

# The Seton Sentinel

November 27, 2022



*Congratulations to our new Permanent  
Deacon, John Bankus  
Ordained November 26, 2022*

## **Welcome Everyone!**

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, gender identity or orientation, 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!

1st Sunday of Advent

"They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. So too, you also must be prepared."

Matthew 24:39, 44a

# Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105  
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## Advent Prayer and Worship

Today's Readings May be found in the 2023 Breaking Bread Book beginning at page 31.

### Today's Music

	4:00, 8:30	11:00 am	5:30 pm
Gathering	601 B	Christ Be Our Light	58 B Emmanuel
Prep	48 B	Beyond the Moon and Stars	6 S On that Holy Mountain
Comm	2 S	Your Mercy Like Rain	48 B Beyond the Moon and Stars
Sending	8 S	O Come O Come Emmanuel	601 B Christ Be our Light

**11:00 AM** Gathering: 547 B O God Beyond all Praising  
Sending Forth: 147 S Send Us As Your Blessing Lord

## Study, Sharing, Prayer

### Wednesday Evenings during Advent:

Join us for some *prayer and reflection* on the coming Sunday's readings. **Advent Faith Sharing** is a time to be with the Sunday Scriptures and listen to the Holy Spirit and one another as we journey in this Sacred Season. Beginning, Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 pm in the hall. All are welcome to participate, there are no right or wrong answers or questions. *Bring a Bible with you if possible.*

## Quiet Reflection

### Thursday Evenings during Advent--a Quiet Oasis

In addition to our regular adoration schedule we will begin at 6:00 pm praying Evening Prayer of the Church together and close with Night Prayer and Benediction at 8:00 pm. If you can make it to either or just adoration, please come in for some quiet time during this hectic season and be with Jesus. Begins December 1st.

### Ordination of John Bankus, Permanent Deacon

John Bankus was ordained a Permanent Deacon by Bishop Bambera on Saturday, November 26, 2022. A Mass will be offered today Sunday, November 27, here at our church, at the 11:00 am Mass with John assisting for the first time at the altar as a Deacon of the Church. We are very honored, blessed, and proud to be part of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Bishop Bambera has officially assigned him to our Parish Community. We wish him, Judy, and John Jr. all the Blessings of his new office in Ordained Ministry.

### HELP US LIVESTREAM!

Anyone interested in learning how to livestream our weekend Liturgies in order to bring it to the homebound via Facebook, is asked to call Lori at the rectory. Bill Schultz will be happy to train anyone who wants to help us in this ministry. It's a lot of fun, and you will be bringing the "Good News" to those who are unable to be with us. Why not give it a try?

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Facebook.com/setonpa has our livestreamed masses each weekend beginning Saturdays at 4:00 pm. (available anytime after that as well)

## Attention Parents:

On Christmas Eve, we would like to include our younger parishioners in the leading of the Christmas Carols at 4:00 pm Mass. All Children of the parish are invited to participate and join in practicing on Monday's at 5:15 pm in the church with Mrs. Semanek. Come One and Come All! Meet at the Grand Piano in church on Monday at 5:15 --- you'll be dismissed in time to make it to Religious Ed at 6:00 pm.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please call Lori if any questions: 570-287-6624 x100

**Saturdays: 9am-10:15am      Mondays: 6pm -7:15pm**

### November classes:

**Monday: (No class Nov. 28-Thanksgiving holiday)**

### DECEMBER CLASSES:

**Saturdays: 3, 10, 17 (No classes Dec. 24 or Dec. 31 Christmas holiday)**

**Mondays: 5,12,19 (No classes Dec. 26 or Jan. 2nd-Christmas Holiday)**

**Attention: Sunday, December 4th, 5:30pm Mass: 7th Grade Confirmation Enrollment Mass. Students & parents are to attend this mass, followed by a parent meeting in the church hall. Students are welcome to attend the meeting.**

**CONFESSIONS** are heard on Saturday afternoons between 3:25-3:50 pm, also, by request or appointment by calling Father at the rectory. You are always welcome for Celebration of the Sacrament when Father is available.

### **LECTOR WORKBOOKS:**

Workbooks for Year A, which begins TODAY, November 27th are in the servers' sacristy with your name on it. Please pick up your copy as soon as possible.



Our parish goal is \$44,000.00. Please consider donating today at: [annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org) to make your pledge or donation now. There is a link on [setonpa.com](http://setonpa.com) to take you to the diocesan site as well. Brochures and Envelopes are on the tables at the entrances of the church. Thank you to all who have donated already.

We have done well, but we can do a little better: Thus far our parish has raised \$34,955.05 of our goal. That's with only 219 people contributing so far. We have 1103 registered families, so if more people can contribute even a small gift, we should have no problem reaching our goal. We are \$9,044.95 short as of this writing. Please consider doing something today for the appeal. We know these are tough days with everything costing so much. Only give if you truly are able. You cannot give what you don't have, and you cannot neglect your own family needs. Thank you for whatever you can do!--Fr. Joe

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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](http://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.

