



THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Jesus Christ the King of the Universe

Swoyersville, PA
November 22, 2015

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Office Hours:
 Monday– Thursday
 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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 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.



2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Parish Goal: \$47,000.00
 Pledged so far: \$39,940.00
 Balance: (\$7060.00)

Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. To make a pledge, take one of the envelopes at the entrance of the church or go to annualappeal.org to donate on-line.



Dear Parishioners,
 Last weekend it was announced at Holy Family in Luzerne that one of the new models of Pastoral Leadership would be employed by the Diocese to care for the parish. They will be led by a Pastoral Life Coordinator and a Sacramental Priest. The roles will belong to Deacon Peter Smith as the PLC and Father Joe Elston of Holy Redeemer High School. While Fr. Elston will only provide masses on the weekend and on other occasions, Deacon Peter will be in the role of pastor. (The Bishop spoke to us about these possibilities back in April via video).

This is a dramatic shift in Parish Administration for this parish. My role as administrator will end on December 5th. While I am grateful for the opportunity to get to know the parishioners of Holy Family and be with them for these past months, in all honesty, I am thankful that these duties will be lifted from my shoulders. It has been a wonderful experience, but I would not be able to take it on permanently.

I thank you for your support while I attended to the needs of Luzerne, and I look forward to being with you more often from now on. Pray for Holy Family in this time of transition, and be welcoming to those who will join us for daily mass and other celebrations here at Seton.

God's blessings,
 Father Joe



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Our Parish Family will celebrate Liturgy together on Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, November 26th at 9:00 a.m.** All are welcome. If you are able, bring in canned goods for the Holy Family Food Pantry or use your Thanksgiving Day envelope, as these proceeds will benefit Our Social Concerns Program to help those in need.



Our parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS

The Holidays are right around the corner and that could be a very hard time of the year for some of our families who do not have the resources for a Holiday meal, let alone Christmas presents for children. **If you or someone you know is struggling please let us know.** Contact Lori, our Pastoral Associate, at the office. All calls will be held in the strictest confidence. We will be preparing Holiday Food Baskets and Christmas presents for children. We will once again be accepting Food Cards from local supermarkets and sponsoring the Annual Giving Tree. If you can help with a grocery gift card for someone in need, drop it in the collection or bring it by the office. Your help is appreciated as we reach out to those who may go without this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

THANK YOU, WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME!

Our **2016 Church Calendars** have arrived and are on the tables at the church entrance. Please take a calendar home with you. We want to thank **WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME** for sponsoring these beautiful calendars for our church again this year!!! May God bless you always!

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

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

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570-287-4587

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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



the publication week.

ALTAR GUILD ADVENT *PIROHY* SALES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10****THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17**

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our first Advent Pirohy Sale, on Thursday, Dec. 3rd. Cost is \$7.00/dozen. Pick ups are in the school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm.

We will need lots of help making the pirohy. Mark your calendar!



HOLY NAME SOCIETY 50-50 RAFFLE

Our Holy Name Society is selling tickets for their 50-50 Holiday Raffle. The drawing will be held on December 6th, the Feast of St. Nicholas, after the 8:30am Mass.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend in our church hall and are also available from Holy Name Society members. Cost is \$5.00 each. We ask all members to return all tickets by November 29th.

Also, our Holy Name Society will meet on December 6th, in our church hall right after the 50/50 Drawing.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-U-CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Knights will be holding their annual All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, December 13th, from 9am to 1pm. Cost is \$7/adults and \$4/children. The breakfast will be held in our school cafeteria. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Tickets will also be sold at the door. **A "SURPRISE" guest will stop in to greet the children.**

Christmas Sitting

There is so much to do to get ready for Christmas and our 8th Grade Confirmation Class would like to help parents out. On Saturday evening, December 12th from 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the parish hall, we will offer free child care for children aged 4 years old through 5th grade. We will have student volunteers, along with adult supervision, entertain the children with games, crafts, stories, movie time, and more. Take this opportunity to wrap some presents, write some Christmas cards, or simply enjoy a quiet evening during the rush of the Christmas season. For more information, or to sign up your child(ren), please contact Margaret Loveless at 570-855-5118.

SAVE THE DATE—CHRISTMAS PLAY

Please save Monday, December 21st at 6:30pm on your December calendar. Our Youth Choir will be presenting their Christmas Play that evening and all are welcome! Hope to see you there!

THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree is up and ready with the gift tags for the needy children and families & shut-ins. Please return the gifts with the **tag attached** by **Dec. 14th**. (If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, bring back the tag & place it back on the tree.) We always have a very successful drive thanks to our parish's tremendous generosity. We thank you in advance for your par-

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. 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.



