



Seton Sentinel

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Be ready to open immediately
when he knocks”*



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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

Finance Office

- ◆ Monica Salis
Business 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

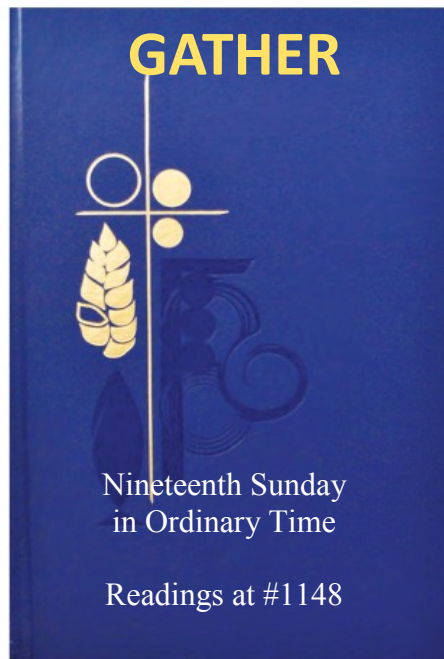
- ◆ Christopher Calore
Director of Maintenance
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ John Sartin
- ◆ Salvatore Piccillo
Weekend Maintenance
- ◆ Phil Bosha
St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, August 15th

Mass times:

Wednesday, Aug 14th: 5:30pm (vigil)
Thursday, Aug. 15th: 12:10pm & 6:30pm (Please note: There is no 8:00am Mass)

The Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation. We commemorate Our Lady who was Assumed into Heaven, body and soul. The decay of death never touched the Living Tabernacle who carried Jesus for 9 months. The Assumption is Mary's Easter & our hope as mortals that we will share in the Resurrection of the Body on the last day.

(Our Parish Office will be closed on Thursday in observance of the Holy Day.)



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW VENDORS WANTED!

The Social Concerns Committee is seeking Homemade Craft Vendors for their Annual Fall Craft Show, scheduled for **Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 9am to 3pm**. Please note this show features 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!

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 13th, at 6:00pm** in our church hall. Please call Lori, our Pastoral Associate, at the parish office to register for the class.

An American Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be held here in our church hall on Friday, August 16th, from 1:00pm-6:00pm. You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit



American Red Cross

or visit redcrossblood.org and use the Sponsor code **SEASP**.

Streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Life's a Gift. Give More of It. PLEASE DONATE BLOOD.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

300 WYOMING AVENUE
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503-1279

August, 2019

Dear Friends,

This month marks one year since the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report was released, exposing inappropriate past actions of Church leaders here in the Diocese of Scranton and beyond. I understand that many of you are still shocked, angered and disappointed over the uncomfortable and unsettling issues that were raised. My heart continues to break for those who have suffered abuse and I once again apologize for the sorrow and pain that they and their families have suffered. I apologize as well to all of you for the breach of trust that you have had to endure as a result of the actions and cover up by some members of the clergy in our Church. There is simply no place in a civilized society for the abuse of children - and certainly not within our Church.

Words, however, are never enough. Since August 2018, the Diocese of Scranton has continued to build upon past efforts and taken new steps to keep our children safe and restore your trust in the Church. From publicly releasing a list of credibly accused individuals, to holding listening sessions in many of our parishes, establishing the Independent Survivors Compensation Fund and continuing to mandate background checks and training programs for all clergy, employees and volunteers, we are doing everything in our power to prevent future cases of abuse and provide support for survivors. While you can find additional steps we've taken to keep children safe on our Diocesan website (www.dioceseofscranton.org), that doesn't change the heartbreaking events of the past.

Since I became Bishop in 2010, I have made it a priority to improve how we handle allegations of abuse. The safety and security of children is our primary concern. If allegations of abuse arise, I have acted swiftly, transparently and appropriately.

Yet, we must all work together to help our Church heal and to move forward in a positive way. The mission of bringing the life and love of Jesus into the lives of God's people is a task entrusted to each one of us. The work of healing our Church is no different. As a Church, we must recognize the burden of what has happened and continue to encourage anyone who may be a survivor of abuse to come forward.

Last month, as I gathered with members of our young Church at the annual *Light the Fire Youth Rally*, I shared with them a message I saw on social media which asked young Catholics why they stay in the Church given these troubling times. The question received more than one thousand replies - and not surprisingly - a majority of the answers were the same. As we continue to confront the difficult realities of the past, so many of you have stayed in our Church because of what we find - good people of faith, whose hearts are filled with the Spirit - the living Word of God - and the sacramental life that culminates in the Eucharist, the very presence of Jesus given to us for our life, salvation and peace. May Jesus' presence in our midst continue to guide our efforts as we move forward.

Thank you and God bless.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

SETON VITALS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm

Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

Weekend and evenings by appointment

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


RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays

3:45pm-4:15pm or by appointment

OTHER COLLECTIONS:

Parish Groups Collection (July):
\$448.80



Faith Formation

Register today!!

