

THE SETON SENTINEL

JANUARY 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Blaise

DIED 316

FEAST DAY — FEBRUARY 3

Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers.

He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.

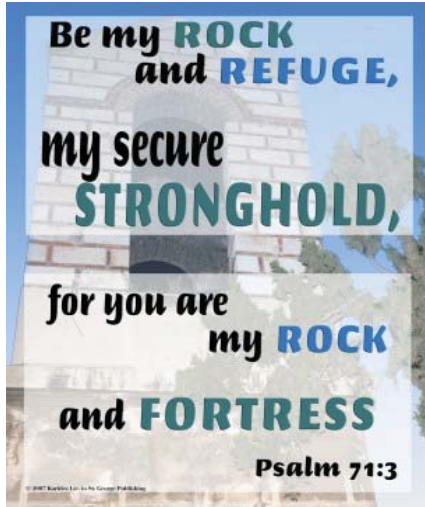


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ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

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, 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!



The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February Special Commemorations:

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, *Presentation of Jesus in the Temple*, Candles will be blessed at 8:00 am Mass and be available after the mass.

Thursday, Feb.3rd, *The Memorial of St. Blaise*, the traditional day for Blessing of the Throats. Individual Blessing of the throats during the 8:00 am Mass. General Blessing of the Throats will be given at this dismissal of masses on the Weekend of 5th and 6th.

Friday, Feb 11th, *Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes*, also, World Day of the Sick. Communal Anointing of the Sick celebrated during a special 12:10 pm Mass which will take the place of the regular 8:00 am Mass.

Monday, Feb 14th Memorial of *Sts. Cyril and Methodius*, regular daily mass at 8:00 am.

Thanks to Everyone who helped decorate and undecorate for Christmas and making our church so beautiful. Lots of help was needed and you answered the call!

Possible Pirohy Sales

Depending on the report you read, the Pandemic may decrease sharply after this present surge. We would like to make Pirohy in Lent this year as we have had so many disappointed folks at Christmas Time. However, we need to know if we have the volunteers to make this happen. We will do things a little differently this time. Perhaps have makings sessions on Saturday's so that those who work or go to school during the week can come and learn and participate. Also, we will not take orders—there will be a sale date and time announced and it will be first come first serve for the sale. If you can help us make the pirohy where you are new of a pro, please come to a brief **meeting on Thursday, Feb 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall**. If we are going to do this, we need our ducks in a row to proceed. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

Our Children's Faith Formation will continue to be interrupted until at least March 5, 2022, **with the exceptions of our First Communion Classes, grade 2, and our Confirmation Classes, grade 8**. These two Sacramental Grades will resume on February 5, 2022, at the regularly scheduled times. If a parent of a 2nd or 8th grade student decides not to send their child during this time, we kindly ask that you contact Lori Raymond in the main office to arrange with the teacher work to be completed at home. Masks must continue to be worn and no child with **any** symptoms or positive test results from covid will be admitted to class.

8th Grade & 2nd Grade ONLY: Saturday: Classes on Feb. 5, 12, & 26

8th Grade & 2nd Grade ONLY: Monday: Classes on Feb. 7, 14, & 28

Then **All** CCD classes will resume again on Saturday, March 5th & Monday, March 7th, and hopefully go forward from there. Thank you!

Parish Staff

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Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105

Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John (Jack) Zeigler x130

Permanent Deacon

Lori Raymond x100

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Permanent Deacon Candidate

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If you can remember to mail in, drop off or use electronic giving when you cannot be present at mass it will help us a great deal in making our commitments. Your continued generosity allows us to continue our parish's mission and ministry in addition to keeping our doors open and taking care of our responsibilities. Whether you use electronic giving, slide your offering through the office door, place in collection or mail, we appreciate all your efforts to support and strengthen our parish community. We are blessed because of your generosity.

Collection Report

Jan. 15/16, 2022 Regular: \$16,160.27

Building & Maintenance: \$2020.00

Thank you for all you do for our parish!

