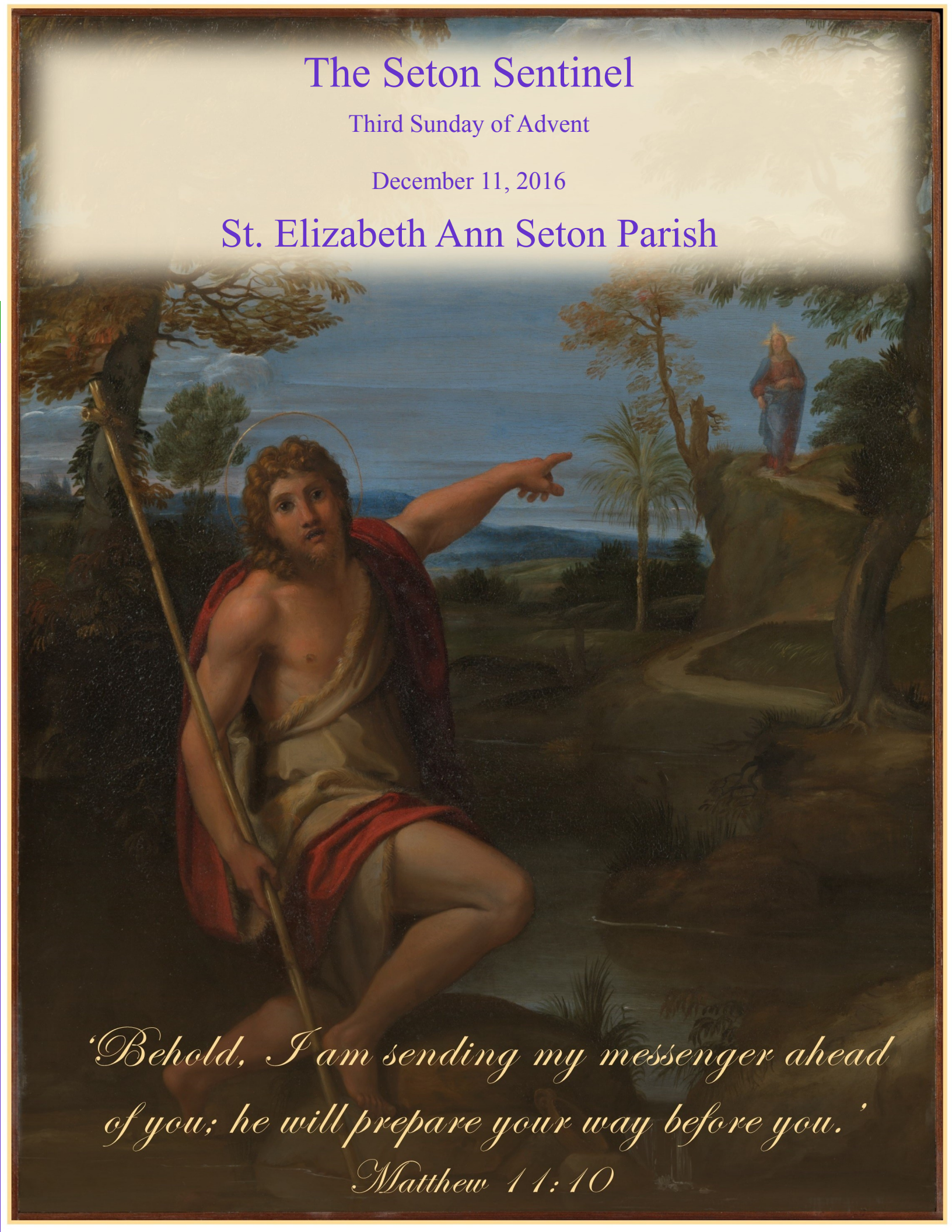


The Seton Sentinel

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



*'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead
of you; he will prepare your way before you.'*

Matthew 11:10

THE SETON SENTINEL

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Office Hours:

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

To act with Justice,

To love Tenderly,

To Serve One Another,

To Walk Humbly with God"

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David Haas

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET TODAY!



Our Knights of Columbus is holding their annual All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet **TODAY, 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' next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at 7pm in the school cafeteria. New members welcome!

Holiday Hands Needed:



Can you spare some time this Tuesday, December 13th, at 9am? We are looking for a few helping hands to stuff baggies with straw for Christmas. Each year we have a mess because of the Christmas Straw. This year we have a new plan. The straw will be blessed and placed in baggies for you to take home and then put in your wallet. Please do not open the baggie in Church to avoid getting straw all over the floor. **If you are available to help us, give Lori a call in the office.** With a small team, this can be completed quickly. Thank you.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PLAY

We are proud to present a new Christmas Tradition on **Monday, December 19th, 6:30pm, in our church hall.** This year the play is **Based on *It's a Wonderful Life.*** Admission is **FREE.** Everyone is welcome!

Mark Your Calendars:



Next **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 FINAL ADVENT PIROHY SALE—

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th. 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!

Absolutely no phone orders will be taken at the rectory.

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. New members are welcome!



Please return the gifts with the **TAG ATTACHED**. 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.)

