact Fr. Joe or our Pastoral Associate, Lori Raymond, if you are in need or know a family in our community who needs help this Thanksgiving or Christmas. Screened families & individuals may receive help with the food for holiday meals & children's Christmas presents. We need to be notified now to be able to help for Christmas. Also, we are accepting Supermarket gift cards for the needy for Thanksgiving. You can drop them in the Sunday basket or bring them to the rectory. Any amount will be appreciated.



THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree is up and ready with the gift tags for the needy children and families & shut-ins. Please return the gifts with the **tag attached** by **Dec. 15th**. (If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, 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.

CLOTHING NEEDED

We are in need of **specific items** of clothing : Boys or Girls, Size 10, navy blue or khaki slacks/pants, gently used. Please bring items to church vestibule & leave by Food Pantry box, or drop off at the rectory office.

Life Line Screening at SEAS

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 1/8/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

Parish Organizations:**Holy Name Society**

Seton's Holy Name Society meets on the 1st Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

Social Concerns Committee

Seton's Social Concerns Committee meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

Knights of Columbus

The Seton Knights of Columbus meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

The Seton Altar Guild

Raises funds for the needs of the Church throughout the year, particularly the sanctuary and altar expenses. Meetings as announced in the *Sentinel*. All are welcome to get involved.

The Seton Youth Choir

Practice will be held at TWO different times. Practices are held on Sundays from 8:45am to 9:45am in the church hall or on Mondays from 5:00pm to 5:45pm in the Church. (Please Note: Practices are not held on the 1st Sunday of each month)

SETON SENIOR SINGERS

The Seton Senior Choir, (all adult choir members) practices Wednesdays at 6:30 in the church by the choir loft. New Members are always welcome to join us.

DECEMBER 8th HOLY DAY

Monday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because it falls on a Monday, we will host a special mass on Sunday afternoon that will be in honor of the Holy Day, not a Sunday Obligation Mass. You will need to go to mass twice between Saturday afternoon and Monday evening to fulfill both obligations. If you go on Sunday morning, you may also come Sunday afternoon and receive Holy Communion because it is two different celebrations. Our Schedule for the Holy Day will be: Sunday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. Monday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 50/50 RAFFLE

The Holy Name Society is selling tickets for their **50/50 Raffle**. Donation is \$5.00/ticket and drawing will be held on December 7th, just in time for Christmas shopping. Members will be selling tickets after weekend Masses in November or you may purchase from any HNS member. Questions: call Anna Mae 287-7655.

ADVENT PIROHY SALES

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Altar Guild will sponsor this year's **Advent Pirohy Sale** on Dec. 5, 12, and 19. Due to increase in cost of ingredients, the cost will be \$7.00/dozen. We will **need lots of help** making the pirohy!!!

OPLATKI SALE

The Seton Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be offering the Christmas Wafers after masses beginning the week of November 30th. Offering is \$5.00/pack. They will also be available in the rectory during office hours starting December 1st.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will meet today, **Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at 2pm in the church hall.** Hostesses are Susan Bayer & Theresa Yurko. Plans will be finalized for the **Dec. 14th Christmas Party.** Reservations will be taken by Susan Bayer (763-5944) and Pat Quinn (288-6906). Members attending the party are asked to bring a package of diapers for Pro-Life instead of an exchange gift. Guests are welcome. RSVP by December 4th.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting, Tuesday, December 2nd, 6:30 pm in the rectory.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON MASS TO BE ADDED TO OUR PARISH SCHEDULE

Through discussions with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Young Adults of our parish, it has been determined that beginning Sunday, February 15, 2015, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will offer the 5:30 pm Contemporary Sunday Eucharist. We would like this celebration to be a little different from our other scheduled parish masses. Hopefully, the youth and young adults from our parish will take the lead in the ministries for this mass. The music will be of the Contemporary Christian variety. Although this mass will be more or less geared for younger parishioners all will be invited to participate and attend. It may be helpful to those who have difficult work and other schedules on the weekends. We are hoping it will also be an outreach tool as well for those who feel out of place at traditional masses. More information to follow. For now, if any young person would like to volunteer to be part of this new music ministry, please call Lori at the rectory and give your name and your instrument played or let us know if you can sing.

SORRY, PARENTS!

As we reviewed the December Child Care dates set for Fridays in December, we found a number of conflicts with other church and community events previously scheduled in our parish hall. We will need to cancel this program this year and apologize for any confusion of schedules this may have caused. Our hearts were in the right place, our calendars were a bit full for the undertaking. We are sorry once again.

