



The Seton Sentinel



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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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Solemnity: August 15



Holy Day Mass Schedule: Monday, August 14th (vigil) 5:30 pm
Tuesday, August 15th 8:00 am 12:10 pm and 6:30 pm

Our Parish office is closed on Tuesday, August 15th, in observance of the Holy Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

August has arrived, and it is time to begin thinking about our Religious Education Program. Once again we will offer a choice of two sessions for Grades 1-7, and all 8th Grade classes will be held on Monday evenings. Monday sessions are 6:00pm to 7:15 pm, and Saturday sessions are 9:00am to 10:15am. You may pick one of the days to send your student(s). Classes resume Saturday, September 16th, and Monday, September 18th. **Registration forms are now available on the tables at the church entrance, and also online at setonpa.com under Religious Education, and also on our mobile App .**

CCD TEACHER MEETING

~Wednesday, September 6th, at 7pm in the church hall.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

~Tuesday, August 29th, at 6:30pm in the Rectory.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

~Wednesday, August 30th, at 7:00pm in the Rectory.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING ON AUGUST 14TH

Fr. Joe will be having an Altar Server Training on Monday, August 14th, at 4:00pm in the church. Girls and boys in 3rd grade through 12th grade are welcome to volunteer for this sacred ministry. All school students are most welcome! Parents, please call Lori at the office if your child would like to sign up for the training class or if you have any questions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

Our Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Chicken Bar-B-Que on **Sunday, September 10th, 11am to 3pm, in our school cafeteria.** Eat in or take out. Cost is \$9.00/dinner which includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, butter, and dessert. Look for the sign-up sheets **next weekend** on the tables at the church entrance.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Boshia
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Pastoral Care Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi V.F
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



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our Christian Mothers invite all Seniors Citizens and the public to come hear Senior Supervisory Special Agent State Attorney General Office Janene M. Holter, on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at 1:00pm in the church hall. Topics include: Senior Crime Prevention, Issues include: Sweepstakes, Power of Attorney, Checks and Money Orders, and Home Improvements and more. Light Refreshments will be served.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE—Fall Craft Show

VENDORS WANTED: The Social Concerns Committee is seeking Home-made Craft Vendors for its Annual Fall Craft Show, scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 9am to 3pm. Please note that this year's show will feature only homemade crafts, not commercially produced items. For further information, please speak with one of the committee members or visit: www.setonpa.com and click on the "Fall Craft Show" button to download a copy of the Vendor Contract. We kindly request that you do not call the Church for information. Thank you!

SOCIAL CONCERNS ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

From **August 19th to August 27th**, the Social Concerns Committee will be sponsoring its Annual Baby Shower to support the Pro-Life Center in Wilkes-Barre. The Center is particularly in need of **diapers (Size Newborn to 2) and Onesies**. A playpen will be placed near the Reconciliation Room to receive your donations. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

Because of your generous support and donations, the Social Concerns Committee was again able to participate in the annual "**Backpack Challenge**" sponsored by Prudential Financial. Backpacks were purchased & filled with all the necessary supplies for 7 boys and 7 girls of early elementary age in our local schools, thereby allowing less fortunate children the opportunity to begin their school year with the learning tools to succeed. Thank you!



American
Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

RED CROSS EMERGENCY NEED

The American Red Cross is experiencing a **severe blood shortage** and has issued an emergency call for blood and platelet donations. Right now, blood is being distributed to hospitals faster than it is being donated. A critical shortage of Red Cross blood donations may lead to delays in urgent medical care to vulnerable patients. Eligible blood and platelet donors of all types are needed now. Donors with Types O, B negative, or A negative blood are especially needed and encouraged to give a Power Red donation, if available. Schedule an appointment today to give at our **Blood Drive on Friday, August 18 (here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish)** at redcrossblood.org, by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or by downloading our Blood Donor App. Remember: donors can save time by using RapidPass to begin their health history. For more info., visit: redcrossblood.org/RapidPass

BAPTISM CLASS

Expectant parents & new parents who are planning their baby's baptism, and have not previously attended a Baptismal Class, are invited to attend our next Baptism class, to be held on Tuesday, August 22nd, at 6:30pm in our church all. Please call Lori at the parish office to register for the class.

Direct Contacts

Office of Pastoral Care (Sr. Jane):
570-763-5160
sisterjane@setonpa.com

Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion):
570-287-4587
sistermarion@setonpa.com

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

Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in our church hall. 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.



Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up

for Electronic Giving. It is the easy, safe, fast way to remember your offerings. Even if you are away from home or cannot make it to our church every week. This is a way to keep up with your sacrificial offerings.

You may chose to give weekly or monthly, pay dues, or other offerings.



