

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



*The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15*

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016

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

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8:30am to 3:00pm

Parish Office is closed for all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

*Parish of the
Diocese of Scranton*



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.

SETON ONLINE

Stay in touch with your parish on-line by "Liking" us on Facebook, Viewing our website setonpa.com and now with your mobile device. Download the new Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Worship Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad! Bulletins are posted each weekend to keep up with the parish happenings if you are away or just want a sneak peek at what's coming up for our parish.

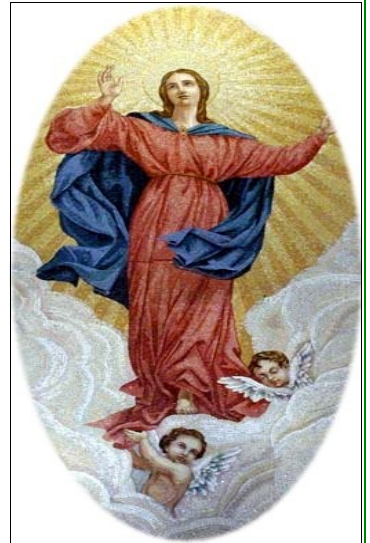


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"I have come to set fire on the earth, how I wish it were blazing already!"

Notice of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM

Monday, August 15, 2016 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day, but not an obligation this year because it falls on Monday. Because the day is of particular importance to our ethnic make-up of the parish, we will offer **three masses** for the Solemnity on Monday only. Sunday 5:30 pm mass will count for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, *not* the vigil of the Assumption. **Masses on Monday will be at 8:00am, 12:10pm, and 6:30pm**. Hopefully, your schedule will allow you to participate in one of the masses.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

We will have a special blessing of all school age children as they prepare to return to school for another year. All young people are invited to bring their backpacks to the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, August 28th for this special blessing.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Our PPC will meet on Tuesday, August 30th, at 6:30pm in the rectory. This is the first meeting of Fall.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Social Concerns Committee participated in the "Annual Backpack Challenge" sponsored by Prudential Retirement in Scranton, by donating backpacks and school supplies for seventeen elementary children in Luzerne & Lackawanna County foster care programs. Children in foster care leave behind everything they've come to know—their home, possessions, friends, & even siblings. These backpacks and school supplies give foster children something of their very own and provide a much needed sense of ownership and security through each move. God bless the children receiving these backpacks, and thank you for supporting our fundraisers so we can continue to help with initiatives like this. **Our next meeting is scheduled for August 18th at 7pm in the church hall.** New members are always welcome.



Pro-Life Baby Shower

From August 20th to August 28th, the Social Concerns Committee will be sponsoring its annual Baby Shower to support the Pro-Life Center in Wilkes-Barre. The Center is in need of **diapers sizes 2 & 3, baby wipes, infant clothing, new or nearly-new strollers, indoor swings, baby seats for dinner tables, high chairs, and Pack-n-Plays. A playpen will be placed near the rear of the Church to receive your donations. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!**

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

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
Pastor

Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate

Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist

Monica Salis
Business Manager

Marge Semanek
Director of Music

Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious Education

Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

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

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Don't forget to check out our
"rolling library" of religious
books & CDs located in our ves-
tibule. For a small donation, you
can find some good materials
that can edify your spiritual life.

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Registration

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

August brings thoughts of, dare we say, "Back to School," and it's time to begin thinking about our Religious Education Program. Once again we will offer a choice to two sessions for grades 1-8, Mondays 6:00- 7:15 pm or Saturdays 9:00-10:15 am. You may pick one of the days to send your student(s). Classes resume Saturday, September 17th and Monday, September 19th. **Registration forms are now available on the tables at the church entrance**, and also online at setonpa.com under Religious Education.

CATECHISTS MEETING

A Catechists meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 6th, at 7pm in our church hall**. All CCD teachers are urged to attend.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING:



Fr. Joe would like to gather with **all current Altar Servers** and those who wish to be **new Altar Servers** on Wednesday, August 24th at 3:00pm in the Church. This is an opportunity to brush-up on the method of serving, refining your skills and learn how to properly strike "the gong"! Those who are already servers will help train our new recruits. To become an altar server, you must be going into at least 3 grade, but we need older servers as well. All school students are most welcome! Call Lori at the office if you would like to volunteer to serve in this ministry to our parish.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, & SEWERS



Our **Social Concerns Committee** will be sponsoring a project this summer and fall that will enable us to use our talents to help others spiritually, emotionally, and economically. The project will involve knitting, crocheting, or sewing "Chemo Caps" for people who have lost their hair due to the fight against cancer. These "Chemo Caps" provide comfort, boost a person's self esteem, provide an additional level of support, and will let people know they are not alone in their fight. Just something as simple as a "hat" could do wonders! The "Chemo Caps" will be donated to the Henry Cancer Center at Geisinger Wyoming Valley. Call Lori at 570-283-3006 or Cindy at 570-287-5390 if you are a knitter, sewer, or crocheter who is interested in this project.



