

SETON SENTINEL

November | 23 | 2025

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the Universe



"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Luke 23:43

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

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



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Support the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal at: AnnualAppeal.org

Confessions:

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



Worship

Intention

Monday, November 24

8:00am James & Lenore Parini

Tuesday, November 25

8:00am Rosemary Chimock

Wednesday, November 26

NO DAILY MASS

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day

9:00am Pro Populo

Friday, November 28

8:00am Mario Zucca

Saturday, November 29

4:00pm Robert Krull

Sunday, November 30

8:30am Hawkeye & Dorothy Lukacinsky

11:00am Lorraine Sondag Kleynowski

5:30pm John "Jack" Harvilla

Requested by

Children

Williams Family

Daughter, Stephanie & Dave

Sister & Brother-in-Law

Daughter, Denise

West Side Central Catholic High School Class of 1958

Wife, Elsie & Family

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,

PRAY FOR US!

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS



The Rosary will be prayed for vocations after daily



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~~ **Helen Jenziorski**~~ offered by granddaughter, Jane & Family

~~In Memory of~~ **Walter Gavlick**~~ offered by Wife & Family

LET US PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



~~**Joseph J. Pacovsky**~~

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



FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~~n Memory of~~ **Helen Jenziorski**~~ offered by granddaughter, Jane & Family

**HAPPY, BLESSED THANKSGIVING
TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS!**

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Rev. Anthony Urban

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Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

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Lori Raymond

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Joseph Sabol

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Scott Coates

Accompanist

Pat Quinn

Office Assistant

Sacristans and Maintenance

Chris Calore

Director of Maintenance

John Sartin

Trudy Brown

Pat Quinn

Betsy Evanoski

Phil Bosh

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: **closed Nov. 29 Thanksgiving**

Monday classes: November 24 (**closed Dec. 1st Thanksgiving**)

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that our parish office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 in observance of Thanksgiving holiday.

Our daily Mass on Thanksgiving will be at **9am.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WE'RE MAKING PIROHY!!!

ADVENT PIROHY-MAKING: our next session is SATURDAY,

December 6th. We need volunteers. Potato

ballers come at 7am and pinchers come at

8:15am. Our sale date is the weekend of December 13/14 after all masses, while supplies

last. Cost is \$12/dozen.



MEETINGS/HAPPENINGS :

HOLY NAME RAFFLE DRAWING: TODAY!!!

SUNDAY, Nov. 23rd, after 8:30 mass

Hope you win!

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: SUNDAY, November 23rd, 2pm church hall

CHILDRENS' CHOIR PRACTICE: MONDAY, Nov. 24th , 5:15 to 6pm

RELIGIOUS ED: MONDAY: Nov. 24th, 6pm-7:15pm School

ART & ENVIRONMENT: TUESDAY, Dec. 2nd, 6:30pm church hall
and SUNDAY, Dec. 21st, after 11am mass, decorate church

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.

U.S. Bishops Issue "Special Message" on Immigration

November 12, 2025

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30-37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Our Pro-Life Ministry meets every third TUESDAY of the month in the church hall at 7pm.



"Saying that there are too many children is like saying there are too many flowers."

-Mother Teresa

FESTIVAL REPORT

First and foremost: **THANK YOU!** Without the work & prayers of so many people, we would not have been able to achieve the following results. It is truly remarkable all that God does with the people He calls to serve!

Income:

Raffle tix	\$46,115.00
Donations	\$10,788.00
Sponsors	\$9,250.00
Food Tix	\$117,224.00
Games	\$15,440.00
Bingo	\$8644.00
Instant Bingo	\$7378.50
Theme Baskets	\$9737.00

Expenses:

Raffle Winners	\$7400.00
50/50 winners	\$8255.00
Food	\$28,223.99
Beverages/Ice	\$14,227.71
Games	\$3651.67
Entertainment	\$5445.24
Equipment/Supplies	\$11,956.43
Paper product/misc	\$3166.15
Contracted Serv/Utilities	\$5355.69
License/Stationery/Signage	\$4565.54

TOTAL INCOME: \$224,576.50

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$ 92,247.42

NET PROFIT: \$132,329.08

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH

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

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

Once again the Swoyersville Kiwanis will be collecting new toys for children of all ages to be donated to the Toys for Tots Program. Drop off locations/deadlines are as follows: **Rainbow Jewelers-deadline Nov. 26th**
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish church hall-deadline Dec. 8th, and Swoyersville Borough Building Lobby-deadline Dec. 8th. Also, residents from all communities are invited to join club members on Dec. 10th, when the Marines will be with us here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall for a dinner meeting to pick up the donations. Follow Swoyersville Kiwanis Facebook for more details. Reservations are due by December 2nd. For dinner reservations, call or TEXT Paula at 570-288-6730.

DOS CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025-26

Goal: \$72,234

Total committed: \$42,733.16

% to Goal: 59.16%

Balance to achieve goal: \$29,500.84

No. of donors: 235 20.98% of parishioners

Ways to Give:



Online: www.setonpa.com

US Mail to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
116 Hughes St.,
Swoyersville, PA 18704

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ,

Pray for us!

WEEKLY OFFERING

Weekend of November 8/9, 2025

REGULAR: \$11,736.00 DUES: \$984.00

All Saints' Day: \$62.00 Day's wage: \$10.00

Assessment: \$496.00

DIOCESAN: Care & Education: \$635.00

Thank you & may God bless you abundantly!

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Each year our parish reaches out to members of our parish & 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: 570-287-6624. All calls are confidential.



For Thanksgiving, if you are able, we are asking for Grocery Store gift cards from Gerrity's or Price Chopper. Please put in an envelope, & mark "THANKSGIVING". You may drop in collection basket, office door mail slot, mail, or bring to rectory.



For Christmas, we are having our 'CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE', with the Gift tags for children & families in need, & our parishioners who are in nursing homes or homebound. By the weekend of Nov. 22/23, the Christmas Tree will be placed near the Reconciliation Room, with the gift tags attached. We are asking that the WRAPPED gifts with the TAGS ATTACHED be returned by December 14th. Thank you so much for whatever you can do. May God bless your kindness and generosity!!!!!!!!!!!!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2025, 9AM TO 1PM, in our church hall.

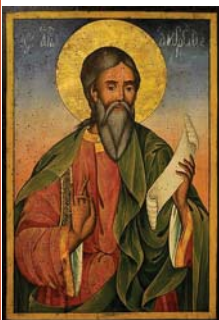
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Questions: Call Mark: 570-262-2896



THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CARE & SHARE PROGRAM

Our Knights want to thank all of the volunteers who came out to support our Care & Share Program. Thank you to all who helped put the doorhangers on the homes, those who helped collect all the food from the homes, those who helped sort all the donations, and to all who so generously donated to this worthwhile cause. We collected an enormous amount of items, which will be used to feed those in need from our parish & community, and to support our local Holy Family Food Pantry. May God bless your generosity of time and donations!!! If you or someone you know is in need of some food items, please call Lori at the office. All calls are confidential.



NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. ANDREW (Start on his Feast Day, November 30th, and continue to Christmas) Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary at midnight in Bethlehem in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen. (traditionally prayed 15x per day)

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