

SWOYERSVILLE, PA — DIOCESE OF SCRANTON





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The Parish Office will be closed on the upcoming Holiday:

The Office will be closed on

Monday, January 20th In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Office will reopen on Tuesday January 21, 2020



### ETHNIC PLATTER DINNER

**Sponsored by SEAS Altar Guild** 

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020, 11:30am-3:00pm in our Parish Hall.

Dinner includes 3 pirohy, 2 piggies, haluski, rye roll & butter, dessert, & beverage. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 and under. You may eat in, but take-outs are encouraged. Tickets will be on sale starting THIS weekend, January 18/19, before & after Masses in our church vestibule, and on the weekends of January 25/26 & Feb. 1/2.

#### UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020—PASTIES—Cost is \$7.00 each. Sign -up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Please specify WITH or WITHOUT ONIONS. You may pick up your orders in our school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm-6pm.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020—POT PIES—Cost is \$7.00 each.

**HEADS UP!!!** We will be making Pirohy on Thursdays during Lent.

#### HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Redeemer High School Placement/Scholarship Test Result Night and Interview Scheduling for incoming Freshmen will be held Monday, February 3rd at 7:00pm, in the McCarthy Auditorium. (Snow Date: Tuesday, Feb. 4th). Freshmen interviews and class scheduling will be conducted February 10,11, & 13 from 3-6pm. "Shadow Days" are now being scheduled. Call the Guidance Dept. at 570-829-2424 to spend a day as a ROYAL!

## ISLI (International Student Leadership Institute)

A Peer-Facilitated Leadership Retreat for High School Students February 14-16 @Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton, PA. For more info.: Applications are available online at *Dioceseofscranton.org* or Call: 570-207-2213 x1155

#### FEAST OF THE HOLY SPOUSES

The Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Rt. 315, Laflin, will host a special mass **Today**, **Sunday**, **January 19th**, **at 3:00pm**. Rev. Louis Grippe will be principal celebrant & homilist. Everyone is invited to attend, especially all married couples & future married couples. 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.

# **GATHER**Readings at # 1095

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

HYMNS	4, 8:30 & 11	5:30 pm Sun
Gathering	572 G	82 S
Preparation	87 S	77 S
Communion	939 G	939 G
Sending Forth	607 G	607 G

## **PARISH 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

♦ Mr. John Bankus Sr.

Deacon Candidate

#### **Finance Office**

Monica SalisBusiness 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
- ♦ Gertrude Brown
- ♦ John Sartin
- ♦ Salvatore Piccillo

Weekend Maintenance

Phil Bosha

St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

#### **Pastoral Council, Chair**

♦ Ann Marie Aed

#### **Finance Council, Chair**

♦ Michael Perhach

## **SETON VITALS**

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Ext. 130 Deacon Jack

Ext. 133 Chris Calore

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30am-5:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-3:00pm

Weekend and evenings by appoint-

ment

The parish offices are closed on all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays 3:30 to 3:50pm or by appointment



Ministries Christmas Party All Ministers of our Parish are invited to our Ministry Appreciation Party NEXT Sunday, January 26th from 1-3 pm in the Parish Hall. This includes, but is not limited to Servers, adult and children, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Musicians, Choirs, A&E Committee members, etc. We'd love to see you there. Please RSVP by January 19th by signing the sheets that are on the tables at the church entrance.

#### WITH APPRECIATION

An overdue but much appreciated "Thank You," to all who made our Christmas Season so special here at Seton. To all who helped decorate the church and take everything down; special thanks to Elaine Carpenter for chairing the committee and Floral Design for turning ideas into visions of heaven. To Marge Semanek and Joe Sabol and the Adult Choir; the music just keeps getting better and better each holiday! To Cora Artim and Terry Jankoviak, Joe Sabol, and the parents who help with the Youth Choir, thank you all so very much for enhancing our celebrations with your hard work with the children of our parish. Scott Coates and his band of young voices, a special Thank You for your commitment each week to lead the 5:30 pm Masses. To all ushers who made things run smoothly, EM's, Lectors, Cantors, (Special Thanks to Julie Sidoni who cantored the 4:00 pm Mass in the Gym), Altar Servers and to Pat Quinn, Chris Calore and Sal Picicillo, thanks for keeping everything on track. So many people's talents go into the love for our church week in and week out. Know that your gifts are not taken for granted. The parishioners, and visitors know what a treasure we have at Seton. And it is because of you!

*In Search of......*~One dining room chair with arms~~ Please contact Lori in our parish office for more information.

#### JMJ CATHOLIC RADIO

As we begin this New Year at JMJ Catholic Radio, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at 98.9FM & 750AM, Hazleton at 1490AM & 100.1FM, & Dushore at 91.7FM, we are happy to present,"Catholic Connections", a news & interview show with Teresa Tomeo, who has a family in Dunmore, & was present at last year's women's conference. Also, we recommend local host Walter Camier from the Tradition, Family, & Property Movement (TFP), as well as his show, "Fatima Alive" that looks at politics & culture & many current issues.