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.

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## *Eucharistic Adoration*

Join us Thursday evenings from 6-8 in the church for quiet prayer and Adoration. Stop in at anytime for any length of time. You are welcome here!

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## **Giving**

Weekend of  
Nov.13/14, 2022

**Regular: \$8376.60**  
**Dues (additional): \$715.00**  
**All Saints (addt'l): \$87.00**  
**Missions: (addt'l): \$105.00**  
Diocesan:  
Care & Educ. \$649.00

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***"Give to God as you have Received"***

## **Get the Church Ready for Christmas!**

Help us put up the trees and wreaths, garland and manger on Sunday, December 18th after the 11:00 am Mass. Lots of hands will mean light work. Please lend a hand if you can!

## **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Each year our parish reaches out to members of our community who are in need of help for the holidays. If you, or someone you know is struggling, please contact Lori, Pastoral Associate, in our parish office. All calls are confidential.

For **Christmas**, we are returning to the “**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**”, with the gift tags for the needy children and families, and our parishioners who are in nursing homes or homebound. Our Christmas Giving Tree is placed near the Reconciliation Room, with the gift tags. We are asking that the gifts (**with the tags attached to the wrapped gift**) be returned by December 18th or sooner.



And as always, we will be accepting Grocery gift cards, too. Just drop in collection basket or bring to the rectory.

Thanks so much for whatever you can do. May God bless you always!

## **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE--DECEMBER 2nd**



**American  
Red Cross**

Right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church hall. Friday, December 2, 2022, 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Please call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: SEASP to schedule an appointment. Come to give blood Nov. 28-Dec. 15 for a \$10 Gift Card by email, thanks to our partners at Amazon!

## **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Reservations are now being taken for the **Christian Mothers' Annual Christmas Dinner** to be held on December 11, 2022, at 1:00pm at the Avenue Restaurant in Wyoming. There is no charge for those members who worked at the Haluski Sale and/or Rummage Sale. For all others and any guests, cost is \$30. Deadline for reservations is **December 1st. RSVP: Sue Bayer at 570-763-5680,**

## **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Our HNS will meet next Sunday, December 4th, after the 8:30am mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.

## **SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY OF NEPA. . . . .**

Cordially invites you to celebrate **THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS**, on Sunday, December 4th, at 2pm, at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, 339 North Maple Ave., Kingston. The church is handicap accessible. Come & join us for a wonderful afternoon of singing Slovak Christmas Carols & sharing Christmas memories. Slovak hospitality will follow.

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



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET with SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

9am to 1pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall

116 Hughes St., Swoyersville

Adults: \$10 Children 12 & under: \$5

**Tickets available at the door**

Questions? Call Mark: 570-262-2896



## HOLY FAMILY, LUZERNE, FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS

We are in need of the following:

- Crackers -Jelly -Canned Pasta -Canned Meats
- Spaghetti Sauce -Chunky Soups

A donation box is located in our church hall (basement) near the elevator.

Thank you!



## SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB



Santa made a special trip to the Swoyersville Kiwanis Club bringing along his “North Pole Express Delivery mailbox”. Santa & his elves are starting to get very busy getting the toys ready for his Christmas Eve trip, so Santa asked our Kiwanis Members for a little help. We will be collecting letters for Santa in his Express Mailbox. All letters will be sent to him by his express mail, so he will have time to read them & send that special personalized letter back to all the good boys & girls before Christmas. Please include your return address. The Kiwanis members are happy to assist Santa with his letters, & invites the children from all our local communities to get their letters ready & off to Santa.

Santa’s North Pole Express Delivery Mailbox is in place at the Swoyersville American Legion, Shoemaker St., Swoyersville. Letters can be dropped in his special mailbox any day & anytime. Drop off by December 17th. Check out Swoyersville Kiwanis on Facebook and Instagram.

