

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16, 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.

Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Diocese of Scranton will train a new class of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at our parish on Tuesdays, September 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30—9:00 p.m. Participants must attend all three meetings to receive a certification from the Diocese. Mr. David Baloga, Director of Liturgy from the Diocese of Scranton will conduct the training sessions. You must be recommended to attend these classes by your pastor. For more information, contact Lori in the office.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The PPC will meet on Tuesday, September 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory. All members are urged to attend.

COMING THIS FALL.....

Join us for “Friday Morning Company,” a faith sharing experience for our parishioners. Study and share the upcoming Sunday Scriptures with Sister Jane Ellis, I.H.M., our Parish Social Minister and Lori Raymond, our Pastoral Associate. Carve out a little time for sharing the scripture and prayer each Friday morning. More details coming soon so watch the bulletin for details.

FESTIVAL WORKERS’ APPRECIATION PARTY

All those who worked or helped in any way at our Summer Festival are invited to an Appreciation Party on Sunday, September 13th, from 1-4 in the parish hall. Join us for dinner and a little dancing and fun!!! To help us to prepare for the party, please sign your name on the sheet if you are planning to attend. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Last day to sign up will be September 6th.



Our Knights of Columbus will be serving up their famous **Chicken BBQ Dinner** on **Sunday, September 20th**, in our school cafeteria from 11am to 3pm. Eat in or take-out. More information in next week’s bulletin and sign-up sheets will be out *next weekend*.

Our **Social Concerns Committee** will meet this Thursday, August 20th, at 7pm in our church hall. New members welcome!

Our **Holy Name Society** will meet on Sunday, August 30th, after the 8:30am mass in our church hall. New members welcome!

Our **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet Sunday, August 30th, at 2pm in the church hall. The Fall Rummage Sale plans will be discussed. Rummage Sale dates are October 12, 13, & 14. Donation days are October 5, 6, & 7 ONLY. Hostesses for the meeting are Donna Gustave & Paula Matthews. New members welcome!

A friendship can be a way of escape, just as much as writing or travel, from the everyday routine, the sense of failure, the fear of the future.

~ Graham Greene

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 or friend.

ALTAR SERVERS

Even though we just had a new class of new Altar Servers join the ranks, the invitation is still open to any boy or girl who has already received First Holy Communion to become Altar Servers. We strongly encourage those who are even a little older, junior or high school students to come forward at this time. Training is easy and it's a great way to participate in the life of the parish. Call Lori in the office for more information.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS

Be involved in your parish! Contact Father Joe for information about serving as a Lector for our parish. We would especially encourage you to read at the 5:30 pm Sunday Contemporary Eucharist. Consider lending your musical talents to the 5:30 pm music program as well. We are looking for singers and instrument players to join us. See Scott Coates after the 5:30 pm mass for more information.

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Some parishioners have inquired about becoming an EMOHC, (Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion). Please give your name to Lori in the office if you are interested. The pastor will select those who will then be invited to participate in this ministry. Please refer to the previous page regarding Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR FIRST FRIDAY HOME VISITS

We need more volunteers to help us each month on First Fridays to bring Holy Communion to our shut-ins. Our list of parishioners who are unable to attend Mass grows every day. If this is something you feel you are being called to do, please call Lori at the rectory. Also, if you know of a parishioner who is homebound and would like to have a First Friday visit, please call Lori with the information.

