

THE SETON SENTINEL
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“A Young St. John the Baptist” by Francesco Solinema

“Prepare the Way of the Lord!”

December 8, 2013

Swoyersville, PA



The *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* which is usually celebrated on the 8th is moved this year to Monday, December 9th. Because it falls on a Monday, **it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.** Therefore, mass will be celebrated as usual on Monday, December 9th at 8:00 a.m.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish once again is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, December 9th, from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. Some *Fast Facts* about donating:

- Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood
- More than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day
- One donation can help save the lives of 3 people
- Although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, less than 10% actually do each year

Please consider becoming a donor. **The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.**

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns Committee will once again this year sponsor **the Giving Tree** for presents for needy families and shut-ins. The tree is located at the entrance of the church near the Reconciliation Room. You are invited to take a tag from the tree and purchase the gift for the person who is described on it. Names are not used to ensure confidentiality. Please return the gift, wrapped, with the gift tag attached as soon as possible, but **no later than Sunday, December 15th** so we can distribute them during that week.

EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

On Wednesday, December 11th, from 7pm-9pm, the Diocese will hold an "Evening of Reflection", here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, in our church hall. It is designed especially for persons serving in any type of liturgical ministry: lectors, EM's, music ministry, hospitality ministers, and all who make the liturgy special for others. Spend an evening of prayer and faith-sharing with others in our area who are interested and involved in leading meaningful liturgy.

Monday Advent Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Monday of Advent continuing this Monday, December 9th, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated each Monday from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Please use these times as your opportunity for your Christmas confession or attend one of the services listed below since our parish will not have a formal Penance Service.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR AREA

All Penance Services start at **7:00PM:**
 Sunday, December 15, St. Ignatius, Kingston
 Tuesday, December 17, All Saints, Plymouth
 Tuesday, December 17, St., Monica's, West Wyoming
 Wednesday, December 18, Holy Family, Luzerne

ADVENT PIROHY SALE

We are having our Advent Pirohy Sales on the following dates (all on Fridays): **December 13, and 20.** Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. We need a lot of volunteers to help make them on the days of the sales. If you can help ball potatoes, come at 7:00AM, all others come at 8:30AM. Experienced or not, come out and join in the fun and help out.



CHRISTMAS WAFERS-OPLATKY

Christmas Wafers are available after weekend Masses until Christmas in the church vestibule. Donation is \$5.00 for a pack of six wafers. These wafers are sealed in a plastic bag to preserve freshness. Purchases can also be made at the rectory office during office hours.

FREE GIFT-WRAPPING

We are offering free gift wrapping on Friday, December 20th, from 3pm-7pm in our church hall. We are accepting donations of wrapping paper, bows, and tape, if anyone would like to donate to help defray cost. A box for these donated items is located near the Food Pantry box.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Those who attended Thanksgiving Day Mass received fruit to share at the family table. The fruit was provided by **Gerrity's Supermarket** with the kindness of "Mom," Joyce Fasula. Seton Parish thanks **Gerrity's** and Joyce for their generosity.

NOTICE TO ALL HEADS OF PARISH GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS: You must inform us if you are having a meeting or an event **at least 3 weeks before hand** so it can go in the bulletin. If no one tells the office there is a meeting, it can't be published in the bulletin and new members cannot join or even check out the organization or group if they do not know about it. From now on, if a meeting is not in the bulletin it is not going to take place. Email your announcements to setonpa@aol.com or submit a written message to the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS and PREPARATION



The Art and Environment Committee is preparing for extra special Christmas Decorations for the Church this year. We will need lots of help getting everything ready. Men will be needed to carry the manger scene and build it in the sanctuary the week of December 16th-20th. Tress will also need to be brought into the church and decorated with lights that week as well. Please see Chris for more exact times and dates. We will publish them in the bulletin next week.

Also, Art and Environment Committee Members will put the finishing touches on the Church after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on December 22nd. Please remember to come and help out if you are a member of A&E.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON FEAST DAY

Saturday, January 4th is our Patroness Feast Day. We will celebrate as a Parish Family on Friday evening, January 3rd with a special mass at 6:00 p.m. and a light supper to follow. Everyone is invited to attend so mark your calendars now and you may begin signing up for the supper next weekend at the entrance of the Church. Hope to see you there as we honor our Patroness and share in a special prayer and fellowship and food.



PARISH MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 5th all Ministers are cordially invited to attend the Annual Christmas Party to be held in your honor. Altar Servers, Ushers, Choir Members, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Lectors, Art and Environment Committee members are all invited. Look for a sign-up sheet soon and more details in future editions of the *Sentinel*.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The Schedule for December and January have been sent home. Please check it carefully, especially for Christmas Eve/Day and New Years Eve/Day. If there are any problems let Lori know immediately. We could not give everyone the 4:00 p.m. Masses and needed to cover the other Liturgies so please be at the mass you are scheduled.



"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

CAMPAIGN



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus are running a "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" Campaign. We will be selling magnets, pins, and Christmas cards every weekend after all masses until Christmas at the church entrance.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our Knights of Columbus is having an All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet with Santa on **Sunday, December 15th from 9am-1pm, in the school cafeteria.** Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 7-12, and children 6 and under are free. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses (along with our "Keep Christ in Christmas" items). Tickets will also be sold at the door. Bring your camera and get your child's picture taken with Santa. Also, a **raffle will be held at the Breakfast for 4 tickets to "Disney on Ice"** (donated by our Social Concerns Committee). For more information, call Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 or Mike Kopec at 570-714-2924.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Our Knights of Columbus has formed a First Degree Team. The First Degree installation will take place the middle of January. We are looking for new members. Please call Mike Kopec at 570-714-2924 or Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Our Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, December 10th, at 7:00PM in the church hall.

Officers for 2013-14: Grand Knight-Michael J. Kopec, Deputy Grand Knight-John Dolan, Chaplain-Deacon George Mochin, Chancellor-Mark Perugino, Lector-Chris Libus, Financial Secretary-Jim McGrath, Recorder-Stephen Frusciante, Treasurer-Stephen Nowroski, Advocate-Thomas Granoski, Warden-Alfred Kircher, Inside Guard-Eric Kircher, Outside Guard-John Bankus, Jr., 1st Year Trustee-Richard Frusciante, 2nd Year Trustee-John Bankus, Sr., 3rd Year Trustee-Michael Shendock.

SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE -CHANGE OF DAY

The Senior Choir will meet on Tuesday, December 10th, at 6:30PM, due to the Diocesan "Evening of Reflection" that is being held here on Wednesday, Dec. 11th.

PASTORAL COUNCIL QUESTION: In the coming months, all parishioners will be asked to respond to this question:
"Looking to the coming years, if you could imagine or transform our parish in any way you wished, what 3 things would you do to enhance its life and vitality?"

We're almost there! Another call for pledges and donations to help us reach our goal! Remember, every little bit helps. Envelopes are on the tables at the entrance of the Church or at the Rectory. Keep in mind that if we surpass our goal the parish receives a certain percentage back from the Appeal.

Note from our Maintenance Department

Please see Chris before hanging signs on the school or gym doors. Only the blue painter's tape is allowed on the doors, so that no damage is done to the paint on the doors. You can always leave your signs in the office for Chris to post. Also, a reminder : Do not hang anything in the upper church. Submit it to the office, and we will place it on the bulletin board at the church entrance. Thank you for your cooperation.

THANK YOU to all who brought in items during the month of November and on Thanksgiving in support of the Holy Family Food Bank in Luzerne!



