

# THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



**“WHEN HE GOT OUT OF THE BOAT AND SAW THE CROWD, HIS HEART WAS MOVED WITH PITY FOR THEM FOR THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD; AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM.” — MARK 6:34 —**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

July 19, 2015  
Swoyersville, PA

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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.

*Forward*  
in **FAITH**

### 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Last week's summer festival is now a memory. And what a wonderful memory it is! I cannot thank each and every one of you enough for all that you did to make the festival such a big success! The entire parish should be as proud as peacocks of the Festival. It truly is a magnificent achievement thanks to all of you.

Newcomers and visitors remarked to me that everyone in our parish seems to get along so beautifully and everyone works so hard. The entire production runs like a well oiled machine and that is due to the spirit of teamwork that each of you contribute to the effort. One visitor to our parish last weekend made the comment to me at the Festival, "your so lucky Father, your parish is a very tight group of people who work together well." Their parish, which was combined a few years before Seton cannot have a festival because there is too much friction between the different parishes that were combined.

We are lucky and blessed that in three short years our parish does not have that kind of tension. We all get along so well. This is a place where Christ's presence is felt because of our coming together and it is evident to everyone.

One of the things that impressed me the most this year was the age differences that we have. Our "old pros," working side by side with the next generation. There was a lot of help from teenagers and young adults this year, perhaps more than in years past. From the making of the ethnic foods, to frying potato pancakes, to the working at the stands, and many other areas, the young of the parish strongly represented. This gives me a great deal of hope. We have someone to pass on our heritage to...so that our festival will continue for many, many years to come.

The results of all of this work cannot be measured by the amount of money that is made however, God once again blessed us financially with much success this year. Thursday, despite the rain, was successful. Friday broke all records and Saturday we did extremely well too. We will publish the numbers once all the dust settles and the bills are paid so we have an accurate count for you all, but again, we were blessed.

I would love to list names of all of the people involved and especially our team leaders however, those of you who lead and work so hard are too modest to want that sort of recognition but you know who you are and I know who you are and so does the parish! Special thanks to all of you.

I want to close by letting you know once again how extremely proud I am of all of you, our parish. Who comes together and works so hard together for the good of our church. You are all a beautiful gift to each other and to the parish. We have so much to be thankful for and proud of here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Our church building is among the most beautiful most people have ever seen, and they tell me that, but more importantly, that building is only a shadow of the beauty that each of you brings to the altar week after week. God has blessed our community with wonderful people like you. When we give our best to God, he gives his best to us. Indeed, our sacrifices are returned a hundredfold.

Thank you again,  
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.

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

### Please make note:

Our parish office hours will remain the same for Monday through Thursday, open 8:30am to 5:00pm. Our **Friday office hours** will be changed to **8:30am to 3:00pm.**



### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next Baptism class will be held on Tuesday, August 25th, at 6:30pm in the church hall. Parents who are planning their baby's Baptism and have not previously attended a class should call Lori, Pastoral Associate, to register for this brief session on the Sacrament. Expectant parents are most welcome to join us!

### LIFELINE SCREENING

Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

• ~Sudden Numbness ~ Difficulty Speaking ~ Severe Dizziness ~ Loss of Coordination ~ Sudden Loss of Vision ~ Sudden Intense Headache ~ Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Tuesday, July 21, 2015. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**



### **“Back to School” Supplies for St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen**

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre is now taking donations of school supplies. Items being collected are: Backpacks, Notebooks, Binders, Paper, Pens, Plastic Scissors, Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Markers, Erasers, Glue Sticks & Crayons. Items will be collected up until August 18th. **Bring items directly to the Soup Kitchen at above address.** Volunteers are needed for Distribution at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre on Tues., Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 –11 AM & 1- 4 PM. Please call Deb at 570-822-7118, ext. 305 if you can help.

**“Catholicism does not call us to abandon the world but to help shape it. This does not mean leaving worldly tasks and responsibilities but transforming them... Social justice and the common good are built up or torn down day by day in the countless decisions and choices we make.”**  
~ US Bishops, Everyday Christianity

### Parish Staff

Cora Artim  
*Children's & 11:30 Choir*  
Phil Bosh  
*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):  
570-763-5160  
Faith Formation Office:  
570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: [fatherjoey@aol.com](mailto:fatherjoey@aol.com)  
Parish direct email: [setonpa@aol.com](mailto:setonpa@aol.com)

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



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
pray for us!

