

# THE SETON SENTINEL

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

LEVITICUS 19:18

**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*



**Lent**



March 1st, is Ash Wednesday and the day Lent begins. Lent is a preparation for the great celebration of Easter and is marked by personal increases of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In addition to your own personal devotions during the season our parish will offer the following devotions and opportunities to grow in holiness.



Stations of the  
CROSS  
Friday's at 7:00pm

The Schedule for **Ash Wednesday** is as follows:

Mass and Ashes at 7:30 am and 12:10 pm. Distribution of Ashes and Liturgy of the Word at 4:00pm and 6:00 pm.

On Fridays during Lent join us for Stations of the Cross, beginning March 3rd at 7:00pm. This year we shall use a variety of different booklets to help keep the stations from becoming routine.



Monday Evenings during Lent, **"The Light is On For You,"** in our Church. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions beginning Monday, March 6th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Evenings join us for something new: Interfaith Sharing and a light Lenten meal. **"Faith- Fellowship- Friendship,"** begins Thursday March 9th at 6:00 pm with soup and sandwiches and then presentations by the Interfaith Community Leaders (schedule of presenters to follow.) More details coming next week!



**OFFICE CLOSED:** Our parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

## 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, this weekend. 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.

## SOMEONE IS NEEDED

We are in need of someone who can straighten out our Altar Servers' closet each week and examine the cassocks and determine if they need a quick wash. This will not be that challenging once the initial cleaning is over. If you are interested, please contact Lori in the office. If we get more than one volunteer, it could be a team effort or once a month for a turn. Thank you for considering this request to help our younger members look good on the altar.

## Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues

The statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph located at the entrance of the church near the votive candle rack have been sent out to be cleaned and repaired. We kindly ask when they are returned that you do not touch them while praying. The hands and feet get damaged that way. Thank You.

## 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

The Social Concerns Committee meets monthly to discuss charitable works that meet the basic needs of individuals within our community. However, the range of topics that fall within the boundaries of social concerns are numerous, and may embrace such topics as basic right-to-life questions, the prevalence of human trafficking, or the complexity of maintaining environmental sustainability. If you would like to find out more about Social Concerns, please join us at our next scheduled meeting in March. Thank you!

## SOCIAL CONCERNS BINGO MEETING

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

## CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our CCM will meet next Sunday, February 26th, at 2pm in our church hall. Dues for 2017 can be paid at this meeting, or you can put dues in an envelope, mark "CCM DUES" and drop in the Sunday collection. Start saving your religious articles, household items, clothing, etc for our Flea Market. Collection dates are not until April 23, 24, & 25.

## 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

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).

There are no CCD classes on Monday, February 20th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

## ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

### Upcoming Lenten fundraisers:

Friday, March 3rd: Pirohy~~Cost is \$7.00/dozen. Pick up your order in the school cafeteria from 12 noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

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. Bring a friend. 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*

February 4/5, 2017

SUNDAY: \$ 6693.06  
LOOSE: \$472.19  
TOTAL: \$11,949.36

DUES: \$ 4379.75  
E-GIVING: \$404.36

**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:





## Kiwanis Key Leader Camp

The Swoyersville Kiwanis is looking to sponsor a student to attend the PA District of Kiwanis Key Leader Camp. This camp is held each year and helps students gain the skills, knowledge and inspiration to serve as leaders in our communities and to help make the world a better place. Camp will be held April 28-30, 2017 at Camp Conrad Weiser in Wernersville, PA and is offered to students in grades 8 through 12. Space is limited. Students or families do not need to be part of the Kiwanis Organization. The cost for your student is \$50, however, this will be refunded upon completion of the camp. Students and their families are responsible for transportation. Interested students must reside in Swoyersville, Forty Fort or Luzerne. To learn more about the Key Leader Program visit [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org). To be considered for this camp contact Kathy at 570-283-1677 or email [swoyk1951@comcast.net](mailto:swoyk1951@comcast.net). Deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Swoyersville Kiwanis Nite at the Races

