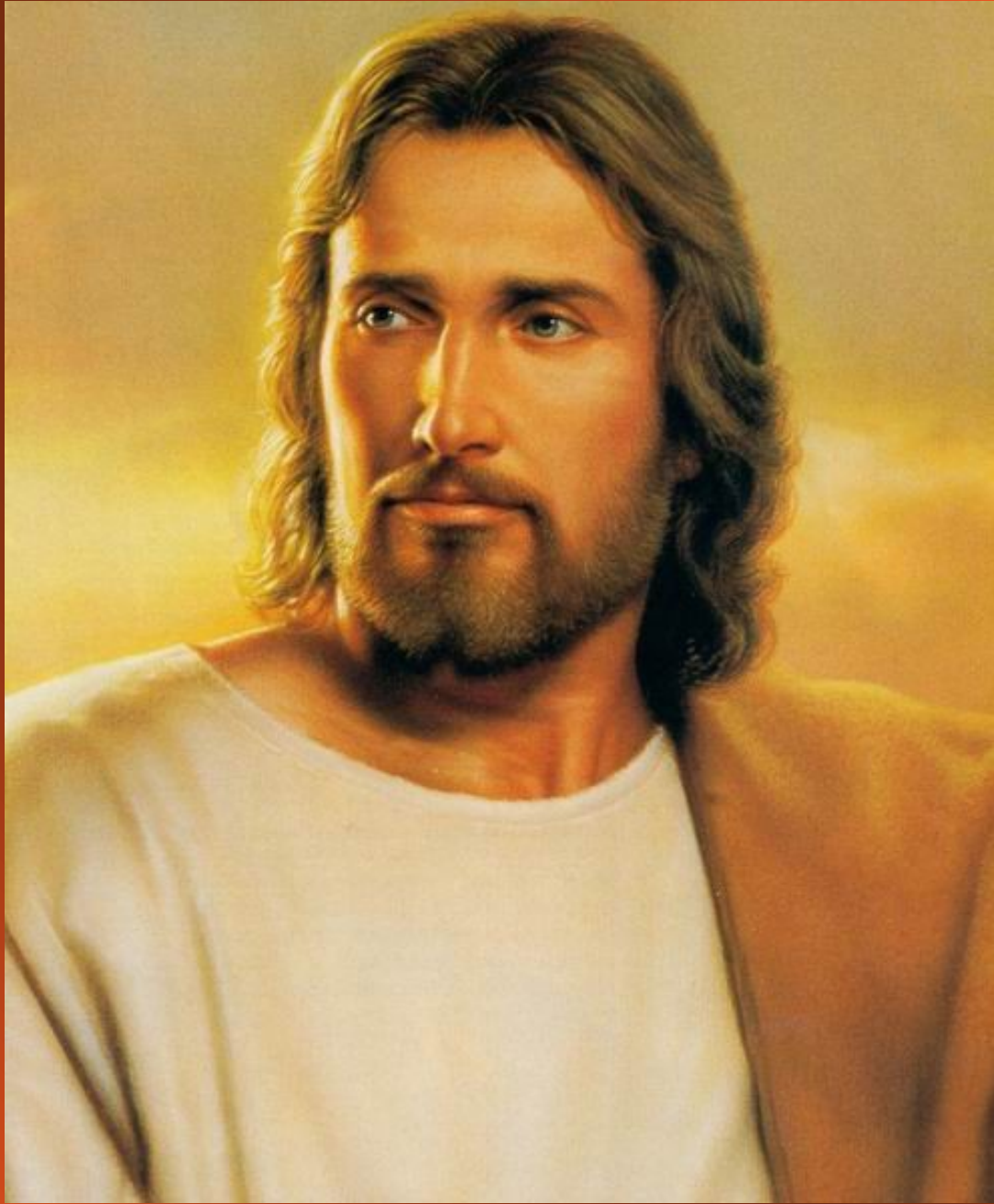


# THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



"He has done all things well!"

— Mark 7:31

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

August 30, 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!

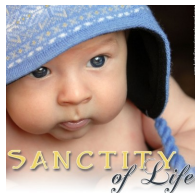
New to the area? Just visiting?  
You will find a warm welcome  
here!

To become a registered  
member, please call the parish  
office during regular business  
hours.



