

SETON SENTINEL

January 14 | 2026

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Matthew 2:2



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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Eucharist

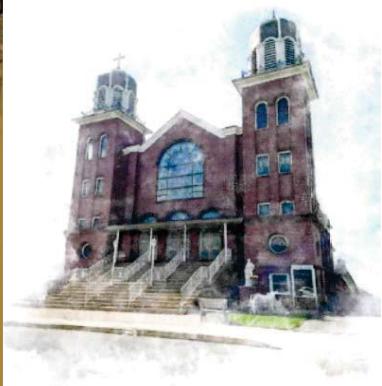
Monday-Tuesday-Thursday
& Friday 8:00am
No Mass on Wednesday
Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

Connect with us:



Confessions:

Saturday 3:30-3:45pm or
you may call Fr. Chmil for an
appointment



Worship

Intention

Monday, January 5

8:00am Margaret McGinn

Requested by

Monday Morning Counters

Tuesday, January 6

8:00am Stella Papciak

Niece, Christine

Wednesday, January 7

No Daily Mass

Thursday, January 8

8:00am John "Jack" Fredericks

Family

Friday, January 9

8:00am Anne Gibbons

Daughter, Pat Quinn & Family

Saturday, January 10

4:00pm Ed & Edward Evelock

Jane & Family

Sunday, January 11

8:30am Joe Laskowski

Knights of Columbus

11:00am Leonard Koval

Frank Colonna

5:30pm Marge Salata

Yurko Family



ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS



*The Rosary will be prayed
for vocations after daily mass.*

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of~~ **John & Mary Dunsavage**~~

offered by Rick & Diane Frusciante

~~In Memory of~~ **Marie Bordy**~~ offered by

Asklar Family

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



*Please join us on
FRIDAY MORNINGS from
8:30-10:00am in the church.
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus,
adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament.*

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Congratulations and God's blessings upon:

~~**Colin Thomas McLaughlin**~~ Colin will be baptized by water
and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00 Mass today.

Epiphany: This word indicates the manifestation of the Lord, who, as Saint Paul tells us in the second reading (cf. Eph 3:6), makes himself known to all the nations, today represented by the Magi. In this way, we see revealed the glory of a God who has come for everyone: every nation, language and people is welcomed and loved by him. It is symbolized by the light, which penetrates and illuminates all things.

- Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2019



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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

570-287-6624



Religious Education classes

Saturday classes: January 2,10,24,31 (closed 17th Martin Luther King Day)

Monday classes: January 5,12,26 (closed 19th Martin Luther King Day)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: LENTEN PIROHY-MAKING DATES



We are making Lenten pirohy on Saturdays, January 17 and February 7th. Potato ballers come at 7am and pinchers at 8:15am.

Sale dates are February 14th & 15th after all masses, while supplies last.

Holy Name Society

Our HNS will meet today, Sunday, Jan. 4th, after the 8:30am Mass in the church hall. New members are welcome.



BLOOD DRIVE: RIGHT HERE AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH HALL, FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026, 12:30PM TO 5:00PM.
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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/DECORATIONS cont'd

