

THE SETON SENTINEL

JANUARY 15, 2017



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only

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

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm
or by appointment



Mission Statement:

"We are Called...

To act with Justice,

To love Tenderly,

To Serve One Another,

To Walk Humbly with God"

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David Haas

Christmas Decorations Take Down

If you can lend a hand this afternoon around 12:45 we will be un-decorating the church from Christmas. It should not take too long if we have lots of help. Please join us!

Office Closed

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, January 16th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Sign of Peace during the Winter Months

It is that time of the year when cold and flu germs are among (or against) us. Please do not feel compelled to shake hands during the Sign of Peace at Mass during these months. Especially if you have a little cough or sniffles, you may wish to simply acknowledge the folks around you instead of extending your hands.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Please join us *next Sunday, January 22nd*, 9am to 1pm, in our Church Hall



for our Pancake & Sausage Breakfast. Tickets are \$6.00/ adults, \$3.00/children 4 to 12, and Children 3 and under are Free! Tickets will be sold after all masses *this weekend* in our church hall, and will also be available at the door. Contact Anna Mae Venetz for more information: 570-287-7655.

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

This Friday, January 20th, Pastie Sale. Cost is \$6.00 each. Available with or without onions. Pick-ups are in the school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE ANNUAL PASTA DINNER



Our Social Concerns Committee will hold their Annual Pasta Dinner on *Saturday, February 4th*, from 4pm to 7:30pm in our school cafeteria. Cost is \$8.00/adults and \$4.00/children under 12. Kids 5 and under are Free! Eat in or take out. All proceeds to go towards the many programs and help the committee provides assistance to throughout the year.

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JANUARY

Canned fruit, canned spaghetti & meatballs, boxes of cereal, jelly

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

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
Pastor

Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate

Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist

Monica Salis
Business Manager

Marge Semanek
Director of Music

Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious Education

Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon

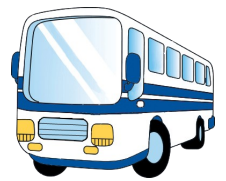


RESPECT LIFE MASS TODAY

The Knights of Columbus of Wyoming Valley is sponsoring a Respect Life Mass. This Mass will be held this Sunday, January 15th, at 10am, here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Following Mass, refreshments will be available in the church hall. Fr. Joseph Pisaneschi, Pastor, welcomes all. Please attend and show your support for the respect of every Human Life through your prayers.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

A bus to the March for Life, Washington, D.C., will leave right here from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville, on Friday, January 27th. For further information and reservations please call Chris Calore at 570-824-5621. Thank you.



January 23rd: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

*Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100**

We are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of [prayer](#), fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

Join us for the 12:10 Mass next Monday and make it a special day of prayer for the unborn. *Note that the March for Life is on Friday, January 27th this year due to the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. Also, this day is usually observed on Jan. 22, but because it falls on a Sunday this year, the day is moved to Monday.*

Christmas Flowers and Decorations

Mrs. Rosemarie Barton

Ms. Faye Beail

Mr. Martin Beail

Mr. & Mrs. John Burke

Mr. Daniel Chipego

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Czyzycki

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick DelBalso

Mr. Lawrence Milunic

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Petrikonis

Mr. Robert Popeck

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Winton

Direct Contacts

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Father Joe's email:
fatherjoey@aol.com

Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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

Prayer Chain

Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confidential.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

January Religious Ed News:

Saturday: Classes will be held on Jan. 21, 28.

Monday: Classes will be held on Jan 23, 30. No class on Jan. 16th.

Note: January 22nd: 7th grade extra Confirmation class after the 5:30pm Mass

February 5th, 10:00am: Family Mass hosted by 6th Grade

Reminder for 8th grade Confirmation class: Paperwork due in February (service hours, saint report, sponsor card, registration form, letter to pastor, confirmation name)

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2016 Goal: \$47,000
Total Raised: \$53,820
Over Goal: \$6820

Thanks to all who contributed. We are way over the top of our goal thanks to your generosity!

2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST

Please, No Phone Requests

Please make your requests by filling out the form below. Then drop in collection basket, mail, or bring to parish office, or **email the Parish Office at: seton.swoy@aol.com by January 30.** Thank you,

Envelope #: _____

Please Print:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____



Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up for electronic giving. It's a fast easy way to remember your



"Give to the Most High God, as God has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and God will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35: 9-10

December 31, 2016/January 1, 2017

SUNDAY: \$7127.11
LOOSE: 682.87
TOTAL: \$13,042.69
Christmas: \$2366.00
Holy Day (Solemnity of Mary): \$2161.00

DUES: \$5004.00
E-GIVING: \$228.71

Diocesan: Retirement Fund for Religious: \$1.00

May God Bless You for your Generosity!

