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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

The Seton Sentinel

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- ◆ Christopher Calore
- ◆ Patricia Quinn
- ◆ Betsy Evanoski

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- ◆ David Quinn
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
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- ◆ Michael Perhach

Our Parish This Week



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ALL –U-CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, from 9am to 1pm downstairs in our church hall. Cost is \$8.00/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!



Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with our “Care and Share” Food Drive. The Drive was a great success.

We were able to make up 30 food baskets for our parish families in need for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and still had 2 truckloads to donate to Holy Family Food Pantry. Our Knights of Columbus also donated \$15.00 Ger-rity’s gift cards to all the families in need of a box. Thanks again to every-one who donated and helped in any way!

Christmas 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 **TAG ATTACHED**. If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, please bring back the tag & place it back on the tree. We always have a very suc-

cessful 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 Sunday, December 16th.



Holy Family Food Pantry

Our neighbors in Luzerne host a Food Pantry and collect food for distribution throughout our community. Our parish is in a partnership with Holy Family Food Pantry to help supply some of the goods for the people who need help.

Items needed for the food pantry: Macaroni & Cheese (box), canned fruit, jelly, crackers, canned corn, & instant rice Boxes are located in the vestibule next to the statues of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.

Please Do Not Block

There have been complaints that our church driveway is being blocked by cars parking in spaces not designated as spaces. Please remember that there are others that need to use the elevator and handicapped accessible entrances and drop people off in the driveway. Park only in designated spaces. Be courteous to others who need the accessibility.



Keeping In-Touch With Seton

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PIROHY SALE

Our first Advent Pirohy Sale will be on Friday, November 30th, followed by 2 more sales on Friday, December 7th and 14th. (Sign-up sheets have been pulled for this sale as our quota has been met.) Cost is \$7.00/dozen. Pick-up times are noon-2pm and 5pm-6pm in our school cafeteria.

Mark your calendars! We will need LOTS of help making the pirohy on each Friday of the sales. Please come on this Friday, Nov. 30th, at 7:00am if you can help ball the potatoes; all others come at 8:30am. Bring your friends! Lunch will be served.

In need of Counseling?



Sister Sarah Landis, IHM, a licensed certified therapist and counselor addresses problems with depression, anxiety, grieving, relationship issues, and many other mental health concerns. Sister's office is located at the former Holy Trinity Convent, across from the rectory on Hughes Street. For more information or to contact Sister Sarah directly, call the main office and dial extension 124 when prompted.

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes:

NOVEMBER CLASSES for Mondays: (no classes on Nov. 26th)
 DECEMBER CLASSES for Saturdays: Dec. 1, 8, & 15
 (no classes on Dec. 22 & 29)
 DECEMBER CLASSES for Mondays: Dec. 3, 10, & 17th (Christmas Play)
 (No classes Dec. 24 & 31)

DECEMBER 2ND:

5:30PM: 7th Grade Family Mass & Enrollment & Extra Class in church hall

And Speaking of Christmas....



Here is this Christmas' Mass Schedule at Seton

Monday, December 24, 2018
Christmas Vigil Masses
 4, 7, 10 pm

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Christmas Day Masses
 12 Midnight, 8:30 and 11:00 am

We are publishing the schedule so you can make your plans accordingly in advance.

HNS 50/50 Christmas Raffle

Get ready! The drawing for our 50/50 Christmas Cash Raffle takes place today after the 8:30am Mass. Good luck to everyone who purchased a ticket and thanks so much for your support!

Christian Mothers



The Christian Mothers Christmas Party will be held at the Avenue Diner on Sunday, December 9th, at 2pm. Reservations will be taken until Monday, Nov. 26th, by calling Susan at 570-714-1628. Guests of members are \$15.00.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Breakfast

There will be a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, December 1st at 9am at the Queen of Apostles Hall, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. ALL ARE WELCOME! Bob Valiante will be providing the teaching. Worship & Song, a great catered breakfast, & wonderful fellowship. Cost is \$8 payable at door. Reservations are required by Nov. 26th. Call Jack McQuade 570-639-0952 or Jim Roberts 570-267-1614.

A **Cookie Walk** for the Christmas holiday will be held at **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church**, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Sat. Dec. 8th, 4:30-6:30pm & Sunday, Dec. 9th, 9am-12pm in the church hall. Choices of homemade cookies, candies, fudge, & specialty cookies! Lucky buyers will pay by the pound for their selections. Price is \$8.00 per pound.

7th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be held on Sat., Dec. 15th, from 10am-1pm, sponsored by the **Youth Ministry of Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, 420 Main Rd., Buttonwood, Hanover Twp. Cookie containers may be purchased for \$9 & filled with Christmas cookies of one's choice. Orders for platters (\$35) must be placed by Dec. 8. For tickets, orders, more info., call 570-814-6444.