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING AT SETON

Our Parish will host training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on three consecutive Thursday evenings during January: Jan 8, 15, and 22nd beginning at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Attendance at all three sessions is required for certification for ministry in our parish. We would like to gather some names for this ministry and extend the invitation. If you know of someone who you think would make a good addition to our EM team, please call Lori at the rectory and give their name.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The rectory office will be closed Wednesday, November 26th at 12 Noon and will re-open on Monday, December 1st at 8:30am. Please hold off on all non-emergency calls to the office while the office is closed. Thank you for your cooperation.

ATTENTION LECTORS!

Lector Workbooks 2015 have arrived & are in the Server Sacristy. Please pick up your book today. Readings begin on November 30th. Thank you.

ADVENT PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION:

Sunday December 7th, the Second Sunday of Advent and the vigil of the Immaculate Conception our parish will pause for A Day of Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 11:30 a.m. Mass and adoration will continue until 5:15 with Benediction and then the Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 pm, A Holy Day of Obligation this year. Please sign-up for 1/2 hour periods of adoration that Sunday and join us for Benediction and the Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception.

Confessions: Regularly scheduled Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45

Saturday, December 20th 11:00 am-12:30pm

Monday, December 22nd 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

These will be the only times for Reconciliation this season in our parish. If unable to make any of these times, call the rectory to set up an appointment.

COLLECTION REPORT

November 8/9, 2014

SUNDAY: \$6936.50

DUES: \$4444.96

LOOSE: \$415.00

HOLY DAY: \$109.00

DAYS WAGE: \$50.00

TOTAL: \$11,955.46

Diocesan-Care & Education of Priests: \$358.00

May God bless you for your generosity!

BOOT DRIVE

Instead of having volunteers solicit for the boot campaign after masses this weekend, a donation in your name from the parish has been made to the Hose Company's Boot Drive.

THE SACRAMENTS**Baptism**

Expecting or new parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make the arrangements and if necessary, attend the Pre-Baptismal Session. The celebration of the Sacrament is usually held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. This year Bishop Dougherty will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible (no less than 6 months prior) to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work. The dates at the Church are not guaranteed until an actual meeting with the pastor takes place.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
or anytime by request

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish Priest, day or night. When someone is very ill please do not wait to call the priest. It is better to have the sacrament of the sick sooner rather than at the last minute.

**For ordinary sick calls
(Non-Emergency):**

Please notify the Parish Social Ministry Office at (570) 763-5160 if you would like a parish representative to visit a family member who is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home. In compliance with HIPAA regulations (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), health care facilities are required to protect the confidentiality and security of health data. Therefore, the only way that the parish can be informed of someone needing assistance is through notification by a family member or friend.

**SEAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

The Knights will be holding their annual **All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet** on Sunday, December 7th, from 9am to 1pm. Cost is \$7/adults and \$4/children. The breakfast will be held in our school cafeteria. Tickets will be on sale in the church vestibule after weekend Masses and also will be sold at the door.

The annual **Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign** will be held by our Knights of Columbus in the church vestibule after all Masses now through Christmas. We will be selling beautiful Christmas cards, magnets, and pins.

In conjunction with the Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign, our Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a **“Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest”**. There will be a \$25.00 First Prize gift card in each age group category (which will be Boys and Girls 5 to 7, 8 to 10, and 11 to 14). Place your theme drawing in the box located near the Reconciliation Room. **Deadline is Sunday, December 14th.**

Rules for Contest:

- ~Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas
- ~Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan, & any visual image)
- ~Poster must be 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk, or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.
- ~Each poster must be submitted in the Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster contest box, located in the back of the church. The name & age of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster.
- ~All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.
- ~Poster will not be returned.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who helped with and/or donated to the **Care and Share Food Drive**. It was a great success. If you or someone you know is in need of food, please call Lori at the rectory. (All calls are confidential).

HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

We kindly ask all those who use the handicap parking spaces along the side of the church—when you are pulling into the space, please park in the furthest spot that is available, so that other handicap drivers can just park right behind you. It is very difficult to parallel park along the building. Thank you for your cooperation and courtesy in this matter.

Give
Thanks

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SPECIAL PAGE

BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

In the days of Ezekiel, where were sheep kept, and how did the shepherds look after them?

SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Saint Paul says that 'in Adam all men die.' The story of Adam and Eve is found at the beginning of the Book of Genesis. See if you can find the story, and then find what the Church teaches about the sin of Adam and Eve.

SAINT MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

The Gospel mentions angels and judgment. What does the Church teach us about angels and the Final (also called the Last, or General) Judgment?

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FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

1. Thus _____ the Lord God: I _____ will look after and _____ my sheep.
2. The _____ is my _____; there is nothing I _____.
3. Christ has been _____ from the _____, the first fruits of those who have _____ asleep.
4. He will place the _____ on his _____ and the goats on his _____.
5. I was _____ and you gave me no food, I was _____ and you gave me no _____.

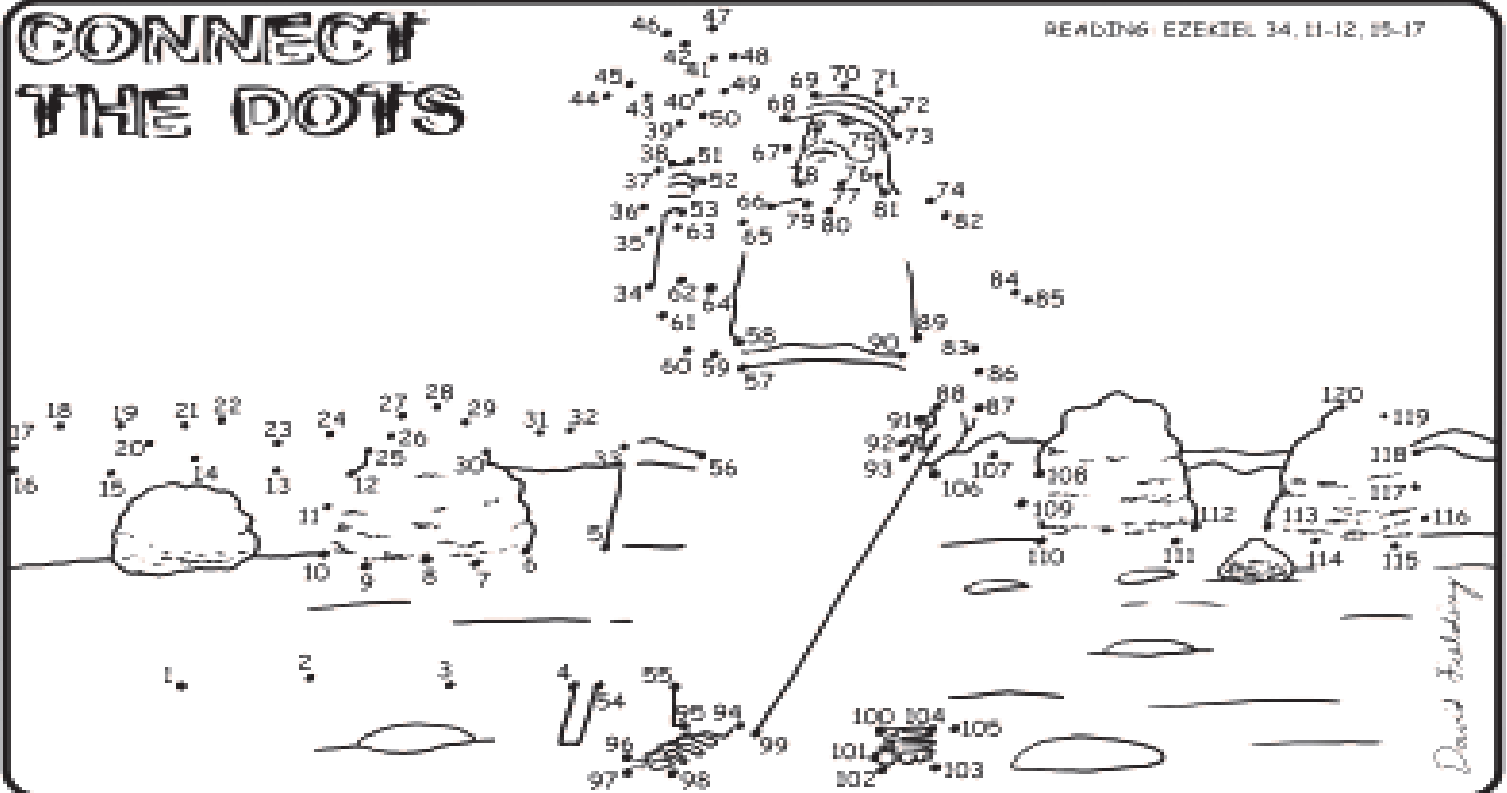
ANSWERS

1. says, myself, tend 2. Lord, shepherd, lack
3. raised, dead, fallen 4. sheep, right, left
5. hungry, thirsty, drink

