

SETON SENTINEL

February | 11 | 2024



S I X T H SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Moved with pity,
Jesus stretched out his
hand, touched him,
and said to him,
“I do will it.
Be made clean.”

Mark 1:41

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
116 Hughes Street
Swoyersville, PA 18704
570-287-6624

Eucharist

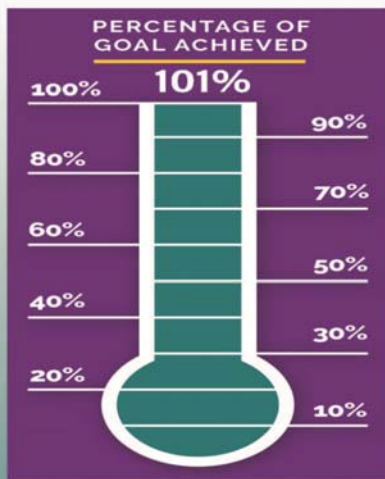
Monday-Tuesday-Thursday &
Friday 8:00am
No Mass on Wednesday
Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

Connect with us:



THANK YOU!

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
has met its goal of \$44,000
for the Diocesan Annual
Appeal — having raised
\$44,555 in pledges to date.



Total as of Feb. 2, 2024

*Your generous gifts and sacrificial offerings
will positively impact the lives of thousands of
people throughout our Diocese.*

**As a reminder, 75% of any overage amount is returned
directly to a parish once it has met its goal.**

Confessions:

Saturday 3:30-3:45pm or you
may call Fr. Chmil for an
appointment



Worship

Intention

Requested by

Monday, February 12

8:00am Mary Ellen Schell

Blaise Koval & Rosemary

Tuesday, February 13

8:00am Frank Kapalka

Sartin Family

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

7:30am Liturgy of the Word and Ash Distribution

12:10pm **Mass & Ash Distribution** Harry Yekel

Wife, Ruth

4:00pm Liturgy of the Word and Ash Distribution

6:00pm **Liturgy of the Word and Ash Distribution**

Thursday, February 15

8:00am Rita Monto

Martha Berti

Friday, February 16

8:00am Joan Stefanides

Husband, Bob & daughter, Lisa

Saturday, February 17

4:00pm Paul Suda Jr.

Helene & Dave Becker & Sons

Sunday, February 18

8:30am Patricia Yenchak

Daughter, Monica

11:00am Enrica Torregrossa

Steve & Maria Englot

5:30pm Joseph & Loretta Keating-Yatsko

Joe & Terri Burgess

Prayer

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

PLEASE NOTE:

Adoration will not be held this Thursday, Feb. 15th, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Instead, please come to the Lenten Holy Hour on Thursday, February 15th, at 7:00pm at Holy Family Parish, 574 Bennett St., Luzerne, with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, who will commemorate the Year of Parish Revival for the National Eucharistic Revival. Mark your calendars & plan on joining Bishop Bambera, as we pray for renewal in our devotion to Jesus Christ present to us in the Eucharist.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of ~~**Victoria & Stephen Rish**~~ offered by daughter-in-law, Gerry

~~In Memory of ~~**Eleanor Mandycz**~~ offered by sister, Gerry

PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

~~**Jean F. Smith**~~ **Robert Mattie**~~

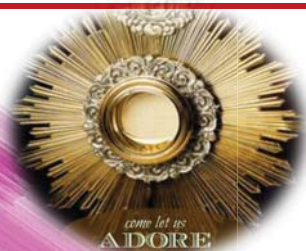
May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

BREAD & WINE OFFERING:

~~In Memory of ~~**George Barilla**~ offered by Donna Gustave & Paula Matthews

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

The Rosary will be prayed for vocations after daily mass.



Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Chmil x105

Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

Permanent Deacons

Lori Raymond x100

Pastoral Associate/Director of

Religious Education

Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M.

Pastoral Outreach Ministry

Music Ministry

Marge Semanek

Director of Liturgical Music

Joseph Sabol

Accompanist

Scott Coates

Accompanist

Pat Quinn

Office Assistant

Sacristans and Maintenance

Chris Calore

Director of Maintenance

John Sartin

Trudy Brown

Pat Quinn

Betsy Evanoski

Phil Bosha

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings

by appointment.