## **CCD SCHEDULE**

Classes in January:

Saturdays: 25

Mondays: 27 No Class: 20

EXTRA CLASS: for all 7th grade Confirmation students on Sunday, January 26th after the 5:30pm Mass

Classes in February:

Saturdays: 1,8,22,29 No Class: 15 Mondays: 3,10,24 No Class: 17

Sunday, February 2nd: 11:00am 5th Grade Family Mass; Social after mass in church hall

Sunday, February 23rd: Extra class for ALL 7th grade Confirmation students in the church hall after the 5:30pm Mass

**REMINDER:** Registration paper & family commitment paper for sacramental grades 2nd and 7th should be in NOW. 8th Grade paperwork for Confirmation due in March.

#### MEN. SAVE THE DATE!

The 6th Annual Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre. More information will be coming as it comes available, but please know this conference will support, challenge, & affirm all attendee's call as sons of God and brothers of Christ. Your help to get more men engaged would be greatly appreciated.

Deacon Jack continues to recover from the kidney transplant surgery. He is making great progress and would love to hear from you. If you have the opportunity, drop him a note or a card his address is: Deacon John Zeigler, 297 Chapel St., Swoyersville, PA 18704

He sends his best wishes to all of us and misses us and is looking forward to getting back to us soon.

Diocesan Annual Appeal. Pastor's Special Appeal. Dear friends, we are still short of our Annual Appeal Goal by just a little more than 9,000.00. Thank you to all who have contributed so far, you are making a difference in the lives of those the Appeal touches. If all those who have not yet responded would make even a small donation, we can make our parish's goal this year. We had a bad year in 2018 across the Diocese, but this would be the first year outside of 2018 that we will not make our Appeal Goal. I ask you, humbly, please, do what you can. If we reach an amount over the goal, 75% of what is over the goal comes back to our parish. This is not about the Bishop or the innerworkings of the Church. The Appeal assists people in need, parish programs, retired priests, Catholic School children, and more. Let's do our part! Thank You, Father Joe.



Weekly Offering January 4/5, 2020 \$20,277.95

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 do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Holy Day-New Year's Day:

\$3426.25



## 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST PLEASE, NO PHONE REQUESTS

Please make your request by filling out this form. 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 #	

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

We would like to announce that we are joining many other Catholic parishes across the United States that are taking part in the Spiritual Adoption Program.

The Social Concerns Committee urges you all--students and adults--to join our first Spiritual Adoption Program, nine months of prayer leading up to our annual baby shower (which benefits our local Pro-Life Center).

This simple, powerful program costs you only a minute of your time every day, but can save the lives of the innocent unborn.

**PRAY** for one particular, though unknown, baby to be spared from abortion.

CHOOSE A NAME for this child, and write it on the bottom of this form. Tear it off and place it in the basket by the statue of the Blessed Mother near the elevator. Sign your name if you wish, or don't if you so desire.

NO ONE WILL CALL YOU. You may adopt more than one baby if you wish.

The **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION** prayer (below) is for you to keep. Take it home and pray for the safety of this child every day in the quiet of your own time.

**TAKE A HOLY CARD** (available on the tables at the church entrance) to remind you of your commitment to this child.

Throughout your lifetime on Earth, this child will be known only to God, but we believe that in the world to come, you will meet with him or her eternally in Heaven and what a joyful meeting that will be!

#### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that
I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.
"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the Infant leapt in her womb."
(Luke 1:41)

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## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PLEDGE

I promise to spiritually adopt an unknown baby in danger of abortion by praying 9 months for the life of this child:
Name of your adopted child:
Your Name (optional):
(please place in basket by the Blessed Mother statue near the elevator)

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## Remembering



This week's Sanctuary Candles

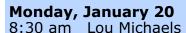
~In Memory of Raymond Gustave offered by wife, Donna, and daughters, Hilary & Ashley

~In Memory of Raymond A. & Elizabeth Pódskoch offered by Theresa Schaeffer



## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

~In Memory of Rev. Richard Zavacki offered by Kobert & Jean Prushinski & Family



Wife & Family

Tuesday, January 21

8:30am Stephen Grycko Father, Walter & Family

Wednesday, January 22 8:30am Jasper Reggie

M/M Joseph Burgess

**Thursday, January 23** 8:30 am Raymond Gustave

Wife, Donna & daughters, Hilary & Ashley

Friday, January 24

8:30 am Marcella Fountain

Godson, Raymond Ripa

Saturday, January 25

4:00 pm Patricia Kane

Marva & Sonny Myslak

Sunday, January 26

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Swoyersville Kiwanis

11:00 am David Clarkson

M/M Robert Asklar

5:30 pm **Pro Populo** 



#### **BREAD AND WINE OFFERING**

~In Memory of Raymond Gustave offered by wife, Donna, & daughters, Hilary & Ashley



#### **BAPTISM SUNDAY**

This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptisms of:

~~Evan Samuel Kohler~~

~~Reagan Grace Workman~~

Evan & Reagan will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00am Mass today.

#### 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. 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 allegations of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.