Should you experience a 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. Online Giving is available at setonpa.com follow the link.



Our Adult Choir Practices on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the choir loft and they **welcome new members!** There were only 8 members for Christmas and they sounded like many more and very beautiful. Imagine even more voices added to the mix! SAT(B) parts are all needed, but in particular men's voices would be very helpful. We hear you downstairs and some have very fine voices. We'll begin our Lenten and Easter practicing soon. Join us, praise God with your voice and have a little fun on Wednesday evenings.



Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday

This Thursday From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm stop in at anytime for any length of time for some quiet time before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. The 2 hours will be **completely SILENT**. No Benediction. The Adoration will just conclude at 8:00 pm without ceremony. All are Welcome!

2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST PLEASE, NO PHONE CALLS

Please make your request by filling out this form. Then drop in collection basket, US mail, drop in rectory mail slot, or email Christine at: seton.swoy@aol.com

ENVELOPE #: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

THANK YOU!

Should your statement not agree with your records, please call/email Christine Osmanski at the office for assistance. This happens from time to time and is easily remedied.



Log on to: dioceseofscranton.org to participate in the 2021-2023 Synodal Church Survey. Pope Francis wishes to hear from ALL CATHOLICS, no matter what their present status in the Church is currently. Whom should be invited to participate?

As stated above, Pope Francis seeks to hear every voice and asks us to take particular care in including those often marginalized or left out. Some of those persons may be:

- Those who struggle with poverty
- Those who have disabilities
- Those who have chronic illnesses or addictions
- Those who identify with a marginalized race, gender, or sexual orientation
- For parish communities:

- o unmarried young people
- o those who have fallen away from the church
- o young families who have not returned to the community after their wedding or after their child's Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation
- o To those who have not returned to community worship since the pandemic began.

Remember, if it is easier for the individual to write down their thoughts and feelings, they could always send a letter to Father Joe anonymously and express their feelings. How to approach someone who does not come to church regularly? Members of the Pastoral Council came up with this: "Can I ask you something about spiritual matters? I just want to listen and learn about your thoughts and feelings. If you're not currently attending church, are there any particular reasons? Do you feel unwelcome? If so, was this because of a specific event? If you could change one thing about church, what would it be? Maybe you don't see any reason for coming to church. Are you peaceful or unsettled when spiritual matters come to your mind? I'd really like to hear from you. You can reply anonymously if you prefer. Thank you so much for taking the time to share your thoughts."



Additional Christmas Decorations

- Mrs. Carmelinda Baldrice**
- Ms. Christine Britzke**
- Mrs. Carolann Drevenak**
- Mrs. Jill Emmert**
- Rosemary Ritchie**
- Bob Slezak**
- Mr. Robert Tobias**



**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 2**

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the "light of the nations" and the "glory of Israel." (CCC, no. 529)

Today's Music

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

- Gath: 76 S The God of All Grace
- Prep: 161 S Before the Sun Burned Bright
- Com: 164 S By Name I Have Called You
- Send: 641G Love Divine All Loves Excelling

5:30pm Sunday

- Gath: 105 S We Will Follow
- Prep: 153 S God Alone May Lead
- Comm: 161 S By Name I Have Called You
- Send: 108 S O Bless the Lord

Subject to change

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Just a reminder to all members: You can send in your 2022 dues with your collection envelopes, if you haven't already done so. Annual dues are \$5.00. **Please mark "CCM DUES" on envelope.**

Also, our next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 27th at 2pm in our church hall. We will discuss our future Haluski Sales.

Also, the Christian Mothers are updating their records and need to know who is still a member, your full name, address, phone number, if you are 90 years or older. Please call President Sue Bayer to let her know: 570-763-5680.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Holy Name Society will meet next Sunday, February 6th, after the 9:00am Mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.