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Reservations are now being accepted for the Christian Mothers Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, December 13th, after the 11:30am Mass in our church hall. Cost is \$15.00 per guest. Please **RSVP by December 4th** by calling Fran Krajnak at 570-288-1708 or Sue Bayer at 570-714-1628. Members and guests are reminded to donate diapers (size newborn to size 2) instead of exchanging gifts. Our final meeting for this year will take place on Sunday, November 29th, at 2pm in our church hall.

OPLATKI SALE

Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be offering the Christmas Wafers after masses starting next weekend downstairs in our church hall. Offering is \$5.00/pack. They will also be available in the rectory during office hours starting December 1st.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Give a meaningful gift this holiday season. Donate blood. Community Blood Drive : St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Thursday, December 3rd from 12:30pm to 5:30pm
Schedule your appointment today: 1-800-RED-CROSS
or visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: SEASP



November 7/8, 2015

Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$7459.00 DUES: \$1734.00; HOLY DAY: \$129.00
LOOSE: \$458.74; E-GIVING: \$389.94; **TOTAL: \$10,170.68**

DIOCESAN:

NOVEMBER CARE & EDUCATION OF PRIESTS: \$1938.55

This Month's Special Groups Envelope will benefit Seton's Knights of Columbus Council.

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 helping us meet these and our other monthly expenses.

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.

SETON PRAYER CHAIN

We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests.

A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs

Don't forget to 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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE GRATITUDE

Our Social Concerns Committee would like to thank each and everyone who helped make our Third Annual Holiday Craft Show a tremendous success! We appreciate all who helped out in any way, and all who came out to support this event.

MANY THANKS FROM SETON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who came out to volunteer with our annual Care & Share Program on these past two Saturday mornings. And thank you to everyone who so kindly donated food items. We thank you immensely for your time and generosity that enables us to help the needy in our local area. If you or someone you know in our parish or local area is in need of groceries for the holidays, please call Lori Raymond at the rectory. All calls are confidential.

Also, our Knights of Columbus are looking for **NEW MEMBERS**. If you have been thinking about joining or need more information, call Mark Perugino at 262-2896. Our Knights meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in our church hall.

New Advertising Representative for Pilot Bulletins

Father Joe is happy to announce that Phil Boshia is our new local advertising rep for Pilot Bulletins. Anyone who would like to advertise in our bulletin or if you have any questions about advertising in our bulletin, please call the parish office at 287-6624 and ask for Phil Boshia.

GET THE SETON MOBILE APP

Download the New Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Mass Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad!

GENERATIONS SING CONCERT

The Catholic Choral Society will present the 14th Generations Sing Concert on Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 7:30pm at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. All are invited to attend. Free admission, with a free will offering. For more information call 587-2753 or go to www.catholicoralsociety.org

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

The Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA invites you to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas, on Sunday, December 6th, at 2pm, at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 663 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Come & join us for a wonderful afternoon of singing Slovak Christmas carols & sharing Christmas memories. Slovak hospitality will follow.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TEA

The Soup for the Souls Committee of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Hanover Twp., is sponsoring the 3rd annual Victorian Christmas Tea on Sunday, November 29 at 1pm. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and under. A variety of teas will be served, along with scones, finger sandwiches, and desserts, a basket raffle and 50/50. Christmas carols will be sung. RSVP by November 24th. Call Sylvia at 570-825-6370.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 23

8:00 am Theodore Skrainy

St. Clement, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro

Nick Pointon

Tuesday, November 24

8:00 am John Novak

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs

Joseph & Linda Noto

Wednesday, November 25

8:00am Eugene Petroski

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Wife, Dolores

Thursday, November 26

9:00am Pro Populo

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27

8:00am Justina Charney

Ralph & Barbara Romanowski Sr. & Family

Saturday, November 28

4:00 pm John Tobias

Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

Cwalina Family

5:30 pm Raymond W. Chimock

Joseph, Connie, & Donna Chajko

Sunday, November 29

8:30 am Mary & Chester Walski

First Sunday of Advent

David & Stephanie Walski

10:00 am John Butchko

Family

11:30 am Joseph & Helen Seman

Lenny & Regina Remus

5:30 pm Pro Populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

**REST IN
PEACE**

~Johanna Kalinosky~

GIVE HER ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY HER SOUL AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



SANCTUARY CANDLES

~In Memory of Helen Jenziorski offered by granddaughter, Jane Evelock

~In Memory of Reilly Family



ALTAR FLOWERS:

~In Memory of Franklin & Edna Burgess offered by Joe & Terri Burgess



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Welcomes Everyone!

"We are the young - our lives are a mystery, we are the old - who yearn for your face. Gather Us In - the lost and forsaken...the blind and the lame... the rich and the haughty... the proud and the strong... Give us the courage to enter the song."

-Gather Us In, Marty Haugen

Weekend Celebrants

Saturday, November 28

4:00pm - Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30pm - Fr. Urban

Sunday, November 29

8:30am - Fr. Greskiewicz

10:00 am - Fr. Urban

11:30am—Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30pm —Fr. Pisaneschi