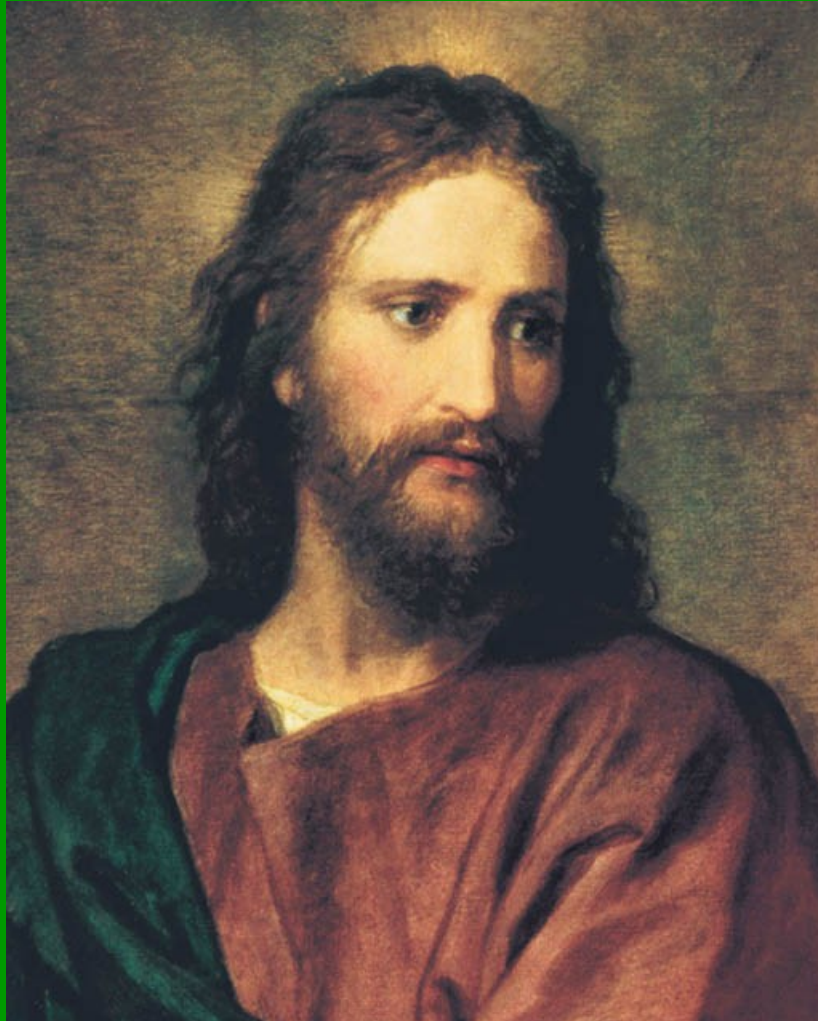


# The Seton Sentinel

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



“Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”  
Luke 4:21

### The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 31, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

## THE SETON SENTINEL

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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](http://setonpa.com) and now with your mobile device. Download the new Seton App from [setonpa.com](http://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.



# Parish Events

## Holy Name Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast TODAY!

Due to the inclement weather last weekend, our HNS has **rescheduled** the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast! The breakfast will be held **today, Sunday, January 31st**, from 9am to 1pm in our **CHURCH HALL**. Tickets are \$6/adults, \$3/children 4-12, and Free/children 3 and under. Tickets are available at the door, and take-outs are also available.



## 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! **Our Holy Name Society members will be selling tickets for the dance after all Masses this weekend in our church vestibule.** For more information contact Anna Mae Venetz at 570-287-7655.

## ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

Friday, February 5th—Chicken Pot Pie Sale

**Cost is \$6.00 each. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. You may pick up your order in our school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm.**

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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Our Knights are sponsoring a **Manhattan (RED) Clam Chowder Sale** on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, February 10th. Cost is \$6.00/quart.

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Pick ups are in the school cafeteria, and pick up times are **after the 8am Mass, 11am to 1pm, and 5pm to 6pm.**

## BLESSING OF THE THROATS

All of the faithful who wish to have their throat blessed are asked to attend daily mass on Wednesday, Feb 3rd, at 8:00 am. Or you may come for the Blessing of the Throats at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. No throats will be blessed on the weekend as time constraints prevent us from doing so. The blessing is connected with St. Blaise, so we’ll do it on his day.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Thursday, February 11th, is the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, also the World Day of the Sick. We will celebrate a special mass that day at 12:10 pm with the Sacrament of the Sick administered during the liturgy. We welcome all who wish to be anointed, but in particular, the sick, frail, elderly, and those who need special grace and healing.

## 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**

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

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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.



## WEEKLY ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS

We have several weekends for 2016 available for altar flower offerings. Please call Lori at the office to make arrangements.

### **5:30 pm Sunday Liturgy**

A Musical group is forming for the 5:30 pm Sunday Night Contemporary Mass. All are welcome, instrumentalists and singer. For more information see Scott after mass or come a little early, around 4:45 and practice.

We are also in need of ministers for the 5:30 Sunday Mass.

Lectors and servers, especially. If you can help, contact Lori at the office. (We are also in need of more lectors for Saturday, 5:30pm)

### **Thank you from K of C!**

Our Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone who contributed to the Parish Groups collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### **PARKING**

Parking is now available in our vacant lots located on Sidney and Poland Streets. We hope to have more room soon and then eventually pave and finish the whole lot this summer.



