

JANUARY 27, 2019
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seton Sentinel

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SWOYERSVILLE, PA — DIOCESE OF SCRANTON



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

Luke 4:18



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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (cycle C)

Readings can be found in the *Gather Books* at number 1100

Psalter week III

Upcoming Altar Guild Food Fundraisers

Friday, February 8th, Chicken Pot Pies

Friday, March 1st, Fresh Apple Pies/
Cheesecakes

Friday, March 15th, Pirohy

Friday, March 22nd, Sweet Pizza

Friday, March 29th, Pirohy

Friday, April 5th, To be announced

Friday, April 12th, Pirohy

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Monday, February 11th is the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We will celebrate a special mass at 12:10 pm that day in which the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated for those who request it. It is highly recommended for those who are getting on in years and anyone who is facing surgery or illness (physical, mental or spiritual) to receive the Anointing.

Extinguishing Candles

We have an issue with so many people helping us at the end of masses. Candles on or near the altar must be snuffed out, not blown out. Blowing out the candles has caused damage, some of it major, to the altar cloths as the wax and wicks have gotten on the cloths. Dry cleaning does not remedy the situation, the altar cloths are in some cases ruined. From here on there shall be no blowing out of candles —
- Better yet, let those who are trained sacristans extinguish the candles. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Holy Name Society will meet next Sunday, February 3rd, after the 8:30am Mass. Our newly-elected President, Mrs. Ann Mae Venetz, will preside. We want to thank our former President, Mr. Frank Fosko, who has served for many years. New members are always welcome.

In Loving Memory of *Sister Sarah Landis, I.H.M.*



We received word this past week that Sister Sarah Landis, I.H.M., our Parish Pastoral Counselor lost her battle with cancer. Her illness was sudden and her death just as unexpected. Our parish joins the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Community in gratitude for her life and service to God in this life and prayers for her eternal rest. In her short time as a staff member here at Seton, she had such a tremendous impact on the lives of so many. Sister Sarah was celebrating here 50th year of religious life this year.

Rest in Peace, Sister Sarah.

MEET THE STAFF

Pastoral Ministry

- ◆ Rev. Joseph Pisaneschi, V.F. Pastor
- ◆ Rev. Anthony Urban
Assisting Celebrant
- ◆ Deacon John Ziegler
Permanent Deacon
- ◆ Lorraine Raymond
Pastoral Associate
- ◆ Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Pastoral Care Minister

Finance Office

- ◆ Monica Salis
Business Manager

Religious Education

- ◆ Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious Education

Music Ministry

- ◆ Margaret Semanek
Director of Liturgical Music
- ◆ Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist
- ◆ Cora Artim
Youth Choir Director
- ◆ Scott Coates
5:30 PM Mass Musician

Sacristans

- ◆ Christopher Calore
- ◆ Patricia Quinn
- ◆ Betsy Evanoski

Maintenance and Cleaning

- ◆ Christopher Calore
Director of Maintenance
- ◆ David Quinn
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ Carol Hrobaski
- ◆ Phil Boshia
St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach



We are looking for a volunteer to digitally photograph the beauty of the inside of the church and our property for our parish website. It doesn't have to be done all at once. However, some of the photos on the website are outdated and we would like to have a library of digital photos for social media

and electronic media when needed. We'll get you in touch with our webmaster and send you off on a "photo frenzy." Call Father for more details or to volunteer for this project. It would also be nice to have outside photos during the four seasons.

Religious Education Classes



February Classes for Saturdays: Feb. 2, 9, & 23 (no class Feb. 16th)

January Class for Mondays: Jan. 28

February Classes for Mondays: Feb. 4, 11, & 25 (no class Feb. 18th)

February 24th (Sunday): All 7th Grade Confirmation Students extra class after 5:30pm Mass in the church hall

FAITH FORMATION

CCD Cancellations A reminder to parents in the event of inclement weather, to check the message on the Religious Ed extension number: 570-287-6624, ext 131, to see if classes are cancelled. You can also check Facebook or our website: setonpa.com

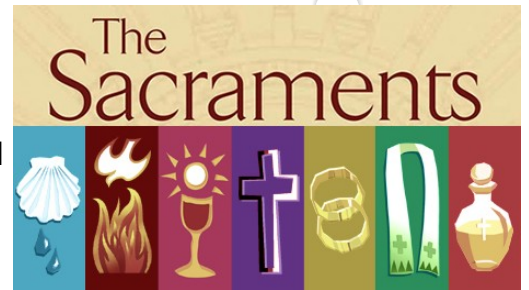
Sacrament Dates for 2019

First Reconciliation : Saturday, March 23rd, 10:30am

R.C.I.A. Sacraments: Holy Saturday, April 20th, 8pm, Easter Vigil

First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 4th, 10:00am

Confirmation: Sunday, June 9th 11:00 am



ALL 7th GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES in the first year of preparation of our Confirmation Program are expected to attend two more additional classes during the 2018-2019 school year...Feb. 25th and March 18th (after the 5:30pm Mass).

