

November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent

The Seton Sentinel

A publication of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



Prepare

...you also must be prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

~Matthew 24:44

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment only

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

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm
or by appointment

Mission Statement:

"We are Called....

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To love Tenderly,

To Serve One Another,

To Walk Humbly with God"

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David Haas

HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS

The Holidays are right around the corner and that could be a very hard time of the year for some of our families who do not have the resources for a Holiday meal, let alone Christmas presents for children. **If you or someone you know is struggling, please let us know. Contact Lori, our Pastoral Associate, at the office. All calls will be held in the strictest confidence.** We will be preparing Holiday Food Baskets & Christmas presents for children. We will once again be accepting Food Cards from local supermarkets & sponsoring the Annual Giving Tree. If you can donate grocery gift cards for someone in need, drop it in the collection or bring it to the office. Your help is greatly appreciated as we reach out to those who may go without this Christmas.



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**. 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. (Please return all gifts as soon as possible, no later than December 18th.)

Mark Your Calendars:

On Sunday, December 18th we will begin to decorate our church for Christmas. As you know this is no small undertaking and we will need lots of help. There will be trees to set up and string lights on, wreaths, and garland to hang, nativity statues to set up, and more. There will be lots of ladder climbing required and some lifting to be done. We welcome everyone's help but could really use strong backs and agile folks to climb and lift. Plan on coming and lending a hand. The more people who show, the easier it will be.

ALTAR GUILD ADVENT PIROHY SALES—ORDER EARLY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd. Cost is \$7.00/dozen. Pick up in school cafeteria from 12noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. ***We will need lots of help making the pirohy!*** Come to the school cafeteria at 7am if you can help ball potatoes. All others come at 8:30. Bring a friend along. Lunch will be served!

Pirohy Sales also on Friday, December 9th, and Friday, December 16th.

Absolutely no phone orders will be taken at the rectory.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PLAY

Monday, December 19th, 6:30pm, in church hall. Based on *It's a Wonderful Life*. Admission is FREE. Everyone is welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FAMILY MASS: Sunday, December 4th, 10:00am-hosted by 7th Grade

December CCD classes : Saturday, December 3, 10, and 17. No classes on Dec. 24 and 31. Monday—December 5, 12, and 19 (Christmas play in church hall). No classes on Dec. 31 and Jan. 2.

Please note: 7th Grade Confirmation Additional Class: Sunday, Dec. 18 after 5:30pm mass

The Parish **Pastoral Council** will resume **Tuesday, December 6th**, with an open meeting at 6:30 pm. In the church hall. Members of the various parish organizations (Holy Name, Christians Mothers, Knights, Social Concerns, etc.) are invited to the December meeting to continue our conversation about our Parish's Mission and Vision.

PRAYER CHAIN

There is no Prayer Chain meeting in December. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017, at 9am in our church hall.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Please add one of these items to your shopping list and bring into church with you. Drop off in the boxes in the Church vestibule. The collection benefits our neighbors at the Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne. Thank you for your help! CANNED FRUIT, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CEREAL, CANNED BEEF STEW, CANNED VEGETABLES, SMALL BAGS OF RICE, MAC & CHEESE.

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank all of our friends who continue to support those in need within our community. Recently, a donation was offered to a local family whose finances were stretched by the medical expenses of a seriously ill family member. Also, veterans at the VA Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre were assisted with a donation to purchase Christmas gifts to brighten the holidays of its permanent residents. Truly, this is a parish where the welfare of others is never forgotten. Thank you!

Invitation to other Organizations of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Our Social Concerns Committee would like to invite all members of all of our other **parish organizations** to a **Christmas Social** on Friday, December 9th, at 7pm in our church hall. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Please RSVP by December 4th.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



- Reservations are now being taken for the annual Christian Mothers Christmas Party. Members pay \$10.00 and non-members \$15.00. The party will be held on Sunday, December 11th, at 1pm in our church hall. **Please RSVP by December 5th by calling Sue Bayer at 570-714-1628.**

Also, our Christian Mothers will meet *today, Sunday, November 27th*, at 2pm in our church hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET



Our Knights of Columbus is holding their annual All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, December 11th, from 9am to 1pm, in our school cafeteria. Price is \$7/adults and \$4/children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door.

Santa Claus will be there, so bring your list and your camera! Also, our Knights want to thank everyone who contributed to the monthly envelope on their behalf.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir
Phil Bosha
Maintenance
Chris Calore
Maintenance
Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician
Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
Pastor
Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate
Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist
Monica Salis
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Director of Religious Education
Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant
Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon

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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week



prior to the publication week.