Order of Alhambra Scholarship

In recognition of the increasing importance of education for those with special needs, the International Order of Alhambra announces its scholarship program providing financial aid to students pursuing careers in education for persons with disabilities. The Alhambra Scholarship awards college students studying to teach intellectually and developmentally disabled persons. The scholarships are granted on the basis that applicants are dedicated to the field of special education. The number of scholarships and amounts awarded vary from year to year, based on scholarship program fund levels. The program is open to all eligible U.S. residents. Eligibility guidelines include undergraduate juniors and seniors enrolled in qualifying programs; and master's degree and community college students specializing in special education studies who have accrued half of the required graduation credits. For information on further requirements and to obtain an application, contact Ada Magni at amagni@earthlink.net. Application deadline is Feb. 23.

HONORING OUR HEROES BANNERS

Place your orders for your Hero Banner as soon as possible. Due to timing issues, we must place a limit on the amount of banners for this order to ensure that the production can be completed by Memorial Day. For info. & order forms, call/text Hero Chairperson Jean Marie at 570-479-0850 or email: jmsswoykiwanis1@gmail.com All info., payment, & photo must be received by March 1, 2022; checks payable to: Swoyersville Kiwanis. Banners are \$150 complete. Banners are red & blue with American Flag details, two-sided, & will display a black & white photo of your hero, living or deceased, along with position & dates of serving our country. They are available for residents & heroes of all communities, but will be displayed throughout Swoyersville from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: FAITH. EXCELLENCE. SERVICE.

Wyoming Area Catholic School will have an **OPEN HOUSE** 6 today, Sunday, January 30, 2022, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. We have limited openings in our Pre-K through 8th Grade classes. Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, Principal, and the faculty and staff invite you to come to the OPEN HOUSE and tour the school to see what a Catholic Education has to offer your child. Call the school office for more information: 570-654-7982.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING
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JEFFREY J. WALSH**



Tuesday, February 15, 2022
at 12:10 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

Remembering at Eucharist

Monday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Chris Alexander Don & Barbara Stevens

Tuesday, February 1

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

Wednesday, February 2

8:00 a.m. Christine Medico Harding John, Kim, & Shelby Jackloski

Thursday, February 3

8:00 a.m. John Gibbons Wife, Carmella

Friday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Geraldine Gulla Gregg, Debbie, & Mark Kolendowicz

Saturday, February 5

4:00 p.m. Leona Mitchell Sue Sotelo & Family

5:30 p.m. Walter Palmer Family

Sunday, February 6

7:00 a.m. Robert Long Rob & Evie Stefanides

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Holy Name Society

11:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

5:30 p.m. Nicholas J. Gushka Family

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday—Closed

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.

Special Intentions This Week



This Week's Sanctuary Candles

~~In Memory of **Theresa Charney** offered by Children, Grandchildren, & Great-Grandchildren

~~In Memory of **John Gibbons** offered by wife, Carmella & Family

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for us!



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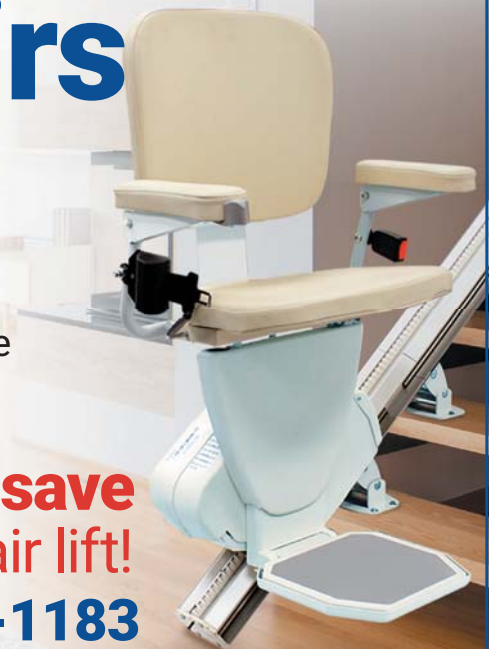
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