

# The Seton Sentinel

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.”  
Luke 4:18

### The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

## THE SETON SENTINEL

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### Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
**Friday:**  
**8:30am to 3:00pm**

Weekends and Evenings  
by appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area? Just visiting? You will find a warm welcome here! To become a registered member, please call the parish office during regular business hours.

### SETON ONLINE

Stay in touch with your parish on-line by “Liking” us on Facebook, Viewing our website setonpa.com and now with your mobile device. Download the new Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Mass Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad! Bulletins are posted each weekend to keep up with the parish happenings if you are away or just want a sneak peek at what’s coming up for our parish.



# Parish Events

## Holy Name Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast TODAY!



Our HNS is sponsoring a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast this-Sunday, January 24th, from 9am to 1pm, in our school cafeteria. Tickets are \$6/adults, \$3/children 4-12, Free/children 3 and under. **Tickets are available at the door.**

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY MARDI GRAS DANCE

**Save the date: Saturday, February 6, 2016**, from 7pm to 11pm in our church hall. Music by DJ Jack Bravyak. Tickets are \$6.00 each. BYOB and munchies! **Our Holy Name Society members will be selling tickets for the dance after all Masses this weekend in our church vestibule.** For more information contact Anna Mae Venetz at 570-287-7655.



## ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

### Friday, February 5th—Chicken Pot Pie Sale

**Cost is \$6.00 each. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. You may pick up your order in our school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm.**

(Our Lenten Pirohy and Pizza Sale dates will be announced shortly.)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Our Knights are sponsoring a Manhattan (RED) Clam Chowder Sale on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, February 10th. Cost is \$6.00/quart.

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Pick ups are in the school cafeteria, and pick up times are **after the 8am Mass, 11am to 1pm, and 5pm to 6pm.**

## BLESSING OF THE THROATS

All of the Faithful who wish to have their throat blessed are asked to attend daily mass on Wednesday, Feb 3rd at 8:00 am. Or you may come for the Blessing of the Throats at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. No throats will be blessed on the weekend as time constraints prevent us from doing so. The Blessing is connected with St. Blaise, so we'll do it on his day.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Thursday, February 11th is the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, also the World Day of the Sick. We will celebrate a special mass that day at 12:10 pm with the Sacrament of the Sick administered during the liturgy. We welcome all who wish to be anointed, but in particular, the sickly, frail, elderly, and those who need special grace and healing.

## Parish Staff

Cora Artim  
*Children's Choir*  
Phil Bosha  
*Maintenance*  
Chris Calore  
*Maintenance*  
Scott Coates  
*Contemporary Mass Musician*  
Sister Jane Ellis, IHM  
*Parish Social Minister*  
Margaret Loveless  
*Director of Religious Education*  
Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi  
**Pastor**  
Lori Raymond  
*Pastoral Associate*  
Joseph Sabol  
*Assistant Organist*  
Monica Salis  
*Business Manager*  
Marge Semanek  
*Director of Music*  
Rev. Anthony Urban  
*Weekend Celebrant*

### Direct Contacts

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570-287-4587  
Father Joe's email: [fatherjoey@aol.com](mailto:fatherjoey@aol.com)  
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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.

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### LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CD'S

Don't forget to check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CD's located in our vestibule. For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.



## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 10th. Our Schedule is as follows: 7:30 am—Distribution of Ashes and Eucharist, then 12:10 pm—Distribution of Ashes and Liturgy of the Word Service, as well as 3:45 pm, and 6:00pm. Only one mass, at 7:30 am will be offered on Ash Wednesday. Please take note of the time change to allow for workers to participate.

## PASCHAL CANDLE DONATION

Each Liturgical Year the church acquires a new Paschal Candle which symbolizes the Light of Christ. This candle burns throughout the 50 days of Easter at all Masses completing with the Feast of Pentecost. The Paschal Candle is also lit throughout the year at all parish baptisms and funerals. If you would like to purchase this candle for the parish, please call Lori at the rectory office to make arrangements for your donation.