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Our Social Concerns Committee is now accepting reservations for our annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, November 5th, from 9am to 3pm in our school gymnasium & cafeteria. Rental spaces are 10'x10' at a cost of \$20 per space (\$25 after October 1st). For more information or an application, please call Mary Ann Martinsky at 570-287-3484 or seasocialconcerns@yahoo.com. Please do not call the parish office. It may be hot outside, but the holiday shopping season is coming up fast. Reserve your space today.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Our CCM will be **collecting items in our school gym** for our next Rummage Sale on the following dates: **Monday, October 3rd, 8:30am to 6pm; Tuesday, Oct. 4th, from 8:30am to 3pm, and Wednesday, Oct 5th, from 8:30am to 4pm**. Sorry, no pick-ups or deliveries. Please, no TVs. Also, we will need donations of baked goods from our parish on the days of our sale. **Our next meeting is on Sunday, September 25th, at 2pm in our church hall**. All members & workers are asked to attend this important meeting. Members are reminded that dues are owed at this time (\$5.00/year), which you can put in an envelope, mark "Attn: CCM dues", & drop in collection basket. New members are always welcome.



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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL—RSVP AUGUST 28TH

In observance of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy with the opportunity to pass through the Diocesan Holy Door at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, our parish is offering a Pilgrimage bus trip on Saturday, September 24th. We invite all interested parishioners. The pilgrimage day includes Morning Prayer, a presentation of the Jubilee of Mercy, time for personal prayers & reflection, confession, rosary, Mass, lunch & a tour of the cathedral. Cost for pilgrimage is **\$10 plus price of bus transportation**. If you would like to participate, please call Mary at 288-3073 as soon as possible so that bus arrangements can proceed. The bus will leave here approximately 7:45am and leave Scranton at 3pm. *Update: Responses have been low. If we don't get a better turnout, the bus trip will be cancelled.*

TRAINING FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Diocese of Scranton will train a new class of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St. Therese's Parish, Shavertown, all day on Saturday, August 27th. Mr. David Baloga, Director of Liturgy from the Diocese of Scranton, will conduct the training session. You must be recommended by your Pastor to attend this session. Please contact Fr. Joe if you are interested.



COLLECTION REPORT July 30/31, 2016

SUNDAY: \$6054.00 DUES: \$493.00
LOOSE: \$594.00 E-GIVING: \$245.12
TOTAL: \$7386.12

July Parish Groups (Holy Name Society) \$660.80
DIOCESAN-Catholic Relief Services: \$737.00

May God bless you for your generosity!

For the current Fiscal Year our **Diocesan Assessment is \$135,790.00**. Our **Catholic School Subsidy is \$108,869.04**. To break it down to a monthly number each month our parish owes a combined bill of **\$20,255.34** to the Diocese and Schools. Or, **each week \$5,065.00** from our collection goes towards these bills.

This past week, we received a rebate check in the amount of \$5016.00 from the 2015-2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal. This is 75% of what our parish achieved *over* its goal! Thank you for making this possible. Due to your generosity and big heartedness we will put the rebate to good use. Thanks again.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Reminder: The Parish Ministry Schedule is listed online at setonpa.com & on mobile app



Revolution of Tenderness

DIOCESAN CONGRESS 2016: "REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS"

'Year of Mercy' Concert with Dan Schutte
Friday, October 7th 7:30PM-9:00PM
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

Congress Celebration: Worship, Workshops and more!
Saturday, October 8th 9:00-5:00PM
University of Scranton

It is time, again, to register for the Diocesan Congress!
Look for full program description and details for registration with check or credit card online at www.dioceseofscranton.org, or call the Diocesan Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 for more information. We'll see you there!

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 needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins August. 26-28, 2016, at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

"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. They can be dropped off at the kitchen between 8 am & 1 pm each day. Distribution will take place at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre on Monday, August 22nd, from 10 AM – 1 PM and 3PM – 6 PM. Please contact Deb at 570-822-7118, ext. 305 if you have any questions.