## **ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

*By Dr. Scott Hahn*

**Prophet to the Nations**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 Psalm 71: 1-6,15-171 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30

God's words in today's First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a "prophet to the nations" (see Luke 1:31-33).

Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today's Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins - that He's more than just "the son of Joseph."

The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colorful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass "many...in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God (see 1 Kings 17:1-16; 2 Kings 5:1-14). "None...not one" in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes.

His point isn't lost on His audience. They know He's likening them to the "many...in Israel" in the days of the prophets. That's why they try to shove Him off the cliff. As He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him.

And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation - not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their "rock of refuge," as we sing in today's Psalm.

Prophecies, Paul tells us in today's Epistle, are partial and pass away "when the perfect comes." In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear, as He declares in today's Gospel.

Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved, to love God as our Father, as One Who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word.

This is the salvation, the "mighty works of the Lord," that we, as the Psalmist, are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist.

*A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology* [www.SalvationHistory.com](http://www.SalvationHistory.com)

## 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.



REFLECT REPENT REJOICE

## Events

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 10th.

Our Schedule is as follows:

**7:30 am-** Distribution of Ashes and Eucharist

**12:10 pm-**Distribution of Ashes and Liturgy of the Word Service

**3:45pm -**Distribution of Ashes & Liturgy of the Word Service

**6:00pm-** Distribution of Ashes & Liturgy of the Word Service

Please note only one mass (**7:30 am**) will be offered on Ash Wednesday. Also, please take note of the time change to allow for workers to participate.

### MONDAY EVENING ADORATION CONFESSIONS

As part of the Diocesan-wide "Light On," program, Monday evenings during Lent, beginning on Feb 15th, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation in the church from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Make plans to join us for a time of prayer and quiet reflection. Also, prepare for Easter by celebrating the sacrament of Penance one of the Monday evenings during Lent.

### FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our parish will expose the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:30 pm and pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm beginning Friday, February 12th. Benediction will follow. On Friday, March 18th, a vigil mass will be celebrated after stations for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary.

### LENTEN FAITH-SHARING ON THURSDAY EVENINGS

Beginning on Thursday, February 11th, at 6:30pm, in the parish hall, join us for "Thursday Evening Faith-Sharing", a faith sharing experience for our parishioners. Reflect on and share the upcoming Sunday Scriptures with facilitators Frank and Catherine Suraci. Carve out a little time for sharing the scripture and prayer each Thursday evening during Lent. All are welcome!



### January 16/17, 2016

#### Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$7325.00

DUES: \$1387.00

LOOSE: \$509.31

HOLY DAY: \$13.00

E-GIVING: \$ 301.95

**TOTAL: \$9536.26**

Building & Maintenance: \$1027.99

#### Diocesan:

January Care & Education of Priests: \$88.00

*May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!*



### **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.

**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.

### **Music Box Theater**

**GUYS and DOLLS** will be playing at the Music Box, Hughes St., Swoyersville, from January 30th until February 21st. The theater has extended an incentive for parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Just mention that you are a parishioner from our church, and receive a \$2.00 discount off your ticket.

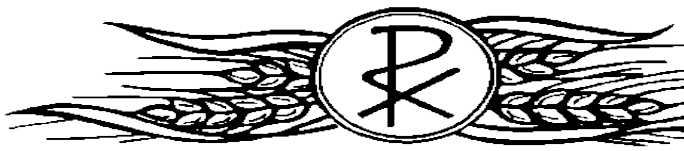
## ***SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!***

The word 'LOVE' is written in a large, elegant, light green serif font. It is centered within a white rectangular box that has a subtle floral pattern. The background of the entire graphic is a soft-focus image of green leaves and small white flowers.

If I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all  
mysteries and all knowledge: if I have all faith so  
as to move mountains, but do not have love,

I am nothing.

*1 Corinthians 13:2*



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Monday, February 1

8:00 am Bill Quinn Wife & Family

## Tuesday, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 am Beatrice Skiengel Alice & Arlene Skiengel

## Wednesday, February 3 *St. Blaise, St. Ansgar*

8:00am Arlene Coughlin John & Pat Roman

## Thursday, February 4

8:00 am James Dougalas Wife & Family

## Friday, February 5 *St. Agatha*

8:00 am Robert Pavalonis Rosalie Nothen

## Saturday, February 6

### *Vigil: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

4:00 pm James M. Hovan Sr. Cousin, Felix Wawer  
5:30 pm Andrew & Anna Mattie Daughters, Margie & Anna

#### Presider's Schedule

#### **Feb 6**

4:00 pm Fr. Urban  
5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

#### **Feb 7**

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi  
10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi  
11:30 am Fr. Urban  
5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

## Sunday, February 7

### *5th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:30 am Samuel Zachary Podskoch Family  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*  
11:30 am Alois Blasko Irene Kaschak & Mary Yencha  
5:30 pm Muriel C. Pealer Martina Genanie

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:



~LOUIS A. MICHAELS~ELIZABETH SHARA~  
~EDMUND PIECZYNSKI~BARBARA HALLER~

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 Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents  
~Special Intention



### **BAPTISM SUNDAY:**

CONGRATULATIONS and God's Blessings upon

~*Alice Elizabeth Radzavicz*~

and her family. She will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.