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Eucharist

Monday—Friday 8:00am
Saturday vigil 4:00pm
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:30am to
3:00pm. Weekends and Evenings by
appointment. **Office is closed this
Monday, January 16th MLK Holiday**

Intentions for the Coming Week

		<u>Intention</u>		<u>Requested By</u>	
Monday,	January 16	8:00am	Frank P. Colonna	Goryeb Family	
Tuesday,	January 17	8:00am	John Viercinski	Marie, Mike, & Family	
Wednesday,	January 18	8:00am	Joseph & Irene Gulla	Hilley Family	
Thursday,	January 19	8:00am	Lou Michaels	Michaels Family	
Friday,	January 20	8:00am	Elaine Smith	Cousin, Christine	
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time					
Saturday,	January 21	4:00pm	Ray Gustave	Wife, Donna, & daughters, Hilary & Ashley	
Sunday,	January 22				
		8:30am	Charlotte Zucca	David & Stephanie Walski	
		11:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Swoyersville Kiwanis		
		5:30pm	Jason Kilduff	Wife & Children	

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, gender identity or orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue - You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!

Weekly Adoration

Join us Thursday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for Eucharistic Adoration in the church closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome for some time of quiet prayer and reflection.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We Celebrate Confession Saturdays from 3:25pm—3:45pm before the 4:00pm Vigil Mass. You may request confession at any time by calling and making an appointment in the office.

Special Intentions

This week's intentions for the Sanctuary Candles are:

~`In Memory of **Edward Evelock** offered by Evelock Family

~Health & Blessings for **Bernadine Podskoch** offered by Marlene & Ray Knaub

Resting in the Peace of Christ, the Recently Departed:

~~**Christine Orrson**~~

Baptism Today:

Join us in welcoming~~**Kennedy Ann King**~~ to the Christian family, through the Sacrament of Baptism, which will be celebrated today after the 11:00am Mass.

Lifeline Screening

Friday, January 27, 2023, here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish church hall. All 4 screenings for \$149: Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Artery Disease, Abdominal Aneurysm, Atrial Fibrillation

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Choir Practice

Join our Senior Choir! Practices on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the choir loft.

Children's Choir : NO choir practice on Monday, January 16th. Practice will resume on Monday, January 23rd.

Today's Music

	4:00pm, 8:30am, 11:00am		5:30pm	
Gathering:	78 S	Priestly People	317 B	All Are Welcome (All Belong)
Preparation	395 B	Here I Am Lord	656 B	Wade in the Water
Communion	340 B	Behold the Lamb	340 B	Behold the Lamb
Sending	556 B	Sing a New Song	68 S	Shine Jesus Shine

Our Parish Staff

Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105
Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban
Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus
Deacon John (Jack) Zeigler
Permanent Deacons

Lori Raymond x100
Pastoral Associate/Director of
Religious Education

Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M.
Pastoral Outreach Ministry

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Marge Semanek
Director of Liturgical Music