## YOUTH CHOIR RESUMING

All kids from ages 6 to 17 are welcome to join!  
Practices will begin Monday, September 21st at  
4:45pm until 5:50pm. Practices will be Mondays at  
4:45pm until 5:50pm in the church (up by the  
piano). Masses are at 10:00am on the first Sunday of the month and  
also Mass on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday, First Holy  
Communion and May Crowning. We are looking forward to meeting  
you!!!



## SOCIAL CONCERNS PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

Our Social Concerns Committee Pro-Life Baby  
Shower will be held on the weekends of September  
5th and 6th, and September 12th and 13th. A box  
will be located by the Blessed Mother statue near  
our Reconciliation Room. All donations benefit PA for Human Life in  
Wilkes-Barre. **Items needed are : Diapers and baby wipes,**  
Our Social Concerns will also be having their annual Spaghetti Dinner  
on October 17th. More information coming....

## FALL FUNDRAISERS

Friday, September 11th- Pasties

Friday, October 9th- Pot Pies

Friday, October 30th-Apple Dumplings

Friday, November 20th-Sweet Pizza

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our Pastie  
Sale. Cost is \$6.00/each & you can order with or without onions.



*In*  
**WORD & DEED**

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the middle of the political campaign season, our parish held a weekend retreat. The retreat director, an elderly Jesuit who had seen a few campaigns in his day, spoke about judging the character of the candidates. He said that you take the measure of a person by looking at the FACTS—friends, actions, convictions, time and sincerity. Pay attention to what he does and where he goes and what friends he has, and you will know what kind of person he really is.

Jesus said much the same thing. You will know them by their fruits. God does not judge from the outside, but from the inside. Empty rituals and religious practices do not make a person holy. Rituals and practices have a purpose and meaning that brings us to the moment of truth when we choose God over all else. It is openness to grace, the conversion of heart and the purity of spirit that truly conforms one to the image and likeness of God. A heart given in faith to God is close to Him, filled with prayer, praise, wonder and awe.

We can judge ourselves by the FACTS—faith, attitude, compassion, truth and sincerity. It is easy to fall into the trap of the Pharisees and go through the motions of faith without real commitment. Be a friend of God. Be mindful of Him and pray often. Let faith penetrate your soul and everywhere you go, everything you do, and everyone you know will see the Lord at work in you.

~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing

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## 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 of friend.

## Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Diocese of Scranton will train a new class of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in our parish hall on Tuesdays, September 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30—9:00 p.m. Candidates 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 by your pastor to attend these classes. To register, please call the Diocesan Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or email : [David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org) Please note that it is necessary for candidates to attend all three sessions.

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The PPC will meet this 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. Cost is \$9.00/dinner and includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, butter, & dessert. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

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

Our **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet today, 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!

### Young Adults-21-35 Gathered and Growing- September 3rd

**Do you feel scattered, confused, stressed or just longing for an experience of community, please join us for a time of food & faith sharing. Come as you are on Thursday, Sept 3, 6:30pm in the community room at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre.**

## FESTIVAL 2015 REPORT

	2014	2015
INCOME:	\$136,981.54	\$123,487.97
EXPENSES:	\$ 49,989.79	\$ 46,275.45
<b>NET PROFIT:</b>	<b>\$ 86,991.75</b>	<b>\$ 77,212.52</b>



**Parish Staff**

Cora Artim  
*Children's & 11:30 Choir*  
 Phil Boshia  
*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**

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 570-763-5160  
 Faith Formation Office:  
 570-287-4587  
 Father Joe's email: [fatherjoey@aol.com](mailto:fatherjoey@aol.com)  
 Parish direct email: [setonpa@aol.com](mailto: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 are available on our website at [setonpa.com](http://setonpa.com) or you may pick one up in the parish office. 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. Classes will begin on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, or would like to have a registration form mailed to your home address, please contact the Office of Faith Formation, 570-287-4587.

**Catechists and Aides Needed**

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Catechists for the following grades:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Saturday mornings

6<sup>th</sup> grade –Saturday mornings

An Orientation meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and training, support, and resources will be provided. Please consider becoming part of this important ministry.

Additionally, any young person who has completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and received Confirmation is invited to volunteer as an aide in our program. This is a great way to continue to serve and stay connected to the parish. If you would like more information, contact Margaret Loveless at the Office of Faith Formation, at 570-287-4587.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:religiouseducation1@yahoo.com)

COLLECTIONS: August 15/16, 2015

SUNDAY: \$ 5423.80

DUES: \$457.00

LOOSE: \$604.29

E-GIVING: \$385.82

HOLY DAY: \$\$7.00

OTHER: \$15.00

**TOTAL: \$6892.91**

**DIOCESAN-** August Care & Education of Priests: \$155.00

*Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!*

**THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!** Our Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone who contributed to the Special Offertory Envelopes last month which benefited the K of C. The Knights of Columbus want you to know that your donations are a tremendous help in their future causes.