GETTING READY FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

CCD Teacher Meeting: Thursday, September 5th, 6:00pm in our church hall.

CCD Classes begin on **September 14th** for the Saturday classes (9am -10:15am), and **September 16th** for the Monday evening classes (6pm-7:15pm). Registration forms are on the tables at the church entrance and also online at setonpa.com. Please return by September 1st.

Sunday, September 15th, is Catechetical Sunday. All CCD teachers are asked to attend the 11:00am Mass for a special blessing.

R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. is a program for adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church, or coming into full communion with the faith community. It is especially tailored to: those who have never been baptized; those who have been baptized Catholic, but never received the sacraments of Eucharist/Confirmation; those who have no church to call their own; those who have been baptized in another Christian church and would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

R.C.I.C.

The R.C.I.C. program is similar to RCIA, but geared toward children.

Please call Father Joe or Lori Raymond for more information.

Weekly Offering

July 27-28, 2019

\$8372.15

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

Our Social Concerns Committee will meet on Thursday, August 22nd, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our CCM will meet on Sunday, August 25th, at 2pm in our church hall. All active Rummage Sale Workers are asked to attend to receive their T-shirts. New members are welcome!

OBLATE OF ST. JOSEPH TRIDUUM & FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

The Triduum will be held on Aug. 30-31 & Sept. 1st at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Rt. 315, Laflin, with a Mass at 7:00pm, followed by special prayers to St. Joseph. Confessions & the Holy Rosary will precede Mass. The Feast will be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2nd, with a Solemn Mass at 11:00am. Celebrant & homilist is Bishop John M. Dougherty, D.D., auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton. The special intentions for the triduum include: for all employed & unemployed, for students, teachers, administrators & staff, for peace & prosperity in our families, for peace in the World, & for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life to serve Jesus' Church. Everyone is invited to attend. For more info., call the OSJ seminary office: 570-654-7542.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND, SEPT. 6-8

"Finding the Gift of God's Mercy in our Everyday Lives"
Directed by Rev. Richard Nalepa, CP of St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, Pittsburgh, at St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center, 631 Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit. Fall Preached Retreat begins Friday, Sept. 6, 7pm. Departure after Noon meal on Sunday, Sept 8. \$140/person. Deposit is required. Registration is 7pm, Friday evening. Begins at 7:30pm. (No meals served Friday evening). To register, call Retreat Office: 570-586-4957 or email:

kporter@epix.net

"PRAYING THE PASSION" RETREAT OCTOBER 18-20

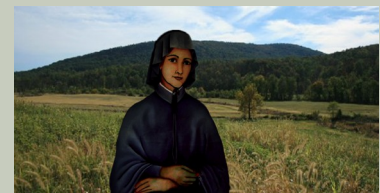
For both men & women, directed by Rev. Curtis Kiddy, CP, at St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center, 631 Griffin Pond Rd., Clarks Summit. Begins 7pm, Friday, Oct. 18, and departure after the noon meal on Sunday. (No meal on Friday). \$140/person. Deposit is required. Comfortable Silence during retreat. Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal reflection, prayer. Opportunity for Confession & Liturgy. Call 570-586-4957 or email: kporter@epix.net

THE MUSIC BOX, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville, Sept 6-22, *The Fantasticks*. Call 570-283-2195 for more information.

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

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



Remembering

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH

116 Hughes Street
Swoyersville, PA 18704

Sanctuary Candles



~In Memory of Margaret Kadish
offered by Mary Ann Kosisher

~In Memory of Lou Michaels of-
fered by Family



ALTAR FLOWERS:

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

~In Memory of Joseph Gulla
offered by wife, Irene

Monday, August 12

8:00am Margaret Kadish Ron Kadish

Tuesday, August 13

8:00am Mary & Paul Luzetsky Daughter, Marge

Wednesday, August 14

8:00am Andrew Stuka Family

5:30pm (vigil) Louis & Anita Hovanec Family

Thursday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 Jean Sarneski Deacon Jack & Karen

6:30pm Joanne Armaghan Jankoviak Family

Friday, August 16

8:00am Paulette Swircek Husband, John & Children

Saturday, August 17

4:30 pm Bill Quinn Wife & Family

Sunday, August 18

8:30 am Alberta Kolojejchick Joseph Kolojejchick & Jeff Lapin

11:00 am Carol & Charlene Long Husband & Father

5:30 pm **Pro Populo**



In Dying that We Are Born to Eternal Life...

~~Josephine Ludwikowski Condon~~

~~Patricia Nemetz~~

May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest.

Sick, Hospitalized, Homebound?

Please contact Lori at the parish office if you or someone you know is homebound, hospitalized or in a long term or short term care facility. We want to keep track of all our parishioners and minister to the sick and aging the best we can, and we need to know their location to do that. Thank You.

First Holy Communion Photos

There are still several First Holy Communion Photo Packages from *Photography by Jay, Swoyersville*, that have not been picked up. Please pick up in our **parish office** during regular office hours.