570-287-6624

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL -We've Reached Our Goal!!! CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!!

DAA goal: \$44,000.00

Total raised: - \$44,555.00

over/under: \$ 555.00

We have reached 101.26% of our goal.

Number of donors: 309 27.44% of our parishioners gave

As a reminder, 75% of any overage amount is returned directly to a parish once it has met its goal.

"God's House, Our Home" Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each & every one of you is a vital member of our parish community, and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to reflect upon and renew your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. For those who are able --there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please visit the parish website at www.setonpa.com

Seton Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

As Knights, we serve our parish and community while working each day to create a better world through charity. If you are looking to live out your faith in the spirit of charity by helping others, our Knights of Columbus council welcomes you to join us. As a member of our council, you will strengthen your faith and become a better Catholic, husband, and father. Through your support of our parish and community, you will form friendships with fellow Knights that can last a lifetime.

If you are interested in joining our Knights and participating in our next induction ceremony, please contact Mark Perugino, Grand Knight, at 570-262-2896, or Jim McGrath, Financial Secretary, at 570-574-9169.

We are truly looking forward to having you join our council. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Our KofC will meet this Tuesday, Feb. 13th, at 7pm in our church hall.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!!!

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Pastor: Rev. John J. Chmil

Kingston Deanery

- All Saints, Plymouth
- Gate of Heaven, Dallas
- Holy Family, Luzerne
- Holy Spirit, Mocanaqua
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth
- Our Lady of Victory, Harveys Lake
- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Swoyersville
- Saint Faustina Kowalska, Nanticoke
- Saint Frances X. Cabrini, Carverton
- Saint Ignatius Loyola, Kingston
- Saint John the Baptist, Larksville
- Saint Therese, Shavertown

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Number of Households	1120	1126	1119	1110	1113
Number of Parishioners	2235	2243	2216	2207	2240
Total Number of Weekend Masses	4	4	6	-	4
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	653	760	818	310	979

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Baptisms	17	20	26	20	26
First Holy Communions	19	17	29	19	39
Confirmations	12	22	65	34	23
RCIA/Baptism	0	0	0	0	6
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	3
Marriages	6	12	5	2	7
Funerals	63	65	64	55	58

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Religious Education K-8	95	96	136	140	132
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	82	89	81	0	78
Adult Faith Formation	0	0	0	0	0

*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2023 data is from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.



VISION 2030

*Creating Parish Communities
Rooted in the Life of Jesus Christ*



**DIOCESE OF
SCRANTON**

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

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 everyone--students and adults--to join our **3rd Spiritual Adoption Program**. This simple, powerful program costs you **only a minute** of your time every day, but can save the lives of the innocent unborn, by praying for him or her daily for the next nine months.

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. 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. After nine months, we will celebrate this child's birth by having our **Pro-Life Baby Shower**.