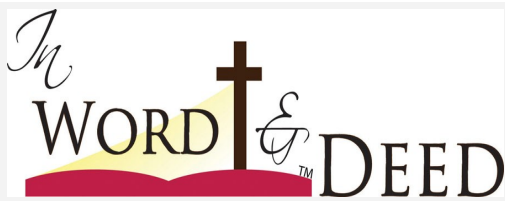
8th GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS *must attend* the Confirmation Retreat on April 6, 2019, 11:00am to after the 4pm Mass at St. Ignatius, Kingston. Paperwork is due in February for all 8th graders being confirmed. (Registration, service hours, Saint report, Confirmation record sheet—orange paper, letter to the Pastor and Baptismal Certificate, if not baptized at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton).

2nd GRADE paperwork due. ASAP: Registration, pledge of commitment and Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

2nd GRADE FIRST CONFESSION will be Saturday, March 23, 2019, at 10:30am.

2nd GRADE COMMUNION CLASS RETREAT is on Sunday, April 7, 2019, attend 11:00am Mass until 3pm.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers There is no Christian Mothers meeting in January. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 24th, at 2pm in our church hall. All members who will be working the April 1st/2nd Rummage Sale are asked to attend. New members are welcome!



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the local college, the students wait anxiously to find out if they made the team, were accepted into a club, will pledge in sorority or fraternity, passed a course, or received financial aid for the next term. Students do a lot of waiting and wondering to see if they are good enough, smart enough, talented enough or poor enough to be accepted. That kind of uncertainty can require a lot of antacid!

We are all members of the Body of Christ. Through Baptism, we are joined to Christ, and we are His forever. As members of the one Body, we do not need to wait and see if we are accepted, or wanted or good enough. God accepts us as His own; we belong to Him as His adopted children. Whatever our strength or weakness, our talents or interests, we have a place at the table. Through sin,

we can choose to leave it, but by grace, we cannot lose it.

Our lives have a meaning and purpose that is rooted in faith. We strive to live the Gospel, putting into practice the Beatitudes and the Works of Mercy. At times, it may not seem it, but our work really does make a difference at home, in school, at the job and in the church. Persevere in your mission. Be confident in your status. God will bring to fulfillment the good work He has begun in you.

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HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

Register for the 2019-2020 school year at Holy Redeemer High School. Appointments for class scheduling are available February 7, 11, and 12 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Call today for an appointment or to arrange for a day to shadow a student. Guidance Department: 570-829-2424.

Keeping In-Touch With Seton

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Weekly Offering for the Weekend of January 12/13, 2019

\$ 10, 251.71

Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The severe weather last weekend negatively impacted our collections for the weekend of January 20th. If you are able to, please help us make up the loss in that week's offering. Your kindness is appreciated as expenses at the church go on and in fact, increase in snow, ice and cold.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

DAA 2018 Goal: \$47,000.00
Total Raised: \$35,417.00
Under: \$11,583.00



Diocese of Scranton Pro-Life Postcard Campaign

The Catholic Church has long committed itself to protecting life from conception until natural death. Recent events, however, have reminded the Diocese of Scranton that our commitment is important not only with the passage of particular laws or statements, but in real time. This campaign will attract the attention of our federal legislators at the very beginning of the 2019 Legislative Session. We want to use the opportunity of the March for Life to show our support for Pro-Life issues of all kinds. We would like to emphasize the number of people in our diocese who stand behind these issues by showing our legislators the volume of postcards that have been received from our parishes. These postcards contain a simple image and a message to our senators and representatives regarding our commitment to pro-life advocacy. It is our hope that we can send a message to our legislators early in the year to set the stage for future advocacy for life. The postcards are located on the tables at our church entrance. Please sign your ***name and address*** on the postcard, and place in the nearby designated basket, or drop in collection basket, or return to Lori at our parish office. You may also write a short message on the postcard. Please return postcards by January 27th.

Feeling Under the Weather?

The Diocese of Scranton urges all parishioners to observe the necessary standard precautions in protecting the health of others during this flu season. Because influenza is a contagious respiratory illness, here are some basic measures that can help to prevent the spread of influenza:

- If you are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, you should stay home for your own well-being and that of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are **not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.**
- Parishioners are urged, but not required, to receive Holy Communion on the hand instead of the mouth.
- Exchange the Sign of Peace without physical contact.

Fr. Joe has a very weak immune system. For your well-being and his, please refrain from shaking hands with Father before and after masses until we are in the clear of flu and cold season.

Coming to Mass in Bad Weather

While participating in weekend Liturgy is an obligation of Catholics each weekend remember that no obligation of the Church requires loss of life or limb to accomplish! In other words, during snow, ice and other extreme conditions, **YOU ARE EXCUSED FROM THE OBLIGATION, with no need for confession.** We especially want to stress this to our elderly members. God does not want you to end up in the hospital, or worse to get to church.