FROM FATHER JOE:

Dear Parishioners,

As I compose this message, quite a bit in advance, I wish to bring you up-to-date on the latest information that I have on my duties as Administrator of Holy Family Parish in Luzerne. Tomorrow, August 17th, the Diocese of Scranton is sending Fr. Daniel Yenkevich, a retired priest of the diocese to be the "Sacramental Minister," of Holy Family and I will continue in my role in the day to day administration of the parish and oversee the operation. Fr. Yenkevich will live at Holy Family Rectory and provide the primary coverage of masses and sacraments. Holy Family celebrates 4 weekend masses for the Sunday obligation and we, at Seton, presently host 6 masses. While we are fortunate to have Fr. Anthony Urban to celebrate two of those masses for us, there are still eight more that I will be responsible for overseeing. I do not expect Father Dan to celebrate more than three masses on a given weekend and have a similar expectation for myself as it becomes unhealthy for both the priest and the congregation to do more than that on a given weekend. While I chose not to cut any masses out of the schedule at this particular time, although I must keep that as an option as we go forward, I will need to ask for help from some of our retired clergy in covering the 10 masses I am responsible for in the 2 parishes. This is the hardest part of the job between the two parishes and where I will need to be spread a little thinner in our own parish than the past. I ask for your understanding and cooperation as we make these concessions.

Understand that just because you may not see me on the altar, I am here for each of you. Your needs and intentions are always in my heart and before my eyes as I carry on my ministry to the people of Swoyersville and now Luzerne. I will do my best to rotate as evenly as possible between the 6 masses we have at Seton and be present to the 4 masses at Holy Family as the Bishop has asked as well. Please keep me in your prayers and you are always in mine and continue to be the fine people God has formed you into as a community of faith. It does not matter who is leading the prayer on Sunday, it matters that you are here and God is listening to you and the rest of the community. If you have any questions about these matters, please do not hesitate to ask me. God's Blessings,

Father Joe

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):
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Faith Formation Office:
570-287-4587
Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
pray for us!**

RELIGIOUS ED CORNER



Religious Education Registration for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Registration forms were sent via e-mail to those families who have an e-mail address listed in our records. Additionally, registration forms are available on our website at setonpa.com, click on the Religious Education tab and select *Registration Form* or you may pick one up in the parish office.

Religious Ed classes will begin on Saturday September 19th and Monday, September 21st. Classes for the Saturday morning program will be held from 9:00 – 10:15 AM and the Monday evening program classes will be held from 6:00-7:15 PM. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

Please note: for families wishing to have their child receive First Communion, traditionally in the spring of 2nd grade, two years of religious instruction (first and second grade) are required by the Diocese of Scranton in order to prepare for reception of this Sacrament.

If you have any questions, or would like to have a registration form mailed to your home address, please contact Margaret Loveless at the Office of Faith Formation, 570-288-4587.

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 AM Mass on Sunday, August 30th for this special blessing.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Do you have a child with a learning disability especially-ADD, ADHD, autism, Asperger's Syndrome-or know a family of a child experiencing these disabilities? There is a regional religious education program for these children at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston. If you would like more information or are interested in this program, please call Carmella Faust at 570-287-3682 or email: religiouseducation1@yahoo.com

COLLECTIONS: August 1/2, 2015

SUNDAY: \$ 7200.49

DUES: \$3590.25

LOOSE: \$617.80

E-GIVING: \$215.41

TOTAL: \$11,623.95

Parish Group Collection-Knights of Columbus: \$64.00

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Catholic Relief Services \$51.00

Thank you and 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.



LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CD'S

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



SPECIAL OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The Society's Envelopes for the month of August will benefit the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is responsible for maintaining the mass supplies such as communion hosts, wine, candles, vestments, and decorations for our sanctuary as well as other expenses involving worship. Your generosity is appreciated.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE



Father Frank Pavone, National Director for Priests for Life, will be the Keynote Speaker for this year's Pro-Life Banquet, Monday, October 19, 2015, at 6pm, at Genetti's Convention Center, E. Market St., Wilkes-Barre. There will be reserved seating, tables of 10. Tickets are \$35.00 and will not be sold at the door. Reservations must be confirmed by October 7th by contacting the Pro-Life Center, "PHL", 31 Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (570-826-1819) Thank you.



