

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 29, 2013

Swoyersville, PA

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, **December 31st**, Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation, and Wednesday, **January 1st** at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON FEAST DAY



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Saturday, January 4th, is our Patroness' Feast Day. We will celebrate as a Parish Family on **Friday evening, January 3rd** with a **special mass at 6:00 p.m.** and a light supper to follow in the

school cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend so mark your calendars now. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the entrance of the Church, if you are planning to join us for pizza after Mass. Hope to see you there as we honor our Patroness and share in a special prayer, fellowship, and food.

DEACON GEORGE

Deacon George is taking a sabbatical from the diaconate ministry effective immediately. We wish him much peace and blessings as he embarks on this journey.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Celiac disease affects many people. People with this disease are allergic to wheat and prevents them from receiving Holy Communion. Our parish offers low gluten hosts to those who need them. To make arrangements, call the rectory and make sure the priest knows what mass you will be attending. We ask those who are to receive the gluten-free hosts to come to Communion first, so that the hands of the minister do not contaminate the special host.



PASTORAL COUNCIL QUESTION: In the coming months, all parishioners will be asked to respond to this question: *"Looking to the coming years, if you could imagine or transform our parish in any way you wished, what 3 things would you do to enhance its life and vitality?"*

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Our Knights of Columbus has formed a First Degree Team. The First Degree installation will take place the middle of January. We are looking for new members. Please call Mike Kopec at 570-714-2924 or Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 for more information.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on the following dates:

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 31 and January 1st for New Year's Day. Please call only for emergencies. Please refrain from calling with non-emergency matters while the office is closed. The Mass schedule is in the bulletin, online, and has also been mailed to all parishioners.

Dioocese of Scranton
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ANNUAL APPEAL 
"Serve with Love"
Pope Francis

Goal: \$45,000.00
So far raised: \$43,870.00
Under: **-\$1,130.00**

We're almost there! We are making one more request of everyone who has not yet responded to this year's appeal. If you are at all able to help, even with a small donation, please do so now so we can achieve our goal. Envelopes are on the tables at the entrance of the Church or at the Rectory Office.



PARISH MINISTRIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, **Sunday, January 5th**, all ministers are cordially invited to attend the Annual Christmas Appreciation Party to be held in your honor. Altar Servers, Ushers, Choir Members, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Lectors, CCD instructors, Art and Environment Committee members are all invited. The party will be from 2-5PM in the church hall with a catered dinner and refreshments. In order to help us properly plan for the party, please RSVP by signing the sheet on the tables at the church entrance, or call Lori at the rectory by Monday, December 30th or leave a message with your name & phone number. (*Unfortunately*, we cannot accommodate spouses & children who are not in ministries for this party.)

Presider's Schedule Dec 31st and January 1st

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| 4:00 p.m. | Fr. Pisaneschi |
| 9:00 a.m. | Fr. Pisaneschi |
| 11:00 a.m. | Fr. Urban |

Presider's Schedule January 4th and 5th

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| 4:00 p.m. | Urban |
| 5:30 p.m. | Pisaneschi |
| 8:30 a.m. | Pisaneschi |
| 10:00 a.m. | Pisaneschi |
| 11:30 a.m. | Urban |

Collections

Due to early bulletin deadlines, collections will be listed in future editions of the *Sentinel*. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes will resume on January 4th and 6th.



As we prepare for a New Year...

Our weekly bulletin is published each week by Pilot Bulletins. I think you would agree that it is a colorful and attractive way to distribute the "news" to our Parish Family each week. If you notice the back page, there are only about 8 paid sponsors for our bulletin. We are very grateful for their support of our parish. However, 8 ads do not cover the costs of printing and shipping the bulletin each week. As we prepare to enter a New Year in a few weeks, we are making a special appeal to business owners to consider placing an ad in the Seton Sentinel. This is a very cost effective way to advertise. We print 850 copies a week. That's a lot of potential customers' eyes looking at your ad! Rates are very reasonable and you will have the gratitude of the parish for your support of our outreach efforts. We could really use a larger bulletin each week, as we have so many activities in our parish, but once again, we need the community's support for advertising. Consider giving it a shot at the start of 2014. Call 617-779-3771 for a price quote this week! Nearly every parish needs sponsors for their bulletin, we do too. Help us out if you can. Thank you for considering this special request.