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Abromovage	Mrs. Eleanor Hudak	Mr. Joseph Pollick
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Adameck	Mrs. Margaret Humenansky	Mrs. Dottie Powers
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Alesson	Mr. Ronald Jacobs	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pritchard
Mrs. Cynthia Allen	Mr. & Mrs. John Jagozinski	Mrs. Irene Proudlove
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Amico	Mrs. Diane Kane	Nicole Prunka
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Aritz, Sr.	Ms. Karen Karboski	Miss Laura Prushinski
Mr. Daniel Baggett &	Mr. & Mrs. John Kashmer	Mrs. Janice Quinn
Margaret Beretsky	Mr. & Mrs. James Keating	Mrs. Patricia Quinn
Mrs. Louise Banik	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kopcza	Mrs. Theresa Rakus
Rosemary Barton	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kosco	Mr. John Romanchick, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Baseski	Mr. Joseph Kovaleski	Rosalie Sawchak
Mr. & Mrs. David Becker	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Krynak	Mrs. Theresa Schaeffer
Miss Barbara Begg	Mr. Michael Kubick	Mr. William Schlosser
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Breznay, Jr.	Miss Betsy Lepore	Mrs. Sheryl Sealock-Danowski
Mr. & Mrs. John Burke	Mrs. Mary Lewis	Mr. & Mrs. Waldemar Siedlecki
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Burrier	Robert & Loretta Lynn	Mr. Bernard Skolnick
Mr. Edward Chacko	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marianacci	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Slezak
Mrs. Eleanor Corgan	Mrs. Patricia Matus	Tracy Ann Smith
Mrs. Mary Anne Crofchick	Mrs. Benjamin Miller	Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Solack
Mr. Richard Crossin	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Miller	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Stanchak
Atty. Mary Cummings	Mr. & Mrs. David Miller	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Stash
Mr. & Mrs. John Dolan	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Miller	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Stefanides
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Dombroski	Mr. Lawrence Milunic	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Stefanoski, Jr.
Mrs. Genevieve Dotter	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mitchell	Mrs. Debbie Sterling
Mrs. Martha Dougalas	Rose Marie Mizerak	Miss Susann Stofko
Mrs. Carolann Drevnak	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Monko	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Stuccio
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Fosko	Mr. & Mrs. James Muldoon	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Swinski
Mrs. Joyce Gabor	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nemetz	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Temple
Mrs. Mary Gaiteri	Ms. Donna Novak	Mr. Francis Tressa
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gavlick	Mr. & Mrs. Jerome J. Novak	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Volch
Mrs. Toni Griseto	Mrs. Anita Panuski	Mrs. Ann Marie Walsh
Mr. Raymond Gula	Mrs. Maryann Pepsis	Mrs. Ruth Williams
Mrs. Geraldine Hovan	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Pisack	Mrs. Catherine Wilson
		Mr. & Mrs. Charles D. Workman
		Mr. & Mrs. George Zaruta, Jr.

Please note: more Christmas Flower/Decorations will be posted in next week's bulletin.

2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST

PLEASE, NO PHONE CALLS

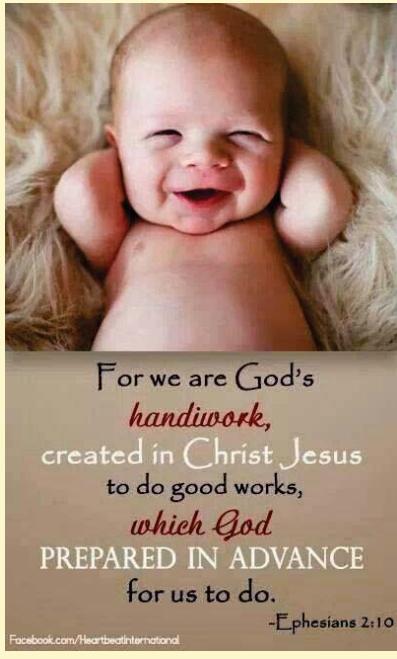
Please make your request by filling out this form. Then drop in collection basket, US mail, drop in rectory mail slot, or email to Lori at : setonpa@aol.com

ENVELOPE #: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Our Pro-Life Ministry meets every third TUESDAY of the month in the church hall at 7pm. Our next meeting is January 20th.



DOS CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025-2026

GOAL: \$72,234

TOTAL COMMITTED: \$47,203.16

% TO GOAL: 65.35%

BALANCE TO ACHIEVE GOAL: \$25,030.84

OF DONORS: 271 24.20% of parishioners

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH

Beginning around mid-January, painting of the church interior will commence mid January. More information to follow .

