

# THE SETON SENTINEL

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

**8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
in Ordinary Time



## SERMON ON THE PLAIN: A TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUIT

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil." Luke 6:43,45

## ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

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## The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### LENT SCHEDULE



**Ash Wednesday this Wednesday, March 2nd.** We will have the distribution of ashes at all of the following times:

7:00 am Eucharist

12:10 pm Liturgy of the Word

3:30 pm Liturgy of the Word

4:45 pm Liturgy of the Word

7:00 pm Liturgy of the Word

Ashes are not a necessity. Please know that Ashes will be **sprinkled on the crown of your head**, in lieu of touching your forehead. We will also distribute small packets of pre-packaged ashes to take home for those who cannot attend. Remember, you cannot give yourself ashes.

**Thursday, March 3rd and Each Thursday of Lent —**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Friday March 4th and Each Friday of Lent—**  
Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 7th and Each Monday of Lent —**  
The Light is On For You, Silent Prayer, Exposition, Confessions available 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Monday—Friday Eucharist 8:00 a.m.**

### Pirohy Meeting Outcome...

The result of the meeting last week concerning Pirohy making is this: We would like to see who is available and when to help with the Pirohy. Our goal is to have 2 different days where we can make them. During the week it would be Wednesday morning and on the weekends, Saturday mornings to give those who work or are in school a chance to help and learn how to do it. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church if you can help us Wednesday or Saturday or both days, please indicate that and your name and phone number so we can be in touch once we set a practice date. Your help is appreciated and needed. We also want to stress, we have no sales scheduled at this point. It will take us a while to get a system in place.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our HNS will meet next Sunday, March 6th, after the 9:00am mass in our church hall. New members are always welcome.



Lent isn't to make public demonstrations of piety—even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart.

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If you can remember to regularly send your offering or drop it off it would help us a great deal. Whether you use electronic giving, slide your offering through the office door, place in collection or mail, we appreciate all your efforts to support and strengthen our parish community. Thank you for all you do for our parish!

### Collection Totals

February 12/13, 2022

Regular: \$10,567.25

**Diocesan:** Care & Education of Priests: \$649.00

You may also use a plain envelope for your donations in the meantime. Indicate your name and *envelope number* (if known) so you can receive proper credit. Online Giving is available at [setonpa.com](http://setonpa.com) follow the link.



### **Finance and Pastoral Council Openings:**

We have a few spots open on both the Finance Council and Pastoral Council. These are advisory councils but are necessary for our smooth running. People who would fill these roles need to be discreet when handling sensitive information and in the case of the Finance Council, have some sort of finance or business background. Pastoral Council Members help with Pastoral Planning and Visioning what our parish looks like in the future in conjunction with other parishes in the Diocese. If you know anyone who fits the bill for either of these councils please let Father Joe know with a phone call or email, [fatherjoey@aol.com](mailto:fatherjoey@aol.com). The new members suggested by you would then be carefully looked at and chosen if approved to serve at this time. In the case of too many nominees, a lottery drawing will be held. Please do not nominate yourself. Thanks!



### **Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday**

Our church is opened on Thursdays From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for some quite time of prayer and reflection. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available for any length of time at any time during those 2 hours. Stop in at any time at your convenience and stay as long or as little as you would like.



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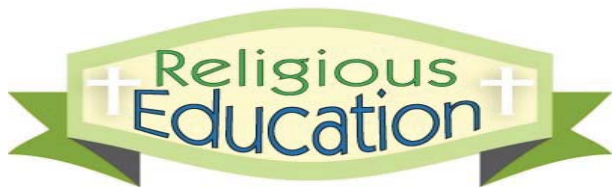
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**All CCD classes will resume on Saturday, March 5th & Monday, March 7th.**

**8th Grade Confirmation Class:** Paperwork for all 8th graders is due in March: Baptismal certificate (if not baptized from Holy Trinity or Holy Name/St. Mary's), saint report, service hours, confirmation name, sponsor name, & sponsor card if not from this parish.