### Financial News:

July 1st began a new fiscal year for our parish. We have received this year's financial obligations from the Catholic Schools and the Diocese of Scranton. This fiscal year, July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, our parish is responsible for contributing **\$108,869.00** to the Catholic School System. That comes to \$9,072.42 per month or \$2,268.10 per week. In addition we are obligated to the Diocese of Scranton another **\$134,000.00** for the year or \$11,105.09 each month and \$2,776.27 per week for other assessments. **The total each month is \$21,177.51** for both the schools and diocesan commitments. Please be mindful of these obligations each week.

### From the Pastor:

Dear parishioners, Thank you for all who have read and understood the recent letter sent by the Parish Finance Council. It is evident through our weekly collections that you took it seriously. As you can see from the above assessments, it is not easy to run the parish and maintain our financial obligations for our assessments each month. The Festival helps a great deal, but it does not solve the issue completely. I would like to clear up something that was in the letter which I have heard some comments about. All of the money spent on the renovations of the church, the grounds, and the acquiring of property for a future parking lot comes from a designated account. The designated account, which we are very fortunate we have, is to be used for such improvements. It cannot be used to pay monthly bills. The finance council even asked if we could use this account to pay our assessments and we were told no, it must be used for improvements. I hope this fact helps in our continual conversation on parish finances. Also, as the council and I encourage good stewardship of all parishioners, there is the realization that some of you are not able to increase or even give at all. Know that you are just as important as everyone else. I don't expect people to give what they do not have or go without the necessities for self and family. That would be a real sin. Know that whatever you can or cannot do is appreciated by your parish.

In gratitude for your sacrifices on behalf of our parish,

Father Joe

### Parish Group Envelopes for the month of July

This month's Parish Group Envelopes will benefit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council of the Knights of Columbus.

### COLLECTIONS: July 4/5, 2015

SUNDAY: \$ 8036.50  
LOOSE: \$481.45  
HOLY DAY: \$5.00

DUES: \$4087.00  
E-GIVING: \$219.97  
**TOTAL: \$12,829.92**

### DIOCESAN-

Peter's Pence: \$134.00

*May God bless you for your generosity!*



**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.



**Night at the RACES  
SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Holy Redeemer  
High School  
Saturday  
November 7, 2015

Make plans to enjoy the evening with family and friends. For more information, call Holy Redeemer HS at 570-829-2424.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its 33rd annual conference at the University of Scranton during the weekend of July 31-August 1. This year's theme is: **"Father That They May be One Jn. 17:21"** and we will focus on unity in diversity reflecting on the call of Pope Francis, "Building the unity of the Church is the task of every Christian."

The Conference will feature a variety of inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Mass is celebrated each afternoon. A well-stocked book/gift store will be available. Separate tracks for Children and Youth are also available. The full-weekend Registration Fee is \$50 before July 17 and \$65 after July 17. Single-day registration is also available. Commuting and brown-bagging is encouraged, while dormitory housing and cafeteria meals are available at a moderate cost. For Registration Forms, please write to: CCR, PO Box 3306, Scranton PA 18505, call the CCR Office at 570-344-2214, or email [ccrenewal@comcast.net](mailto:ccrenewal@comcast.net)

**Christine Donahue will appear in a tragic comedy play entitled "Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins"** on Friday, August 14 at 7:30 PM in Wyoming Seminary's Kirby Center for the Creative Arts on North Sprague Avenue. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available by mail, with payment, to the Kingston Historical Society at P O Box 1702, Kingston, PA 18704 or can be purchased at Crossin Real Estate, 208 West Union Street, or Mary Taylor Hair Center, 630 Wyoming Avenue.

**ANNUAL BAZAAR**

The **Swoyersville American Legion Post 644**, located at 259 Shoemaker St is having its 4<sup>th</sup> annual bazaar which will be held Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1 from 4pm to 11pm. Live entertainment will be provided by the band Hat Tryk on Friday from 7pm to 11 pm and Flaxy Morgan on Saturday from 7 to 11pm. For additional information, please call the American Legion at 570-287-9400.

