

January 20, 2019
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seton Sentinel

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SWOYERSVILLE, PA — DIOCESE OF SCRANTON



Missing Hymnals

More **Gather** hymnals are missing from the pews of our church. These books are engraved with our parish name and some of the hymnals have been sponsored by parishioners. **These hymnals are expensive to replace and should not leave the pews under any circumstance.** Please return any "borrowed" books to the parish as soon as possible. If you would like your own copy of the **Gather** hymnal, contact GIA Publications, Inc., at www.giamusic.com you will find the information/ price + shipping charges there. The publishers will be happy to assist you in purchasing your very own hymnal and even keyboard or guitar book that goes along with it if you desire.

Religious Education Classes

January Classes for Saturdays:

Jan. 26

February Classes for Saturdays:

Feb. 2, 9, & 23 (no class Feb. 16th)

January Classes for Mondays:

Jan. 14, & 28 (no class on Jan. 21st)

February Classes for Mondays:

Feb. 4, 11, & 25 (no class Feb. 18th)

February 24th (Sunday): All 7th Grade Confirmation Students extra class after 5:30pm Mass in the church hall

CCD BAD WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

A reminder to parents in the event of inclement weather, to check the message on the Religious Ed extension number: 570-287-6624, ext 131, to see if classes are cancelled. You can also check Facebook or our website: setonpa.com

Sacrament Dates for 2019

First Reconciliation : Saturday, March 23rd, 10:30am

R.C.I.A. Sacraments: Holy Saturday, April 20th, 8pm, Easter Vigil

First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 4th, 10:00am

Confirmation: Sunday, June 9th 11:00 am

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

There is no Christian Mothers meeting in January. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 24th, at 2pm in our church hall. All members who will be working the April 1st/2nd Rummage Sale are asked to attend. New members are welcome!

When the Snow Falls



Our Parish is looking for a few good shovels and people behind them. When it snows, digging our campus out can be a real challenge that often left to one of two people. We are asking for help when it snows if we could get a team together to help Chris take care of our properties. The more help we get the easier and quicker it will get done. It has to be done before masses on the weekend and before Funerals and the 12:10 mass during the week. If you can help, please call Chris Calore at the office 287-6624, ext 133 and leave your name. Our neighborhood youth is encouraged to get involved. Please be healthy and agile enough to shovel snow.

PAROCHIAL STAFF

Pastoral Ministry

- ◆ Rev. Joseph Pisaneschi, V.F. Pastor
- ◆ Rev. Anthony Urban Assisting Celebrant
- ◆ Deacon John Ziegler Permanent Deacon
- ◆ Lorraine Raymond Pastoral Associate
- ◆ Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Pastoral Care Minister
- ◆ Sister Sarah Landis, IHM Pastoral Counseling/ Therapy

Finance Office

- ◆ Monica Salis Business Manager

Religious Education

- ◆ Sister Marion Tarone, IHM Director of Religious Education

Music Ministry

- ◆ Margaret Semanek Director of Liturgical Music
- ◆ Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- ◆ Cora Artim Youth Choir Director
- ◆ Scott Coates 5:30 PM Mass Musician

Sacristans

- ◆ Christopher Calore
- ◆ Patricia Quinn
- ◆ Betsy Evanoski

Maintenance and Cleaning

- ◆ Christopher Calore Director of Maintenance
- ◆ David Quinn
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ Carol Hrobaski
- ◆ Phil Boshia St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach

2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST PLEASE, NO PHONE REQUESTS

Please make your request by filling out the form below. Then drop in collection basket, mail, or bring to parish office, or email Monica at: seton.swoy@aol.com by January 31st. Thank you!

ENVELOPE #: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

Keeping In-Touch With Seton

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Ext. 100 Lori Raymond
setonpa@aol.com

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sistermarion@setonpa.com

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sisterjane@setonpa.com

Ext. 124 Sister Sarah

Ext. 130 Deacon Jack

Ext. 133 Chris Calore

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS (cont'd)

Ms. Faye Beail

Mr. Martin Beail

Mr. William Bogutzki, Jr.

