

# SETON SENTINEL

December | 3 | 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.

Mark 13:33

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**116 Hughes Street**  
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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  
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# Worship

## Intention

### **Monday, December 4**

8:00am Ann Chapin

### **Tuesday, December 5**

8:00am Bob Hovan

### **Wednesday, December 6**

8:00am No Daily Mass

### **Thursday, December 7**

8:00am Andy & Dan Husovsky

**4:00pm vigil** Mary & Bill Sheehan

### **Friday, December 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:00am Fred Dorman

5:30pm Joseph Shampack

### **Saturday, December 9**

4:00pm Josephine Condon

### **Sunday, December 10**

8:30am Irene Bedford

11:00am Joseph Danowski

5:30pm Georgina Urban

## Requested by

Chris Calore

Wife & Family

Sister, Betsy

Mary Keating

Doug & Patti Workman

Tibus Family

Andrea Lewis

Sister, Dolores & Family

Wife & Family

Children, Carlos & Mildred

# Prayer

**Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament** is held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening Prayer and Benediction conclude the night. All are welcome to come, even just for a quick visit on Thursday evenings here in church.



## Special Intentions

### **SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS**



~~In Memory of **Andrew Selensky** offered by daughter, Gerry

~~Health & Blessings for **Remakus Family**

### **PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

~~**Florence Harbaugh**~~

*May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### **ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS**

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

## Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Chmil x105

### Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

### Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

### Permanent Deacons

Lori Raymond x100

### 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

### Director of Maintenance

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.

**570-287-6624**

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATES

If you haven't already donated, the Diocesan Annual Appeal envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance. If you already received a letter in the mail, please respond. Gifts of any size are welcome and participation is important. God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

DAA goal: \$44,000

Total raised: -\$30,585

over/under: -\$13,415

We have reached 69.51% of our goal.

Number of donors: 188 16.70% of our parishioners gave

## ADVENT PIROHY-MAKING DATES & SALE DATES

### PIROHY-MAKING:

### WED., DEC. 6TH AND WED. DEC. 13TH

Ballers come at 7:00am and all others come at 8:30am. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are on the tables at the church entrance.

### PIROHY SALE DATES: Frozen Pirohy 1st Come, 1st Served

Friday, Dec. 8th, 8:30am -10:30am and 5pm-6:30pm

Friday, Dec. 15th, 8:30am-10:30am and 5pm-6:30pm (while supplies last) **\$10/dozen**

### DECEMBER 8TH: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Masses for the Holy Day are Thursday, Dec. 7th, 4pm vigil mass, and Friday, Dec. 8th, 8am and 5:30pm.

Please note that the parish office is closed on all Fridays, therefore, will be closed for this Holy Day.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

9AM TO 1PM

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall**

**116 Hughes St., Swoyersville**

**Adults: \$10 Children 12 & under: \$5**

**Tickets available at the door**

**Questions? Call Mark: 570-262-2896**

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Each year our parish reaches out to members of our community who are in need of help for the holidays. If you, or someone you know, is struggling, please contact Lori, Pastoral Associate, in our parish office. All calls are confidential.

For **Christmas**, we are having our **“CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE”**, with the gift tags for the needy children and families, and for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or home-bound. Our **Christmas Giving Tree** is placed near the Reconciliation Room, with the gift tags. If you are able, please take a tag, purchase the item, wrap the gift, and return the gifts (**with the tag attached to the wrapped gift**) by December 17th or sooner. (And as always, we will be accepting Grocery gift cards, too. Just drop in collection basket or bring to the rectory).

***Also, a big Thank You to all of our parishioners and friends, along with the Knights of Columbus, Swoyersville Kiwanis, and Forty Fort Lions Club who donated Thanksgiving grocery gift cards for those in need.***

### Holy Name Society Meeting

Our HNS will meet today, Sunday, December 3rd, after the 8:30am mass in the church hall. New members are welcome.



