



Diocese of Scranton
2015 DIOCESAN
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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.

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Most Reverend
Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

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I fervently believe that our Diocese
is blessed to have so many faithful
members who have *‘good hearts and
generous spirits.’*

It gives me great joy and deep gratitude to be partnered
with you in the shared mission of our local Church in the
Diocese of Scranton. When we work together in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, serve one another as our Lord Jesus Christ
served, and share the gifts our heavenly Father has given us,
we truly live our faith.

***Share in the work of the Gospel.
Give a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.***

From the Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you for your concern for me over the past few weeks as I
have taken on the added responsibilities of caring for our neighboring parish of
Holy Family in Luzerne as the administrator. I know of the phone calls and
conversations with staff members and how you have been expressing your
concern for my health and well-being. I assure you that I am fine. If I find it to be
too taxing, I know when to say “no”.

I hope you understand that while I may not be on the altar with you each
weekend, I am still first and foremost your pastor. You should never be afraid to
call on me for any need that may arise. If you look through the pages of this
bulletin, you will see that our programs are up and running for the fall season,
and we are even adding more ministry and outreach opportunities.

If you recall the video that we watched together the Sunday after Easter
from the Bishop, he called on all the faithful to assume positions of leadership in
the parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton. I am quite proud of the fact
that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has such a strong lay presence who is willing to take
on leadership roles.

As the future of the leadership of parishes is continuing to evolve in the
diocese, as recent newspaper articles have been spotlighting, more and more
servant leaders will need to be called forth from lay people such as yourselves.

But please rest assured that I am well and taking care of myself. I am
here steering the ship, hopefully for a long time to come. With your help and
continued involvement and support, our parish will continue to thrive and strive to
bring the Gospel Message to life in our communities.

God’s Blessings,

Father Joe

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Expecting or new parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make the arrangements and if necessary, attend the Pre-Baptismal Session. The celebration of the Sacrament is usually held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. This year Bishop Dougherty will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible (no less than 6 months prior) to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work. The dates at the Church are not guaranteed until an actual meeting with the pastor takes place.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
or anytime by request

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish Priest, day or night. When someone is very ill please do not wait to call the priest. It is better to have the sacrament of the sick sooner rather than at the last minute.

For ordinary sick calls

(Non-Emergency):

Please notify the Parish Social Ministry Office at (570) 763-5160 if you would like a parish representative to visit a family member who is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home. In compliance with HIPAA regulations (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), health care facilities are required to protect the confidentiality and security of health data. Therefore, the only way that the parish can be informed of someone needing assistance is through notification by a family member of friend.



Total Pledge	5 Monthly Payments	Daily Sacrifice	Estimated Cost Comparison
\$1,000	\$200	\$6.67	Deli Sandwich
\$500	\$100	\$3.33	Coffee & Muffin
\$250	\$50	\$1.67	Cup of Tea
\$100	\$20	\$0.67	Bag of Chips
\$75	\$15	\$0.50	Candy Bar

Think about your daily spending routines. Then review some of the pledge options listed above for supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal. By giving to the Appeal, we all share in the work of the Gospel helping sisters and brothers in need in 11 counties of our Diocese. Make your gift in thanksgiving for your many blessings.



Our Knights of Columbus will be serving up their famous **Chicken BBQ Dinner on Sunday, September 20th**, in our school cafeteria from 11am to 3pm. Eat in or take-out. Cost is \$9.00/dinner and includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, butter, & dessert. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Rummage Sale dates are October 12, 13, & 14. Donation days are October 5, 6, & 7 ONLY.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday, October 4th, FREE coffee and donuts after all Masses in our church hall, sponsored by our Holy Name Society. KICK-OFF for the 50-50 Holiday Cash Raffle. Tickets for the 50-50 Raffle will also be sold at our Christian Mothers Rummage Sale, October 12th-14th. Tickets are \$5.00 each.



FALL FROLIC sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Holy Name Society, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, Saturday, October 17th, 7pm to 11pm in our church hall. Music by: DJ Jack Bravyak. Tickets: \$7.00 each. BYOB and own munchies. For more information, contact Anna Mae Venetz at 570-287-7655.

