

SETON SENTINEL

January | 4 | 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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Swoyersville, PA 18704
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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

Tuesday, January 6

8:00am Stella Papciak

Wednesday, January 7

No Daily Mass

Thursday, January 8

8:00am John "Jack" Fredericks

Friday, January 9

8:00am Anne Gibbons

Saturday, January 10

4:00pm Ed & Edward Evelock

Sunday, January 11

8:30am Joe Laskowski

11:00am Leonard Koval

5:30pm Marge Salata

Requested by

Monday Morning Counters

Niece, Christine

Family

Daughter, Pat Quinn & Family

Jane & Family

Knights of Columbus

Frank Colonna

Yurko Family



ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS



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

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.*

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

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

offered by Rick & Diane Frusciante

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

Asklar Family



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 illumines all things.

- Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2019

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Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Chmil

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Rev. Anthony Urban

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Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

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Chris Calore

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John Sartin

Trudy Brown

Pat Quinn

Betsy Evanoski

Phil Bosha

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings

by appointment.

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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
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Adameck
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Alesson
Mrs. Cynthia Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Amico
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Aritz, Sr.
Mr. Daniel Baggett &
Margaret Beretsky
Mrs. Louise Banik
Rosemary Barton
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Baseski
Mr. & Mrs. David Becker
Miss Barbara Beggs

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Mr. & Mrs. John Burke
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Burrier
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Mrs. Eleanor Corgan
Mrs. Mary Anne Crofchick
Mr. Richard Crossin
Atty. Mary Cummings
Mr. & Mrs. John Dolan
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Dombroski
Mrs. Genevieve Dotter
Mrs. Martha Dougalias
Mrs. Carolann Drevenak
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Fosko
Mrs. Joyce Gabor
Mrs. Mary Gaiteri
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gavlick
Mrs. Toni Griseto
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Mrs. Margaret Humenansky
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Mr. & Mrs. John Kashmer
Mr. & Mrs. James Keating
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kopcza
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kosco
Mr. Joseph Kovaleski
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Krynak
Mr. Michael Kubick

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Mrs. Mary Lewis
Robert & Loretta Lynn
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marianacci
Mrs. Patricia Matus
Mrs. Benjamin Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Miller
Mr. & Mrs. David Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Miller
Mr. Lawrence Milunic
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mitchell
Rose Marie Mizerak
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Monko
Mr. & Mrs. James Muldoon
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nemetz
Ms. Donna Novak
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome J. Novak
Mrs. Anita Panuski
Mrs. Maryann Pepsis
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Pisack

Mr. Joseph Pollick
Mrs. Dottie Powers
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pritchard
Mrs. Irene Proudlove
Nicole Prunka
Miss Laura Prushinski
Mrs. Janice Quinn
Mrs. Patricia Quinn
Mrs. Theresa Rakus
Mr. John Romanchick, Jr.
Rosalie Sawchak
Mrs. Theresa Schaeffer
Mr. William Schlosser

Mrs. Sheryl Sealock-Danowski
Mr. & Mrs. Waldemar Siedlecki
Mr. Bernard Skolnick
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Slezak
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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.



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handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus
to do good works,
which God
PREPARED IN ADVANCE
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-Ephesians 2:10

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!



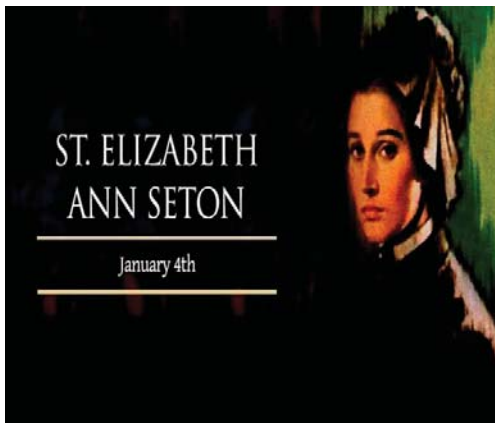
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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ,

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 entombed 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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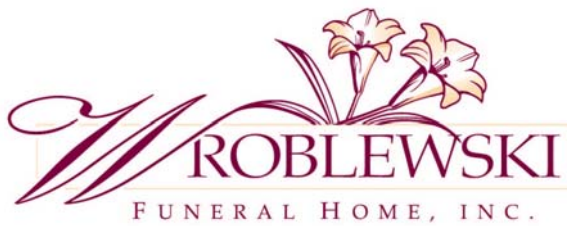
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