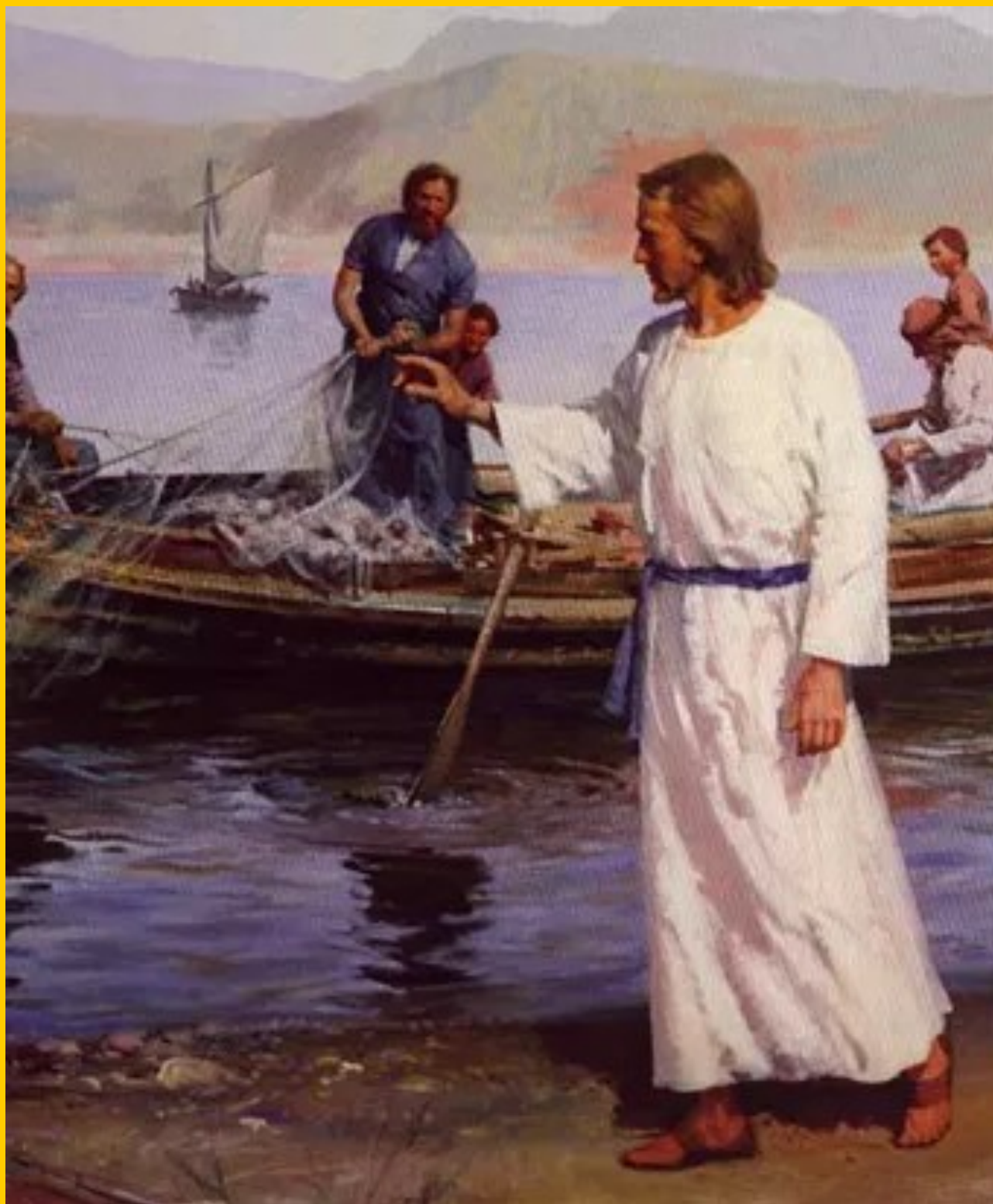


# The Seton Sentinel

JANUARY 21, 2018



THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



## MARDI GRAS DANCE

SPONSORED BY

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON  
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

7PM-11PM IN CHURCH HALL

MUSIC BY: DJ JACK BRAVYAK

TICKETS: \$6.00 EACH

BYOB AND OWN MUNCHIES

CONTACT ANNA MAE VENETZ

FOR MORE INFO.: 570-287-7655

*Bring a mask to the dance and get a chance to win a Grand Prize!*

THE SETON SENTINEL

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Office Hours: Monday–

Thursday 8:30 to 5:00

Friday 8:30 to 3:00

Weekends and Evenings by  
appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all  
Holy Days of Obligation and  
Federal Holidays.

