

# The Seton Sentinel

December 10, 2017



Second Sunday of Advent

One mightier than I is coming after me.  
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals.  
I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:7,8



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. Please return all gifts as soon as possible, no later than next Sunday, December 17th.



**ALTAR GUILD  
Final ADVENT PIROHY SALES  
FRIDAY, December 15**

\$7.00/dozen. Pick up in school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. This is your last opportunity to order pirohy before Christmas. **There is no sale next Friday.**

**We will really need your help making the pirohy! We have been short-handed lately.** Come to the school cafeteria on Friday, Dec. 15th, at 7am if you can help ball potatoes. All others come at 8:30am. Lunch will be served. **No phone orders.**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

A Community Blood Drive will be held on **Thursday, December 14**, in our **church hall from 11am-4pm**. You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code **SEASP**. Streamline your donation & save up to 15 minutes by visiting [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading & health history on the day of your appt. Give the Gift of Life this Season. **Donate Blood.**



**Decking the Church  
Come one, come all!**

On Sunday, December 17th following the 11:30 am Mass, we will begin the monumental task of getting the church ready for the Christmas celebrations. That means, we need LOTS of help! This is a good chance for service hours for High School, Confirmation, and other students. Also need strong men to carry over trees, nativities, hang wreaths, etc. We can use all the help we can get on the 17th so mark your calendars to join us.



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Friday 8:30 to 3:00

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



**Christmas Eve, 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00pm  
Christmas Day, 8:30 and 11:00 am.**

Please note that the Weekend Schedule for Mass of Obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent will be on Saturday, December 23rd at 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Sunday, December 24th at 8:30 am and 10:00 am ONLY. **There will be no 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 24th.**





### OPLATKI AVAILABLE

The Christmas Wafers are available in the vestibule before and after masses today, while supplies last. Donation is \$5 per package of six wafers.



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PLAY

"A Christmas Tale" based on a "Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens  
Monday, December 18th  
6:30pm in our church hall  
Admission is Free  
Everyone is welcome!

*Christmas Play*

## NEW MASS TIMES

Beginning the weekend of January 6/7, 2018

- Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 pm
  - Sunday Masses 8:30, 11:00 am  
and 5:30 pm.
  - Monday-Friday Mass 12:10 pm
- Confessions Saturday 3:45– 4:15 pm**

Please make a note of these changes.



## WIN!!!

*Santa's New Sleigh or Santa's Sack of Cash!!!*

There are only about 100 tickets left! The drawing is next Sunday, December 17th after the 5:30 pm mass.

Tickets are available after or before masses this weekend or until all are sold.

Only 500 tickets will be sold for the 2018 Chevy Malibu or the \$15,000.00 in cash

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 30/31 and JAN 1

New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, however, this year, it is not an obligation to attend mass. The Regular Weekend Schedule will be followed with all masses on Sunday, day and evening counting for the Obligation of the Solemnity of the Holy Family Sunday. This includes the Sunday 5:30 pm Mass.

**New Year's Day**, for those of you who wish to start the New Year with Mass, we will have two masses — 8:30 and 11:00 am which will be that of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.



**NEW CHURCH YEAR CALENDARS OUT NOW**

Please take your copy of the new Church Year Calendar located at the church entrance. Once again, special acknowledgment and thanks to **Wroblewski Funeral Home** 1442 Wyoming Ave., Fort Fort, for underwriting the expense of the calendars.

### YOUR OFFERINGS for November 25/26

*Thank You for Your Generosity!*

Sunday:	\$ 5983.00
Dues:	\$ 435.00
Loose	\$ 661.60
Holy Day	\$ 6.00
E-Giving:	\$ 181.95
Total:	<b>\$ 7267.55</b>

Parish Groups-November (Altar Guild): \$869.25

Thanksgiving: \$267.00

**Diocesan:** World Mission Sunday: \$5.00

**Monday, December 18th,** Youth Choir Christmas Play at 6:15 in church hall

A reminder to parents in the event of inclement weather to check the message on the Religious Education Department's Direct Phone Line at 570-287-4587 to see if classes are cancelled.