Need a wheelchair or a walker? Anyone who is need of a wheelchair or a walker, please contact Lori Raymond in our parish office.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir
Phil Boshia
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

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
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Faith Formation Office:
570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

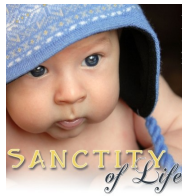
Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
pray for us!**

YOUTH CHOIR RESUMING

All kids from ages 6 to 17 are welcome to join! Practices will begin Monday, September 21st at 4:45pm until 5:50pm. Practices will be Mondays at 4:45pm until 5:50pm in the church (up by the piano). Masses are at 10:00am on the first Sunday of the month and also Mass on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday, First Holy Communion and May Crowning. We are looking forward to meeting you!!!



SOCIAL CONCERNS PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

Our Social Concerns Committee Pro-Life Baby Shower concludes this weekend and continues next weekend, September 12th and 13th. A box will be located by the Blessed Mother statue near our Reconciliation Room. All donations benefit PA for Human Life in Wilkes-Barre.

Items needed are : Diapers and baby wipes

CORRECTION ON DATE: Our Social Concerns will also be having their annual Spaghetti Dinner on **October 24th.** More information coming....

FALL FUNDRAISERS

Friday, October 9th- Pot Pies

Friday, October 30th-Apple Dumplings

Friday, November 20th-Sweet Pizza

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our Pastie Sale. Cost is \$6.00/each & you can order with or without onions. This is the last weekend to place orders for the pasties.



FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we recommend calling Lori at the Rectory as soon as possible to begin the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or the **RCIA**. We are getting ready for the fall semester and would like to include you in the process. Call today for more information.

Continuing the Conversation...

For those already Catholic and would like to grow in the faith through Faith Sharing our parish would like to continue the conversation this fall. Anyone interested in leading Small Group Faith Sharing is asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 15 in the rectory. We had lots of success last lent with this and would like to set something up for the near future.

Young Adults Your Parish Needs YOU!!!

Join the 5:30pm Sunday Contemporary Music Group. Contact Scott Coates either after the 5:30 mass or leave a message for him at the rectory. It's fun, uplifting, spirit-filled music and we need your involvement. All ages are welcome. **Young Adult Lectors** are needed for the 5:30 pm Sunday Mass. Contact Fr. Joe at the rectory for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD for children ages 5 through 5th grade will begin on Sunday, September 20th, at the 10:00am Mass and will run concurrent with the CCD schedule.

COMING THIS FALL.....

Beginning on Friday, October 2nd, at 8:30am, join us for "Friday Morning Company," a faith sharing experience for our parishioners. Reflect on and share the upcoming Sunday Scriptures with Sister Jane Ellis, I.H.M., our Parish Social Minister and Lori Raymond, our Pastoral Associate. Carve out a little time for sharing the scripture and prayer each Friday morning. All are welcome!



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.



LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH 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.

RELIGIOUS ED CORNER



Classes for the 2015-2016 Religious Ed year will begin Saturday, Sept. 19th, from 9am to 10:15am, and on Monday, Sept. 21st, from 6pm to 7:15pm. Parents should accompany students to this first session. We

will begin with an Opening Prayer service *in the cafeteria in the school building*. Teachers will then escort the students to their classrooms and parents will receive additional information regarding the Religious Ed program.

BLESSING OF CATECHISTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY. We will have a special blessing of Catechists at the 10:00am Mass. Families are invited and encouraged to attend as we recognize our catechists for their dedication and commitment to the religious instruction of the children of our parish.