Reconciliation Saturdays  
3:45pm to 4:15pm 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



**WINTER WEATHER**— So far, this has been a very icy winter and I am concerned about everyone’s safety especially to and from Church. We try our best to clear, shovel, salt, and plow the snow and ice but despite all of that there is always the risk of icy sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking lots, etc. While everyone needs to exercise extreme caution during bad weather, the elderly in particular need to listen. Please note that if **it is slippery or icy** — in other words *dangerous* for you to go out — **You are excused from church.** I know that no one will use this excuse lightly. However, if circumstances present themselves, do not endanger yourself or risk serious injury to get here. We will pray for you just the same. I would rather look for you in an empty pew than have to visit you in an occupied hospital (or nursing home) bed. Besides, spring can’t be that far away...could it?

Father Joe

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

In conjunction with January being “RESPECT LIFE” MONTH, our Knights of Columbus donated a \$500.00 check to PA FOR HUMAN LIFE. Pennsylvanians for Human Life is a crisis pregnancy center & a unique educational & resource center dedicated to the support of those working to promote the sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Also, our Knights sponsored ten students to participate in the March for Life bus trip to Washington, D.C. Our Knights also have donated \$250 to the Blessed Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima. The Grotto operates strictly on donations, and the statues at the Grotto are in dire need of repair, especially the “Guardian Angel of America”.

Yes, Ash Wednesday is approaching fast. This means the first day of Lent and the Knights of Columbus World Famous “RED” Clam Chowder Sale. Quarts are \$7.00. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church.

Just a reminder, anyone wishing to join our Knights or transfer in from another Council, please call or text Mark Perugino, Grand Knight, at 570-262-2896.

*MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS, PRAY FOR US!*

## SCOUT SUNDAY

All Boy Scouts have an opportunity to recognize their contributions to scouting by attending Mass in their uniforms on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. Thank you. Caroline Magistro (570)288-0294.



Today, Sunday, January 21st: 7th Grade Confirmation class after the 5:30pm Mass in church hall

Sunday, February 4th, 11:00am, Family Mass, Hosted by 5th Grade

### 2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST

PLEASE, NO PHONE REQUESTS

Please make your requests by filling out the form below. Then drop in collection basket, mail, or bring to parish office, or email Monica at : [seton.swoy@aol.com](mailto:seton.swoy@aol.com) by January 30th. Thank you!

ENVELOPE # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Altar Guild Winter Fundraisers:

**Friday, February 2nd, Pasties.** Sign-up sheets are on tables at church entrance.

Cost is \$6.00 each. Pick up in school cafeteria from noon-2pm or 5pm-6pm.

Friday, February 16th, Pirohy

Friday, February 23rd, Sweet Pizza

Friday, March 2nd, Pirohy

Friday, March 9th, Haluski

Friday, March 16th, Pirohy

Friday, March 23rd, Sweet Pizza

If you take one of the missalettes for mass, make sure you put it back so someone else can use it at the next mass. Should they continue to be left behind in the pews, or even worse, stuck in the racks in the pews so the plastic racks burst, the missalettes will be taken & removed permanently.

#### YOUR OFFERINGS For JANUARY 6/7

Sunday:	\$ 9535.50
Dues:	\$ 6806.00
Holy Day:	\$ 286.00
Loose:	\$ 517.33
E-Giving:	\$ 781.22
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$17,926.05</b>

Christmas: \$585.00

Christmas Decorations: \$3237.00

**Thank you for  
your generosity!**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The last month or so has been a whirl-wind. The Christmas Season has come and gone and it's almost the end of January already. Where does the time go? I wanted to briefly reflect on the beautiful Christmas Season for just a moment in this letter.

There are so many people to thank and acknowledge for their roles in the Season's Celebrations I hope I don't miss anyone. First, to all those who helped decorate the church (and undecorate it), Thank you! Our Art and Environment Committee never ceases to amaze me with how beautiful the church looks. I cannot wait until Easter!

If you missed The Youth Choir's Christmas Play this year you missed a top notch performance by our children. It was a class act from start to finish with props and actors. The Youth Choir enhanced our 4:00 pm Christmas Eve mass and Epiphany Celebrations as well with their angelic voices.

Speaking of music...This Christmas' the Adult Choir was perhaps the finest sound I have heard! A beautiful enhancement to our Christmas Celebrations. By the way, the choir is now getting ready for the Easter Triduum and it's a perfect time to join the choir. Men's voices would be particularly welcomed.

Special thanks to all of our Liturgical Ministries for all of your help with the Masses. We could not do it without our fine Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers, Sacristans, Cantors and Musicians.

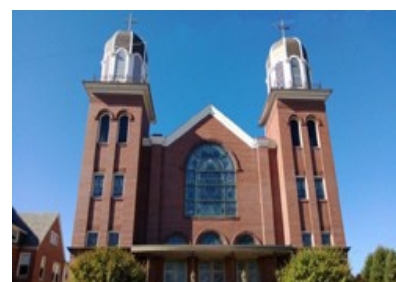
Astonishment is the only way to describe my reaction to the generosity of our people once again this year. The amount of gifts that were brought in for the Parish Giving Tree was amazing! Thank you all for being so generous with the elderly of our parish and the needy families (especially the children) of our area.