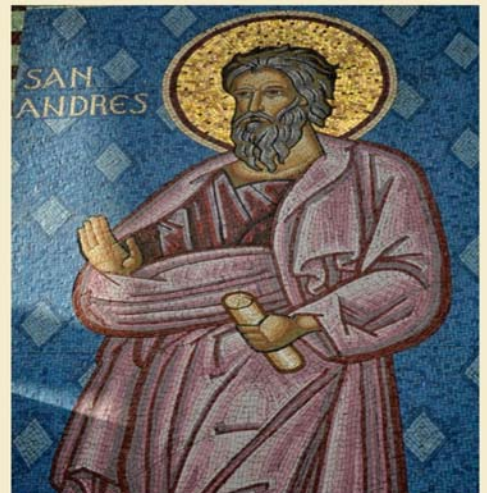
## Saint Andrew the Apostle

FIRST CENTURY  
FEAST DAY — NOVEMBER 30

**I**n the synoptic Gospels, Andrew is a Galilean fisherman grouped with his brother, Peter, and with James and John in the inner circle of Apostles; in John’s Gospel, he is the disciple of John the Baptist who is the first to follow Jesus and who brings his brother to the Lord. Many traditions about Andrew come from the apocryphal second-century Acts of Andrew, which depicts him as a zealous missionary in the Black Sea region who is crucified—tied to an x-shaped cross—by the Roman governor. Some early church historians also said he evangelized in Greece and Asia Minor. He is the patron saint of Scotland, Russia, Greece, and those who fish for a living.

“He was truly a man of faith and hope; and one day he heard John the Baptist proclaiming Jesus as: “the Lamb of God” (Jn 1:36); so he was stirred, and with another unnamed disciple followed Jesus, the one whom John had called “the Lamb of God”. The Evangelist says that “they saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day...” (Jn 1: 37-39). Thus, Andrew enjoyed precious moments of intimacy with Jesus.”

—Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience, June 14, 2006



# Eucharist Schedule and Remembrances

## Monday, November 28

8:00 a.m. Richard Smith

Sister, Christine

## Tuesday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Jean & John Gaiteri

Daughter, Laura & granddaughters, Gina & Janelle

## Wednesday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Bertha, Adolph, & Margaret Kadish

Family

## Thursday, December 1

8:00 a.m. Thomas Gulla

Gregg, Debbie, & Marc Kolendowicz

## Friday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Peter Luzetsky

Sister, Marge

## Saturday, December 3

4:00 p.m. Edward, Francis, & Robert Krull

Family

## Sunday, December 4

8:30 a.m. James Connell

Wife & Children

11:00 a.m. Edward Tomaszewski Sr.

Alan Johnson & Karen Edwards

5:30 p.m. Michael S. & Michael C. Ritondo

Daughter & sister, Josie & Family

## Local Daily Mass Options

Monday—Friday Mass is offered at the following locations and times:

7:30 a.m. *St. Ignatius Parish*, Kingston, 12:10 p.m. *Holy Family Parish*, Luzerne.

You are most welcome to attend any of these masses that fit your schedule best.

## Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of *Raymond Chimock* offered by wife, Rosemary, & Family

~In Memory of *Michael & Judy Kopec* offered by Jennifer & Michael McLaughlin

## Flowers this Weekend

~In Honor of the Ordination of *Deacon John Bankus*

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

Congratulations & God's blessings upon *Penelope Therese Bull*. Penelope will be baptized by water & the Holy Spirit after the 8:30am mass today.

## 2022 Christmas Schedule at Seton

Confessions: Tuesday, December 20th 8:30—9:15 am

Thursday, December 22nd 6:00 pm until all are heard

*No confessions on Sat. Dec 24th*

**Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th:**

4:00 pm (Church and Gym) 6:00 pm & 10:00 pm+

**Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th:**

12 Midnight \*, 8:30 am and +11:00 am

+Choral Mass \*Sunday evening ensemble



## ADVENT

The Advent season begins today! The next four weeks are a time for reflection and preparation of the heart.

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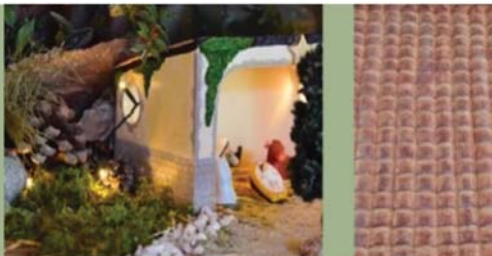


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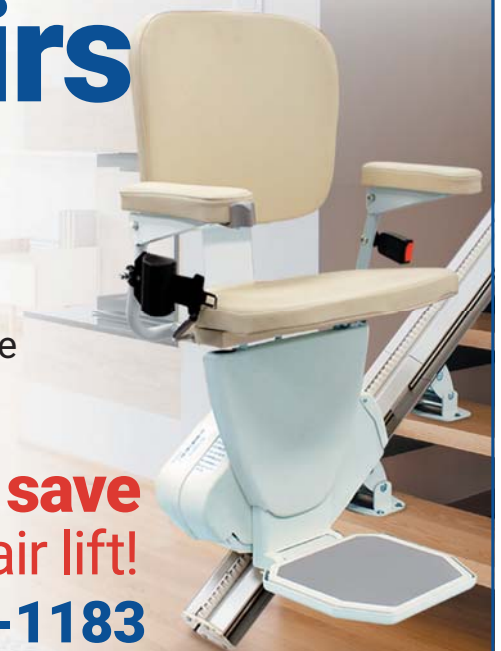
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