A reminder that the deadline for Religious Ed registration has passed. Families who have not registered are asked to register their students as soon as possible. Forms are available on the website or you can pick one up at the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN Do you have a child with a learning disability especially-ADD, ADHD, autism, Asperger's Syndrome-or know a family of a child experiencing these disabilities? There is a regional religious education program for these children at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston. If you would like more information or are interested in this program, please call Carmella Faust at 570-287-3682 or email: religiouseducation1@yahoo.com

COLLECTIONS: August 29/30, 2015

SUNDAY: \$ 6919.50	DUES: \$374.00
LOOSE: \$660.62	E-GIVING: \$268.32
HOLY DAY: \$70.00	
TOTAL: \$8292.44	

August: Parish Group collection benefits Altar Guild: \$918.00
 DIOCESAN: Church in Eastern Europe Collection: \$800.00

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

EXPENSES:

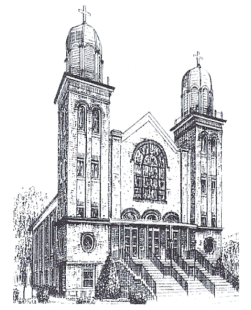
Each month our parish owes the following assessments in full to:

Catholic Schools:	\$9,072.42
Diocese of Scranton:	\$11,105.09
TOTAL:	\$20,177.51

Thank you for doing what you can each week to help us meet these and our other monthly expenses.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14		<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
8:00 a.m.	Health & Blessings for David Markoch	Social Concerns Committee
Tuesday, September 15		<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
8:00 a.m.	Mary Bebey	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Wednesday, September 16		<i>Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian</i>
8:00 a.m.	Health & Blessings for Elsie Harvilla	Social Concerns Committee
Thursday, September 17		<i>St. Robert Bellarmine</i>
8:00 a.m.	Theodore Skrainy	Swoyersville High School Class of 1946
Friday, September 18		
8:00 a.m.	Andrew Husovsky Sr.	Dan & Betsy & Families
Saturday, September 19 (Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)		
4:00 p.m.	Marie Shampack	Greg Evans
5:30 p.m.	Raymond W. Chimock	Myron, Vicki, & John Stanishefski
Sunday, September 20		25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving	Anthony & Barbara Stach
10:00 a.m.	Joseph Kuhar & Sharon Kuhar	Kathleen Kuhar & Family
11:30 a.m.	Steven Allen Azaravich	Christine & Henry Shemanski
5:30 p.m.	Pro Populo	



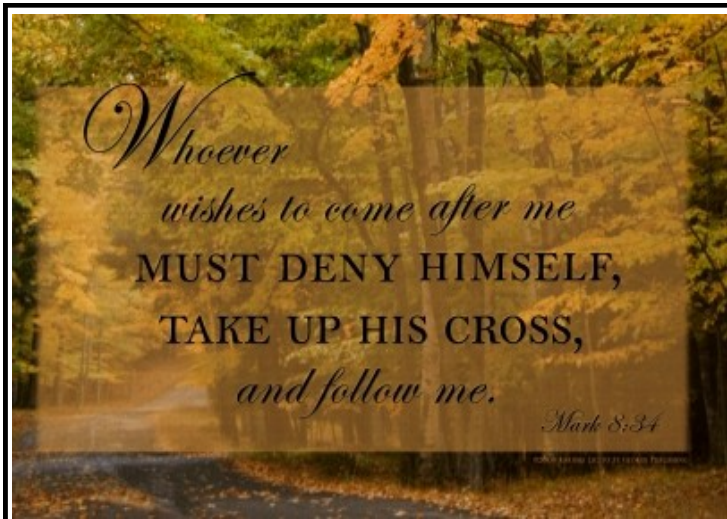
PRESIDER SCHEDULE:

SETON:
 Saturday, Sept. 19th:
 4:00pm- Fr. Urban
 5:30pm- Fr. Pisaneschi
 Sunday, Sept 20th:
 8:30am- Fr. Pisaneschi
 10:00am-Fr. Urban
 11:30am-Fr. Pisaneschi
 5:30pm- Fr. Pisaneschi

HOLY FAMILY:
 Saturday, Sept. 19th:
 4:00pm- Guest
 6:00pm- Fr. Yenkevich
 Sunday, Sept. 20th:
 9:00am- Fr. Yenkevich
 11:00am- Fr. Yenkevich



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY. GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH GOD'S MERCY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Sanctuary Candles:



~In Memory of Kelly & Rikki Mizenko offered by Mother
 ~In Memory of Maciej Siedlecki offered by Parents, Sister, & Brother-in-law, & Niece



ALTAR FLOWERS:

~In Memory of Maciej Siedlecki offered by Parents, Sister, Brother-in-law, & Niece