

SETON SENTINEL

January | 11 | 2026



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
116 Hughes Street
Swoyersville, PA 18704
570-287-6624

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 12

8:00am Margaret McGinn

Requested by

Ron & Maryann Zaledonis

Tuesday, January 13

8:00am John Viercinski

Marie & Mike

Wednesday, January 14

No Daily Mass

Thursday, January 15

8:00am George Barilla

Mike & Shelley Tressa

Friday, January 16

8:00am Virginia Tomascik Thornton

Mary Ann Romanowski

Saturday, January 17

4:00pm Theresa Yurko

Daughters, Susan & Lorraine

Sunday, January 18

8:30am Jack Romanowski

Family

11:00am Jason Kilduff

Wife, Lauren, Maddie & Owen

5:30pm Roy & Joanne Baker

Ed & Peggy Polney



ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

The Rosary will be prayed for vocations after daily mass.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of~~ **Ed & Edward Evelock**~ offered by Jane & Family



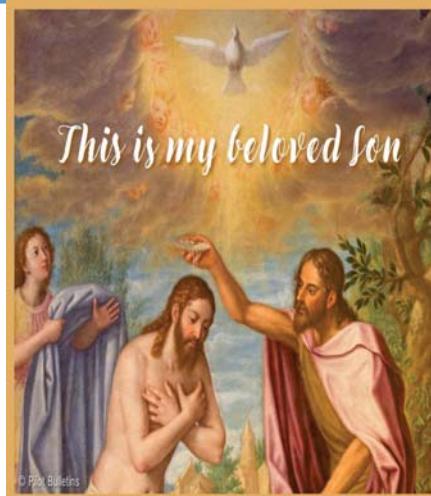
~~In Memory of~~ **Bernadine Kupris**~~ offered by M/M Asklar

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.



The Baptism of the Lord—Year A

First Reading — Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7: The Lord's chosen servant will bring justice quietly and gently. He will be a light to the nations, opening blind eyes and freeing prisoners.

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 29: Give glory to the Lord, whose powerful and majestic voice is over the waters. He is king forever and will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading — Acts 10:34-38: Peter tells Cornelius and his guests that God accepts anyone who respects Him and does good, mentioning Jesus' message of peace and healing.

Gospel — Matthew 3:13-17: Jesus gets baptized by John, despite John's initial hesitation. As Jesus emerges from the water, the heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends, and God declares Jesus as His beloved Son.

Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Chmil

Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

Permanent Deacons

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Accompanist

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John Sartin

Trudy Brown

Pat Quinn

Betsy Evanoski

Phil Boshna



Religious Education classes

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

Monday classes: January 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASH WEDNESDAY RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Our KofC will be having their famous Red Clam Chowder Sale on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, in our school cafeteria. Cost is \$10/quart---pay at the door. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Pick up times are after the 7:30am ashes, 11am to 1pm, & 4pm to 6pm. Or call Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 to place your order.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Our KofC will meet this Tuesday, January 13th, at 7pm in the SCHOOL CAFETERIA. New members are welcome.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Weekend of December 27/28, 2025

REGULAR: \$7474.45 DUES: \$774.00

Assessment: \$10.00 Christmas Flowers/Decorations: \$264.00

Christmas: \$24,228.00

e-offering: Reg.: \$7435.94 Dues: \$444.54

DIOCESAN: Care & Education: \$15.00

Campaign Human Dev.: \$20.00

Religious Retirement.: \$10.00

Thank you & may God bless you abundantly!

Office Hours

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

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/DECORATIONS cont'd

Deborah Bowling
Mr. & Mrs. John Britt
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Czock
Mr. Robert Dougherty
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hoover
Mrs. Betty Ann Hrubowchak

Mr. & Mrs. Jason Jones
Mrs. Daria Kapalka
Mr. & Mrs. James Kilgallon
Mr. Joseph Margallis

Mr. & Mrs. Sandra Williams Urzen
Mr. & Mrs. James Washko
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Winberry
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Winton



Thank you – from Fr. John and his Mom

My Mom and I are so grateful for your kindness to us at Christmas. We received many baked goods, homemade foods, cards, prayers and gifts. We are overwhelmed with gratitude and deeply appreciate your love and generosity. We are so moved by your outpouring of love and keep you in our prayers. We love you, Fr. John and Regi-

A NOTE FROM DEACON JOHN.....

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses extended to Judy and me during this Christmas season. The beautiful greetings and Mass cards, candy, baked goods, and generous gifts are very much appreciated. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. May God bless you!

January 10, 2026

My Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, we will have the interior of our upper church painted, beginning Monday, January 12, 2026. As a result, our Masses including Funeral Masses will be held in our church hall. This is a very exciting time for all of us, and I look forward to the completion of this project. The project will be paid for from our saving account that is held with the diocese. Bishop Bambera has approved this endeavor and I am so grateful.

In this type of situation, I am not able to give you a concluding date, as we do not know what unexpected issues may arise. Please pray that all goes well, and that we return to the upper church, as soon as possible.

In closing, I thank you for your support of this project and for your love of our parish. We are so blessed to be able to endeavor in this way and to give glory to God.

My prayers are with you,
Fr. John

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- Collections include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- Faith Formation Fees include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adult programs.
- Fundraising/Development includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- Other Income includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- Transfers Savings Account/Other includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- Diocesan Special Collections are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- Administration includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedricum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- Rectory expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- Liturgy includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- Faith Formation includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- Social Justice includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- Operation & Maintenance of Plant includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- Fixed Expense includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- Debt Service includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- Capital Outlays includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- Designated Expenses/Transfers Out includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- Catholic School Assessments paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- Diocesan Special Collections Remittance are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the increase or decrease in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be negative. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a positive number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.
This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.

Parish Financial Report
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Swoyersville
TREND ANALYSIS

		Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Revenue						
Collections		689,929	694,192	668,081	607,754	567,869
Faith Formation Fees		3,745	2,150	2,373	4,149	1,035
Fundraising/Development		152,204	143,771	193,744	8,781	96,102
Other Income		34,069	46,238	65,270	43,097	44,778
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	25,785	27,708	-	-	-	13,939
Transfers Savings Account/Other		-	-	-	-	89,664
Diocesan Special Collections		-	2,382	479	69,964	16,195
Total Revenue		907,655	888,733	929,947	733,745	829,582
Expenses						
Administration		302,179	273,425	241,988	306,525	301,842
Rectory		48,256	62,449	41,961	39,173	34,165
Liturgy		97,015	98,299	110,089	77,412	75,728
Faith Formation		34,824	36,749	36,147	12,248	33,932
Social Justice		27,592	26,873	29,025	22,095	29,558
Operation & Maintenance of Plant		222,760	188,402	208,952	150,106	155,132
Fixed Expense		62,349	49,994	1,435	45,194	43,607
Debt Service		-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays		26,544	19,813	104,247	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out		2,753	-	-	2,138	-
Catholic School Assessment	173,604	127,104	106,668	101,952	113,640	113,776
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance		-	-	1,109	21,767	16,195
Total Expense		951,375	862,671	876,905	790,298	803,937
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis		(64,435)	(43,720)	26,062	53,041	(56,553)
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	(20,715)	**(SEE NOTE)**	(26,042)	(321)	(821)	(1,950)
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)		(69,762)	25,741	52,220	(58,503)	27,599

****NOTE****

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.

End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	27,184	1,142	821	-	(1,950)
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	1,142	821	-	(1,950)	4
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	(26,042)	(321)	(821)	(1,950)	1,954
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Aaron W. Pietryka, Licensed Supervisor - Parishioner
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