Look for the link and click:



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A proverb says that great things come in small packages. That is often true. The small acts of love and appreciation that we do for each other can mean more than the most expensive gift. Coming home to a clean house, or supper prepared can mean more to a busy parent than a costly gift. The small gestures reach deep into the heart and the message is full of love. In the unexpected, we see more clearly the love of our spouse and family. There is nothing to get in the way.

It's logical to expect God to express Himself in a way that is grand, glorious and powerful. It would be an awe-inspiring thing. But God does not want our awe; He wants our love. He comes to us in the small, unexpected moments of life, asking us to recognize Him and feel His presence. His small whisperings make Him available to everyone and even the smallest and weakest have no reason to fear Him. So when the loudness and busyness of life overwhelm you, sit quietly, search within for a moment of quiet and listen with your heart. Just focus on the quiet and ask the Lord to speak to you and know that God is near.

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SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR JULY 29/30

"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."

Sunday: \$6270.00 Dues: \$522.00
Loose: \$740.35 E-Giving: \$248.33
Easter: \$5.00
TOTAL: \$7785.68
Parish Group Collection (July-Altar Guild): \$794.51

DIOCESAN:
Catholic Relief Services: \$789.00

May God Reward Your Tremendous Generosity to our Parish Community

SWOYERSVILLE COMMUNITY AMBULANCE

Chicken Barbeque, Car, & Bike Show Vendor Fair will take place on **Saturday, August 19th**, from 11am to 5pm, at 99 Scott St., Swoyersville. Cars & Bikes: \$10, Vendors: \$25. Contact 570-287-8360 or spcaa579@hotmail.com PRIZES, RAFFLES, 50/50, GREAT FOOD, FREE ADMISSION!

WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS

On **Saturday, October 7, 2017**, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Walk to End Alzheimers will take place at PNC Field with registration beginning at 9am. *Walk to End Alzheimers* brings the community together to honor and remember our loved ones with Alzheimers disease, to raise awareness and funds that provide care and support, expand education, and fund research. Registration can be done, at no cost, by visiting:

act.alz.org/SWB2017

Additionally, the Alzheimers Association is available to anyone who has questions about the disease, by calling our 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900.

SCHOOL**SUPPLIES****BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES-ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre, is now taking donations of school supplies: Backpacks, notebooks, binders, paper, pens, plastic scissors, pencils, pencil sharpeners, markers, erasers, rulers, glue sticks, & crayons. Items will be collected up until August 17th. **They can be dropped off at the Soup Kitchen (39 E. Jackson St., WB) between 8am and 1pm each day.** Distribution will take place at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre, on Monday August 21st, from 2-6pm. Please contact Deb at 570-822-7118, ext 305 if you have any questions.

Bold Choices Retreat (Finding Your Passion & Living It Fully)

Join us for a young adult (18 & over) retreat at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit, August 18-19. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations & interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, art of discernment, small group discussion, & more. Cost is \$65.00. For more information and/or to register, visit

www.scrantonvocations.org

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!

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).

Announced Masses for the Week

Monday, August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 a.m. Irene Matson Roy & Joanne Baker
 5:30 p.m. Irene Bartkovitz John & Kathy Yamrus

Tuesday August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. John Delescavage Catholic War Veterans Post 1601
 12:10 p.m. Elizabeth & Michael Kachmar Family
 6:30 p.m. Michele Fagula Jack & Karen Ziegler

Wednesday August 16

St. Stephen of Hungary

8:00 a.m. Louis & Anita Hovanec Family

Thursday August 17

8:00 a.m. Bill Quinn Wife & Family

Friday August 18

8:00 a.m. Richard Belza Bob & Gloria Fenner

Saturday August 19

Vigil: The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Stanley Lugosky Sam & Barbara Alba
 5:30 p.m. Mark Schaeffer Susan Podskoch & Joseph Wilcom

Sunday August 20

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Michael Balent Father, Joseph Balent Sr.
 10:00 a.m. Barbara Cason Mary Ann Romanowski
 11:30 a.m. Carol & Charlene Long Family
 5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*

RECENTLY DEPARTED

~~*Irene Pechal*~~*Anna Wayslow*~~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 Margaret Kadish offered by Mary Ann & Joe Kosisher
 ~~In Memory of Selensky, Rish, & Ondish Families offered by daughter, Gerry

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~~In Memory of Leo Venetz offered by wife, Anna Mae
 ~~In Memory of Joseph Gulla offered by wife, Irene

HOLY MATRIMONY

CONGRATULATIONS and Wedding Blessings upon~~ *Christopher Sulitka and Lauren Jenkins*~~ who were married on Saturday, August 12th.

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

Priest's Schedule

Saturday, August 19

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

Sunday, August 20

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

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