

The Seton Sentinel
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments
will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:13

THE SETON SENTINEL

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only

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

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm
or by appointment



Mission Statement:

"We are Called....

To act with Justice,

To love Tenderly,

To Serve One Another,

To Walk Humbly with God"

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David Haas



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus will meet *this Wednesday*, February 15th, at 7:00pm in our church hall. New members are always welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASH WEDNESDAY CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Our Knights of Columbus will have a Manhattan (Red) Clam Chowder Sale on March 1st, Ash Wednesday, in our school cafeteria. Cost is \$7.00 per quart. You may pick up your order *after the 7:30am Mass*, from *11am to 1pm, or 4pm to 6pm*. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Our Social Concerns Committee will meet this **Thursday, February 16th**, at 7:00pm in our church hall. New members are welcome to attend.

February is *American Heart Month*. According to the Center for Disease Control, heart disease and strokes are the leading causes of death in the United States. To prevent cardiovascular illness, the Department of Health recommends eating a heart-healthy diet, engaging in regular physical activity, and knowing your ABC's:

- Ask your doctor if you should take an aspirin every day;
- Find out if you have high blood pressure or cholesterol, and if you do, get effective treatment;
- If you smoke, get help to quit.

SOCIAL CONCERNS BINGO MEETING

The next meeting for the Social Concerns Bingo Committee is **Tuesday, February 21st**, at 7pm in our church hall.

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

Lord,

teach me the way of your laws; I shall observe them with care.

Give me insight to observe your teaching, to keep it with all my heart. - Psalm 119:33-34

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

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
Pastor

Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate

Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist

Monica Salis
Business Manager

Marge Semanek
Director of Music

Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious Education

Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY
ANNUAL MARDI GRAS DANCE**

Our Holy Name Society will hold their annual Mardi Gras Dance on **Saturday, February 25th**, in the church hall from 7:00-11:00pm. Music by DJ Jack Bravyak. Tickets are \$6.00 each and can be purchased at the door, or after all weekend Masses downstairs in the church hall, **at a later date**. BYOB and own munchies, etc., invite your friends, reserve a table, and have a great evening. For more information, contact Anna Mae @ 570-287-7655 or any Holy Name member.

Former pastor, Rev. William Karle is a guest at Little Flower Manor, doing rehab following a stroke he had in November. Cards and letters are welcome and will surely cheer Father Karle up from his daily routine at the Nursing Home. Visitors are welcome too, but please call before going over to make sure Father is available. Correspondence can be mailed to:

Rev. William J. Karle
Little Flower Manor
200 S. Meade Street - Room 240
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

The Origin of St. Valentine

The origin of St. Valentine, and how many St. Valentines there were, remains a mystery. One opinion is that he was a Roman martyred for refusing to give up his Christian faith. Other historians hold that St. Valentine was a temple priest jailed for defiance during the reign of Claudius. Whoever he was, Valentine really existed because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to Saint Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom. He is the patron of Love, Young People and Happy Marriages.

Catholic.org



Direct Contacts

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
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sistermarion@setonpa.com

Father Joe's email:
fatherjoey@aol.com

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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week
prior to the publication week.

Prayer Chain

Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confidential.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Reminder for 8th grade Confirmation class: Paperwork due in February (service hours, saint report, sponsor card, registration form, letter to pastor, confirmation name)

SAVE FOR THE FLEA MARKET

Please do not drop-off any religious mail, rosaries, knick knacks, statues, etc., at our Church. If you are looking for a way of clearing out your house of these things, save them for the spring Flea Market. They are displayed there for a donation and usually find a good home.

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

Upcoming Lenten fundraisers:

Friday, March 3rd: Pirohy

Friday, March 10th: Haluski

Friday, March 17th: Sweet Pizza

Friday, March 24th: Pirohy

Friday, March 31st: Sweet Pizza

Friday, April 7th: Pirohy

(On the Fridays that we make Pirohy, we will need **lots of help**. Mark your calendars and plan on coming. Thank you!)



"Give to the Most High God, as God has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and God will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35: 9-10

January 28/29, 2017

SUNDAY: \$6954.04
HOLY DAY: \$10.00
LOOSE: \$615.00
TOTAL: \$8668.69

DUES: \$911.00
CHRISTMAS: \$5.00
E-GIVING: \$173.65

Parish Groups: (Altar Guild): \$905.10

Diocesan: Campaign for Human Development: \$60.00

May God Bless You for your Generosity!



Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up for electronic giving. It's a fast, easy way to remember your offerings. You can choose to give weekly, monthly, pay dues, etc. Look for and click:



DEVELOPMENTAL & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS SUNDAY

St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, Sunday, February 19, 2017, 10:00am.

You're invited: Anyone with developmental or intellectual disabilities, their family members & friends, anyone who works or lives with them. (No reservations needed)

"You are cordially invited to a special liturgy with the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, who will be the principal celebrant and homilist. We will prayerfully celebrate the many gifts those with developmental or intellectual disabilities bring to the Church and the community. They are indeed full members of the Body of Christ." Ministers are needed to serve as readers, greeters, & gift bearers. If a person with a developmental or intellectual disability would like to volunteer to help in one of these roles, please contact Jennifer at the Office for Parish Life. Volunteers will be taken on a first come, first serve basis and need to volunteer by Tuesday, February 14, to be included in the mass program.

Ash Wednesday Retreat

The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M. will lead the retreat with the theme "Living with a Lenten Heart." Sister Chris is an author, presenter, and spiritual guide who engages in mobile spirituality ministry, offering retreats, presentations and programs to connect the soul of a group with the soul of the church and the world. Her world view has been profoundly shaped by people on the margins, by the power of story, and by the arts.

The retreat day will include Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral with distribution of ashes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass.

The fee is \$30, which includes lunch. To register, call Mary Anne Malone at the Office for Parish Life, 570-207- 2213, or e-mail Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org.

Hospital Visitation

A reminder to all parishioners: If you or a family or friend is admitted to the Hospital, Physical Rehab, or a Nursing Home, please contact Sister Jane at 570-763-5160 to inform the parish. We try to visit everyone we know is hospitalized or in a facility for any length of time but we need your help. Hospitals do not release patient information to the parish any longer due to privacy regulations. For emergency Anointing of the Sick, call anytime, day or night the main rectory number for assistance. Note that priests are assigned to hospital emergency calls on a rotating basis so ask the nurses station to call the priest on duty in the event of an emergency.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs



Did you check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CDs located in our vestibule? For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions for the 6th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, February 13

12:10 pm Carlene Chairge Jimmy, Dee Dee, & J.T.

Tuesday, February 14 FEAST OF STS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

12:10 pm Charlotte Romanowski Gail Kimmerle & Family

Wednesday, February 15

12:10 pm Joan Stefanides Husband, Bob, & daughter, Lisa

Thursday, February 16

12:10 pm Joseph E. Barush Linda & Joe Herbert

Friday, February 17

12:10 pm Joseph & Anna Nevolas Daughters, Margaret & Marie

Saturday, February 18 Vigil: Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Roman Ziegler, Sr. Deacon Jack & Karen Ziegler

5:30 pm Health & Blessings for Albert & Carol Semanek Joe Balent

Sunday, February 19 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am Bert & Bernie Greco Daughters

10:00 am Nora & Joseph Pisack Children

11:30 am Giuseppe & Enrica Torregrossa Steve & Maria Englot

5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Joseph & Anna Nevolas offered by daughters, Margaret & Marie
- In Memory of Bernard Sapack offered by granddaughter, Angela Sofia Sapack

The Recently Departed

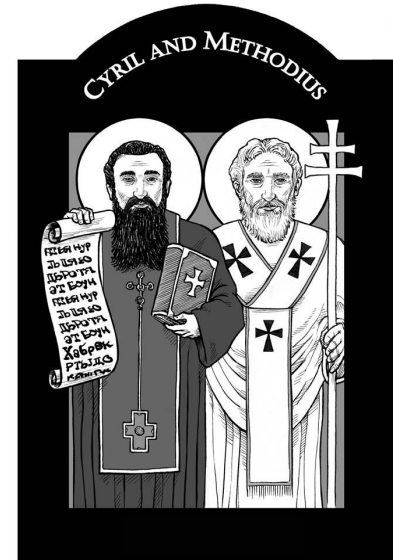
- *~~Mary Harchar~~Michael Balent~~* May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ALTAR FLOWERS

- In Memory of Marie Sherinsky offered by brother, Joe Balent

Coming up for Lent

The Light Is On For You – all Mondays of Lent from 5:30-7:00pm, our parish and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions. In this season of renewal, Catholics are invited to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an important dimension of the Lenten journey. The website, www.dioceseofscranton.org/light has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful, and answers to frequently asked questions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.



Priest's Schedule

Saturday, February 18

4:00 pm Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

Sunday, February 19

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi



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