

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish The Seton Sentinel

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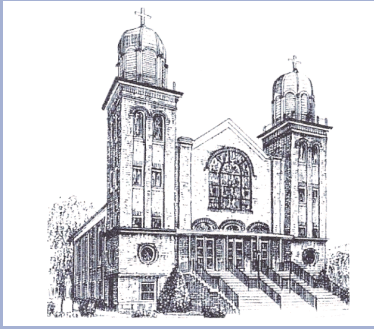


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FORWARD IN FAITH

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Monday– Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment only

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

**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.

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

It may seem a bit strange to interrupt Ordinary Time with a Feast in honor of a parish church in Rome. But this parish church is very special because it is where our Holy Father is Pastor. St. John Lateran (or St. John the Baptist) is the Pope's Parish! This was the 1st Church of Christianity once Constantine granted Christians to practice the faith openly in the Roman Empire (313 A.D.) This was a major site of the sacrament of baptism for the newly organized Christian (Catholic) Church. It was built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the basilica called "the mother of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*) as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter. We celebrate its dedication as a sign of our communion with all of the Catholic Churches in the World and our deep connection with our Holy Father. In a way, it is the celebration of every parish church because as Catholics, we are the Universal Church.

Planning Ahead: Parish Family Thanksgiving Day Mass, Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve— 4:00, 5:30 and 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day— 12 Midnight, 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30 am.

ADULT CONTINUING FAITH FORMATION

This year's theme is Praying as Disciples: Going Deeper into our Relationship with Jesus. Join us for our final session:
Tuesday, November 18, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.

**THANK YOU, VETERANS!**

Thank you, Veterans, past and present, for so generously dedicating your lives in serving our country. Please know that your sacrifices and contributions to our national security are greatly appreciated. May God bless all Veterans!

THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN...

We are getting close to the Holiday Season and for some Thanksgiving and Christmas can be more painful than happy or merry. As we become aware of the many blessings we have been given, those who are less-fortunate become even more aware of their lack of material blessings. If any parishioner or neighbor is unable to afford a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner, or if you know of someone in our parish or neighborhood who could use a hand, please contact Lori, our Pastoral Associate, at the rectory during regular hours. All requests will be kept confidential. Those with children who cannot afford Christmas presents are also asked to be in touch with Lori as we get ready to engage in our Annual Giving Tree. Again, this will be done anonymously.

HOW CAN I HELP? No one can do everything, but we all can do something if we have been so blessed. We will be accepting Grocery Store Gift Cards (any local store, any amount) from now until Christmas to assist those who are truly in need. You may drop them in the Sunday Collection or bring them to the rectory.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir

Phil Bosha
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister

Terry Jankoviak
Director of Faith Formation

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):
570-763-5160

Faith Formation Office:
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Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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



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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 50/50 RAFFLE

Our Holy Name Society is selling tickets for their 50/50 Raffle. Donation is \$5.00/ticket and drawing will be held on December 7th, just in time for Christmas shopping. Members will be selling tickets after weekend Masses in November (dates will be announced) or you may purchase from any HNS member. Questions: call Anna Mae 287-7655.

FALL FUNDRAISER

SWEET PIZZA—THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, \$10.00/box of 12 cuts. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

ADVENT PIROHY SALES

Dec. 5, 12, and 19. Due to increase in cost of ingredients, the cost will be \$7.00/dozen. We will need **lots of help** making the pirohy!!!

SOCIAL CONCERNS PASTA DINNER

Saturday, November 22nd, 4:00-7:30pm in the school cafeteria. More info to follow. (Also, Bingo coming April 21st!)

MEMORIAL BRICKS /OUTSIDE PROJECT

We hope to have the project with the corner stones, bell, and statue of Mother Seton completed very soon. The memorial/honorarium bricks are still available for purchase. One brick is \$125.00 or you can get 2 bricks for \$200.00, a \$50.00 savings. Bricks will be available until all are dedicated, so even if you don't get one right away, there should be some availability for the future.

The forms for the bricks are located on the tables at the entrance of the church. Return your completed form with payment to the rectory. There is also an opportunity to dedicate the Statue of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, (perhaps we could have several families come together to dedicate the statue). Contact Monica at the office for cost estimates. We will also have an opportunity for everyone to purchase a small replica of the statue for display in your home. More details to follow.

EXCITING NEWS!

Father Joe would like to meet with all of the parish's young people and "young thinking" individuals. Come to a brief meeting on Sunday, November 16th, at 5:30pm in the church hall— students from grades 7 to 12, college students, college age individuals, and any others who would like to share their unique gifts with our parish. Get all the details at the meeting, come and share your ideas and talents to transform our parish community in a very positive way!

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

On **Friday, November 21st at 7:00pm**, there will be a special Mass of Remembrance for the repose of the souls of those who died throughout this year and prayers for their loved ones who grieve their loss. Their names will be called aloud, and they will be remembered at this special Mass. All are invited to attend. If you would like us to remember a loved one of yours who passed away this year, but was not buried from our church, please call Lori at the rectory to have them included in this Mass and have their name read aloud.

Parish Organizations:**Holy Name Society**

Our Holy Name Society meets on the 1st Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

Social Concerns Committee

Our Social Concerns Committee meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

Knights of Columbus

Our Knights of Columbus meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

Youth Choir Practice will be held at TWO different times. Practices are held on Sundays from 8:45am to 9:45am in the church hall or on Mondays from 5:00pm to 5:45pm in the Church. (Please Note: Practices are not held on the 1st Sunday of each month)

SETON SENIOR SINGERS

Our Seton Senior Choir, (all adult choir members) practices Wednesdays at 6:30 in the church by the baby grand piano. New Members are always welcome to join us. Come to as many practices and masses as you are able to make.