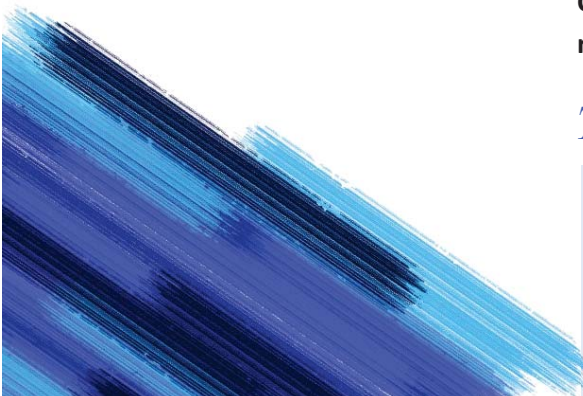
Joseph Sabol
Accompanist

Scott Coates
Accompanist/5:30 p.m. Sunday

Pat Quinn
Office Assistant

Sacristans and Maintenance
Chris Calore
Director of Maintenance

John Sartin
Trudy Brown
Pat Quinn
Betsy Evanoski
Phil Bosha





2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

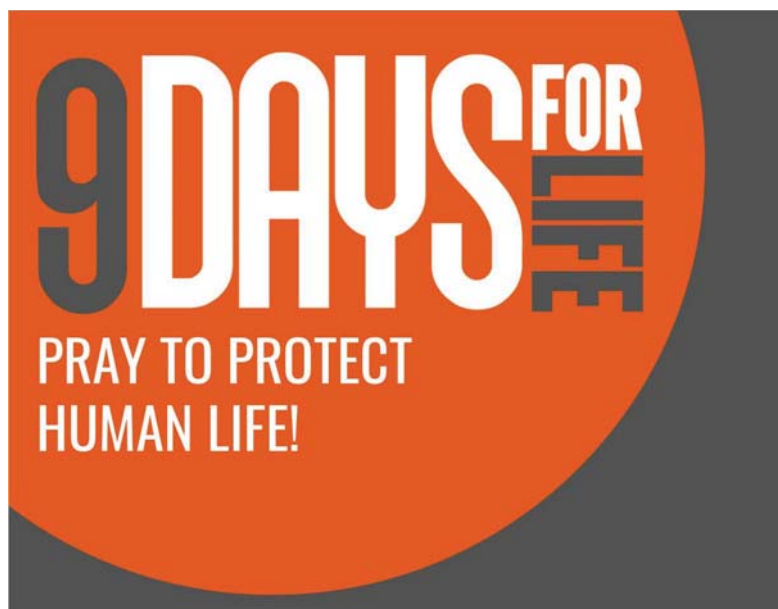
A popular television commercial not only highlights people helping someone, but how others who witness their kindness are inspired to do the same. As one person helps another, still others spread the kind acts that have a ripple effect of touching many lives and changing social standards and concerns.

Good deeds are an example of how we put into action our belief that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God. We recognize in them the Divine imprint of the Creator who brands each of us with an indelible mark of dignity and destiny. So it is no surprise that John should recognize Jesus as the chosen One, the Anointed, the Messiah. He sees with the eyes of faith the mark that sets Jesus apart and he announces it to all who would listen.

Our life of faith includes not only bold acts of kindness, but also the bold announcement that Jesus is present among us as Lord and Messiah. We cannot hide our faith, nor deny we have it. Our words and deeds must both proclaim our faith and hope that Jesus is Lord.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

To do your will
is my
delight;
my God, your law
is in my
heart
Psalm 40:9



JANUARY 19-27, 2023

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3 WAYS TO JOIN



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Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Jan 15	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34
MONDAY Jan 16	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
TUESDAY Jan 17	<i>Saint Anthony, Abbot</i> Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28
WEDNESDAY Jan 18	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
THURSDAY Jan 19	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
FRIDAY Jan 20	<i>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i> Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8+10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
SATURDAY Jan 21	<i>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Jan 22	Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

Some people find it agonizing to watch the various contests on television

that search for the best talent, the best singer or the best inventor. So often, the contestants are equally gifted and making a choice is difficult, even painful. No one wants to leave someone good behind, but there must be a winner and so we choose.

Marriage is about choices. We choose to love our spouse. We choose to love our children. We choose to believe, to


care, to do good, to live faith, even when things are not going well or when there are problems and crises to face. How would life be changed if we had made a different choice, if we choose not to love, or care, or believe? Life would be empty indeed. The choices we make are part of our calling, our vocation in life, to be witnesses to faith and following the way of Jesus to holiness. It may not be glamorous, or even exciting. But His is the way to contentment and joy as we choose and celebrate God's way for us.

-Jim Gaffney

FEAST OF THE HOLY SPOUSES will be held at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, on Sunday, January 22, 2023 with a special Mass at 3:00 pm. This annual celebration honors the spousal role of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph exalting the sanctity of marriage and family life within our modern world. This Feast was officially approved by the Vatican for the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph in 1989. Celebrant and homilist for this year's celebration is Rev. Jeffrey D. Tudgay, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Scranton and Pastor of St. Peter's Cathedral. The public is invited to attend and a social will follow the Mass. For more information, contact the seminary office at 654-7542.



The **Swoyersville Kiwanis Club** is currently conducting a Heart Cake Pop Sale now through January 28, 2023. Delicious and decorated these Heart Shaped Pops, your choice 3 chocolate and 3 white or all white or all chocolate will be in a gift box ready for that someone special for Valentine's Day. Pops are \$15 per order but quantities are limited so place your order early. Pop orders can be taken by any Kiwanis members or call/text Mary at 570-301-7551 or email swoyk1951@comcast.net. All orders must be placed and paid in full by January 28th. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 12th and Monday, February 13th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria from 5 to 6 PM. Delivery is available on orders of 6 or more to one location or talk to any Kiwanis member for assistance. Proceeds benefit community and children's projects & programs. For more details on Kiwanis check us out on Facebook or Instagram.



Mass for
LIFE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:00PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER, SCRANTON

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Religious Education

Children in Grades 1-8

Saturday classes: 9:00am-10:15am Monday classes: 6:00pm-7:15pm

January classes: Saturday: 21, & 29
Monday: 23 & 30 (no class on Mon. Jan. 17th Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday)

All students who do not attend Catholic School in grades 1-8 are strongly urged to attend the Parish Religious Education Program faithfully. Each grade is necessary for the reception of the Sacraments. Grade 2 (First Penance, First Holy Communion), and Grade 8 (Confirmation).

Tuesday, January 24th 6:30pm

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
(rectory)

Our **Knights of Columbus** will hold their Annual Ash Wednesday Red Clam Chowder Sale on Feb. 22nd. More info. to follow....

Congratulations, Social Concerns Daily Number Winners!