### SOCIAL CONCERNS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

#### “POLAR EXPRESS “

Tuesday, December 19th, 5pm-8pm Church Hall

For children only, ages 4-8

Parents, drop off your children ( maybe you can get a little Christmas shopping done or go out for dinner). Please feel free to bring a throw blanket for sitting during the movie. Cozy, comfortable attire recommended.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. CHRIS HAW, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON



Thursday,  
December 7th

7:00 PM

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

### DECEMBER CLASSES:

Saturdays: December 9,16 (No classes December 23 , 30 Christmas Holiday)

Mondays: December 4,11,18 (No classes Dec. 25, January 1st Christmas Holiday)

### 7th GRADE PRE-CONFIRMATION PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING TODAY

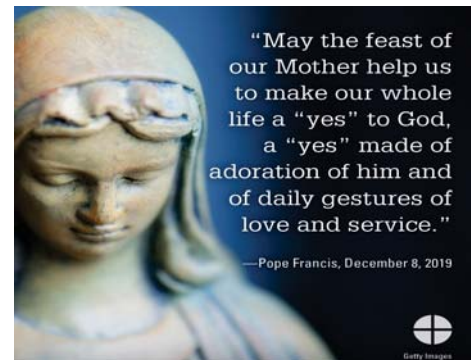
**Sunday, December 3rd, 5:30pm Mass: 7th Grade Confirmation Enrollment Mass**

**7th Grade students & parents/guardians** (both Seton Religious Ed. students & our Catholic School students) **will attend the 5:30pm Mass followed by a meeting in our church hall.**

7th Grade students will be enrolled in our Confirmation Program and will also be presented with their own Bible **at this Mass**. Important pre-Confirmation packets will be distributed at the meeting.

### BAPTISM CLASS

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11am Eucharist on Sunday. First time parents are asked to attend a brief instruction class on Baptism. Our next class will be held on Wednesday, December 13th, at 6pm, in our church hall. New parents and expectant parents who plan on having their baby baptized in the near future, are asked to call Lori at the office to register for the class or for more information.



### Offerings

#### Weekend of November 18/19, 2023

REGULAR: \$6415.00

DUES: \$495.00

ASSESSMENT: \$60.00

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Campaign for Human Development: \$484.00

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## HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

~~Soups w/meat (Chunky soups)``Canned pasta (ravioli)~~Canned fruit~~Jelly

### *Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania*

*... will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 3rd, at 2pm, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. The church is handicapped accessible. An afternoon filled with song & storytelling of past Slovak Christmas traditions will take place. Refreshments to follow. Everyone is invited free of charge: a free-will offering will be accepted.*

### *Free Advent Concert*

*Sunday, December 10th, 3pm, Immaculate Conception Church, 605 Luzerne Ave., West Pittston . A festival of lessons and carols is a service of lessons and supporting carols that originated in Truro, England, in 1880. It was adapted by the King's College Chapel in Cambridge in 1918 and broadcast by the BBC. It has since spread around the world as the retelling of the Christian's faith from Adam's fall to the birth of Christ.*

### *A Christmas Celebration*

*Sunday, December 10th, at 3pm. The parishes of St. John the Evangelist & St. Joseph Mareello in Pittston will present "A Christmas Celebration", a fun, family-friendly Christmas organ concert with guest organist, Greg Zelek, a graduate of Julliard School & principal organist of the Madison Symphony Orchestra in Wisconsin. The concert will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston, and will feature festive organ music & the singing of Christmas Carols. All children who attend will receive a special take-home treat.*

### *A Christmas Cookie Walk*

*will be held Saturday, Dec. 9th, from 11am-5pm, in the hall of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. Enjoy a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate while choosing from dozens of delicious homemade cookies available for \$10/pound. Try your luck at winning a holiday basket or the 50/50 raffle just in time for Christmas. Please be aware that this will not be a nut-free environment.*



## ADVENT BEGINS!

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world. Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

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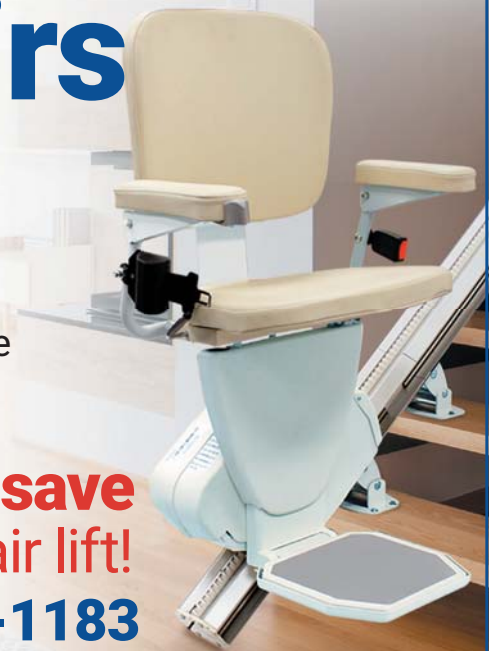
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