BLOOD DRIVE, MONDAY, AUGUST 17

The American Red Cross is facing a looming shortage of the most needed blood types and, therefore, has an urgent need for eligible donors with O negative, B negative and A negative blood to give now to prevent an emergency situation. Blood drive starts at 12:30 p.m. right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall. **Please give the gift of life!**

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 271 Tripp St., Swoyersville, will hold a Rummage Sale, bake sale, & raffle on Thursday, August 27th from 9am to 6pm, Friday, August 28th from 9am to 2pm, and Saturday, August 29th from 9am to noon. The hall will be filled with many treasures & useful items, including clothing. Refreshments available including homemade piggies, pierogis, haluski, wimpies, hot dogs, & beverages.



The Knights of Columbus, combined Councils of the Wyoming Valley, will host their **39th annual Rosary Rally**, Sunday, September 13, 2015. This year's Rosary Rally will take place at **All Saints Parish, Willow Street, Plymouth**. All the faithful are invited to attend this prayerful event with special emphasis in praying for the Holy Father as he soon travels to the United States. A Rosary Procession from the Church, through the streets, will begin at 1:45 pm. The Knights of Columbus will carry the Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue in the Procession followed by all the faithful. Those who will not be in the procession are invited to go directly to the Church by 3:00 pm. at which time Marian devotions will take place, soon followed by Holy Mass. This Mass will satisfy Sunday obligation. Refreshments will be served in the School Hall following the Mass. Thank You.

Forming Intentional Disciples. A seminar presented by author Sherry Weddell, at St. Monica's, West Wyoming, on Saturday, October 24th, in their church hall. Registration before October 1st is \$25 and \$30 after that date. The day begins at 7am with coffee/pastries. Seminar begins at 8am until 3:40pm with lunch included. Register at dioceseofscranton.org, click on the icon: Forming Intentional Disciples.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Adolph & Bertha Kadish Children

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 a.m. Bill Quinn Wife & Family

Wednesday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Stephen Hudak Wife, Eleanor

Thursday, August 20 *St. Bernard*

8:00 a.m. Stephen Gurich Cwalina Family

Friday, August 21 *St. Pius X*

8:00 a.m. Anita Hovanec Family

Saturday, August 22 (Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00 p.m. Dorothy Loyack M/M Emmitt Coolbaugh Jr. & Family

5:30 p.m. In Honor of the 70th Wedding Anniversary
of Anthony & Betty Leptuck

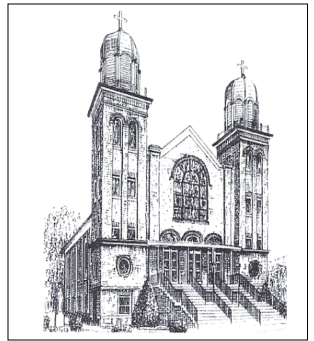
Sunday, August 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mayor Vincent T. Dennis M/M Robert Allwein & Family

10:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving John & Rita Sabadish

11:30 a.m. Joseph E. Barush M/M Thomas Zdancewicz

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



CELEBRANTS:

August 22

4:00 PM Fr. Urban

5:30PM Fr. Joe

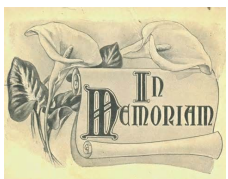
August 23

8:30AM Fr. Sibilano

10:00AM Fr. Joe

11:30AM Fr. Urban

5:30PM Fr. Joe



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

~~John Stephen Bankus~~Lynne Sieminski~~

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



*Almighty God,
your care extends beyond the
boundaries of race and nation
to the hearts of all who live.
May the walls which prejudice
raises between us, crumble
beneath the shadow of your
outstretched arm.*

- Roman Rite



Sanctuary Candles:

~In Memory of Carol & Charlene
Long offered by Family

~In Memory of the Deceased
Members of the Ostroskie Family



ALTAR FLOWERS:

~In Memory of Leo Venetz
offered by Wife, Anna Mae