Date	Day	Number	Prize	Name
December 26th	Monday	425	\$25.00	Liz Santioni
December 27th	Tuesday	570	\$25.00	John G. Bankus
December 28th	Wednesday	066	\$25.00	Amy Rutt
December 29th	Thursday	900	\$25.00	JoAnn Prohaska
December 30th	Friday	407	\$50.00	Mike Chiazza
December 31st	Saturday	785	\$200.00	Paula Matthews

Our **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE** will meet this Thursday, Jan. 19th, at 6:30pm in the church hall. New members are welcome.

2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST

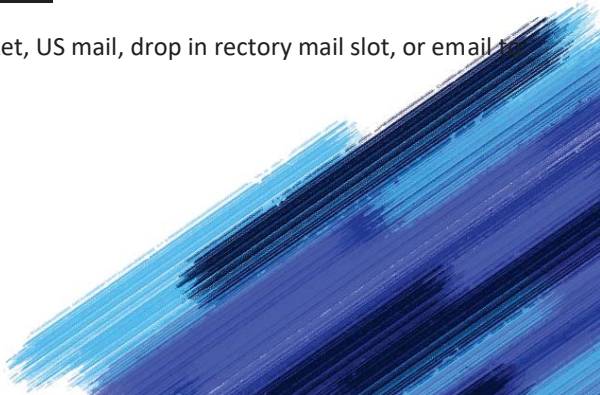
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Parish Finances

Dear Parishioner,

As we start a new year you may have noticed the increase offering suggestion for monthly dues has gone from \$8.00 to \$10.00. I want to be absolutely clear. No one should fear that they will not have access to services from our Parish if dues are not paid as long as I am your pastor. Upon my arrival, I wanted to get rid of "dues," but was told no to do it and I have found the dues absolutely help us make our parish obligations each month. But the thought of someone being turned away from the Anointing of the Sick, A Funeral, A Baptism or any other service is because dues are not paid is not what we are about here at Seton. Any and All Catholics are entitled to whatever is possible to give them from the church regardless of contributions. Now we need your support in order to continue our mission and ministry. As far as I can tell, "dues," were once a way to make sure people supported the church minimally each year so that it could remain open. This is a minimalistic approach and should not be used by churches today. Giving should come from the heart, not by force and the amount should be based entirely on what each is "able," to give. So if the \$10 a month is too much for you, give what you are able. In the coming months, as you noticed in last week's bulletin, the Diocese of Scranton will direct us to address finances with you much more in detail. More on that in February. Meanwhile, no one should feel forced into giving what they cannot afford. And as far as membership in our parish, we have some who are "on the books," but anyone who needs us is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We are here to serve you to the best of our ability whether you are on the books or not! *P.S. Being on the books is vital to our parish remaining stable.*

With gratitude for all that you do,

Father Joe

"RAIN TAX" Our Parish is not exempt from the "Rain Taxes," the total amount paid for 2023 for all our properties amounted to \$1540.00. We feel the pain and frustration of this tax on our parish as well as your properties.



Rectory, Set, Cook

Father Joe is at it again! This year he's taught by his sister, Donna Coccodrilli, to make the Pisaneschi Family Ravioli secret recipe with WNEP-TV and our own Jon Meyer. All to help feed the hungry and to benefit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Log on to watch and learn the recipe -- you are sure to get a smile or two at the antics and mishaps! Vote for our kitchen crew -- early and often (you can vote as many times as you wish) Last year our parish was in the top 10 of the diocese! *Follow the link on our website or on our facebook page to access the videos.*



Collection Report

For the weekend of January 1, 2023

Regular: \$8041.12
Dues: \$6155.00
Christmas (additional): \$3800.00
Holy Days: \$1782.00
Flowers: \$10.00
Building & Maintenance: \$20.00

Diocesan:

Care & Education of Priests: \$40.00
Religious Retirement: \$27.00

Additional Christmas Decorations Offerings:

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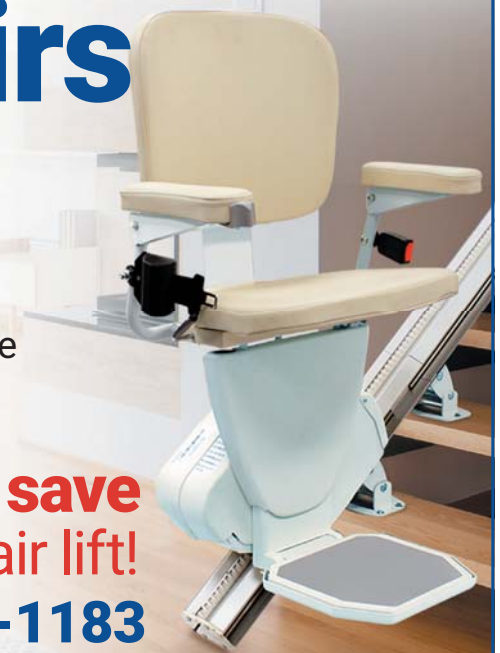
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