Mrs. Denise Cremard

Mr. & Mrs. John Burke

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Delbalso

Mrs. Carolann Drevenak Arlene Skiendziel

Mr. & Mrs. John Levitski Mr. & Mrs. Frank Suraci

Mrs. Helen Madar Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Temple

Gretchen Mey Ms. Barbara Trevitz

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome

Novak

Mrs. Judy Williams

Mr. & Mrs. George

Zaruta, Jr.

Mrs. Janice Quinn

Mr. & Mrs. Russell

Singer

DIocese OF SCRANTON 2019 RESPECT LIFE POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Church has long committed itself to protecting life from conception until natural death. Recent events, however, have reminded the Diocese of Scranton that our commitment is important not only with the passage of particular laws or statements, but in real time. This campaign will attract the attention of our federal legislators at the very beginning of the 2019 Legislative Session. We want to use the opportunity of the March for Life to show our support for Pro-Life issues of all kinds. We would like to emphasize the number of people in our diocese who stand behind these issues by showing our legislators the volume of postcards that have been received from our parishes. These postcards contain a simple image and a message to our senators and representatives regarding our commitment to pro-life advocacy. It is our hope that we can send a message to our legislators early in the year to set the stage for future advocacy for life. **The postcards are located on the tables at our church entrance. Please sign your name and address on the postcard, and place in the nearby designated basket, or drop in collection basket, or return to Lori at our parish office. You may also write a short message on the postcard. Please return postcards by January 27th.**

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).

VISIT US ONLINE Setonpa.com

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

Friday, February 8th, Chicken Pot Pies

Friday, March 1st, Fresh Apple Pies/ Cheesecakes

Friday, March 15th, Pierogies

Friday, March 22nd, Sweet Pizza

Friday, March 29th, Pierogies

Friday, April 5th, To be announced

Friday, April 12th, Pierogies

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FEAST OF THE HOLY SPOUSES

The Oblates of St. Joseph will host the Annual Feast of the Holy Spouses, the Blessed Virgin Mary, & St. Joseph, today, Sunday, January 20th, with a **special Holy Mass at 3:00pm at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Route 315, Laflin**. The Rev. Mariusz Beczek, O.S.J., pastor of The Holy Annunciation Parish, Hazleton, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Holy Spouses lapel-pins will be distributed after the Holy Mass. A light reception will follow the Mass in the seminary community room for all to enjoy. You are invited to attend. Offer your personal petitions to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph for your family.

ST. LEO'S ALTAR & ROSARY/ST. ANN'S SOCIETY ANNUAL PIGGIE DINNER

Today, Sunday, January 20th, from 12 noon to 3pm in the Church Hall at 33 Manhattan St., Ashley. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be sold at the door.

SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE—Heart Cake Pop Sale

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is currently conducting a Heart Cake Pop Sale now through January 27th, Delicious & decorated, these Heart Shaped Pops, 3 chocolate & 3 vanilla, 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 by calling 570-283-1677 or email swoyk1951@comcast.net. All orders must be placed & paid in full by January 27th. **Checks are made out to "Swoyersville Kiwanis"**. Orders are available for pick up at the Swoyersville Borough Building (rear entrance) on Tuesday, February 12th and Wednesday, February 13th, from 4pm to 6:30pm. Delivery is available on orders of 6 or more to one location or talk to any Kiwanis member for assistance.

SCOUT SUNDAY

All Boy Scouts have an opportunity to recognize their contributions to scouting by attending Mass in their uniforms on the weekend of **Saturday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 3rd**.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

St. Andre Bessette Parish in Wilkes-Barre will sponsor a Night at the Races on Saturday, March 2nd, at the St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 6pm and races begin at 7pm. Admission is \$5.00. Food & beverages will be served. Must be 21-years of age to attend. To purchase horses, admission tickets, or for additional information, call the Parish Office at 570-823-4988. Tickets will be available beginning February 2nd.

Order of Alhambra Scholarship

In recognition of the increasing importance of education for those with special needs, the International Order of Alhambra announces a scholarship program providing financial aid to students pursuing careers in education for persons with disabilities. The Alhambra Scholarship assists 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 Patrick Umbra, Alhambra Supreme Director for Region II, at (570-822-3597) or email: Patrick_Umbra@yahoo.com. Application deadline is Feb. 23. If you would like to make a donation to the Order of Alhambra please make check payable to their local caravan: Alhambra Caravan #4 and mail to: Kathy Kennedy -Grand Commander: 13 Belles Ave, Ashley, PA 18706.