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)

~~~~~ here ~~~~~

## 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

(please place in basket by the Blessed Mother statue near the elevator)

## RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES FOR FEBRUARY:

**SATURDAYS:** FEBRUARY 24 (No Class on Feb. 17th (Presidents' Weekend))

**MONDAYS:** FEBRUARY 12, & 26 (No Class on Feb. 19th (Presidents' Weekend))

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

"The Light is On For You" Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & opportunity for Confession from 5:30 to 7:00pm. This will take the place of Thursday evening adoration).

**FRIDAYS 7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASH WEDNESDAY RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Our KofC will be having their famous Red Clam Chowder Sale on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Cost is \$10/quart-pay at the door. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Pick up times are after 7:30am ashes, 11am-1pm, & 4pm-6pm. Or Call Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 to order.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS RUMMAGE SALE DATES: APRIL 8TH & 9TH.** Collection Drop off dates are April 2nd & 3rd. More details to follow.....

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!** The Social Concerns Cash Bingo will be held on Sunday, April 14th, 2024, in our school gym. Details to follow.....

**LENTEN PIROHY-MAKING:** We need your help!! We will be making Pirohy on Saturday, Feb. 24th in the school cafeteria. Ballers come at 7am, all others come at 8:30. Sale Dates will be after all masses on the weekend of March 9 & 10, in the school cafeteria. \$10/dozen, first-come, first-served.



## OFFERINGS

### Weekend of January 27/28, 2024

REGULAR: \$ 7952.11

DUES: \$ 1395.00 CHRISTMAS (addt'l): \$75.00

ASSESSMENT: \$1000.00

e-offering Regular: \$292.00

e-offering Dues: \$53.70

### DIOCESAN:

CARE & EDUCATION OF PRIESTS: \$118.00



## Ways to Give:



Online @ setonpa.com



U.S. Mail to: 116 Hughes Street  
Swoyersville, PA 18704

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish*

[www.setonpa.com](http://www.setonpa.com)



# BECOME DEBT FREE IN AS LITTLE AS 24-48 MONTHS

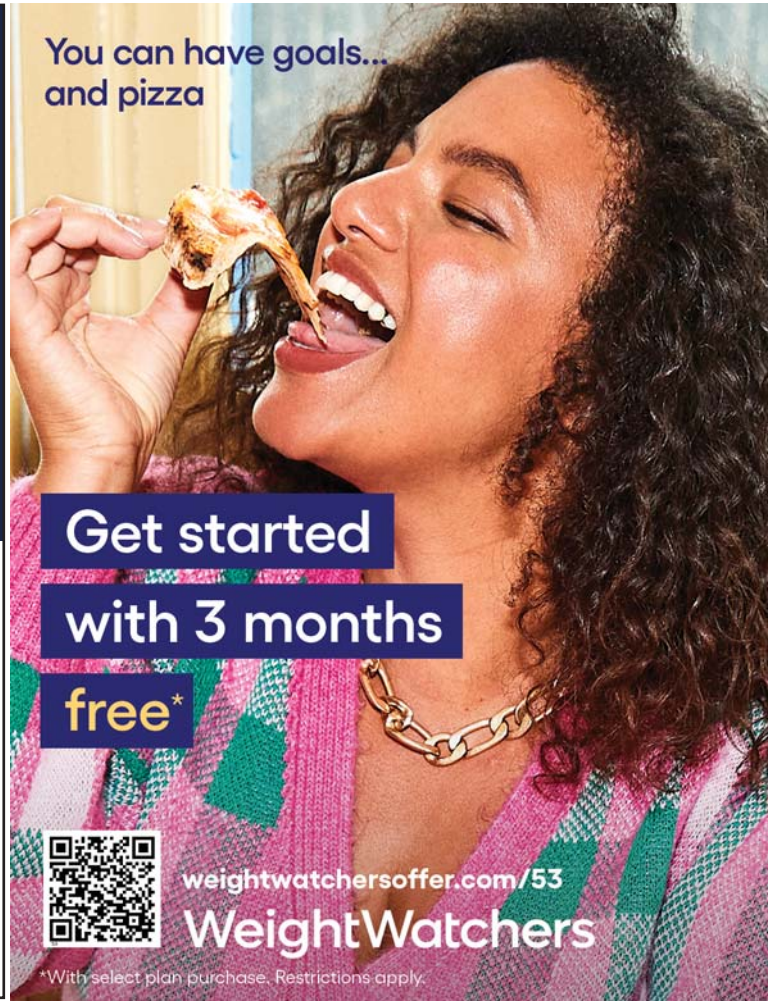
If you owe more than \$10,000 in credit card or other unsecured debt, see how National Debt Relief can help resolve your debt for a fraction of what you owe.

Call today:

+1 (866) 605-1934



You can have goals... and pizza



Get started with 3 months

free\*



weightwatchersoffer.com/53

WeightWatchers

\*With select plan purchase. Restrictions apply.

## A Help Button Should Go Where You Go!



To be truly independent, your personal emergency device needs to work on the go.

MobileHelp® allows you to summon emergency help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by simply pressing your personal help button. Unlike traditional systems that only work inside your home, a MobileHelp medical alert system extends help beyond the home. Now you can participate in all your favorite activities such as gardening, taking walks, shopping and traveling all with the peace of mind of having a personal alert system with you. MobileHelp, the "on-the-go" help button, is powered by one of the nation's largest cellular networks, so there's virtually no limit to your help button's range.

**No landline? No problem!** While traditional alert systems require a landline, with the MobileHelp system, a landline is not necessary. Whether you are home or away from home, a simple press of your help button activates your system, providing the central station with your information and location. Our trained emergency operators will know who you are and where you are located. If you're one of the millions of people that have waited for an alert service because it didn't fit your lifestyle, or settled for a traditional system even though it only worked in the home, then we welcome you to try MobileHelp. Experience peace of mind in the home or on the go.

### GET OUR SPECIAL OFFER NOW:

- ✓ FREE EXPEDITED SHIPPING\*