## WEEKLY ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS

We have several weekends for 2016 available for altar flower offerings. Please call Lori at the office to make arrangements.

### 5:30 pm Sunday Liturgy

A musical group is forming for the 5:30 pm Sunday Night Contemporary Mass. All are welcome, instrumentalists and singers. For more information, see Scott after mass or come a little early, around 4:45 and practice.

We are also in need of ministers for the 5:30 Sunday Mass.

Lectors and servers, especially. If you can help, contact Lori at the office.

## Annual Appeal Update

The latest figures from the Diocesan Annual Appeal have St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at \$5,785.00 over the goal of \$47,000.00! What a great accomplishment! The practice in the past has been to return 75% of what is made over the goal to the parishes. Thank you to all who helped our parish achieve this goal!

## PARKING

Parking is now available in our vacant lots located on Sidney and Poland Streets. We hope to have more room soon, and then eventually pave and finish the whole lot this summer.

## DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE FOR NEXT WEEK

Please note that there are 3 daily mass times changed *for this week only*, due to Father's vacation:

January 26th, Tuesday, 12:10PM

January 28th, Thursday 12:10PM

January 29th, Friday, 12:10PM

The masses on January 25th and 27th, Monday and Wednesday will take place at the regular time, 8:00AM.

***SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!!!***

## VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.

### SETON PRAYER CHAIN

**We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests.**

A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

### Dear Parents,

Children are at the heart of what we are all about here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We encourage children of all ages and stages to attend mass with their parents each week. We expect that smaller children will, from time to time, be fussy, wiggle and make some noise. There is no need to leave mass. Again, it is expected. If you do feel the need to get up with your child, please return as soon as you are able. Training children in church early will help establish good habits in the future. We can all stand a little noise to ensure the future of our parish.

## Catch Our Spirit...Celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 31 – February 6, 2016

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by attending one of our Catholic School Open Houses! You are invited to come experience our communities of faith and academic excellence. From Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, our students live their faith, challenge their minds, serve their communities, and build lifelong friendships. For specifics about the Open Houses or for more information about our Diocesan Catholic Schools, including tuition assistance opportunities, please visit [www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools](http://www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools).

As families register their students for the upcoming school year, consider becoming an **Academic Angel!** Your contribution is an investment in a child's future...the outcomes speak for themselves. Our schools offer an instructional environment that challenges the mind, while inspiring and strengthening the spirit. Please consider supporting our students for the 2016-17 school year. You can designate the gift as a memorial or as an honor for someone special. You can also select a particular school to receive your gift or allow us to allocate it to the area with the greatest need. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton PA 18503.

### WYOMING AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

We invite you to spread the good news about Wyoming Area Catholic School by joining us for an Open House at 1690 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, on Sunday, January 31, 2016, from 12pm to 2pm. Come and see what we have to offer! Tours will be given by students, parents, teachers, and administrators who will answer all your questions and concerns. We hope you will join us! ☺

**Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/ Scholarship Test Result Night and Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held January 27 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2016-2017 school year will be held from February 4, 8, 9, 10 from 3:00 to 5:45 PM. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.**



**January 9/10, 2016**

### Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$8677.00

HOLY DAYS: \$110.00

LOOSE: \$468.50

**TOTAL: \$12,871.51**

DUES: \$3205.00

CHRISTMAS: \$256.00

E-GIVING: \$155.01

**DIOCESAN: January Care & Education of Priests: \$1040.00**

*May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!*



### ***FEAST OF THE HOLY SPOUSES***

The Oblates of St. Joseph will host the Annual Feast of the Holy Spouses, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, on Sunday, January 24th, with a special Holy Mass at 2:00pm at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. A light reception will follow the Mass in the seminary community room for all to enjoy. You are invited to attend. Offer your personal petitions to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph as we are celebrating the Year of Mercy.

### ***DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS***

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2016 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 5. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your parish office before March 7. Please call Lori with the information.