### 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.



### Swoyersville Kiwanis Golf Tournament

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring The Jack Tobias Memorial Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 13th, 1:30 PM at Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The format is captain and crew with a 1:30 PM shotgun start. Cost is \$80/golfer and includes green fees, cart, dinner, prizes and refreshments. There will be a longest drive hole and 50-50 hole. Proceeds benefit Youth Scholarships; St. Joseph's Center; Little League team sponsorship; Girl's Softball team sponsorship; Feed a Friend; Valley Santa and many other youth group and community projects. To register, call Gene at 283-1677 or Barb at 287-8783. Deadline to register is September 4.



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.

**Holy Redeemer High School** is respectfully inviting you to attend a Memorial Mass for Mr. Abe Simon on Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the McCarthy Auditorium at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18701. Immediately following the Mass we will have a blessing and dedication of the flagpole marker. Light refreshments will be served. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Holy Redeemer High School at 570-829-2424 or to [mhumiston@holyredeemerhs.org](mailto:mhumiston@holyredeemerhs.org).

### Bus Pilgrimage on Feast of St. Faustina

A bus pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, will be held on Monday, October 5th. Bus will leave at 7am from the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Pittston. Estimated arrival at shrine is 11am. All events will be at Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine. Cost is \$63.00/person & includes bus trip, entrance fee, full course dinner at Michael's Restaurant & bus driver's tip. RSVP Cathy Mack at 654-6063.

**IT'S A FAMILY MATTER** presented by Social Justice Committee of St. Therese's Church, Davis St. Shavertown. Speaker is Dr. F. Daniel Davis, PhD. Living with advanced illness, dying well, and importance of talking about it with family. The most important decisions in life are never easy and shouldn't be made alone. Come on Thursday, September 10th, 7pm to 9pm, in Fr. Sammons Hall, Basement of St. Therese's.

### St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, BINGO

Sunday, September 6th, St. Mary School Hall, 1010 Hanover St., Nanticoke. Doors open at 12:30pm. Early Bird: 1:45pm followed by regular games. Cash prizes, door prizes, beverages & snacks, parking & entrance at rear of building.

**EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**, Buttonwood, Hanover Twp., is having a **Soup, Bake, and Book Sale** on Thursday, September 3 from 8am to 6pm. Soup of the Month is Old Fashioned Vegetable. Cost is \$8/quart. Take outs only. Your pre-order is appreciated. To place an order, call Sylvia 825-6370 or Barry 831-5593.

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Carol Kristan

Jerry & Rachel Stefanoski

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Kachmar

Family

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 a.m. Bill Quinn

Wife & Family

Thursday, September 3

8:00 a.m. Charles Heiser

*St. Gregory the Great*

Family

Friday, September 4

8:00 a.m. Thomas Runcavage Sr.

Mary Ann & Marty Martinsky

Saturday, September 5

(Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving

M/M Thomas Lally

5:30 p.m. Thomas M. Gill

Drew & Ann Marie Durako

Sunday, September 6

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Eleanor DiGiacomo

Salis Family

10:00 a.m. Helen Zuba

Mark & Mary Ann Kosco

11:30 a.m. Eleanor Regan Bosh

Salis Family

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY.

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

## Presider's Schedule Sept 5/6

### SETON:

#### Saturday, September 5th:

4:00—Fr. Urban

5:30—Fr. Yenkevich

#### Sunday, September 6th:

8:30—Fr. Yenkevich

10:00—Fr. Urban

11:30—Fr. Yenkevich

5:30—Fr. Pisaneschi

### At Holy Family:

4:00—Fr. Pisaneschi

6:00—Fr. Pisaneschi

9:00—Guest

11:00—Fr. Pisaneschi

## Sanctuary Candles:



~In Memory of Sister M. Agnes  
Zwolenick offered by Vince & Fran  
Krajnak

~In Memory of Mary & Anthony  
Jankoviak offered by Daughter,  
Helen



## ALTAR FLOWERS:

~In Memory of Charlene Long  
offered by Mary Lynn Kudey