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall; Tuesday, August 30th, 1pm to 6pm; Schedule your appointment today by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code SEAS

PANCREATIC CANCER FUNDRAISER



The Mizenko Family of our parish is sponsoring a Bowl-a-Thon Fundraiser to raise money to help with research and awareness of pancreatic cancer through the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Rick Mizenko, an active member of our parish, lost his life to pancreatic cancer in 2009 and just last year his brother, Jerry, succumbed to this same horrible disease. There is a rise every year in the number of people diagnosed with this type of cancer and yet treatment options are still extremely limited which leaves little hope for those diagnosed. The five-year survival rate is a miniscule 6%. The bowling event will be held on **Sunday, September 25, 2016 at Chacko's Family Bowling Center, Wilkes-Barre, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.** We are asking for your help with our event. Gift certificates, merchandise or a service for our raffle (we will be selling chances at the event for many items), theme basket, or a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated. There are also lane sponsorships available for \$50.00 and you are also invited to join us for an afternoon of bowling. Bring a team and have some fun while supporting a great cause. For more information on how you can help, please contact Robyn Williams at 570-474-2013 or Gloria Mizenko at 570-287-7868 or email tracyrobyn4@verizon.net. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wyoming Area Catholic School 2nd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, September 11th, at Blue Ridge Golf Course in Mountaintop. Registration begins at 11:30am—shotgun start at 1:30pm. The tournament features a Hole-in-One Contest sponsored by Ken Pollock Auto Group (chance to win a one-year lease on a new car!). Further information on sponsorship and participation is available at www.wacsh.com or by calling the school office at 570-654-7982.

St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church is holding a **Designer Bingo** on Sunday, September 18th, in the church hall, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley. Cost is \$20/ticket & includes all games plus specials. Advanced purchase necessary. Doors open at 1pm; games start at 2pm Call Tammy at 479-3414 or Bonnie at 474-1031.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption
 8:00 am Stanley Romanowski Martha Berti & Family
 12:10pm Stanley Kozloski Pierce & Judy
 6:30pm Marion Vance Barbara Ripa & Family

Tuesday, August 16
 8:00 am Richard Polinsky Anna & John Roche

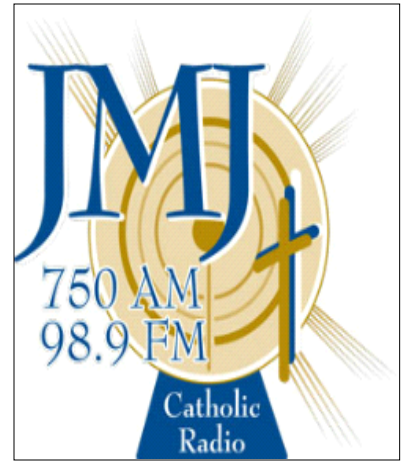
Wednesday, August 17
 8:00 am Bill Quinn Wife & Family

Thursday, August 18
 8:00 am Margaret Tressa Cebrick Son, Robert

Friday, August 19
 8:00am Stephen Hudak Wife, Eleanor

Saturday, August 20 Vigil: 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00pm Joseph M. Podskoch Knaub Family
 5:30pm Margaret Tressa Cebrick Son, Bob

Sunday, August 21 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am Bill Quinn Wife & Family
 10:00 am John & Helen Holland Mary Catherine Shaner
 11:30 am Carol & Charlene Long Family
 5:30 pm *Pro Populo*



Celebrants for the Eucharist

August 20
 4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi
 5:30 pm Fr. Urban
August 21
 8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi
 10:00 am Fr. Urban
 11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi
 5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

Rest in Peace~~ *Josephine Koscielski*~~*Mary Pieshala*~~*May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.*



Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Wife & Family
 ~In Memory of Joanna Marcin offered by Granddaughter, Tara



Altar Flowers

~In Memory of Leo Venetz offered by Wife, Anna Mae
 ~In Memory of Cecelia & Stanley Prushinski offered by Grandchildren



*The Jubilee of Mercy Continues!
 Practice the Corporal and
 Spiritual Works of Mercy
 each Day!*

*Come to Confession and invite
 someone who has been away to
 return to the Father of Mercy!*

**EXTRAORDINARY
 JUBILEE OF MERCY**
 DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Come to the
40th Annual

Rosary Rally



Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus

Sunday,
September 25, 2016

Procession Begins: 2:00 PM

At: Saint Ignatius Church
339 N. Maple Avenue
Kingston, Pa.

Most Reverend
James C. Timlin,
Principal Celebrant

Devotions and Mass to follow
at 3:00 PM

All Are Invited!

COME!
PRAY FOR AMERICA!
PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM!