

The Seton Sentinel

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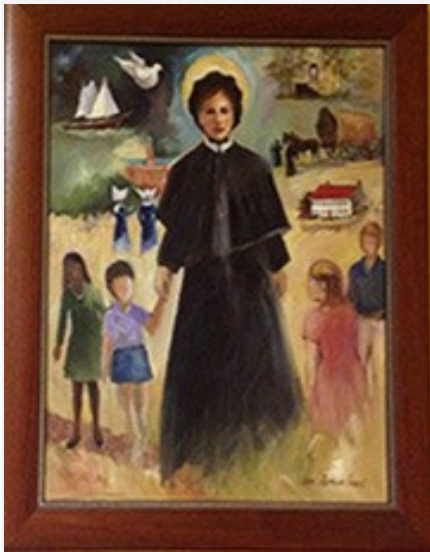


THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Masses at 8:30am and 11:00 am

Please note, all of Saturday and Sunday masses, including the 5:30 on New Year's Eve count for the Sunday obligation of the Holy Family.



PATRONAL FEAST DAY January 4
This Thursday is the Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, our parish's namesake. Join us for a special mass at 12:10 pm.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!

Effective Next Weekend:



**Saturday Vigil Mass:
4:30 pm**

**Sunday Masses:
8:30am, 11:00 am,
and 5:30 pm**

THE SETON SENTINEL
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Parish

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Office Hours: Monday–
Thursday 8:30 to 5:00

Friday 8:30 to 3:00

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only

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

Reconciliation Saturdays
3:15pm to 3:45pm or by
appointment

Mission Statement:

*"We are Called.... To act with
Justice, To love Tenderly, To
Serve One Another, To Walk
Humbly with God"*

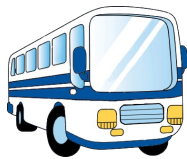
Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David
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RESPECT LIFE MASS



The Annual Respect Life Mass, sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Councils, Knights of Columbus, will be held at St. Faustina Parish, Hanover St., Nanticoke, **Sunday, January 14, 2018, at the 11:00am Mass**. 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. Father Nash, Pastor, warmly invites all to attend & to pray for the most vulnerable of Human Lives, those with disabilities, the ill, & the unborn.



MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

For information regarding a local bus going to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on **Friday, January 19th**, please contact Mr. Chris Calore, PA for Human Life Representative, at 570-824-5621.

PRAYER CHAIN

The next meeting of our Prayer Chain is on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 9am in our church hall. Please join us!



A reminder to parents in the event of inclement weather to check the message on the Religious Education Department's Direct Phone Line at 570-287-4587 to see if classes are cancelled.

Classes resume: Jan. 6 & 8

Sunday, Jan 7th, 11am: 6th Grade Family Mass followed by coffee & donuts in church hall.

Sunday, January 21st: 7th Grade Confirmation class after the 5:30pm Mass in church hall.

No Classes: Sat., January 13th, Mon. January 15th



MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be held on Sunday, January 7th, in the Parish Hall from 2-4:30 pm. All those in active ministries in our parish including ushers are invited. Sign-up sheets are located on the tables at the entrance of the church.

Ministry Schedule for January 6/7

Saturday, January 6th, 4:30pm:

Altar Servers: Anthony Favata, Johnny Fredericks; **Lector:** Jon Meyer; **EMs:** Deacon Jack, Donna Gustave, Patti & Doug Workman;

Sunday, January 7th, 8:30am:

Altar Servers: Brandon & Jillian DelBalso; **Lector:** Ted Sherrill; **EMs:** Marie Gould, Gloria Mizenko, Anna Mae Venetz, Frank Fosko;

11:00am: Altar Servers: Brooke Plucas, McKenna Dolan; **Lector:** John Dolan; **EMs:** Kathy Plucas, Joanne Baker, Susan Bayer, Richard Adamchik;

5:30pm: Altar Servers: Brandon & David Longfoot; **Lector:** Jeanne Mulcahy; **EMs:** Laura & JoAnn Prushinski

My Sincere Thanks

Let me take the opportunity to thank all who were so kind to me this Christmas. So many sent cards, gifts, cookies, goodies, etc., to the rectory. I am touched by your kindness and may God Bless you a hundredfold in the New Year! --- Fr. Joe

Bereavement Group



Many people who have experienced the loss of a loved one don't know that the grieving process takes time. We can't "just get over it" and there is no easy way to get through our painful feelings of loss. To learn more about what to expect as you grieve your loss, a Bereavement Group will be meeting which you would be welcomed to join. Call the parish office for more information or to join the group.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton now has a licensed therapist on our Pastoral Staff. If you think you may benefit from this ministry, please contact Fr. Joe for a referral. All inquiries will be held in the strictest confidences. This is above and beyond what Father can do by himself in spiritual direction or advisement.

Office Hours:

**Our office is closed on Monday
January 1st.**

PLEASE NOTE:

If you take one of the missalettes for mass, make sure you put it back so someone else can use it at the next mass. Too many have been missing lately.

**This week's daily mass will be at
12:10 pm. Until further notice.**



DIOCESAN 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 2018 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10th. 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 our parish office, 287-6624, before March 12th.



Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Bosha
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass
Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Pastoral Care Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi V.F
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

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon



**YOUR OFFERINGS
For December 2/3**

Sunday: \$7143.00
 Dues: \$3382.00
 Holy Day: \$ 57.00
 Loose: \$ 560.26
 E-Giving: \$ 30.71
TOTAL: \$11,172.97

**YOUR OFFERINGS
For December 9/10**

Sunday: \$6887.10
 Dues: \$1374.00
 Loose: \$ 978.35
 E-Giving: \$ 326.04
TOTAL: \$9565.49

Holy Day-Immaculate Conception: \$2160.00

Diocesan:
 Care & Education of Priests (Dec.): \$589.00
 Religious Retirement Fund: \$623.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Bold Choices Retreat

(Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully)

Join us for a young adult (18-35) retreat at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit January 5-6. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more. Cost is \$65.00. For

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

This past week, members of the Social Concerns Committee volunteered to prepare meals, serve visitors, and clean-up at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre. Please see a member of the committee if you might be interested in volunteering at the kitchen in the future. The Social Concerns Committee would like to wish all of our friends and neighbors a hope-filled and holy New Year. Thank you for your continued support!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CARE AND SHARE FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES TO GIVE. Thanks to everyone's generosity, the Knights were able to distribute 15 more food boxes to those in need for the Christmas Holiday. In addition, the Knights donated \$20 Gerrity's gift cards to accompany each box. Thanks again!

CONGRATULATIONS to John Lucas, Mike Tressa, and John Sartin on their induction as new members into our Knights of Columbus.

Anyone interested in joining our Knights, or if you wish to transfer in from another council, please text or call Mark Perugno, Grand Knight, at 570-262-2896.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas, and wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

Direct Contacts

Office of Pastoral Care (Sr. Jane): 570-763-5160
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 Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion): 570-287-4587
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 Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
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Prayer Chain Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in our church hall. Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confidential.



Mass Intentions

Offered for:

Requested by:

Monday	Jan.1	8:30 am	Matthew Duda	Rosalie Parsons
Monday	Jan. 1	11:00 am	Carol Popeck	Janice Quinn & Family
Tuesday	Jan. 2	12:10 pm	Jim Keating	Family
Wed	Jan. 3	12:10 pm	Anne Gibbons	Daughter, Pat Quinn & Family
Thur	Jan. 4	12:10 pm	Jim Douglas	Wife & Family
Friday	Jan 5	12:10 pm	Dorothy Shedlarski Grycko	Britt Family
Saturday.	Jan 6	4:30 pm	John Bankus	Wife, Nancy, John, Judy, & John Jr.
Sunday	Jan 7	8:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of Swoyersville Kiwanis	
Sunday	Jan7	11:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Sunday	Jan 7	5:30 pm	Betty Husovsky	Dan & Betsy & Families



~In Memory of Eugene "Bud" Burgess offered by brother, Joseph
 ~In Memory of Stanley Kudey offered by Wife & Children

