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OCTOBER 31, 2021



ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

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Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

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Permanent Deacon

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Permanent Deacon Candidate

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Seton Knights of Columbus Blanket Drive

Our Knights of Columbus' Blanket Drive is being held now until Sunday, November 14th. A donation box has been placed near our Reconciliation Room, for NEW or clean, nearly new blankets. The blankets will be distributed to local shelters for the needy and homeless. Thank you!

All Saints/All Souls

Monday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. Because it falls on a Monday it is not an obligation to participate in Eucharist this year. However, we will offer two opportunities to celebrate the Solemnity: 8:00 am and 5:15 p.m. All Are Welcome

Tuesday, November 2nd, is the Day of Remembrance of All the Departed, (All Souls Day). Eucharist will be offered at 8:00 am on Tuesday. Mass Intentions for All Souls Day Intentions continue through the month of November as indicated in the Bulletin. All Holy Men and Women, pray for us. And may the souls of all the Departed rest in God's Mercy and Peace. Amen.

Fall Fundraisers

Please remember to pick up your **Chicken Pot Pie orders** this Thursday, November 4th, from noon to 2pm or 5-6pm in the school cafeteria.

Also, **Fresh Pie order forms** (Apple or Pumpkin) are due by Wednesday, November 17th, and that sale takes place on Wednesday, November 24th. Order forms are on our website: setonpa.com and also on the tables at the church entrance.

Today's Music

4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Gath:	848 G	Gather Us In
Prep:	772 G	I Have Loved You
Comm	164 S	By Name I Have Called
Send:	88S	The King of Kings

5:30pm Sunday

Gath:	178 S	Lead Me Lord
Prep:	152 S	Open My Eyes
Com:	114 S	One Love Released
Send:	85 S	Shine Jesus Shine

Subject to change

THANK YOU!!!

Our Seton Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our recent Chicken BBQ dinner, and all who helped in any way. The Chicken BBQ was a tremendous success! **See you in the Spring!**

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

It's beginning to SOUND a lot like Christmas!

IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.....

The choirs are getting their Christmas music together and starting to practice for Advent/Christmas. We are down quite a few member this year and would love to have you join us. Men are especially needed in the senior choir, but all parts are welcome. Practices are on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the choir loft.



Faith Formation

PLEASE NOTE: All phone calls, correspondence, inquiries, etc. for Religious Education for Children should be directed to the main office to Lori Raymond or Father Joe. The phone number is 570-287-6624, x 100. Please do not use x 116 for the time being to contact the Religious Education Office.

CLASSES ARE IN SESSION:

If you haven't registered your child/children for Religious Education classes yet, please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms are available on our website: setonpa.com

GRADE 7-CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS

FAMILY MASS, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 5:30PM. Our **Grade 7 class** will be enrolled into the Confirmation class. Parent meeting in the church hall after Mass.

GRADE 8-CONFIRMATION CLASS

Parent meeting—Sunday, November 14th in the church hall following the 5:30pm mass.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

Our HNS will meet next Sunday, November 7th, after the 9:00am Mass in the church hall. New members are welcome!

Art and Environment Meeting

Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm in the Church proper. All members and new members are welcome to join us.

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Each year our parish reaches out to members of our community who are in need of help for the holidays. If you or someone you know is struggling, please contact Lori, Pastoral Associate, at our parish office. All calls are confidential.

This year again, we **will not** have the Traditional Christmas Giving Tree with tags on to buy gifts. We only ask if you are able, to please donate **GIFT CARDS**. We will need Gerrity's or Price Chopper grocery cards for Thanksgiving.

For Christmas, we are asking for Walmart or Target Gift Cards to give to the families of needy children, and they will be able to purchase the gifts themselves. Please place gift cards in an envelope marked: **Thanksgiving/Christmas Gift Cards**. **Please drop in the Collection basket, office door mail slot, mail, or bring to the rectory. Thanks so much for whatever you can do. We did this last year and it worked out well.**

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Evening and Weekends by appointment

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our Parish warmly welcomes those who are with us each weekend, occasionally, and all who are looking for a spiritual home. Actual membership begins by filling out a Census Form at setonpa.com on the link at the top of the page. Once completed, send it to the office and we'll get you on "the official books," as soon as possible.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday. 1st time parents are asked to attend a brief instruction class on Baptism. You can contact Lori directly for information.

Reconciliation is available on Saturday beginning at 3:30 until 3:50 p.m. just prior to the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Other times at your request. Just ask Father.

Weddings are usually celebrated Saturday at 1:00 pm or on Friday afternoon or evening. Contact Father as soon as possible to reserve the date and complete the necessary paperwork.

Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation are offered through the department of Religious Education or Catholic Schools. Contact the office for more information.

You make the difference! With your continuing support you are making a difference during these uncertain times. You believe in the mission and ministry of our parish. You are making a difference in our outreach and just covering our day-to-day expenses and we are grateful. Online giving is available at www.setonpa.com and follow the link .

Again, Thank You for Your Generosity!



Collection Total for October 16/17, 2021
\$7326.00

If you experience any delay in receiving your envelopes, please contact the rectory. You may also use a plain envelope for your donations in the meantime. Indicate your name and *envelope number* (if known) so you can receive proper credit.

Donate now at: annualappeal.org

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APPEAL UPDATE:

60% out of the Box!!!! Incredible! Thank you so much to those who gave or pledged so far, we start out with the first report with more than 60% of our Goal reached!!! If you have not pledged or given to the Annual Appeal yet, Please consider making a gift or pledge today. It does not matter how small or large it is, every donation will help us reach our goal and more importantly, help others in our Diocese. ***Let's aim to be at our goal by Thanksgiving if at all possible.*** Thank You, Thank you and Thank you again for your generosity to the appeal. Log on at annualappeal.org, follow the links, or get a pledge card at the entrance of the church.



FOOD REQUEST UPDATES: The Social Concerns Committee is requesting the following items for the **Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne**: Strawberry jelly, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, canned pasta, crackers, boxes of cereal. Drop off box is located in the vestibule. Thank you.

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS ALL-YOU-CAN EAT BREAKFAST

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club will be holding an “All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet” on Sunday, November 7th, 8:00 AM to Noon, at St Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria, Hughes Street, Swoyersville. The menu consists of scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, waffles, SOS, toast, coffee, juice and desserts. All for the price of \$10 per Adult and \$3 for children ages 5-10. Tickets can be purchased from any Kiwanis member or by calling 570-283-1677. Tickets will also be available at the door. Once again we wish to thank our veterans with breakfast on us. Also don't forget to take a chance to win one of our many beautiful baskets in our raffle.

This is a Swoyersville Kiwanis Event and is not associated with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. The parish assumes no responsibility for enforcing social distancing, mask wearing and health protocols which are essential for All Parish Sponsored Events. It is up to the Kiwanis to set boundaries for guests and the responsibility of the organization to ensure safety for all visitors.

If any student requires **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**, and would like to assist at our event, call Kathy at 570-283-1677.

LEAVE A MARK 2021

Young adults (age 18-40) are invited to join Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Sunday, November 7th, at 5:00pm in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton, for this annual gathering to kick-off National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. A social will immediately follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

The Altar & Rosary Society of Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, is sponsoring its annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 10am to 3pm in the parish hall at 574 Bennett St., Luzerne (18709). More than 25 local crafters and vendors are featured, along with a basket raffle and food available for purchase. Get a start on holiday shopping, decorate your home, and shop LOCAL at this event! Admission is FREE with plenty of parking available!

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Order of Alhambra

The Order of Alhambra founded in 1904, local caravan Alhambra No. 4 is accepting new members. The order is open to Catholic men and women 18 and older. The main objectives of the Order of Alhambra are sociability, identification, preservation and commemoration of Catholic historical places, events and persons and assistance to intellectually disabled people. It provide activities and support for special needs children and adults. Each year, the order provides scholarships to educate undergraduate students studying to become special education teachers. Their largest local event is the annual festival for the intellectually disabled held in August. Donations are appreciated and may be sent to: Alhambra Caravan No. 4, 13 Gail Dr. Plains, PA 18702. Checks should be made payable to Alhambra Caravan No. 4. For information on becoming a member, contact Ada Magni at 570-693-1338 or amagni@earthlink.net. Alhambra caravan #4 meets the second Wednesday of each month on King's College campus at the Community room at Christ the King chapel. Initial membership application options may included a fez, sash or medallion.

STATEMENT ON ARREST OF DIOCESAN PRIEST

On October 22, 2021, the Diocese of Scranton learned that Father Gregory F. Loughney, Pastor, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, was arrested by members of the Pocono Mountain Regional Department. Four criminal charges—all connected to alleged inappropriate contact with a minor—were filed against Father Loughney on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Under its longstanding zero-tolerance policy, the Diocese of Scranton immediately removed Father Loughney from active ministry pending the outcome of the investigation. The Diocese of Scranton will cooperate fully with law enforcement officials in their investigation. Father Loughney will need to retain his own legal counsel, at his own expense.

Anyone who might have relevant information is urged to call the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department at 570-895-2400, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office at 570-517-3052, or any local law enforcement agency. Information regarding any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can also be reported to the Diocese of Scranton's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, at 570-862-7551.

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