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The Solemnity of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Seton Sentinel

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SWOYERSVILLE, PA — DIOCESE OF SCRANTON



New Year's Mass Schedule

December 31, 2018
Solemnity of Mary Vigil
New Year's Eve
4:00 pm

January 1, 2019
Solemnity of Mary
New Year's Day
8:30 and 11:00 am



Holiday Office Hours:

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 31st and Tuesday, Jan. 1st. We will reopen at 8:30 am on Wednesday, January 2. Happy New Year from the parish staff!

Save the Date

Ministry Appreciation party on Saturday evening, January 12 at 6:00 pm. More details to follow ...

Religious Education Classes

January Classes for Saturdays:

Jan. 5, 12, & 26
(no class on Jan. 19th)

January Classes for Mondays:

Jan. 7, 14, & 28
(no class on Jan. 21st)

January 6th, 11:00am: 6th Grade Family Mass. Social after mass in church hall.

January 13th, All 7th Grade Confirmation students...extra class in church hall after 5:30pm mass

THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus for donating the Michael Mootz chocolate lollipops for our CCD students, youth choir, and for Santa to distribute to our children on Christmas Eve.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER JOE!



We want to wish our dear Pastor, Father Joe, a very happy and blessed birthday today, December 30th. May God bless him with a very happy and healthy year!

WEEKDAY MASS TIME

Please note: Beginning Wednesday, January 2nd, we begin our Winter Mass time schedule for our weekday masses at 12:10pm.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER JOE!

Thank you so much to everyone for all the Christmas cards and gifts, monetary gifts, gift cards, candy, and homemade baked goods. I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness very much! God bless you always!

Father Joe

SIGN OF PEACE DURING WINTER MONTHS



It is that time of year again when cold and flu germs are among (or against) us. Please do not feel compelled to shake hands during the Sign of Peace at Mass during these months, especially if you have a cough or sniffles. You may wish to simply acknowledge the people around you, instead of shaking hands.

2019 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 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, extension 100), before April 2nd.

Holy Family Sunday

PAROCHIAL 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
- ◆ Sister Sarah Landis, IHM
Pastoral Counseling/ Therapy

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 Bosha
St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach

Keeping In-Touch With Seton

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Ext. 130 Deacon Jack

Ext. 133 Chris Calore

Seton Ministry Appreciation Party

You are invited if you are involved in any of the Liturgical Ministries of our Parish. Including Ushers, Music Ministry, Art and Environment Team, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, etc.

Join us Saturday, January 12, 2019
at 6:00 pm in our Parish Hall.

Dinner and Soft Piano Music

Sign-up sheets, located on the tables at the church entrance, will be out until January 6th.



VISIT US ONLINE Setonpa.com



WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN

As beautiful as our Church is decorated for this Christmas Season, it officially comes to an end on Sunday, January 13th, the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. We need your help. We will take down the decorations after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, January 13th. It shouldn't take too long, but we will need help climbing ladders, carrying the Nativity statues back to storage, etc. This is a good opportunity for students to get Service Hours. Thank you for considering this request for help.

MAY YOU HAVE A HOLY, HEALTHY, HAPPY, & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE IN ACTION

Thank you, dear parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish! You made a lot of families and children so happy on Christmas morning, and put smiles on the faces of our parishioners in nursing homes and our shut-ins. **Your generosity has been tremendous!** Thanks also to all those who donated gift cards, and to our Social Concerns Committee who donated all the poinsettias! **May our Infant Jesus bless you abundantly in the New Year and always!**



Tons of presents for our local Head Start children, waiting to be picked up for distribution.



The bus is full of all your loving-kindness and generosity! Kim Williams, Head Start Family Worker, with daughter, Riley, on left. Kim with Lori Raymond, Pastoral Associate, on right,



Our very own "Santa", Mrs. Pat Quinn, who does a very fine job of organizing the gifts and poinsettias for the nursing homes & shut-ins, and all the children's gifts.



Nancy from Head Start on left. Kim & Lori on right. Off they go to bring joy and happiness to the children!

March For Life Bus Trip



The Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019. Cost is \$50.00, which includes bus and buffet dinner. Make checks out to "PHL" (by January 11th), and mail to Chris Calore, 37 Elder Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Bus departs right here from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at 6:15am, right after 5:50am Mass. We will return home approximately 10:30pm.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

The Annual Respect Life Mass, sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Councils, Knights of Columbus, will be held at St. Ignatius Parish, 339 N. Maple St., Kingston, Sunday, January 13th, at 10:30am. The Knights, along with Pro-Life Representatives, will offer prayer intentions during the Mass for a greater respect of all Human Life & to end abortion. January is Respect Life month as abortion was legalized on January 22, 1973. Since then, upwards of 60 million innocent unborn children have been aborted. Msgr. Tressler, Pastor, warmly invites all to attend & to pray for the most vulnerable of Human Lives, those with disabilities, the ill, & the unborn.

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.



2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our response to the Diocesan Appeal to date has been that 19.22% of our parishioners or 213 families have given or pledged. Our 2018 Goal is \$47,000.00
Total Raised: \$32,767.00
We are Under: **\$14,233.00**

Anything that you are able to do to help us make up this deficit would be greatly appreciated as the Diocese has decided to extend the Appeal into early 2019 to allow parishes to make their much needed goals for the Appeal. Without your support many of the ministries of the Dioceses will not be able to be funded. That includes Outreach to the Poor, Catholic Education, Seminarians, Retired Priests, and many Parish Life facets. These ministries will be in jeopardy if the DAA is not successful this year.

Envelopes are located on the tables at the Church entrance or visit: annualappeal.org and give online to the Appeal.



Counseling Ministry Offered

Sister Sarah Landis, IHM, a licensed certified therapist and counselor addresses problems with depression, anxiety, grieving, relationship issues, and many other mental health concerns. Sister's office is located at the former Holy Trinity Convent, across from the rectory on Hughes Street. For more information or to contact Sister Sarah directly, call the main office and dial extension 124 when prompted.

Weekly Offering for the Weekend of December 15/16, 2018

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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.

Other Collection Totals:

DIOCESAN:
December Care & Education of Priests: \$792.75

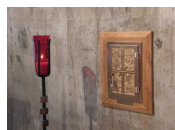
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Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Intention	Requested by
Monday, December 31 (No Morning Mass today) 4:00 PM vigil Louise Megatulski	Family
Tuesday, January 1 8:30 AM Lamont McClure 11:00 AM Stephen & Helen Gaydos NO 5:30 PM MASS	Deacon Jack & Karen Son, Robert, & daughter, Ann Marie & Family
Wednesday, January 2 12:10 pm George & Madeline Stascak	Natalie Vidunas
Thursday, January 3 12:10 pm Anne Gibbons	Daughter, Pat Quinn & Family
Friday, January 4 12:10 am Eleanor Cheskiewicz	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Saturday, January 5 Vigil, 4:30 pm Frank Suraci	Son, Frank & wife, Catherine
Sunday, January 6 8:30 am Robert Fosko 11:00 am Pro Populo 5:30 pm Anna & Joseph Barnoski	Holy Name Society Daughter, Rosemary & Family



Vigil Candles This Week

- In Memory of Stanley Kudey offered by Wife & Children
- In Memory of Bob Hovan offered by daughter, Mia & Family

In Dying that We're Born to Eternal Life

~Geraldine Cousin~

May the Lord grant her Eternal Rest.



This Weekend our parish celebrates the Baptisms of:

~*Liam Leonard Jackson*~

~*Roman Anthony Senchak*~

Liam and Roman will be baptized by water & the Holy Spirit after the 11:00am Mass today.

