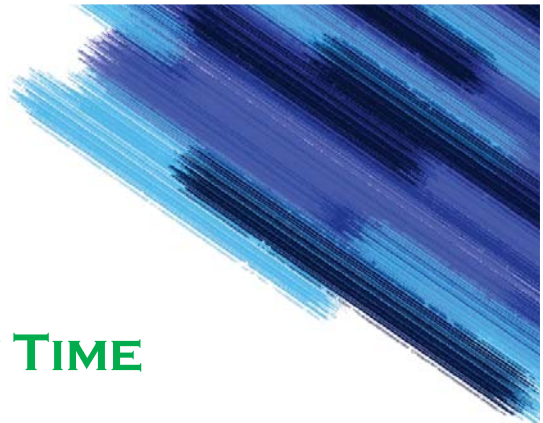


SETON SENTINEL

August | 27 | 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Papal emblem in the great dome of St Peter's Basilica in Rome
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21ST
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

PETER'S CONFESSION ABOUT JESUS

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:19.

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Eucharist

Monday—Friday 8:00am
Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

Connect with us:



Farewell Father Joe!



Worship

Intention

Monday, August 28

8:00am Jesse Jude Joyce

Tuesday, August 29

8:00am Bernard, Margaret, Adolph, & Bertha Kadish

Wednesday, August 30

8:00am Francis Roccograndi

Thursday, August 31

8:00am Joseph Broody

Friday, September 1

8:00am Eugene "Bud" Burgess

Saturday, September 2

4:00pm Health & Blessings for Frank & Paula Matthews in Honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sister, Donna Gustave

Sunday, September 3

8:30am Dolores "Dee" Petroski

11:00am Mary Ann Kudasik

5:30pm Marge Sotelo

Requested by

Mother, Brother, & Sister

Brother, David & Family

Wife & Children

M/M Robert Stefanides & Family

Joe & Terri Burgess

Lori Raymond

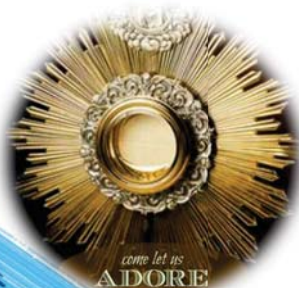
Carol, Richard, & Kristen Mazar

Sotelo Family

Special Intentions

Prayer

Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening Prayer and Benediction conclude the night. All are welcome to come, even just for a quick visit on Thursday evenings here in church.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of **Richard Mizenko** offered by wife, Gloria

~~In Memory of **Sister Mary Agnes Zwolenick** offered by godchild & niece, Fran Krajnak

RECENTLY DEPARTED

~**Doreen Dougherty**~**Karen Ziegler** ~

May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~~In Memory of **Hovanec & Singer Families** offered by Singer Family

~~Health & Blessings for **Father Joe Pisaneschi** in Honor of his 12 years of Pastorship at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Congratulations and God's blessings upon

~~**Penelope Renee Finkbiner**~ and her family. Penelope will be baptized today after the 11:00am Mass.

Parish Staff

Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105

Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

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Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

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Director of Maintenance

John Sartin

Trudy Brown

Pat Quinn

Betsy Evanoski

Phil Bosha

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings

by appointment.

Farewell, Father Joe

Today, Sunday, August 27th, Father Joe will celebrate his "Amen Celebration" with our parish community. Although Father Joe will hopefully celebrate all weekend masses on August 26/27, there will be a special Eucharist at 11:00am, and then a little picnic after mass to celebrate with a social. You can stop in anytime between 12 Noon and 3p.m. for the picnic.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORMS

It's getting close to back-to-school time again, and soon Religious Education classes will begin.

NEW REGISTRATION FORMS must be filled out for each student each year. You may find the registration forms on the table in the church vestibule, online at setonpa.com, or call Lori at the office to request a form, 570-287-6624 ext 100, or email Lori at setonpa@aol.com Please return forms by September 3rd. You may drop it in the collection basket (notate: Religious Ed on the envelope), US mail, email: setonpa@aol.com, or drop off at office, or slide in mail slot. Classes will begin Saturday, Sept. 30th, (9am to 10:15am) and Monday, October 2nd (6pm to 7:15pm).



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Welcome, Father John Chmil!

On Friday, September 1st, Father John Chmil will become the second pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton! We warmly welcome him to our parish as pastor!

My name is Fr. John Chmil and I very excited to walk with you, as of September 1st. My parents are the Late Paul John Chmil Sr., who passed into eternal life on August 17, 2013 and Regina Ann (Sharkey) Chmil, who is 85 years old and who lives with me. My parents loved one another for over 53 years. They met at Wyoming Seminary Business School after graduating from High School. My Mom gave birth to me at the Nesbitt Hospital on June 20, 1966. My brother Paul, my sister Kim and I were raised in a loving family. Our parents dedicated their lives to us and nurtured us with love. We are not perfect, and we turn to Jesus, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, when we need to be forgiven. We are blessed and we treasure the gift of our family life.

My life as a priest, mirrors my upbringing. Family and faith are at the core of who I am and what I share with people. My faith began by being baptized at Saint Leo's Parish in Ashley, and attending Mass with my Mom as well as, my brother and sister. My father was Russian Orthodox and belonged to Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church on Seneca Street in Wilkes-Barre. We also went to church with my Dad and learned a lot about ecumenism, even before we knew what that meant.

My assignments include: being stationed as an Assistant Pastor: at Saint Nicholas Church in Wilkes-Barre, Saint Peter's Cathedral in Scranton and Saint Matthew's Church in East Stroudsburg; being stationed as a Pastor at Saint Lucy's Church and linked with Saints Peter and Paul Church in West Scranton, Saint Peter and Paul Church in Towanda and linked with Saint Michael's Church in Canton, Saint Aloysious Church in Ralston and Saint John's Church in Troy, Saint Peter's Church in Wellsboro with a Mission named Sacred Heart Church in Morris, Saint Ignatius Church in Kingston and Saint Ann Church in Williamsport.

My years in the Priesthood are filled with joy and Jesus has used the laity as an instrument in each of these assignments - to mold me and to heal me as needed. So, I come to you and walk with you in faith. My desire is - to share my inner life with you, to work hard as my parents have taught me, and for all of us, to grow closer with Christ.

My prayers are with you and Fr. Joe. Please pray for me and for Saint Ann's Parish in Williamsport. When we love, departing is difficult, as the intimacy we have runs deep. You know what that means, as Fr. Joe moves to Shavertown.



10 Years and Change

My Dear Parishioners:

The time has come. The past 12 years have been the best years of my life thus far. I have enjoyed every minute of being your shepherd. Looking back on so many things that have happened to us in the course of the last decade or so, I feel one thing: Grateful. Grateful to God for allowing this time to happen. Grateful for the tremendously talented staff that have come together to serve you. Grateful to each of you for allowing me in your lives to share a couple of minutes on a Sunday and those important moments of life which I treasure. We comforted one another at the loss of loved ones, rejoiced together at Baptisms and Weddings, Prayed in the hospital or nursing home together, laughed at parish gatherings and fundraisers. Ate at the Festivals and the many food raisers. It has all been a time so graced for me. I will never forget that in the middle of COVID you reached out to me and my family when my mom passed-away.

We've witnessed our parishes change from two worship spaces to one. We've worshiped together in the magnificent structure of Holy Trinity Church, in the basement for a while and even the parish gymnasium at times. We've put in new sound systems, an organ, a piano, we knocked down houses and paved a parking lot, we put in a driveway, repointed the school, lit the church with new lighting, new carpets, new floors, moved lots of stuff around, decorated our church to the 9's. Sang and prayed our hearts out at liturgies, started a Sunday afternoon mass, put in highly sophisticated livestreaming capabilities, Put in a new staircase at the entrance of our church, repainted statues, repaired walls and plaster, painted part of the church, put in a modern, comfortable confessional and so much more.

Our church changed during these past 12 years in unexpected and unpleasant ways: Our mass changed its familiar wording, the re-opening of the past scandals and cover-up. We elected a new pope who has even a great love for change than I do. We had to actually close our doors during the pandemic --- who could ever imagine such a thing. On happier notes for us locally, we ordained a new deacon, John
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Offerings

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LifeLine Screening in September

Right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Church hall on Thursday, September 21, 2023. Get your special Community Circle pricing by registering one of 3 ways: Call: 1-800-679-5191, online at LLSA.SOCIAL/HC, or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

All 4 screenings for \$149: Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, & Atrial Fibrillation.

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE, HARRISBURG Please attend the third annual Pennsylvania March for Life Rally to be held at our State Capitol in Harrisburg, **Monday, October 16, 2023**. Join the many from across our state in praying, proclaiming, and lobbying for the respect of all human life. Hear great Pro-Life Speakers. Bring your own creative Pro-Life Signs. Bus transportation will be available by calling Chris Calore at 570-824-5621.



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Bankus. Through it all, you were steadfast in your faith and devotion to God and this parish. For all this I am so thankful. Change is never easy, but we made it through and even flourished.

So now we are asked to make another change; the pastor. It is so hard for me to close this magnificent chapter in my life with all of you. I know you feel the emotions as well, thank you so much to all who have reached out to express your own sadness and best wishes for my new assignment. I know you will be in good hands with Father Chmil, with full confidence in his abilities, I leave you as you are blessed by his appointment as pastor. Still, I leave with a broken heart but am determined to carry this experience with me to my next adventure with joy. You have made me so proud to be your pastor -- time and time again, I have been floored by your spirit of generosity and self giving. I have told you this many times, but this was the parish I dreamed of when I was preparing for priesthood. It is my home and will always be a home for me, and you will always be my dear and beloved family. But it is time now. Time for change once again. Nothing in life is guaranteed, except change. We've gotten pretty good at it, you and me over the past 10 years or so. So know that I love each and every one of you and will miss you. And one more time, May God Bless You!

Gratefully Yours in Christ, Jesus, our Lord,

Father Joe

Father Joe Pisaneschi



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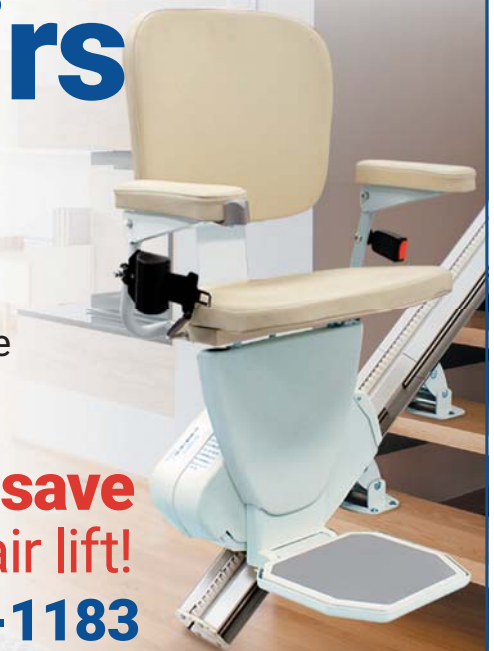
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