# The Seton Sentinel









#### 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

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FATHER ZAVACKI

Father Richard Zavacki is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, June 18th, at 3 o'clock, at St. Ignatius Church, Kingston. An informal gathering will take place at Msgr. Conlon Hall following the Mass. All are welcome.

#### Work In Progress, Work Completed

With the bulletin written in advance, it is hard to tell which projects have begun and which have been completed. By this weekend, the middle railings on the front steps of the church should be installed. The touch-up of the Church painting has recently been completed, and we are told that by the end of June, our parking lot will be completed. Diocesan inspectors have recently informed us of the need for more work to be done on the outside of the church structure, brick re-pointing and stone preservation. We shall keep you informed of this as we progress. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during the time the work is taking place on the campus.

#### **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

The second major theme of Catholic social teaching is the call to family, community, and participation. Because human beings are not only sacred, but social, justice requires that political and social institutions support and defend the dignity of marriage and the family, provide the resources for individuals to grow in community, and guarantee the right of all, especially the poor and vulnerable, to participate fully in society. The Social Concerns Committee meets every third Thursday of the month. New members are always encouraged to attend.

## **CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**

Our CCM will meet today, Sunday, May 28th, at 2pm in our church hall. Everyone who worked the Rummage Sale & all members are needed at this important meeting. New members welcome!

#### THANK YOU!!!

The beautiful annual flowers that have been planted around the church, rectory, & garage have been donated in memory of Stephen & Helen Gaydos, offered by son, Robert, & daughter, Ann Marie & Family. Also, the beautiful flowers each person at the Christian Mothers Anniversary Dinner received were donated in memory of Helen Gaydos, offered by daughter, Ann Marie, & son, Robert. Thank you and may God bless you!







**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

# SETON'S SUMMER FESTIVAL JULY 13,14, & 15

Mark your calendars: **PIROHY-MAKING**: Mon.-Thurs., June 26th to 29th, 8:30am—1pm. (7:00am Ball Potatoes)

**PIGGIE-MAKING:** Mon. & Tues., July 10 & 11, 8:30am –1pm.

Festival Donations Needed: 6x6 styrofoam containers, 9x9 <u>single</u> compartment styrofoam containers, paper towels, napkins, ketchup, mustard, vegetable oil, butter. Also, we need bottles of whiskey, wine, brandy, & other spirits. We are also asking for small toys that can be used as prizes at the children's game stands. These can be purchased at a local dollar store, etc. They need not be expensive, but must be new. We appreciate whatever you can do!!! You may bring to the rectory office door during regular office hours. Thank you!

#### INVITATION TO OUR 2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

All high school graduates from our parish are invited to participate in a Special Mass on *Sunday, June 25th, at the 10:00am Mass*. A gift for each student will be presented. Mass will be

followed by breakfast in our church hall for the graduates and their immediate families. Please RSVP by June 15th by calling Lori at the par-

ish office: 287-6624 or email: setonpa@aol.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -Mighty Fortress.. In Jesus, the Victor is Won!

Get ready for VBS! Monday-Friday, June 26-30 Volunteers are needed with PA Clearance. Our present 6th &

7th graders should consider getting Confirmation hours. This is a great time to make a dent on the 30 service hours need for Confirmation. REGISTRATION FORMS are located on the tables at the church entrance, on our App and on our website. Please register ASAP so we can have an idea of how many children will be coming.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's altar server, Nicholas Magistro. Nick will be receiving the religious emblem "AD ALTARE DEI" at the annual Scout Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton, on June 8, 2017, from the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera. Nick is the son of Michael and Caroline Magistro, Forty Fort, and is currently a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop #143, Swoyersville. CONGRATULATIONS, NICHOLAS!

# Thank You from PA for Human Life

Betty Caffrey, President of Pa for Human Life, wants to express their **heartfelt gratitude** to everyone who helped make this carnation Drive most successful. This Drive is

their most important fundraiser. Each day they experience that the need to aid mothers & babies is greater than ever before. The amount collected from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish was **\$1088.00**.



#### **Direct Contacts**

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane): 570-763-5160 sisterjane@setonpa.com

Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion): 570-287-4587 sistermarion@setonpa.com

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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

#### **Prayer Chain**

Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in our church hall. 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.



Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up

for Electronic Giving. It is the easy, safe, fast way to remember your offerings. Even if you are away from home or cannot make it to our church every week. This is a way to keep up with your sacrificial offerings.

You may chose to give weekly or monthly, pay dues, or other offerings.

Look for the link and click:



#### **PHOTOS ARE HERE**

First Holy Communion and Confirmation pictures are ready to be picked in our rectory office during normal office hours. Please pick up at your earliest convenience.

#### LIGHT THE FIRE YOUTH RALLY June 28th

A high energy day filled with a variety of Workshops, Awesome Music (Full Armor Band), Emcee Will Smith, an Amazing closing mass with Bishop Bambera, Adoration, Reconciliation, new friends! June 28th, at Misericordia University. Registration (\$30) opens at 9am, closing mass at 7pm. Visit www.Light-the-Fire.org

#### ONLINE SURVEY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The young church (16-35) and those who work with them are encouraged to let their voice be heard as the Diocese of Scranton 'partners with Francis' in preparation for the 2018 Synod on the topic of *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. Both those who identify as Catholic and those who do not, can complete an online survey at www.partnerwithfrancis.org. The results of this survey will not only help Pope Francis and the Bishops as they prepare for the Synod, but also help shape programming for the young church here in our Diocese. For more information, please contact Dominick Costantino, program coordinator for the Diocesan vocation office, at 570-780-2996.