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025--HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

Thank you to all parishioners who have already made a commitment to this year's Appeal. We invite all parishioners who have not yet made a gift this year to make a commitment to this year's Appeal. We would like to reach our parish goal by December 31st--commitments made now can be paid through June 30, 2026. Our goal this year is \$72,234. By supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you help sustain vital ministries across the eleven counties of the Diocese of Scranton. United in faith and hope, we are able to care for the needs of our neighbors throughout Northeastern and North Central Pennsylvania. Envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Weekend of December 20/21, 2025

REGULAR: \$10690.10 DUES: \$941.00

Assessment: \$146.00 Bldg & Maintenance: \$1469.00

Immaculate Conception: \$131.00

Christmas Flowers/Decorations: \$1100.00

e-offering: Reg.: \$240.91 Dues: \$138.39

DIOCESAN: Care & Education: \$182.00

Religious Retirement.: \$138.00

Thank you & may God bless you abundantly!

Ways to Give:

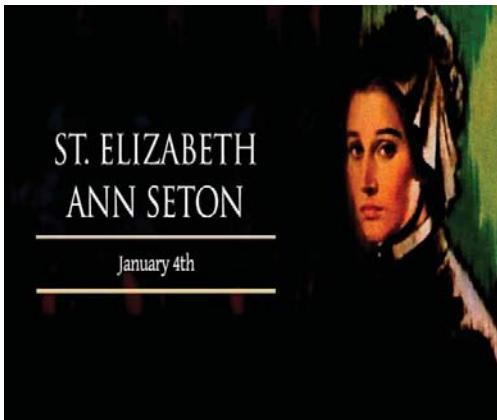


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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Pray for us!



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (born August 28, 1774, [New York](#), New York [U.S.]—died January 4, 1821, Emmitsburg, [Maryland](#), U.S.; canonized 1975; feast day January 4) was the first native-born American to be [canonized](#) as a [saint](#). She was the founder of the [Sisters of Charity](#), the first American religious society. She is [revered](#) as the [patron saint](#) of Catholic schools, teachers, widows, orphans, and people who have been persecuted for their faith.

Elizabeth Bayley was the daughter of a distinguished [Episcopalian](#) physician. She devoted a good deal of time to working among the poor, and in 1797 she joined [Isabella M. Graham](#) and others in founding the first charitable institution in [New York City](#), the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children, serving as the organization's treasurer for seven years. She had married William Magee Seton in 1794, and in 1803 they and the eldest of their five children traveled to [Italy](#) for his health. Nevertheless, in part perhaps as an aftereffect of his [bankruptcy](#) three years earlier, he died there of [tuberculosis](#) in December.

As a result of her experiences and [acquaintances](#) in Italy, Seton converted to [Roman Catholicism](#) in New York City in 1805. Herself now a widow with small children, she found it difficult to earn a living, and many friends and relatives shunned her after her conversion (the various anti-Catholic laws of the colonial era had only recently been lifted). For a time she operated a small school for boys. In 1808 Seton accepted an invitation from the [priest](#) (later [bishop](#)) Louis William Dubourg, president of [St. Mary's](#) College in [Baltimore](#), Maryland, to open a school for Catholic girls in that city. Several young women joined in her work, and in 1809 her long-held hope to found a religious [community](#) was realized when she and her companions took [vows](#) before [Archbishop John Carroll](#) and became the Sisters of St. Joseph, the first American-based Catholic sisterhood. A few months later Mother Seton and the sisters moved their home and school to [Emmitsburg](#), Maryland, where they provided free [education](#) for the poor girls of the parish—an act considered by many to be the beginning of Catholic [parochial education](#) in the [United States](#).

In 1812 the order became the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph under a modification of the rule of the [Daughters of Charity](#) of [St. Vincent de Paul](#). Houses of the order were opened in [Philadelphia](#) in 1814 and in New York City in 1817. Mother Seton continued to teach and work for the community until her death in 1821, by which time the order had 20 [communities](#).

In 1856 Seton Hall College (now [Seton Hall University](#)) in [South Orange Village, New Jersey](#), was named for her, and in 1885 the Sisters of Charity founded Seton Hill Junior College (now Seton Hill University) in [Greensburg, Pennsylvania](#), in her honor.

Mother Seton was [canonized](#) in September 1975 by [Pope Paul VI](#). Her remains are en-tombed in the [basilica](#) at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg. Another shrine, located at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in [Manhattan](#), was built in 1964 on the site of her family home.



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