November 23rd/24th

SUNDAY: \$6920.50	DUES: \$814.00
HOLY DAYS: \$35.00	LOOSE: \$357.76
TOTAL: \$8127.26	
Phillipines & Vietnam Typhoon collection: \$2761.68	

November 30th/December 1st

SUNDAY: \$6508.01	DUES: \$535.00
LOOSE: \$396.14	TOTAL: \$7439.15
DIOCESAN:	
CARE & EDUCATION OF PRIESTS: \$992.19	

FALL FUNDRAISERS:

9/6/13 CHICKEN POT PIE SALE: \$2051.33
 9/27/13 SWEE PIZZA SALE: \$1639.45
 10/18/13 PASTIE SALE: \$3348.55
 11/8/13 APPLE DUMPLING SALE: \$1623.10

EVENING PRAYER

St. Ignatius of Loyola Church will host Evening Prayer each Sunday during Advent. Prayer begins at 7:00PM and programs will be provided. All are welcome to attend



The Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, **December 24th**, Masses will be at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, **December 25th**, Masses will be at 12:00 Mid-night, 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, **December 31st**, Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. And Wednesday, **January 1st** at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.


LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Celiac disease affects many people. People with this disease are allergic to wheat and prevents them from receiving Holy Communion. Our parish offers low gluten hosts to those who need them. To make arrangements, call the rectory and make sure the priest knows what mass you will be attending. We ask those who are to receive the gluten-free hosts to come to Communion first, so that the hands of the minister do not contaminate the special host.

The Seton Sentinel
 needs Your help!

As we prepare for a New Year...

Our weekly bulletin is published each week by Pilot Bulletins. I think you would agree that it is a colorful and attractive way to distribute the "news" to our Parish Family each week. If you notice the back page, there are only about 8 paid sponsors for our bulletin. We are very grateful for their support of our parish. However, **8 ads do not cover the costs of printing and shipping the bulletin each week.** As we prepare to enter a New Year in a few weeks, we are making a special appeal to business owners to **consider placing an ad in the Seton Sentinel.** This is a very cost effective way to advertise. We print 850 copies a week. That's a lot of potential customers' eyes looking at your ad! Rates are very reasonable and you will have the gratitude of the parish for your support of our outreach efforts. We could really use a larger bulletin each week, as we have so many activities in our parish, but once again, we need the community's support for advertising. Consider giving it a shot at the start of 2014. Call 617-779-3771 for a price quote this week! Nearly every parish needs sponsors for their bulletin, we do too. Help us out if you can. Thank you for considering this special request.



Sacred Worship

Monday, December 9 **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. Stephen Kutz Barbara Stanishefski

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Mark Kundrat Eleanor Hudak

Wednesday, December 11 **Saint Damascus I, Pope**

8:00 a.m. Robert Matson Catherine Pointex & Theresa Rishcoff & Girls

Thursday, December 12 **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas**

8:00 a.m. Kathy Mochin Chet & Bernadine Stachniewicz

Friday, December 13 **St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

8:00 a.m. Betty Nevolas Barbara & Ralph Romanowski, Sr.

Saturday, December 14 **(Vigil: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT)**

4:00 p.m. Margaret & Anthony Bucci Carm & John Uter & Family

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*

Sunday, December 15 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 a.m. Leo Ryan

10:00 a.m. Rosemary Prutzman Todd & Kristen Prutzman

11:30 a.m. Michael J. Dolan Wife, Eleanor & Family



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them....

Raymond W. Chimock, Judith Mullen

May their Souls, and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace, Amen.



-In Memory of Michael Ritondo

-In Memory of David Mishkel

Presider's Schedule Dec 14-15

4:00 p.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 p.m. Fr. Urban

8:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 a.m. Fr. Urban



Scripture for the week of December 8, 2013

- 8 SUN** Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
- 9 Mon** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- 10 Tue** Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
- 11 Wed** Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 41
- 12 Thu** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
- 13 Fri** Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
- 14 Sat** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- 15 SUN** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Phil Boshia Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance
- Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Parish Social Minister
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi Pastor
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Rev. Anthony Urban Weekend Celebrant



Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The celebration of the Sacrament is held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated for 8th Grade Students on Thursday, March 27, 2014 by Bishop Bambara.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work.

Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact the Pastor or the Deacon.

Penance

Mondays of Advent, 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Saturdays 3:15-3:45, other times by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Priest, day or night.

Direct Contacts

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane) 570-763-5160

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Friday, for the next week at 1:00 p.m.