

# SETON SENTINEL

December | 28 | 2025

## HOLY FAMILY

of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph



He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I called my son.*

Matthew 2:15

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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

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### ***Confessions:***

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



# Worship

## Intention

### **Monday, December 29**

8:00am John S. Ostrowski

### **Tuesday, December 30**

8:00am Laura Sisko

### **Wednesday, December 31 New Year's Eve**

4:00pm Marie Nevolas

### **Thursday, January 1 The Nativity of the Lord**

**10:00am** Betty Hlavac

### **Friday, January 2**

8:00am Health & Blessings for Lori Aleson

### **Saturday, January 3**

4:00pm Vince Krajnak

### **Sunday, January 4**

8:30am James Dougalias

11:00am Marie Bordy

5:30pm Jean & Charles Smith

## Requested by

Family

Niece, Christine

Mary Ann Romanowski

Dennis Hlavac

Joe & Terri Burgess

Wife & Family

M/M Richard Frusciante

Children, Sharon, Mark, & Tracy



### **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~~ **Richard Selensky**~~ offered by  
sister, Gerry

In Memory of~~**Fred Proleika**~~ offered by  
Family



### **LET US PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

~~**Ronald Harchar**~~ May his soul and all the  
souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy  
of God, rest in peace. Amen.



### **BREAD & WINE OFFERING**

~~In Memory of~~**Lena Michael**~~ offered by  
Eleanor Hudak

### **BAPTISM SUNDAY**

Congratulations and God's blessings upon:

~~**Nolan Robert Panowicz**~~**Dorian Charles Mahovich**~~

~~**Eloise Joan Mihal**~~. Nolan, Dorian, & Eloise will be bap-  
tized by water and the Holy Spirit this weekend.



## Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Chmil

**Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Urban

**Assisting Celebrant**

Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

**Permanent Deacons**

Lori Raymond

**Pastoral Associate/Director of  
Religious Education**

Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M.

**Pastoral Outreach Ministry**

**Music Ministry**

Marge Semanek

**Director of Liturgical Music**

Joseph Sabol

**Accompanist**

Scott Coates

**Accompanist**

Pat Quinn

**Office Assistant**

**Sacristans and Maintenance**

Chris Calore

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John Sartin

Trudy Brown

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Betsy Evanoski

Phil Bosha

## Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
8:30am to 3:00pm

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Weekends and Evenings  
by appointment.

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## Religious Education classes

Saturday classes: **(no class Dec 27th Christmas)**

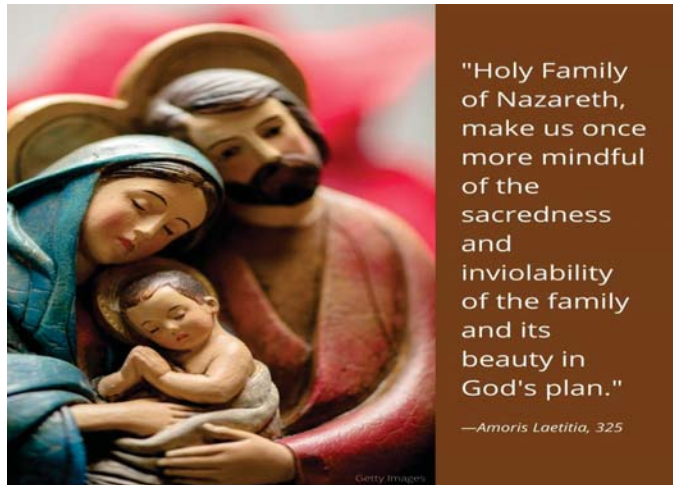
Monday classes: **(no class Dec 29th Christmas)**

Classes will resume on Saturday, Jan 3rd & Monday, Jan 5th.



## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

**Our parish office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, Dec. 31, Jan. 1st, & 2nd in observance of the New Year Holiday. Emergency calls for Fr. John will be attended to as soon as possible.**



"Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan."