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CONNECT THE DOTS

READING: EZEKIEL 34, 11-12, 25-17



David Fishberg

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MEMORIAL/DONOR PAVERS

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Whether you want to honor a loved one or be a sponsor, this enduring gift will be a lasting memory to all who have sacrificed to build these parishes and for those who are united as one to move into the future.

The pavers are 4 inches by 8 inches and once engraved will be placed randomly on either side of the church. You are limited to 14 characters across (includes punctuation and spaces) for 3 lines. Please begin in the first block of each line (please print clearly), the engraver will center all the lines.

The costs per paver is \$125.00 or you may purchase 2 for \$200.00 (a \$50.00 savings). Please remember pavers will be placed randomly.

Payment must accompany the order, please make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Memorial Fund. Please return the entire sheet (1 per order) with your order. Thank you for your generosity.

Name of Sponsor _____

Daytime Phone # _____

IN THE COMMUNITY

GSA

Good Shepherd Academy, 316 N. Maple Street in Kingston, welcomes you to our Annual Toy Bingo, to be held on Sunday, Nov. 30th at 2:00pm. Doors open at 1pm to select your seat, have a quick lunch, purchase tickets to our large basket drawing, or snack on homemade dessert! Tickets are \$9 presale or \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling 760-7082 or by downloading the form from the school website at www.gsapa.org and mailing it to the school.

THE MIRACLE OF BETHLEHEM

The Miracle of Bethlehem, a 45 minute live production depicting the life of Jesus from His birth to His resurrection will be presented at the St. Faustina Grove by the St. Faustina Parish Community at 7:00PM on December 5, 6, and 7. The cast consists of parishioners and friends of St. Faustina Parish. The Grove is located just outside Nanticoke, in Sheatown, on Old Newport Street behind the St. Stanislaus Apartments & Guardine Eldercare Center. Parking will be available. All attending are invited to bring lawn chairs, if preferred. Admission is free, however, any good-will offerings will be graciously accepted.

Victorian Christmas Tea

The Soup for the Souls Committee of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood, Hanover Township, will be sponsoring a Victorian Christmas Tea on Sunday, November 30th. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. A variety of teas will be served, along with homemade scones and tea sandwiches. Added features this year include Barber Shop Singers and a basket raffle. RSVP November 24th. Please call Barry at 831-5593 or Sylvia at 825-6370.

Also, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Youth Ministry will be holding their 3rd annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 13th from 10am to 1pm in the church hall, 420 Main Rd., Hanover Twp. There will be over 30 different types of homemade cookies to choose from. Fill a container for \$8.00. For more information/and or ticket reservations, call 814-6444 or 262-6413.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children, don't feel you have to suppress in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said: "Let the children come to me." Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small active children. The presence of children is a gift to the Church. They give us "A future full of hope."

Eucharistic Worship Schedule and Intentions

34th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 24

8:00 a.m. All Souls' Intentions

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 a.m. Joseph J. Smolko M/M Paul Monka

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving Joe & Kate

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

Friday, November 28

8:00 a.m. Adolph & Bertha Kadish Children

Saturday, November 29 (vigil: First Sunday of Advent)

4:00 p.m. John Butchko John & Christine

5:30 p.m. Raymond W. Chimock Wife, Daughter, Son, & Families

Sunday, November 30 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Judy Mullen Annie Bagnall

10:00 a.m. Eleanor & Eugene Breznay Sr. Family

11:30 a.m. **Pro Populo**



BAPTISM SUNDAY-Congratulations and God's Blessings upon the families of

~~**Hunter Faith Bedosky**~~**Jacelyn Marie Durako**~~

Mason Alexander Gazda~~**Major George Gimble**~~ who will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~In Memory of Anna Duzen by daughters, Paula Matthews & Donna Gustave

~In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents



IN MEMORIAM Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her~~**Janice Burda**~~May her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.

Celebrant's Schedule	
November 29-30	
4:00 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm	Fr. Urban
8:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
11:30 am	Fr. Urban

CHRIST
THE KING

