

# The Seton Sentinel

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016

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.

### 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.

### SETON ONLINE

Stay in touch with your parish on-line by “Liking” us on Facebook, Viewing our website setonpa.com and now with your mobile device. Download the new Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Mass Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad! Bulletins are posted each weekend to keep up with the parish happenings if you are away or just want a sneak peek at what’s coming up for our parish.

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### Conclusion of the Christmas Season

The Baptism of the Lord, celebrated today, concludes our Christmas feasts. We are all sad to see the decorations come down, but come down they must. We will be looking for your help after the 11:30 am Mass today. With lots of help we can get it all packed and stored away expeditiously. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

### Annual Ministry Get-Together—RSVP this weekend

Next Sunday, January 17th, all who are involved in liturgical ministry are invited to a special dinner in honor of your service. Please join us in the parish hall at 2:00pm. Sign up sheets are at the entrance of the church this weekend for all choir members, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, lectors, ushers, altar servers, etc.



### Holy Name Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Our HNS will sponsor a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 24th, from 9am to 1pm, in our school cafeteria. Tickets are \$6/adults, \$3/children 4-12, Free/children 3 and under. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance, and tickets are also available at the door.



### HOLY NAME SOCIETY MARDI GRAS DANCE *Save*

*the date: Saturday, February 6, 2016*, from 7pm to 11pm in our church hall. Music by DJ Jack Bravyak. Tickets are \$6.00 each. BYOB and munchies! Sign up sheets will be on the tables at the church entrance *starting next weekend*, or call Anna Mae Venetz at 570-287-7655 for more information.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus will meet this Tuesday, January 12th, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome!

### SOCIAL CONCERNS BINGO PLANNING COMMITTEE

Our Social Concerns Bingo Planning Committee will meet this Thursday, January 14th, at 7pm in our church hall.





## Parish Staff

Cora Artim  
*Children's Choir*  
Phil Bosha  
*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):  
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.



# JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Be Merciful, just as your Father is Merciful. Lk 6:36



We are in the Jubilee Year of Mercy call for by Pope Francis. This is a year of extraordinary grace for all Catholics.

"I am convinced that the whole church -- that has much need to receive mercy because we are sinners -- will find in this jubilee the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time," Pope Francis said in announcing the year.

"Let us not forget that God pardons and God pardons always," the pope continued. "Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness."

Below is Pope Francis' Pray for the Holy Year:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Here are the seven **corporal** works of mercy:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter homeless people
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

Here are the seven **spiritual** works of mercy:

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the afflicted
- Forgive injuries
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living and the dead

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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.



## 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.

## SETON PRAYER CHAIN

**We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests.** A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

### Dear Parents,

Children are at the heart of what we are all about here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We encourage children of all ages and stages to attend mass with their parents each week. We expect that smaller children will, from time to time, be fussy, wiggle and make some noise. There is no need to leave mass. Again, it is expected. If you do feel the need to get up with your child, please return as soon as you are able. Training children in church early will help establish good habits in the future. We can all stand a little noise to ensure the future of our parish.

## ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

**Friday, January 22nd—Pastie Sale.** Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Cost is \$6.00 each, and available with or without onions. Pick up your order in our school cafeteria from noon to 2pm, or 5pm to 6pm.

### Friday, February 5th—Chicken Pot Pie Sale

(Our Lenten Pirohy and Pizza Sale dates will be announced shortly.)

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS (additional)

Mrs. Margaret Bassolino

Mrs. Faye Beail

Mr. Martin Beail

Ms. Margaret Beretsky

Mrs. Louise Billett

Mr. William Bogutzki, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Bozinko

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Burgess

Ms. Ann Forgash

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hrubowchak

Ms. Margaret Humenansky

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lapasnick

Ms. Mary Marcin

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Mozloom

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rakus

Mrs. Dorothy Shendock

Mr. & Mrs. James Washko

Mr. & Mrs. George Zaruta Jr.

Dee Zenda

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! GIVING TREE DONATIONS!