Prayer Chain

Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confidential.



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Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up for electronic giving. It's a fast easy way to remember your offerings. You can chose to give weekly, monthly, pay dues, etc. Look for and click:



Parish Goal: \$47,000.00
Total Raised: \$43,150.00
Amount needed: \$3,850.00

BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH-Dec. 1st



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

Your blood donation this holiday season can give a patient the perfect gift—the gift of life! Cancer patients, those undergoing surgery, accident victims, and many other patients rely on donated blood. Blood donations often decline from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day as people get busy with holiday activities. Please give now to help prevent a seasonal decline and ensure a stable supply.

Patients don't get a holiday from needing blood. The need for donors to give is constant. Save time by using **RapidPass** to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to your appointment. Learn more at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass For detailed donor eligibility questions, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org

Please give blood at our upcoming Blood Drive here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church hall this **Thursday, December 1st from 12:30pm to 5:30pm.**
THANK YOU!



"Give to the Most High God, as God has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and God will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35: 9-10

November 12/13, 2016

SUNDAY: \$7178.07
LOOSE: \$580.28
Holy Day (All Saints): \$83.00
TOTAL: \$9499.80

DUES: \$1224.00
E-GIVING: \$434.45

Special Thanks to the Seton Christian Mothers who donated \$3,000.00 toward our heating expenses for the winter months.

Diocesan: November Care & Education of Priests: \$861.00

May God Bless You for your Generosity!

December Parish Group Collection: Altar Guild

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT/SCHOLARSHIP TEST for interested Public and Private School 8th graders: Saturday, December 10th, at 8:30am. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test : 570-829-2424

HELP WANTED-ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER

Are you looking for a rewarding career where you can make a difference in people's lives? **JOB FAIR** at 5 sites on Thursday, November 17th. 10am –2pm and 4pm –6pm. 2010 Adams Ave., Scranton, 320 S. Blakely St., Dunmore, Elmhurst, Carbondale, & Swoyersville Homes. For locations & information, visit: www.stjosephscenter.org (570) 963-1282. Full Time~~Part Time~~Weekend Shifts ~~with guaranteed hours and a steady schedule.

St. Michael's Byzantine Cookie Walk

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 N. Main St., Pittston, is having a Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 11th, in the church hall from 10am to 1pm. All home-made cookies will be featured. Some of the cookie varieties include peanut butter, chocolate chip, thumbprint, Kolachi, Italian Ricotta, Pepper cookies, Linzer, cherry winks, and many more. Fill a container (provided) with cookies and pay \$8.00 per pound. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

March 21-31, 2017. \$3794.00 per person including air fare from Scranton. Breakfast, lunch, & dinner daily. Mass daily at the Holy Sites. For a flyer or more information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660

Hospital Visitation

A reminder to all parishioners: If you or a family or friend is admitted to the Hospital, Physical Rehab, or a Nursing Home, please contact Sister Jane at 570-763-5160 to inform the parish. We try to visit everyone we know is hospitalized or in a facility for any length of time but we need your help. Hospitals do not release patient information to the parish any longer due to privacy regulations. For emergency Anointing of the Sick, call anytime, day or night the main rectory number for assistance. Note that priests are assigned to hospital emergency calls on a rotating basis so ask the nurses station to call the priest on duty in the event of an emergency.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs



Did you check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CDs located in our vestibule? For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

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. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

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 allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Masses for the Week

Monday, November 28

8:00 am Raymond W. Chimock Felix Wawer Sr. & son, Felix

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 am Robert Pavalonis Robert & Joan Morgan

Wednesday, November 30 St. Andrew

8:00 am All Souls' Intentions

Thursday, December 1

8:00 am Margaret Romanowski Mike & Carol Romanowski

Friday, December 2

8:00 am Adam Mihalek M/M Leonard Wooditch

Saturday, December 3 vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm Helen Gaydos Gerry Sincavage & Family
 5:30 pm Jesse Jude Joyce Mother, Brother, & Sister

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am James J. Connell Bob & Tracey Naugle
 10:00 am **Pro Populo**
 11:30 am John Blockus Roy & Joanne Baker
 5:30 pm Marie Mishkel Jack & Elsie Harvilla

Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Frank & Lillian Matthews offered by son, Frank, & Paula Matthews
- In Memory of Gerrie Kovalski offered by Husband & Family



Priest's Schedule

Saturday, December 3

4:00 pm Fr. Urban
 5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

Sunday, December 4

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi
 10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi
 11:30 am Fr. Urban
 5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