- ✓ FREE ONE MONTH SERVICE\*
- ✓ 50% OFF AUTO FALL DETECT\*
- ✓ plus FREE EQUIPMENT TO USE!\*



Unlike "stay-at-home" emergency systems MobileHelp protects you:

| Places where your Help Button will work | MobileHelp | Traditional Help Buttons |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| At Home                                 | ✓          | ✓                        |
| On a Walk                               | ✓          | ✗                        |
| On Vacation                             | ✓          | ✗                        |
| At the Park                             | ✓          | ✗                        |
| Shopping                                | ✓          | ✗                        |

#### MobileHelp Features:

- Simple one-button operation
- Affordable service
- Amplified 2-way voice communication
- 24/7 access to U.S. based emergency operators
- GPS location detection
- Available Nationwide

OUR BEST OFFER EVER!  
From \$19.95\*  
/month



MobileHelp

1-855-444-3698



\*For a limited time - promotions available for select systems and subscription plans, please call for specific details. Offers are valid for new customers and for the first year of service and cannot be combined with any other offers. \$19.95 is the monthly subscription price for a MobileHelp Classic (at home only) system. There is a one-time \$49.95 processing fee to subscribe to the plan. Equipment shown is the MobileHelp DDD kit home and on the go system available at a higher monthly cost. Most equipment is included at no cost while actively subscribing and must be returned upon cancellation. Free one month of service offer valid with purchase of Annual plan and includes month 12 at no additional charge. Refer to terms and conditions for specific details. Depending on the promotion chosen, you may receive an additional savings of \$5.00 off the \$11 retail price of Fall Detection service. After first year, Fall Detection reverts to discounted price of \$8.25/month when combined with MobileHelp Connect Premium. Fall Detection does not detect 100% of falls. If able, users should push their help button when they need assistance. Fall detection is not intended to replace a caregiver. MobileHelp is a registered trademark, patented technology. Current GPS location may not always be available in every situation on the cellular network at all times. Expedited shipping offer is for Annual plans made prior to 3 PM EST Mon-Fri. Expedited shipping is standard 2-day - no deliveries on Saturdays/Sundays or to Hawaii or Alaska. Shipping delays may occur due to situations beyond our control. MFPH-01045 Rev. 1

## WINDOW NATION

**EXCLUSIVE MONEY SAVING OFFER**

**0 | 0 | 0%**  
DOWN | PAYMENTS | INTEREST

**FOR 2 YEARS**

AND

**BUY 2 WINDOWS  
GET 2 FREE!**

**SERVICE**  
**99.5%**  
of our windows are installed right the first time, requiring no follow-up service.

**SATISFACTION**  
**96%**  
customer satisfaction on clean up & safety in over 150,000 homes.

**SELECTION**  
**1500+**  
locally-made, custom styles and options to choose from.

**Call (855) 919-2625**

\*Offer Valid on Potomac and ComfortSmart Models. 4 Window Minimum. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Excludes labor. Based on 10 Georgetown model, Double hung/slider windows with standard installation. Subject for Credit Approval. Offer Ends 12/31/24. MA HIC #197968



Aaron W. Pietryka, *Licensed Supervisor - Parishioner*  