**We want to thank all of our parishioners and friends who took tags from our Giving Tree and so generously bought and donated gifts and gift cards for our many families, children, and homebound/nursing home residents. Your generosity was outstanding! Please know that you have brought much joy and love to many in need. May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless you abundantly for your loving-kindness, generosity, caring, and thoughtfulness.**



### CHRISTMAS and December 26-27, 2015

#### Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$6625.05

HOLY DAY: \$40.00

E-GIVING: \$302.18;

DUES: \$734.00;

LOOSE: \$1022.41;

**TOTAL: \$8723.64**

### CHRISTMAS: \$24,171.00

Christmas Decorations: \$2828.40

December Building & Maintenance: \$1494.70

December Parish Groups (Knights of Columbus): \$757.00

### Diocesan:

Retirement for Religious Collection: \$15.00

*May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!*

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Know a Marriage That Needs Help:** Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 26-Feb. 28, 2016, at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

## **MEALS ON WHEELS OF WYOMING VALLEY**

Meals on Wheels provides nutritionally balanced meals to those who are homebound or cannot cook. There are no income requirements & anyone over the age of 18 is eligible to receive these services. Each weekday morning, we deliver two meals per day (1 hot & 1 cold) to clients throughout 12 areas of Luzerne County, including Swoyersville, Forty Fort, Luzerne, Kingston, Trucksville. Although our service is not free, we charge \$30/week which breaks down to only \$6/day. If interested, please call Lee Ann Telencho at 570-288-1023.

## **Lenten Preparation Session**

The Office for Parish Life will be holding a regional Lenten Preparation Session on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis St., Scranton at 6:30PM** for all those involved with the preparation of liturgical seasons, especially music ministers, liturgy committees, art and environment committees, or anyone wanting to deepen his or her appreciation of the Lenten season and the Paschal Triduum. In an effort to help these liturgical leaders network with neighboring parishes, the Lenten Preparation Sessions will include faith sharing on the scripture readings for the season, a brief overview of some of the traditional practices of Lent, a discussion of different themes and music selections that parishes are using, and sharing ideas for the liturgical environment. For more information or to register for this session, please contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

## **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2016 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 5. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your parish office before March 7. Please call Lori with the information.

## **PASTA DINNER**

St. Monica's Christian Society will hold a Pasta Dinner on January 24th from noon to 5pm, in the church hall, 363 W.8th St., West Wyoming. \$8/adults and \$5/children, Free under 6 years old. Take-outs available. Call Frank at 693-1697 for tickets or more information.

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2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST  
**Please, No Phone Requests**

Please make your requests by filling out the form below or **emailing the Parish Office at [seton.swoy@aol.com](mailto:seton.swoy@aol.com) by January 26**. Thank you

Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Schedule of Masses and Intentions for the Week

### Monday, January 11

8:00 am James Keating Family

### Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am Regina Gurick Daughter, Regina

### Wednesday, January 13

8:00am Joseph Russo Emil & Rita Jarolin

### Thursday, January 14

8:00 am Lois Koval Crofchick Family

### Friday, January 15

8:00 am Betty Husovsky Children, Betsy & Dan

### Saturday, January 16

4:00 pm Charlotte Zucca

5:30 pm Albina Baron

### *Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*

David & Stephanie Walski

Mrs. Donald Baron & Family

### Sunday, January 17

### *2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:30 am Raymond A. Podskoch Wife, Bernadine

10:00 am Josephine & Henry Poniatowski Frank & Mary Ann

11:30 am Michael J. Dolan Eleanor Dolan & Family

5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

#### Presider's Schedule

#### **January 16th**

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr Urban

#### **January 17th**

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Urban

11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

~~*John Wisniewski*~~*Elizabeth Krynski*~~*James Mazaika*~~*Victoria Kozak*~

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



### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

~In Memory of Joseph C. Rollman offered by Wife & Children

~In Thanksgiving offered by Jeanne Rollman

Jesus comes out of the water, drawing the world with him, as it were, and raising it up when it had hitherto been sunk in the abyss. He sees the heavens, not being rent, but opening of their own accord. The first Adam had of old closed heaven to himself and us, just as he had seen the earthly paradise being closed to him, with a fiery sword barring access.

The Holy Spirit bears witness. Here all is in perfect harmony, for the testimony comes from heaven, just as he to whom the Spirit bears witness has come from heaven.

*Gregory of Nazianzus, Fourth century*