MARRIAGE HELP. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, with a long i) Program can help you. Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be February 24-26, 2017, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Registration required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more information or to register, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

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 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation should be made before March 13 by calling Lori Raymond here in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish office, 570-287-6624, with your request.

Holy Redeemer High School

Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/Scholarship Test Result Night and Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held January 25th at 7:00pm in the Auditorium. (snow date Jan. 26) Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on February 2, 7, & 8 from 3pm to 6pm. Call Holy Redeemer Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word

The Diocese of Scranton will again participate in the worldwide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated each year in January. The Diocese will host an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 12:10pm in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton. There will be no 12:10pm mass that day in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. In addition, CTV, Catholic Television will broadcast the service live. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will preside, and Rev. Dr. Robert Zanicky of First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre will deliver the homily. Clergy and representatives from various Christian traditions and ecumenical agencies will be present. Liturgical music will be provided by St. Clare/St. Paul School.

Hospital Visitation

A reminder to all parishioners: If you or a family or friend is admitted to the Hospital, Physical Rehab, or a Nursing Home, please contact Sister Jane at 570-763-5160 to inform the parish. We try to visit everyone we know is hospitalized or in a facility for any length of time but we need your help. Hospitals do not release patient information to the parish any longer due to privacy regulations. For emergency Anointing of the Sick, call anytime, day or night the main rectory number for assistance. Note that priests are assigned to hospital emergency calls on a rotating basis so ask the nurses station to call the priest on duty in the event of an emergency.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs



Did you check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CDs located in our vestibule? For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions for the 2nd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, January 16

12:10 pm Susan Zabrowski John Mandell Sr. & Jr.

Tuesday, January 17

12:10 pm Richard Leandri *St. Anthony, Abbot*
Mark Gill

Wednesday, January 18

12:10 pm Josephine Reggie Nephew, Felix

Thursday, January 19

12:10 pm Lou Michaels Tom & Barbara Howell

Friday, January 20

12:10 pm Stanley A. Polk *St. Fabian, St. Sebastian*
Sister, Charlotte, & niece, Sandra

Saturday, January 21

4:00 pm George & Theresa Tomko **Vigil: Third Week of Ordinary Time**
5:30 pm Joseph & Loretta Yatsko Gary & Julie Rodgers & Family
Joe & Terri Burgess

Sunday, January 22

8:30 am Raymond A. Podskoch **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**
10:00 am Edmund Kowalski Wife, Bernadine & Family
11:30 am Michael J. Dolan Mark & Cathy
5:30 pm *Pro Populo* Wife, Eleanor & Children

Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Wife & Family
- In Memory of Elaine Smith offered by loving husband, Richard

The Recently Departed

- ~~Dorothy Shedlarski Grycko~~Helen Krosowski~~ May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Altar Flowers

- In Memory of Victoria Keating offered by daughter-in-law, Mary

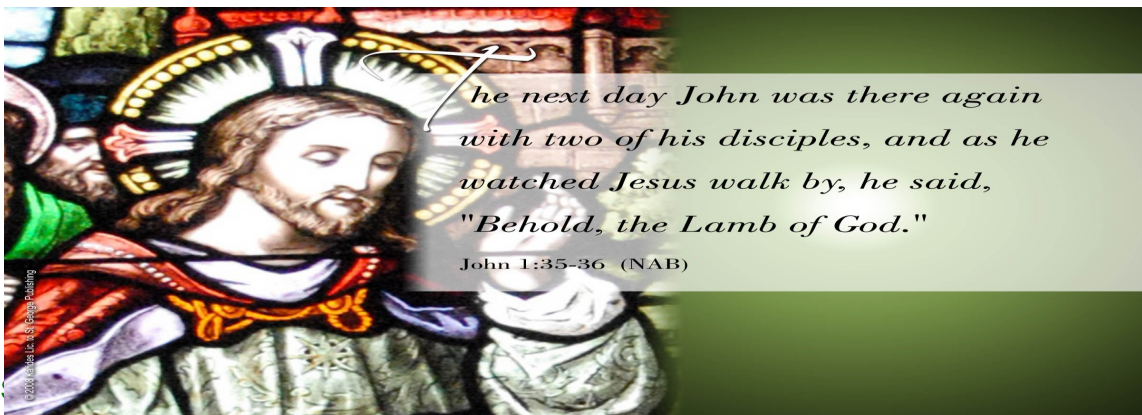
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

- Congratulations and Wedding Blessings upon **Bryan Silfee and Zoe Stephens** who were married on Saturday, January 14th.

Priest's Schedule

Saturday, January 21
4:00 pm Fr. Zavacki
5:30 pm Fr. Urban

Sunday, January 22
8:30 am Fr. Zavacki
10:00 am Fr. Zavacki
11:30 am Fr. Urban
5:30 pm Fr. Zavacki



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