Our Parish's 2018 Annual Appeal Goal:

\$47,000.00

Gift and Pledges to Date:

\$22,972.00

HELP WANTED

Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, is seeking applicants for a part-time maintenance person to work 15 hours per week. Compensation will be an hourly rate. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, complete Safe Environment training through the Diocese of Scranton, and agree to all criminal background checks. For more information and to apply, contact Holy Family Parish at 570-287-6600.

Assistance for Christmas



St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, a program of Catholic Social Services, is once again teaming up with local parishes & the US Marines “Toys for Tots” for this year’s Christmas Toy Drive. Last year we distributed toys to hundreds of children in the Wyoming Valley. This year’s registration for Toys & Food for Christmas will be held at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave, Wilkes-Barre on Monday, November 19th, 10am-1pm and 3pm-7pm. Children up

to age 10 are eligible. Parents should bring the following: 1. Photo I.D. of parent/guardian 2. Original birth certificate for each child 3. proof of address, such as a recent utility bill. Food Distribution will take place at St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre on Monday, Dec. 17th from 9:30am-12:30pm and 3pm-7pm. Toy Distribution is at Our Lady of Hope Parish, on Monday Dec. 17th from 9am-noon and 3pm-7pm. Anyone who wants to donate new Toys or new outerwear, contact Dianne at 570-406-9843, or just drop off at St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen from 8am-1pm daily. Please drop off items through the Kitchen’s rear entrance on Bennett Street. Thank you!

It’s the truth that in Jesus, God keeps the promise He made to David-of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, “the first born, highest of the kings of the earth” (see 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 89: 27-38).

Today’s Second Reading, taken from the book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as “the faithful witness”. The reading hearkens back to Isaiah’s prophecy that the Messiah would “witness to the peoples” that God is renewing His “everlasting covenant” with David (see Isaiah 55:3-5).

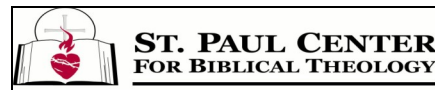
But as Jesus tells Pilate, there’s far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself “the Alpha and the Omega,” the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He’s applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament-the first and the last, the One Who calls forth all generations (see Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12).

“He has made the world”, today’s Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today’s First Reading, He comes on “the clouds of heaven”-another sign of His divinity-to be given “glory and kingship” forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His Kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into “a Kingdom, priests for His God and Father: (see also Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God’s everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.

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By Dr. Scott Hahn
A Royal Truth

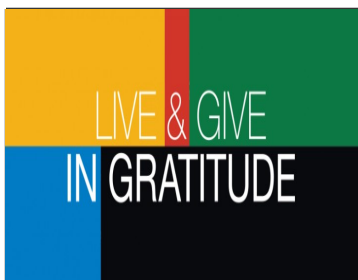
Christ the King
 Daniel 7:13-14
 Psalm 93:1-2,5
 Revelation 1:5-8
 John 18: 33-37

What’s the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church’s year?
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HONORING OUR HEROES

The Kiwanis Club of Swoyersville is happy to announce a new community program: “Honoring Our Heroes” banners. Banners are available for the purchase price of \$150 complete. These banners are 24”x48” in size and are red and blue in color with American Flag details. Banners are 2 sided and will display a black and white photo of your hero, living or deceased, along with information on their position and dates of serving our country. Banners are available for residents and heroes of all communities, but will be displayed throughout the town of Swoyersville. Your hero banner will be proudly displayed each year from Memorial Day through Veteran’s Day. For information & order forms, call or text Hero Chairperson Jean Marie at 570-479-0850 or email jmsswoykiwanis1@gmail.com. Deadline for orders is March 2, 2019.

Weekly Offering for November 10/11, 2018 \$ 10.972.56



Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment do God’s work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Parish Intentions This Week

Intention:

Requested By:

Monday, November 26

8:00 am Francis & Dorothy Lukacinsky

Children, Donald, Marlene, & Denise

Tuesday, November 27

8:00 am Dorothy Harz

Samuel & Barb Alba

Wednesday, November 28

8:00 am In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Carlyle & Patricia Robinson Family

Thursday, November 29

8:00 am Michael Kayrish

Wife, Rose

Friday, November 30

8:00 am Theodore J. Pietryka Jr.

Brother, Aaron and sister, Jenn

Saturday, December 1

4:30 pm Benjamin & Wanda Czarnecki

Daughter, Caroline & Family

Sunday, December 2

8:30 am James Connell

Wife & Children

11:00 am In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Mary Ann Fosko Family

5:30 pm ***Pro Populo***



This Week's Vigil Lights :

- ◆ In Memory of Franklin & Edna Mae Burgess offered by Terri & Joe Burgess
- ◆ In Memory of Raymond Chimock offered by wife, Rosemary & Family