**8th Grade Confirmation Class:** Students must attend the Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, April 2nd, at St. Ignatius, Kingston, from 11am-3:30pm, followed by 4pm Mass at St. Ignatius

**FAMILY MASS:** Sunday, March 6th, 11:00am Mass—4th and 5th Grades

**FAMILY MASS:** Sunday, April 3rd, 11:00am Mass—2nd and 3rd Grades

**7th Grade Confirmation Prep Class: Extra Class:** Sunday, March 13th, after the 5:30pm mass in the church hall

**2nd Grade Communion Class:** Retreat is Sunday, March 27th. Please attend the 11:00am Mass, then we will go downstairs to church hall until 3pm

**2nd Grade First Penance:** Saturday, April 2nd @ 10:30am. (Saturday students will attend 9am class, and then we will head over to the church with the teacher and join the other students and parents)

More information to follow.

### CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our CCM will meet today, Sunday, February 27th, at 2pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS LENTEN HALUSKI SALE

Our Christian Mothers will have a Lenten Haluski Sale on Friday, March 18th, and also on Friday, April 8th. You may pick up in school cafeteria from 11am to 1pm and 4pm to 6pm. More details in next week's bulletin.

### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS RUMMAGE SALE

Our Christian Mothers will be having their Rummage Sale at the end of April. More info to follow.....

#### Today's Music

4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Gath: 56 S Christ the Lord Has Risen  
Prep: 750 G Deliver Us, Lord God of Truth  
Com: 130 S Servant Song  
Send: 84 S Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (1 and 3)

#### Sunday 5:30pm

Gath: 94 S Our God Is Here  
Prep: 642 G What Wonderous Love Is This  
Comm: 117 D As Grains of Wheat  
Send: 186 S Celtic Sending Forth



**LENT**  
Lent is upon us! In just a few days, we will embark on a 40-day journey of conversion to the cross. Have you made your Lenten resolutions yet? Check out the USCCB website for reflection materials, a calendar, and all the facts you need to know about Lent. [www.usccb.org/lent](http://www.usccb.org/lent)



## ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

Sirach teaches that speaking is "the test of men" and their character (Sir 27:7). One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with "refuse" will be exposed, since the "fruit" of his mouth speaks volumes about the "tree" that produces it (Sir 27:6). Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat (Sirach 27:5).

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks "out of the abundance of the heart" (Luke 6:45). He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit" (Luke 6:43).

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the "good treasure" that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: "by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matt 12:37). They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

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# Remembering at Eucharist

## Monday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Ronald Yakupcin Gerald & Lorraine Balara

## Tuesday, March 1

8:00 a.m. Helen Ciali Family

## Wednesday, March 2 ASH WEDNESDAY

**12:10 p.m.** Margaret Ann Aciukewicz B.J. Wojcik

## Thursday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Nicholas Dzurisin Martina Genanie & Lee Havard

## Friday, March 4

8:00 a.m. Rose Strish John & Mary Kurlandski

## Saturday, March 5

4:00 p.m. Irvin Ostroskie Anna Mae Venetz

5:30 p.m. Frank "Butch" Conniff Wife, Pattie

## Sunday, March 6

7:00 a.m. Tom & Marilyn Semanek Tom & Marge Semanek

9:00 a.m. John & Josephine Hrobaski John, Carol, & Family

11:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**

5:30 p.m. Irene Tomaszewski Alan Johnson & Karen Edwards

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday—Closed

Evening and Weekends by appointment

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our Parish warmly welcomes those who are with us each weekend, occasionally, and all who are looking for a spiritual home. Actual membership begins by filling out a Census Form at setonpa.com on the link at the top of the page. Once completed, send it to the office and we'll get you on "the official books," as soon as possible.

### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday. 1st time parents are asked to attend a brief instruction class on Baptism. You can contact Lori directly for information.

Reconciliation is available on Saturday beginning at 3:30 until 3:50 p.m. just prior to the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Other times at your request. Just ask Father.

Weddings are usually celebrated Saturday at 1:00 pm or on Friday afternoon or evening. Contact Father as soon as possible to reserve the date and complete the necessary paperwork.

## Special Intentions This Week

### This Week's Sanctuary Candles



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~Anna Mae Potomis~



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