THE SETON CAFÉ

Open to Parents during Religious Education Instructions on Saturday morning and Monday evening. Join us for a coffee, tea and light refreshments in the school cafeteria.

2014 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

Latest figures from the Diocese:

Our Goal is \$47,000.00 and we have raised \$33,055.00 so far. We are under our goal \$13,945.00. Thank you to all who have pledged or contributed so far to the Appeal. If you have not done so, please consider making your contribution today. Envelopes are located at the tables at the Church entrance for your convenience. You may also give or pledge online. Just go to setonpa.com and follow the Diocesan Annual Appeal link on our homepage.

**Cold and Flu Season:**

As the cold and flu season has arrived, we shall observe a "handshake-free-time" until the spring. Please refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace or at the end of the mass when we greet each other or Father. A simple verbal "peace be with you," or a nod of the head will suffice for the season for everyone's health and safety. Remember too, it is not a sin to miss mass because of illness. In fact, if you are coughing and sneezing it would be better to stay home and get well rather than spread your illness to others. Hand sanitizers are available at the entrance of the church for your convenience. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Stay healthy, everyone!

Life Line Screening at SEAS

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 1/8/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY, FATHER RICHARD CIRBA!

You are cordially invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Richard Cirba, in honor of his 25 years of service to the Diocese of Scranton, to be held on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23, 2014, at 11:00am Mass, at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 143 W. Division St., Wilkes-Barre. A reception will follow in the church hall from noon to 2pm.

COLLECTION REPORT

OCTOBER 25-26, 2014

SUNDAY: \$6720.55 DUES: \$840.00
 LOOSE: \$389.61
TOTAL: \$7950.16

DIOCESAN:

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: \$111.00

May God bless you for your generosity!

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.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge, a program of Catholic Social Services, which serves children in 5 counties in NEPA, is in great need of volunteers. Though the agency currently serves 400 children here in NEPA, we have 250 children on the waiting list. Those children are in great need of mentors. All it takes is an hour or two a week, and it can truly help change the life of a child. For information, call 570.824.8756, ext .398 or visit www.bbbsnepa.org

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

General Hospital in Wilkes-Barre is looking for a few Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist to help distribute Holy Communion to hospital patients on Sunday mornings. There are teams of EMs that meet at 9:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Parish (formerly St. Stan's) in Wilkes-Barre and who go out and take a section of the hospital to make sure all Catholic patients are offered Sunday Eucharist. The commitment would be for one Sunday a month for about 30-45 minutes. Any EMs who may be interested, please call Lori at the rectory and give your name.



St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, a program of Catholic Social Services is once again teaming up with local parishes and the **United States Marines "Toys for Tots"** for this year's Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, we distributed toys to over 2,000 children in the Wyoming Valley. ***Toys are needed and donations may be taken to St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St. Wilkes-Barre, 7 days a week from 7:30 AM. until 1:00 PM.*** Registration for Toys and Food for Christmas will be held at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Avenue in Wilkes-Barre: Mon., Nov. 24th - 9 -11 AM and 2-6 PM.

Parents should bring the following: **1)** Photo ID **2)** verification of income **3)** a Social Security card for everyone in the household and **4)** proof of address with a recent date **Food Distribution** will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, Tues., Dec.17th:10:00 AM – 2:30 PM and 4 – 7 PM **Toy Distribution** will take place at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave, WB on Wednesday, Dec. 17th from 9 AM – 2 PM and 4 – 7 PM.



The **Maltby Volunteer Fire Co.** will hold a Boot Drive here after all Masses next weekend.

LIVING CHRIST RETREAT AT ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH

The Living Christ Retreat is a community experience that enhances communications & collaboration in relation to spirituality. This retreat will be held Thurs.-Sat., November 20, 21, & 22. The retreat will be held in Conlan Hall Thursday & Friday evenings from 6pm to 10pm, starting with dinner; Saturday morning at 8am –Noon, starting with breakfast. Please call Tony Butel at St. Ignatius Rectory at 288-6446 to sign up & give yourself the gift of the retreat.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!!!

Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children, don't feel you have to suppress in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said: "Let the children come to me." Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small active children. The presence of children is a gift to the Church. They give us "A future full of hope."

Celebrant's Schedule This Weekend:

November 8-9
 4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi
 5:30 pm Fr. Urban
 8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi
 10:00am Fr. Urban
 11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

Next Weekend: November 15-16

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

Monday, November 10 St. Leo the Great
 8:00 a.m. All Souls' Intentions
Tuesday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours
 8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Veterans
Wednesday, November 12 St. Josephat
 8:00 a.m. Edward Volack Family
Thursday, November 13 St. Frances X Cabrini
 8:00 a.m. Martha Koshinski Norma, Tom, & Liz
Friday, November 14
 8:00 a.m. Leo Venetz Wife, Anna Mae
Saturday, November 15 (vigil: Thirty-third Sunday of the year)
 4:00 p.m. Helen Jenziorski Granddaughter, Jane Evelock & Family
 5:30 p.m. Eva H. Mesaros Children, Grandchildren, & Great-Grandchildren
Sunday, November 16 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
 8:30 a.m. Jean Marie Rossetti Michael, Diane, & Gretchen Mey
 10:00 a.m. Edward & Frances Krull Children
 11:30 a.m. **Pro Populo**



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~In Memory of Deceased Parents & Family Members of Vince & Fran Krajnak
 ~In Thanksgiving



CONGRATULATIONS and Wedding Blessings upon **Ronald Haley & Mary Lynn Kudedy** who were married on Saturday, November 8th.



IN MEMORIAM Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her~~**Anna A. Novroski**~~
 May her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.