SOCIAL CONCERNS

"Kindness is one of the greatest gifts you can bestow upon another. If someone is in need, lend them a helping hand. Do not wait for a thank you. True kindness lies within the act of giving without the expectation of something in return" Author Unknown

Before Christmas arrives, the Social Concerns Committee will be providing 20 extra warm sleeping bags to offer much needed comfort to the men at St. Theresa's Haven. Your continuing support of Committee fundraisers make the purchase of these gifts possible. Thank you!

OPLATKI

Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be offering the Christmas Wafers after all masses this weekend in our church vestibule. Offering is \$5.00 for a pack of 6 wafers. They will also be available in the rectory during regular office hours until December 21st.



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
Business Manager
Marge Semanek
Director of Music
Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
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.



A Parish of the
Diocese of Scranton



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:



Congratulations! You did it again! Through your generosity, our parish surpassed its goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal! So far, \$48,235.00 has been raised. That puts us over our goal by \$1,235.00. Whatever we achieve over the goal -- 75% of that number comes back to the parish! There is still time to help the appeal. There is a link on our website, setonpa.com and envelopes are located at the Church entrance. May God Bless Your Generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There are still a few more CCD classes in December: **Saturday, December 17. No classes on Dec. 24 and 31. Monday—December 12 and 19 (Christmas play in church hall). No classes on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.**

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume Sunday, January 8, 2017, at the 10:00am Mass.



"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 26/27, 2016

SUNDAY: \$6586.08
LOOSE: \$595.25
Holy Day : \$1.00
TOTAL: \$7894.64

DUES: \$480.00
E-GIVING: \$232.31

Parish Group Collection-Altar Guild: \$722.50

Thanksgiving Day for Social Concerns: \$291.53

May God Bless You for your Generosity!

December Parish Group Collection: Altar Guild

MARRIAGE HELP. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, with a long i) Program can help you, Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be February 24-26, 2017, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Registration required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more information or to register, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

AMAZON SHOPPING

The Christmas shopping season has officially begun. When purchasing items from Amazon.com, please consider logging into your account via the Amazon Smile Program. A portion of your sale will be donated to The Little Sisters of the Poor, Holy Family Residence, at no additional cost to you. To help, log into your account at: smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0832764

CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES ADVENT CONCERT TODAY

In a 69 year choral history of songs for the season, the Catholic Choral Society will present an Advent Concert at the Parish of St. Ignatius of Loyola, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, today, Sunday, December 11th, at 3pm They will be joined by St. Ignatius Adult Choir & Handbell Choir. The groups will be presenting sacred Advent & Christmas music as well as other Christmas selections. The concert is open to the public free of charge. The Catholic Choral Society is composed of more than 50 members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Wyoming, & Susquehanna Counties. Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse & Brenda Grunza are co-presidents. Jean Shields is accompanist & Ann Manganiello is music director. For information about concerts & membership, call 570-587-2753 or visit www.catholichoralsociety.org

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Today, Sunday, December 11th, 7:00pm, at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave, Shavertown. (Snow date: Dec. 18th) Put yourself in the Christmas mood! Join us for our annual Carols by Candlelight with some festive carol singing, featuring our SUMC choirs, bells, organ, & guests. The Anthracite Brass will be with us to add their special touch to the evening. Take time out from your Christmas shopping to enjoy a night of music.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

"Sounds of the Season" Choral Concert & Elementary Band, next Sunday, December 18th, at 3pm. 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre. All are welcome!

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.

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, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>		
8:00 am	Richard Krokos	Barbara Stevens
Tuesday, December 13 <i>St. Lucy</i>		
8:00 am	Special Intention	Bob & Terry
Wednesday, December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>		
8:00 am	Stephen & Helen Gaydos	Joe & Dolores Chipega
Thursday, December 15		
8:00 am	Brian Powers	Chet & Bernadine Stachniewicz
Friday, December 16		
8:00 am	James Gill	Brother, Mark
Saturday, December 17 vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent		
4:00 pm	Samuel Lorusso	Linda Balutis
5:30 pm	Rosarii Rosentel	Sons & Families
Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent		
8:30 am	Beatrice Skiengel	Gerald & Sylvia Wozniak & Family
10:00 am	Michael S. & Michael C. Ritondo	Daughter/Sister Josie & Family
11:30 am	Rick Mizenko	Wife & Family
5:30 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	



Priest's Schedule

Saturday, December 17

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

Sunday, December 18

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

The Recently Departed

- ~-Donald Petty~-Mary Jo Mackavage~-May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Emery Marcin offered by daughter, Gloria
- In Memory of George J. and George M. Shendock offered by Dorothy Shendock

Sacrament of Baptism

CONGRATULATIONS and God's Blessings upon~~**Tyler Joseph Mizenko**~~and~~**Sofia Lynnette Thomas**~ and their families. They will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.



CHRISTMAS 2016 AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Saturday, December 17, Confessions 11am-12:30pm
Monday, December 19, 6:30 pm Children's Choir Christmas Play
Tuesday, December 20, Confessions 4:30 pm- 6:30 pm
Saturday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
4:00 pm—Children's Mass, 6:00 pm, and 9:00 pm—The Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
12:00 midnight—The Solemn Choral Mass of Christmas Day,
8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am

There Will Be No 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Day.