 Thomas B. Wiedlich, *Licensed Director - Parishioner*

570-287-8541 | 1442 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, PA  
[www.wroblewskifuneralhome.com](http://www.wroblewskifuneralhome.com)

**BONNER**  
  
**FIND NEW ROADS™**  
 NEW 287-2117  
 USED 288-0319  
 694 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA  
[www.bonnerchevrolet.com](http://www.bonnerchevrolet.com)

*Holy Trinity*  
 Off of Warsaw Street  
 &  
*St. Mary's*  
 Off of Brook Street  
**Cemeteries**  
 †  
 Lots Available  
 Interest Free  
 payment plans

Please call the Parish Office for more information at 287-6624

**B** *Bednarski*  
**Funeral Home**  
 168 Wyoming Ave.  
 Wyoming, PA  
**570-693-3851**  
*Funeral Directors*  
 Joseph Bednarski  
 Jacqueline Bednarski

**HUGH B. HUGHES & SON, INC.**  
*Funeral Home*  
 Michael W. Harrison,  
 Supervisor / President  
 Daniel R. Harrison,  
 Funeral Director  
**Traditional, Cremation &  
 Pre-arranged Funerals**  
 570-288-9341  
 1044 Wyoming Ave.  
 Forty Fort, PA  
 Visit our website at [hughbhughes.com](http://hughbhughes.com) • Online condolences now available

**WHEELS THAT HEAL!**

Donate your car & make a positive difference  
 in the lives of those affected by breast cancer.

- 24-hour free pick up
- 7 days a week
- Maximum tax deduction
- Running or not
- Se habla espanol

**AD SPACE AVAILABLE**  
 617-779-3771

**First Catholic Slovak Union**  
*FCSU Financial®*  
**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**  
 Annuities • Life Insurance • IRAs  
 Wealth Transfer  
**Get \$10,000 term life insurance for \$14**  
 Find the rate that is right for you!

- 8 Year Flex Annuity or IRA **4.75%**
- 6 Year Fixed Annuity or IRA **5.00%**
- 2 Year Annuity **4.50%**

[www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com)  
 Martha Zavada: (570) 954-3771

841 Main Street  
 Tewksbury, MA 01876  
 (978) 851-9103

**Rosaries from Flowers**  
*"Handmade from the Flowers  
 of your Loved One"*  
[www.rosariesfromflowers.com](http://www.rosariesfromflowers.com)

**UNITED BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION**  
 Call now **888-412-5794**

**DENTAL Insurance**  
 Get help paying big dental bills

Get your **FREE** Information Kit  
 from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company.

**1-888-404-1939**  
[Dental50Plus.com/Seton](http://Dental50Plus.com/Seton)

Product not available in all states. Contact us to see the coverage and offer available in your state. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation including costs and limitations. This specific offer is not available in CO. Call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for a similar offer. In WV: To find a provider in the network visit us at <https://www.physiciansmutual.com/web/dental/find-dentist>. Certificate C250A (ID: C250E); Insurance Policy P150; Rider Kinds B438/B439. In CA, CO, ID, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MO, NV, NJ, NC, ND, VA: Includes Participating Providers and Preventive Benefits Rider. Certificate C254/B465 (PA: C254PA); Insurance Policy P154/B469 (GA: P154GA; OK: P154OK; TN: P154TN). 6323

**Frank Grontkowski Monuments Inc.**  
 Established in 1942  
 Family owned & operated

DEDICATED TO MEETING YOUR MONUMENT NEEDS  
**570-822-5574**  
[grontkowskimonuments.com](http://grontkowskimonuments.com)

**Andy Peruginos**  
 FINE ITALIAN CUISINE  
 Dinner to Pick-up Catering & Private Party Rooms  
 Seating to 400

**Early Dinners**  
 Tue-Thurs 4pm-6pm  
 Open Tues-Saturday

- Family Atmosphere
- Made from Scratch Menu
- Reasonable Prices
- Large Portions!

258 Charles St. Luzerne, PA  
[www.andyperuginos.com](http://www.andyperuginos.com)  
**570-288-5337**

*Memorial Ads Available* **617-779-3771**