—Amoris Laetitia, 325



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## *CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS*

Mrs. Carol Mazza	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Radzavicz	Mrs. Lisa St. Clair
Mrs. Jean Meckalavage	Mr. & Mrs. Geno Raymond	Mr. Anthony Stach, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. Michaels	Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Recek	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stanchak
Mrs. Gwen Michaels	Mrs. Philomena Reh	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Stavish
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Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Mozloom	Mrs. Gerry Rish	Mr. & Mrs. David Stull
Mrs. Barbara Mullery	Mrs. Patricia Robinson	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Suchocki
Mr. Donn Mullery	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Roccograndi	Mrs. Mary Beth Sulpy
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Mrs. Catherine Onzik	Mrs. Rita Selenia	Mr. John Uter
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Panowicz	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Semanek, Jr	Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Vojtko
Rosalie Brady Parsons	Mrs. Margaret Sharisky	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vozniak
Mr. Paul Pasek	Mr. John Shemo	Mr. & Mrs. David Walski
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Mr. Fred Proleika, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Siracuse	Mr. Michael Yadrnak
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## 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.



Our parish Pro-Life Ministry would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Spiritual Adoption Program, which ended on December 25th, with Jesus's birth. Thank you for praying for and naming a baby for these past 9 months, who may have been in danger of being aborted. We will start again in 2026 on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation. May God bless you always!

### DOS CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025-2026

GOAL: \$72,234

TOTAL COMMITTED: \$46,943.16

% TO GOAL: 64.99%

BALANCE TO ACHIEVE GOAL: \$25,290.84

# OF DONORS: 265 23.66% of parishioners

## WEEKLY OFFERING

*Weekend of December 13/14, 2025*

REGULAR: 6072.28 DUES: \$450.00

Assessment: \$357.00

Immaculate Conception: \$155.00

DIOCESAN: Care & Education: \$612.00

Religious Retirement.: \$334.00

*Thank you & may God bless you abundantly!*

## 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.



## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.



## Ways to Give:

Online: [www.setonpa.com](http://www.setonpa.com)

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Swoyersville, PA 18704

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ,**

**Pray for us!**



# The Humble Majesty of Us

**T**he celebration of Christmas and the coming New Year are perfect times to reconnect with loved ones and reconsider our priorities. Amidst the festive spirit and celebrations, we build some powerful and beautiful memories during the holidays—such as the beautiful moments spent with a younger child relative, or a conversation with an elderly family member talking of times long past. We turn away from ordinary, everyday routines—the daily grind—and experience special moments that enrich and refresh us.

At Christmas we recall how God, who is so powerful and kingly, decided to make himself present among us by coming as a vulnerable baby, born in poverty. This humble arrival, so gentle and hopeful, only makes it easier for us to see the very tender aspect of God—for who can fear a baby? He enters the world precisely as a baby to draw us closer to him. God, in a sense, “stoops” to humanity by becoming one of us, and in the process, he elevates all of humanity.

If God draws us to himself with love, and not through guilt or compulsion, how important it is that we, too, should witness to our faith in the same manner. How important this is in building up a culture of life! As many of us approach the New Year with resolutions, this seems an appropriate time to consider our pro-life witness in the light of charity.



Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus are depicted in a wooden creche at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, N.Y., in this Nov. 24 photo. (CNS photo/Mike Crupi, Catholic Courier)

One aspect of contributing to a culture of life is to cultivate a pro-life attitude. In addition to important efforts like ministry outside of abortion facilities, writing Congress to express our views on legislation, and prayer activities on behalf of life, it is so very important to cultivate an internal perspective which animates all these other efforts. What do I mean by cultivating a “pro-life attitude”? I am referring to a disposition which actively and consciously seeks to reaffirm the dignity of every person we encounter.

It means making an effort to see people as God sees them. To help someone realize the good he has when he can’t see it himself. To take time to acknowledge another person’s presence and worth in a competitive, utilitarian, and electronically-saturated society. To engage an opponent peacefully and with courtesy. By affirming the same nobility in others that Christ affirms in us, through his humble and majestic presence in this world, we can help to change the culture.

What better time than Christmas and the New Year to renew our pro-life convictions and to look forward to our efforts with renewed hope! As the Christ-child wins hearts and touches souls with the greatest simplicity, let us resolve to give a pro-life witness which conveys reverence and respect for others. The sacredness of human life should be recognized from the moment of conception to natural death, and in every human face, beginning with the faces we encounter every day.

*This article was written by Kimberly Baker, a former staff assistant for the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information on the bishops’ pro-life activities, please visit [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife).*





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