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Nite at the Races on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria, Hughes St., Swoyersville. The doors open at 6 PM and post time is 7 PM. Horses are \$10 and includes free admission. Without purchasing a horse admission is \$5. There will be food, refreshments, instant bingo, a 50-50 drawing and raffles in between races. This is a great way to beat the winter blues while supporting our organization. Proceeds benefit Youth Scholarships; St. Joseph's Center; Little League team sponsorship; Girl's Softball team sponsorship; Feed a Friend; Valley Santa and many other youth group and community projects. To purchase a horse or for more information contact Gene or Kathy at 570-283-1677, any Kiwanis member, or e-mail us at [swoyk1951@comcast.net](mailto:swoyk1951@comcast.net). See you at the Races!!

## Swoyersville American Legion

St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance with Elvis (Brian Martin) 7:00pm -12:00am. Hosted by Sal Squadron 644 Swoyersville American Legion. Open to the Public.

259 Shoemaker St., Swoyersville. Call 570-287-9400 or any SAL member for further information or reservations. 7pm to 8pm Buffet Dinner/ 8pm to 12am: Elvis/ Open Bar (LCB rules apply) 7pm to 12am. Cost is \$25/ person. Tickets available at the bar.

**Catholic Pilgrimage to Italy/Rome/Monte Cassino/Naples/Pompeii/Amalfi Coast** September 11-20, 2017, \$3,799.00/person including air from Scranton. Breakfast & Dinner daily. Mass daily at the Holy Shrines. For a flyer or more detailed information, call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

## 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](http://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 7th Week of Ordinary Time

### Monday, February 20

12:10 pm Stanley Runcavage Sister, Ruth & Harry

### Tuesday, February 21

12:10 pm Rose Drobish St. Peter Damian Bob & Gail Broghamer

### Wednesday, February 22

12:10 pm William Kravits The Chair of St. Peter Southworth Family

### Thursday, February 23

12:10 pm Carol Popeck St. Polycarp M/M Michael Moyer

### Friday, February 24

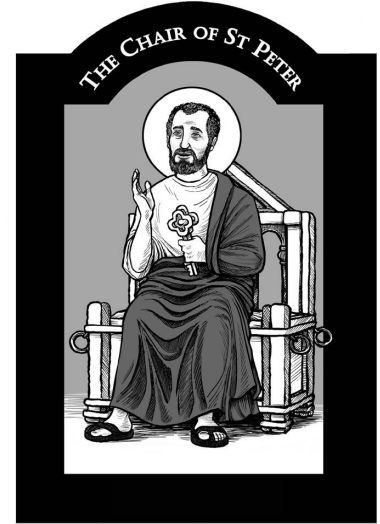
12:10 pm Stanley, Victoria, & Gerrie Kovaleski Family

### Saturday, February 25

4:00 pm Michael Butchko Vigil: Eighth Week of Ordinary Time Wife, Jean & Family  
5:30 pm Eleanor & Martin Sheedy Daughter, Donna

### Sunday, February 26

8:30 am Theresa M. Wengen Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Salis Family  
10:00 am Ray Ripa Larry & Barbara Puchalsky  
11:30 am Mary E. Adamchik-Cramer Englots & Adamchiks  
5:30 pm *Pro Populo*



### Priest's Schedule

#### Saturday, February 25

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi  
5:30 pm Fr. Urban

#### Sunday, February 26

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi  
10:00 am Fr. Urban  
11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi  
5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

### Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Joseph S. Prushinski offered by Bob, Jean, Bobby, JoAnn, & Laura
- In Memory of Wesley Rhiel offered by daughter, Mary Ann

### The Recently Departed

- *~~Eleanor Mandycz~~Bernadine Hrivnak~~* 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 Stanley, Victoria, & Gerrie Kovaleski offered by Family

### BAPTISM SUNDAY



**Congratulations** and God's Blessings upon *~~Mila Renn Lispi~~* and her family. Mila will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.

### 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](http://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.



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