Prudence is a virtue that is to be exercised above all else and that goes for when you are not feeling well too. While we try our best to clear sidewalks and steps, sometimes conditions are such that we cannot keep up with in a reasonable fashion. Under no circumstances should anyone attempt to get to weekday masses at 12:10 when conditions are bad.

Scout Sunday

All Boy Scouts have an opportunity to recognize their contributions to scouting by attending Mass in their uniforms on the weekend of ***Saturday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 3rd.***

When the Snow Falls

Our Parish is looking for a few good shovels and people behind them. When it snows, digging our campus out can be a real challenge that often left to one of two people. We are asking for help when it snows if we could get a team together to help Chris take care of our properties. The more help we get the easier and quicker it will get done. It has to be done before masses on the weekend and before Funerals and the 12:10 mass during the week. If you can help, please call Chris Calore at the office 287-6624, ext 133 and leave your name. Our neighborhood youth is encouraged to get involved. Please be healthy and agile enough to shovel snow.

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Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Intention	Requested by
<u>Monday, January 28</u>	
12:10 pm Josephine Bavolek	Julia, Ron, & Diane Bojarcik
<u>Tuesday, January 29</u>	
12:10pm Mary Jane Yatsko-Cefaratti	Joe & Terri Burgess
<u>Wednesday, January 30</u>	
12:10 pm Joseph Onzik	Rich & Betsy Evanoski
<u>Thursday, January 31</u>	
12:10 pm Fran Peters	Roy & Joanne Baker
<u>Friday, February 1</u>	
12:10 pm Bill Quinn	Wife & Family

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday, February 2</u>	
4:30 pm Joseph & Loretta Yatsko	Joe & Terri Burgess
<u>Sunday, February 3</u>	
8:30 am John & Josephine Hrobaski	Son, John, Carol & Family
11:00 am <i>Pro Populo</i>	
5:30 pm Robert Coniglio	Aunt Jean Meckalavage

Vigil Candles This Week

~In Memory of Raymond Gustave offered by wife, Donna

~ In Memory of Anna & Joseph Barnoski offered by daughter, Rosemary & Family

2019 Flower Intentions

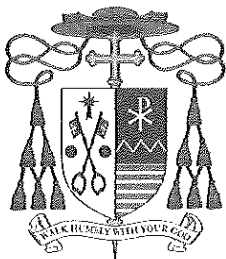
We have several openings for 2019 Flower Intentions. Please call Lori at the Parish Office to make arrangements. Thank you.



2019 Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office of Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30, 2019. The event includes a 2:30pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made by contacting Lori Raymond, in your parish office (570-287-6624, ext. 100) before April 2nd.





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Dear Friends,

The Grand Jury report confronted us with the horrific transgressions of past clergy and Church leaders that endangered the welfare of children – children who had the right to be kept safe from harm. Nothing can erase the resulting pain and suffering. We can, though, attempt to make amends and to bring some sense of peace, healing and recovery to survivors. These survivors deserve a voice. They deserve to tell their stories, to identify their abusers, and to receive compensation as they continue down the path of healing and recovery.

This week, the Diocese of Scranton launched its Independent Survivors Compensation Program. I want to briefly describe to you the key elements of the Program.

First, this Program is completely independent from the Diocese of Scranton. We have absolutely no influence over any compensation decisions. The Program is administered by two nationally-renowned experts – Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros. They have, among other similar assignments, been appointed Special Master of the government's September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, served as the Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation Fund, administered the BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster Victim Compensation Fund and handled the victim assistance fund established in the wake of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. They have already successfully administered, or are in the process of administering, similar programs for several other Catholic dioceses. An Independent Oversight Committee comprised of three individuals with relevant experience across healthcare, law enforcement and social work will oversee the Program.

Second, this program is entirely voluntary. No survivor is forced to participate or to accept the compensation determined by the Administrators.

Third, the Program will be run with care and compassion. As I alluded to, the Administrators have already handled similar programs for five Catholic Dioceses in New York and are currently administering a similar program for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and several other Dioceses within Pennsylvania. They know what they are doing and they have been widely praised for being fair, timely and compassionate. They will review claims compassionately and fairly determine compensation.

Fourth, this Program is comprehensive. It is open to those who reported their abuse before the Program was announced, as well as those who reported abuse later. It is open to survivors of abuse committed by priests from the Diocese of Scranton, members of religious communities, or lay employees of the Diocese. The Diocese designed the Independent Survivors Compensation Program to be as comprehensive and far-reaching as possible.

Lastly, I want to assure you that the Diocese will fund the Program from its reserves and the sale of assets, as needed. We will NOT access parish and school assets. We will NOT tap into contributions or bequests from parishioners. And, we will NOT apply donations from the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Since I was appointed Bishop in 2010, child protection and victim advocacy have been of the greatest importance to me. The Diocese has striven to protect our children and to treat survivors of abuse with care and dignity. Establishing this Independent Survivors Compensation Program is the next step in those efforts. While I know that no amount of money can take away survivors' pain or change the past, I sincerely hope this Program contributes to the healing and recovery of survivors.

Thank you and God bless you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

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