

# 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

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## ***Confessions:***

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



# Worship

## Intention

### **Monday, January 12**

8:00am Margaret McGinn

### **Tuesday, January 13**

8:00am John Viercinski

### **Wednesday, January 14**

No Daily Mass

### **Thursday, January 15**

8:00am George Barilla

### **Friday, January 16**

8:00am Virginia Tomascik Thornton

### **Saturday, January 17**

4:00pm Theresa Yurko

### **Sunday, January 18**

8:30am Jack Romanowski

11:00am Jason Kilduff

5:30pm Roy & Joanne Baker

## Requested by

Ron & Maryann Zaledonis

Marie & Mike

Mike & Shelley Tressa

Mary Ann Romanowski

Daughters, Susan & Lorraine

Family

Wife, Lauren, Maddie & Owen

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**

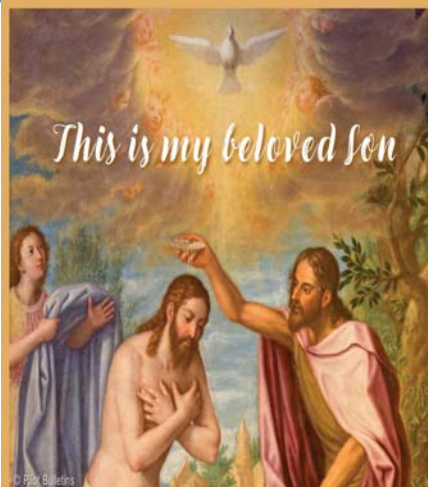


*Please join us on*

**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**

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

**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**



## 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 Kof C 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!*



## *CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/DECORATIONS cont'd*

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Mr. Robert Dougherty  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hoover  
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Mrs. Daria Kapalka  
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Mr.s. Sandra Williams Urzen  
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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 Cathedralricum (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
<b>Revenue</b>						
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
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>907,655</b>	<b>888,733</b>	<b>929,947</b>	<b>733,745</b>	<b>829,582</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
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
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>951,375</b>	<b>862,671</b>	<b>876,905</b>	<b>790,298</b>	<b>803,937</b>
	(64,435)					
<b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	46,500	<b>(43,720)</b>	<b>26,062</b>	<b>53,041</b>	<b>(56,553)</b>	<b>25,645</b>
	(20,715)					
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>**(SEE NOTE)**</b>	<b>(26,042)</b>	<b>(321)</b>	<b>(821)</b>	<b>(1,950)</b>	<b>1,954</b>
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>(69,762)</b>	<b>25,741</b>	<b>52,220</b>	<b>(58,503)</b>	<b>27,599</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>						
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
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>		<b>(26,042)</b>	<b>(321)</b>	<b>(821)</b>	<b>(1,950)</b>	<b>1,954</b>
Diocesan Loan/Debt		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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