**ST. NICHOLAS BAZAAR**

**St. Nicholas Church, 226 S. Washington St., W-B, Annual Bazaar final night is Saturday, July 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the parish grounds. Entertainment will be provided by *The Home Town Boyz* on Saturday. All are welcome!**

**FESTIVAL 2015 at ST. MARIA GORETTI**, Laflin Road, Laflin. Rain or shine—Under tents. Fri., July 24th Flaxy Morgan, Sat., July 25th Flash Drive, & Sun., July 26th Cinder Brothers. Festival is 5pm to 10pm. Delicious food, Bingo, fun & games for all.

**EXALTATION OF the HOLY CROSS BAZAAR**, 420 Main Rd., Buttonwood, continues Sat., July 18th & Sun., July 19th.

Also, Soup for the Souls Committee 5th Annual Antiques, Arts & Crafts Festival will be held on Sat., August 8th, from 10am to 4pm. Vendors wishing to participate, please call Diane at 592-4024 or email: [deefitz1@yahoo.com](mailto:deefitz1@yahoo.com)

**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH, KINGSTON, is holding "GRANDMA'S ATTIC"** Sale in Conlon Hall (church basement) on Thurs., July 30th from 8am-1pm and 6pm-8pm, Friday, July 31st, from 8am-1pm, and Sat., Aug.1st from 8am-noon. Lots of stuff! Bake Sale & Lunch.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LUZERNE, BINGO.** Sunday, August 2nd, 2pm. Doors open at noon. \$2.00 Admission. Bake Sale, food, refreshments, door prizes, basket raffle.

**ST. MICHAELS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 205 N. Main St., Pittston, will hold their 19th annual Flea market & Ziti Dinner on Sat, August 1st, and Sunday, August 2nd at the church hall. Flea market hours are Sat. 9am-4pm & Sunday 9am-3pm. Ziti dinner is Sat. 12-4pm and Sun. 10-3pm. \$10/adults and \$6/children. Take outs available.

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, July 20

8:00 a.m. Joseph Pechal

St. Apollinaris

Mary Pishala

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 a.m. Theodore Skrainy

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Eleanor Kuzma

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 a.m. Martha Dorman

Mary Magdalene

Tom & Marge Semanek

Thursday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Martha Koshinski

St. Bridget

Family

Friday, July 24

8:00 a.m. James Dougalas

St. Sharbel Makhluf

Wife & Family

Saturday, July 25 (Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00 p.m. East Joseph Berti

Bob & Dolores Yanchick

5:30 p.m. Kathleen Pitcavage

Erma Cicon

Sunday, July 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Janice Burda

Dorothy & James Kohl

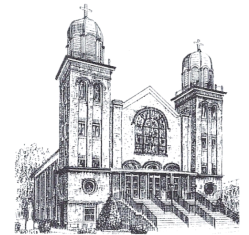
10:00 a.m. Teresa Gonglefski

Wroblewski Funeral Home Staff

11:30 a.m. Richard Mizenko

Wife & Family

5:30 p.m. **Pro Populo**



## CELEBRANTS:

### JULY 25

4PM Fr. Joe

5:30PM Fr. Urban

### JULY 26

8:30AM Fr. Ray

10:00AM Fr. Urban

11:30AM Fr. Joe

5:30PM Fr. Joe



*Fill us with your gifts  
and make us always  
eager to serve you in  
faith, hope and love.*

• Roman Rite •



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

~~Anthony Brown~~

GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH GOD'S MERCY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



**CONGRATULATIONS & Wedding Blessings**  
upon: ~Jason Kilduff & Lauren Mizenko~ who  
were married on Saturday, July 18th.



### UPCOMING WEDDING:

Saturday, July 25, 2015, 1:00pm

~Leo Smith & Crystal Lyons~



## Sanctuary Candles:

~In Memory of Rick Mizenko, Kelly Ann and Rikki Ann

~Wedding Blessings for Lauren Mizenko and Jason Kilduff



## ALTAR FLOWERS :

~In Memory of the deceased family members of Lauren Mizenko and Jason Kilduff