***Know a Marriage That Needs Help:*** Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 26-Feb. 28, 2016, at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

### ***MEALS ON WHEELS OF WYOMING VALLEY***

Meals on Wheels provides nutritionally balanced meals to those who are homebound or cannot cook. There are no income requirements & anyone over the age of 18 is eligible to receive these services. Each weekday morning, we deliver two meals per day (1 hot & 1 cold) to clients throughout 12 areas of Luzerne County, including Swoyersville, Forty Fort, Luzerne, Kingston, Trucksville. Although our service is not free, we charge \$30/week which breaks down to only \$6/day. If interested, please call Lee Ann Telencho at 570-288-1023.

**51ST ANNUAL "GERMAN NITE"** sponsored by Holy Name Society of St. Nicholas Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre. Saturday, January 30th from 6-11pm in the School Auditorium. German Style Buffet from 6:15 to 7:15. Music provided by "Walt Groller Orchestra" from 7:30-10:30. Donation: \$30.00 (advance tickets only) no tickets sold at the door. Non-smoking event. For tickets, call St. Nicholas Rectory at 570-823-7736.

The **Soup for Souls Committee of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church**, Hanover Twp., is having a Soup, Bake, & Book Sale on Thursday, Feb. 4th, from 8am to 6pm. Soup of the Month is Vegetable Beef. Cost is \$8/quart. Take outs only. Pre-orders are appreciated. Call Sylvia at 825-6370 or Barry at 200-5634.

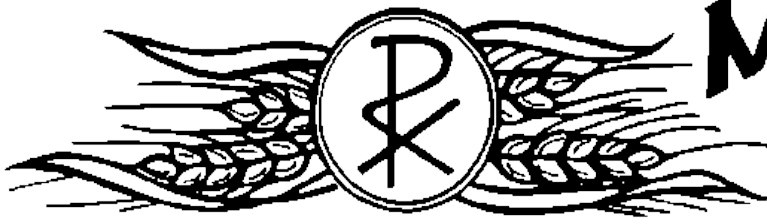
**BINGO:** St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, 1010 Hanover Street, Nanticoke, Sunday, February 7th, Doors open 12:30pm, Games begin at 1:45pm. Cash prizes, door prizes, beverages & snacks. Parking & entrance at rear of building.

**BINGO:** St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 143 West Division St., Wilkes-Barre, Sunday, February 7th, in Cafeteria. Doors open at noon. Bingo begins at 1pm. Admission \$5.00 (includes door prizes). Baskets, gift cards, & crafts.



obedience is a dance learned one step at a time, with faltering step perhaps. The pace may be halting; it is unfamiliar and we are clumsy. Our souls and hearts will be stretched. There will be pain – ask any dancer. But the stretching will leave our souls and hearts with a new breadth, and encompassed in the arms of our Lover God, we will know the freedom of the dance.

*Cynthia Stebbins*



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Monday, January 25

8:00 am Theresa Saypack Niece, Susan

## Tuesday, January 26

12:10PM For the Health of Mary Zukosky Social Concerns Committee

## Wednesday, January 27

8:00am Marguerite Silvent Patricia Krubitzer

## Thursday, January 28

12:10PM Joseph Barnoski Daughter, Rosemary & Family

## Friday, January 29

12:10PM Mary Jane Yatsko-Cefaratti Joe & Terri Burgess

## Saturday, January 30

*Vigil: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

4:00 pm Lorraine Talerico Joe & Terri Burgess  
 5:30 pm Charles Carpenter Sr. Chas & Theresa

<u>Presider's Schedule</u>	
<b>January 30</b>	
4:00 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm	Fr. Urban
<b>January 24th</b>	
8:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am	Fr. Urban
11:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi

## Sunday, January 31

*4th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:30 am Walter Palmer M/M Joseph Smolko  
 10:00 am Kevin Mikolosko Vince & Fran Krajnak  
 11:30 am Carol M. Kotchik Krzysik & Kanyok Families  
 5:30 pm *Pro Populo*



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

~JAMES J. PUGH~STANLEY A. POLK~

GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

## SANCTUARY CANDLES



~In Memory of Joseph Barnoski offered by Daughter, Rosemary & Family  
 ~In Memory of John & Mary Marcin offered by Children