2014 CHURCH CALENDARS

You may pick up your new Parish Calendars after Mass today located on the tables at the church entrance. Many thanks to the generosity of *Wroblewski Funeral Home* for sponsoring our calendars. May God bless you always.

PRAY
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DAILY MASS-EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you would like to help with daily Mass distribution of Holy Communion, please let Fr. Joe know, so we can make a schedule.

MASSES WITH FATHER URBAN

Eucharistic Ministers: Please check the number of Eucharistic Ministers who are with Father Urban on a given Mass. Your additional assistance may be required. Feel free to come forward and offer to help, if you can.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

For many cancer patients, getting to and from the doctor's office or hospital for treatment is one of the toughest challenges. By volunteering to drive just a few hours a month, you can help patients traveling on the road to recovery. Having cancer is hard. Finding a ride to treatment shouldn't be. To find out how you can help, call your American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or 570-562-9749.

Scripture Readings

Sunday

December 26

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 /
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday

December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday

December 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday

December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

Thursday

December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

Friday

December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

Saturday

January 1

Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

Sunday

January 2

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

KNOW A MARRIAGE THAT NEEDS HELP? Throw them a lifeline and tell them about *Retrouvaille*, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage, that need help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Diocese of Scranton is February 14-16 at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.retrouvaille.org for more information or to register.

DIOCESAN WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY MASS



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating

their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2014 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 22nd**. The event includes a 2:30PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. To request an invitation, please call Lori at the office, with your name and mailing address, **before February 14th**.

Holy Father's Canonization Ceremony

The Catholic Tour LLC is a 33 year old Catholic Travel Apostolate and has been able to secure just 120 air seats & hotel beds for the Holy Father's Canonization Ceremony for Popes John XXIII and John Paul II in Rome. The pilgrimage is set for April 21 and 22 to April 28 & 29, respectively. The pilgrimages start at \$2899.00. Come & see our new Holy Father Pope Francis on this historic occasion. Please call 1-877-627-4268 or email: jimadair@thecatholictour.com for further information.

***SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
PRAY FOR US!***



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 30th

8:00 a.m. East Joseph Berti Ettore Lippi

Tuesday, December 31st

8:00 a.m. Cynthia Bogdon Joe & Maureen Fetchko

Vigil: Mary Mother of God

4:00 p.m. Duda & Kachurak Families Matt Duda

Wednesday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 a.m. Rev. Harry Lewis PA for Human Life

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass Intentions

Thursday, January 2nd

8:00 a.m. Helen Stanishefski Children

Friday, January 3rd Saints Basil and Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass Intentions

Vigil of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Patroness

6:00 p.m. *Pro Populo*

Saturday, January 4th Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 p.m. *Pro Populo*

5:30 p.m. James Douglas Wife & Children

Sunday, January 5th Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Joseph Gulla Linda & John Vozniak & Family

10:00 a.m. Edmund Kowalski Mrs. James Behm

11:30 a.m. Eleanor Wojnarski Family



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them...

~Anna Kazamski

May her Soul, and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace. Amen.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~In Memory of Stanley E. Kudey

~ In Memory of Charles Liguori

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IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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 or friend.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Weekend Eucharist

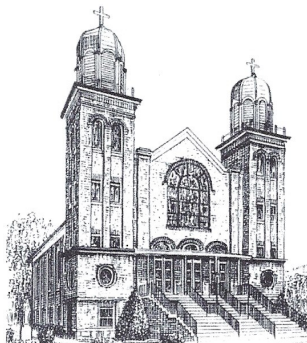
Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Phil Boshia Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance
- Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Parish Social Minister
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- 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



Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The celebration of the Sacrament is held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated for 8th Grade Students on Thursday, March 27, 2014 by Bishop Bambara.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work.

Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact the Pastor.

Penance

Saturdays 3:15-3:45, other times by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Priest, day or night.

Direct Contacts

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane) 570-763-5160

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Friday, for the next week at 1:00 p.m.