**Classes for December:**

Saturday: Dec. 16

Monday: Dec. 11, & 18 (Christmas Play on the 18th))

**No Class:** Dec. 23, 25, 30 & Jan 1

**Classes resume:** Jan. 6 & 8

**Sunday, Jan 7th, 11am:**

6th Grade Family Mass followed by coffee & donuts

Bereavement Group



A Bereavement Group is forming to help those who are struggling with adjustment to the loss of a loved one. This may be particularly difficult during the holiday season, so sharing with those who are going through a similar experience may offer support and comfort. For more information or to join the group, call the parish office.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton now has a licensed therapist on our Pastoral Staff. If you think you may benefit from this ministry, please contact Fr. Joe for a referral. All inquiries will be held in the strictest confidences. This is above and beyond what Father can do by himself in spiritual direction or advisement.

Holy Family, Luzerne, Dec. 17 at 3:00 pm

St. Ignatius, Kingston, Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm

St. Therese, Shavertown, Dec. 18th at 7:00 pm

St. John, Larksville, Dec 19th at 7:00 pm



### Confessions at Seton

Saturdays from 3:15-3:45

In addition, there will be an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30 pm and Saturday, December 23rd at 11:30 am

Please take advantage of the Penance Services listed above, don't wait until the last minute to make your Christmas Confession.

### SETON PRAYER CHAIN

Please note there will be no Prayer Chain meeting this month. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 13th, at 9am in our church hall. We are looking for new members. Please join us if you can!



### Parish Staff

Cora Artim  
Children's Choir

Phil Bosha  
Maintenance

Chris Calore  
Maintenance

Scott Coates  
Contemporary Mass  
Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM  
Pastoral Care Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi V.F  
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





**UPDATE:** Our Parish Goal: \$47,000.00, Total Raised: \$47,866.00, Over: \$866.00  
**CONGRATULATIONS!** Thank you to all who have contributed to the appeal and helped us reach our goal for 2017! This is quite remarkable! There is still time to give—remember, whatever we raise above the goal, 75% comes back to the parish. Thank you again and well done, Seton!



**LAST CHANCE TO BECOME A "KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"!!!**

Our Knights of Columbus is winding down their membership drive with an Induction Ceremony **this Tuesday, December 12th, at 6pm in our church hall.** As Knights, we understand that your life is busy with work, family, & extra-curricular activities. You may think you do not have time to dedicate to the Knights. Well, we would like to let you know that any time, no matter how much or little donated to the Knights, *is very much appreciated.* We would rather have you with us whenever you are available, than not with us at all! For more information about signing up, please call or text **Mark Perugino, Grand Knight**, at **570-262-2896.** Thank you!

**THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS**

Our Knights of Columbus send a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported our Breakfast Buffet last Sunday. Our new venue in the church hall was a great success! Thanks again to all!

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**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

"It might be easy to run away to a monastery, away from the commercialization, the hectic hustle, the demanding family responsibilities of Christmas-time. Then we would have a holy Christmas. But we would forget the lesson of the Incarnation, of the enfleshing of God—the lesson that we who are followers of Jesus do not run from the secular; rather we try to transform it. It is our mission to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas just as the early Christians baptized the Christmas tree. And we do this by being holy people—no matter how maddening is the Christmas rush..." -Father Andrew Greely



**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!**



Prayer Chain Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in our church hall. 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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## Eucharist Schedule and Intentions

	Offered for:	Requested by:
Monday Dec. 11 8:00 am	Margaret Kadish	Ron Kadish
Tuesday Dec. 12 8:00 am	Derzak Family	Marion & Jerry Pacovsky
Wed Dec. 13 8:00 am	Rev. John L. Fabian	Niece, Ann Marie Aed
Thursday Dec. 14 8:00 am	Helen & John Krukonis	Joseph Laskowski
Friday Dec. 15 8:00 am	Doug Yeager	John & Carol Hrobaski
Saturday Dec. 16 4:00 pm	William Coniglio	Jean Meckalavage Fr. Urban
Saturday Dec. 16 5:30 pm	Theresa Cywinski	GAR Class of '65 Fr. Pisaneschi
Sunday Dec. 17 8:30 am	<i>Pro Populo</i>	Fr. Pisaneschi
Sunday Dec. 17 10:00am	Michael Kayrish	Wife, Rose & Family Fr. Urban
Sunday Dec. 17 11:30 am	Richard Mizenko	Wife & Family Fr. Pisaneschi
Sunday Dec. 17 5:30 pm	John Matukonis	Jack & Elsie Harvilla Fr. Pisaneschi

### RECENTLY DEPARTED

~~*Michael Wisdo*~~ May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



~In Memory of Andrew Selensky offered by sisters, Eleanor & Gerry  
~In Memory of Chester Kuzma offered by Kuzma Family