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

By Dr. Scott Hahn

In the Wedding

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C) Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10,
1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-12

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of "epiphanies." The Liturgy is showing us Who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial - Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us co-heirs of Israel's promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the Liturgy we went to a Baptism.

This week we're at a wedding. We're being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we're sons and daughters of God, it's because we've married into the family. Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding - Adam and Eve's in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb (compare Genesis 2:23-24 and Revelation 19:9; 21:9; 22:17)? Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the Groom, humanity His beloved and sought-after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today's First Reading. When Israel breaks the covenant she is compared to an unfaithful spouse (see Jeremiah 2:20-36; 3:1-13). But God promises to take her back, to "espouse" her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant (see Hosea 2:18-22). That's why in today's Gospel, Jesus performs His first public "sign" at a wedding feast. Jesus is the divine Bridegroom (see John 3:29), calling us to His royal wedding feast (see Matthew 22:1-14).

By His New Covenant, He will become "one flesh" with all humanity in the Church (see Ephesians 5:21-33). By our Baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a Husband (see 2 Corinthians 11:2). The new wine that Jesus pours out at today's feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today's Epistle says. This is the "salvation" announced to the "families of nations" in today's Psalm. *A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology www.SalvationHistory.com*

The Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our 2018 Goal is: \$47,000.00
Total Raised: \$35,417.00
We are Under our Goal: **\$11,583.00**
There is still time to make a difference. Envelopes are located on the tables at the Church entrance or visit: annualappeal.org and give online to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

2019 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 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30, 2019. The event includes a 2:30pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made by contacting Lori Raymond, in your parish office (570-287-6624, extension 100), before April 2nd.

Holy Redeemer High School

Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/Scholarship Test Result Night & Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held January 23 at 7pm in the Auditorium. (snow date Jan. 24). Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on Feb. 7, 11, & 12 from 3-6pm. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Dept. at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

Wyoming Area Catholic Open House

OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 27th, 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). Come and "Catch our Spirit"! To "kick off" our Open House & Catholic Schools Week, we will have Mass at 11:00am on Sunday, January 27th, in the school auditorium. All are welcome to celebrate this liturgy with our WACS family.

GOOD SHEPHERD ACADEMY—STILL ENROLLING!

Catch Our Spirit! Welcoming students from Pre-K to 8th grade. Individualized Instruction. Join us at our OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 27th, 1:30-3:00pm, 316 North Maple Ave., Kingston. 570-718-4724

BE A MAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

"What is Truth?" Diocese of Scranton's 5th Annual Be A Man Conference, to be held on Saturday, April 27th, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre. More information to follow....



Weekly Offering for the Weekend of December 29/30, 2018

\$ 17,716.65

Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment to God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



On Monday, January 21st, we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Our parish office will be closed this day in observance of the holiday.



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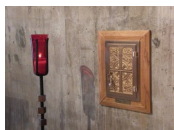


Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Intention	Requested by
Monday, January 21 12:10 pm Lou Michaels	Douglas & Dee Ann Rush
Tuesday, January 22 12:10pm Carmella Uter	Husband, John & Family
Wednesday, January 23 12:10 pm Raymond Gustave	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Thursday, January 24 12:10 pm John Stefanik	M/M Bernard Rishcoff
Friday, January 25 12:10 pm John & Marie Maxwell	William & Virginia Schlosser

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 26 4:30 pm Laura Przybyla	Doug & Patti Workman
Sunday, January 27 8:30 am Susan Zabrowski	Mandell Family
11:00 am Living & Deceased Members of Swoyersville Kiwanis	
5:30 pm <i>Pro Populo</i>	



Vigil Candles This Week

~In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family
~ In Memory of Ray Gustave offered by Frank & Paula Matthews



In Dying that We're Born to Eternal Life

~~ Gary Rodgers~~May Sott~~
May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest.

2019 FLOWER INTENTIONS

We have several openings for 2019 Flower Intentions. Please call Lori at the Parish Office to make arrangements. Thank you.