#### QUO VADIS DAYS-HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN

June 25-28, Misericordia University, Dallas. The camp offers an opportunity for young men to reflect on & deepen their faith. Call the Vocations Office at 570-207-1452.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC**

St. Francis X. Cabrini will hold its annual Memorial Day Picnic on Monday, May 29, from 11:30am to 2:30pm on the church grounds at 585 Mount Olivet Road (Carverton), Wyoming. A special Memorial Day Mass in remembrance of all deceased will be celebrated at 11:00am in the church by Rev. James Paisley, Pastor. Featured this year is a flea market, bake sale, basket raffle, & 50/50 drawing. Delicious homemade food includes pork BBQ, sausage & peppers, wimpies, hot dogs, haluski, clam chowder, potato salad, baked beans & hot/cold refreshments. The flea market & bake sale will also be open on Sunday, May 28th from 9am to 12:30pm. Please join us, rain or shine. The church is located directly across from Mount Olivet Cemetery.

# Sacrificial Offerings for May 13/14

"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 Sunday: \$7029.00 Dues: \$1573.00 Easter; \$77.00 Loose: \$574.11 E-Giving: \$239.34 **TOTAL: \$9492.45** 

DIOCESAN:

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: \$10.00 Care & Education of Priests-May: \$743.30

May God Reward Your Tremendous Generosity to our Parish Community!





# Are you interested in your Family History?

NEPGS shows how Genealogy Research can be both exciting and rewarding! The Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, Inc. (NEPGS) has many available resources which can aid in your genealogical quest. From books, newspapers, magazzines, manuscripts, city records, church records, cemetery records, and family histories,

we have a wide range of material on various topics related to genealogy and local history. We also offer our expertise on DNA testing and analysis which can complement traditional research.

As NEPGS celebrates our 25th Anniversary Year, we invite genealogists and family historians from beginner to advanced to visit and research with us!

## News Flash: Roman Catholic church records have been digitized by NEPGS!

NEPGS in partnership with the Diocese of Scranton is digitizing parish records in eleven northeastern PA counties. The project, which began in May 2016, reached a milestone in January 2017 with 100 parishes completed. It's important to know that NEPGS has a strict privacy policy for public access to the Catholic records.

- Sacramental Records relating to events 70 or more years old shall be accessible to members and patrons of NEPGS, consistent with NEPGS Library Policies.
- Sacramental Records relating to events less than 70 years old shall be sequestered and shall not be available to be accessed by members or patrons of NEPGS until such time as the record become 70 years old.
- NEPGS removes from the accessible records, all references to adoptions which occurred after January 1, 1926, which is the effective date when civil adoption records were sealed in the Commonwealth of PA
- The church records are only available on the NEPGS in-house network. The records are not available online.

ADDRESS: 689 Main Road, Hanover Township, PA 18706

Located at the caretaker's house inside the historic Hanover Green Cemetery in Luzerne County. NEPGS is an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit organization and is open to the public.

Hours of Operation: Every Thursday 10am-3pm, 2nd Saturday of the month, noon -4pm

SPECIAL EXTENDED SUMMER HOURS (JUNE thru SEPT): 1ST & 3RD THURS of the month, open until \$pm

When you visit the society, volunteer staff can answer questions about the use of the Digital Collections.

For those who are unable to visit in person, research services are available at reasonable rates.

**Note for Visitors:** Non-members are required to pay a \$10/day use fee prior to admission.

Members/patrons are required to sign the NEPGS Library Policy. Cameras and flash drives are prohibited.

Membership: Benefits include a discount on research services. An Individual Membership is \$30/year

Please check out www.nepgs.com for the latest information Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NEPGS

#### 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-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at <a href="https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis">www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis</a>

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).



Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

**9:00 AM** Deceased Veterans

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 AM William Coniglio Harriet Hutsko

Wednesday, May 31 Visitation of the B.V.M.

8:00 AM Irene Koschak Barbara Stevens

Thursday, June 1 St. Justin

8:00 AM Margaret Kadish Ron Kadish

Friday, June 2 Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

8:00 AM Stanley Runscavage M/M Francis Martinsky

Saturday, June 3 vigil: Pentecost

4:00 PM Raymond Podskoch Wife, Bernadine & Family

5:30 PM Mary E. Cramer Marie & Carl Snyder

Sunday, June 4 Pentecost Sunday

8:30 AM Leo Venetz Wife, Anna Mae 10:00 AM Richard Ackourey Wife & Children

11:30 AM Eleanor Wojnarski Children

5:30 PM *Pro Populo* 

# Priests' Schedule

Saturday, June 3

4:00PM Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30PM Fr. Urban

Sunday, June 4

8:30AM Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00AM Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30AM Fr. Urban

5:30PM Fr. Pisaneschi

#### RECENTLY DEPARTED

~~John R. Hovan~~Frances Klimash~~Alberta Kolojejchick~~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 Stanley Kudey offered by Wife & Children
- ~~In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family

## FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

- ~~In Memory of Stanley Kudey offered by Wife & Children
- ~~In Thanksgiving offered by Anna Ritsick & Family

# **BAPTISM SUNDAY**

CONGRATULATIONS and God's Blessings upon~ *Nolan Christopher Keating*~~ and ~~ *Hazel Marie Lipinski*~~ who will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.





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