While we are on the topic of generosity, I don't think I have properly thanked our parishioners for their tremendous outpouring for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Once again, you enabled us to go over the top of our goal! Don't think this goes unnoticed as you reach out to not only our own parishioners, but to the larger community in the Diocese. It speaks volumes to everyone of your commitment to our Diocese to continue it's outreach and operations. Again, Thank You to all who participated.

Our Special Raffle for Santa's Sack of Cash or Santa's New Sleigh was a wonderful success, again, thanks to your participation. We'll get the final numbers to you in a future bulletin but this was a big showing again of your generosity to our parish. Congratulations again to Charles Reilly, our Grand Prize Winner who took the Sack of Cash!

**Parish Staff**

- Cora Artim  
Children's Choir
- Phil Bosha  
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  
Assisting Celebrant
- Deacon Jack Ziegler  
Permanent Deacon



## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

"The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of Love." John Paul II Please consider joining the Social Concerns Committee as new members are always welcome.

## FEAST OF THE HOLY SPOUSES TODAY

The Oblates of St. Joseph will host the Annual Feast of the Holy Spouses, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, on Sunday, January 21st, with a special Holy Mass at 3:00pm at the Oblate of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. The Rev. Louis Grippe, pastor of The Most Precious Blood Parish, Hazleton, will be the principal celebrant & homilist. The 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.

**BINGO TODAY** St. Robert Bellarmine at St. Aloysius Church, corner of Barney & Division Sts., Wilkes-Barre, Altar & Rosary Society Bingo. Sunday, January 21st, 1-4pm, doors open at noon. \$10/person, in Padden Hall (cafeteria), Food & beverages for purchase.



## SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE HEART CAKE POP SALE

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is currently conducting a Heart Cake Pop Sale now through January 21st. Delicious heart-shaped pops, 3 chocolate & 3 vanilla will be in a gift box ready for that someone special for Valentine's Day. Pops are \$15 per order, but quantities are limited, so place your order early. Pop orders can be taken by any Kiwanis member or by calling 570-283-1677 or email: [swoyk1951@comcast.net](mailto:swoyk1951@comcast.net). Orders must be paid in full by January 21st. Pick up your order at the Swoyersville Borough Building on Sunday, February 11th from 10am-noon, or on Monday, Feb. 12th, from 4-7pm. Orders of 5 or more to one address are available for local delivery.

## HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/Scholarship Test Result Night & Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held January 24 at 7:00pm in the Auditorium (snow date Jan. 25). Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on February 8, 12, & 13 from 3pm-6pm. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

## WYOMING AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Wyoming Area Catholic School will have an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 28th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. We have limited openings in Grades Pre-K through 8th. Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, Principal, and the faculty & staff invite you to come to the Open House and tour the school to see what a Catholic Education has to offer your child. Call the school office for more information: 570-654-7982. Come & "Catch our Spirit".

Wyoming Area Catholic School will hold its annual **NIGHT AT THE RACES** on Saturday, February 3rd, in the school gym. Doors open at 5:45pm, race time at 7pm. Complimentary food, snacks, & soft drinks will be provided. Horses are \$10 each—prize is \$50 if your "horse" wins. Donation is \$5.00/person (must be 21 or over to attend.) Please call the school office for more information: 570-654-7982.

## CATCH OUR SPIRIT...CELEBRATE OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

As families register their students for the upcoming school year, consider becoming an Academic Angel! Your contribution is an investment in a child's future..the outcomes speak for themselves. Our schools offer an instructional environment that challenges the mind, while inspiring & strengthening the spirit. Please consider supporting our students for 2018-19 school year. You can designate the gift as a memorial or as an honor for someone special: you can also select a particular school to receive your gift, or allow us to allocate it to the area with the greatest need. Contributions can be sent to: Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be celebrating a Regional Prayer Meeting on Monday, January 29th, at 7:30pm, and ALL ARE WELCOME to attend. The meeting will be held at Queen of Apostles Hall, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. There will be praise and worship with our combined music ministry, at witness by Tom Gentry, and a teaching by Karen McLain. The evening is being hosted by Burning Bush Prayer Group of Scranton, and refreshments will be served. Please come and join in the celebration of the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit!

## Direct Contacts

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[sistermarion@setonpa.com](mailto:sistermarion@setonpa.com)  
Father Joe's email: [fatherjoey@aol.com](mailto:fatherjoey@aol.com)  
Parish direct email: [setonpa@aol.com](mailto:setonpa@aol.com)



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.



# Mass Intentions

### Offered for:

### Requested by:

Monday	Jan. 22	12:10 pm	Susan Kawalkewicz	Niece, Janice Quinn & Family
Tuesday	Jan. 23	12:10 pm	Margaret Yadrnak	Henry & Christine Shemanski
Wednesday	Jan. 24	12:10 pm	Irene Drzewiecki	M/M Edward Daveski
Thursday	Jan. 25	12:10 pm	Steffie Rhiel	M/M Richard Frusciante
Friday	Jan. 26	12:10 pm	Carmella Uter	M/M Michael Uter
Saturday	Jan. 27	4:30 pm	Norma Zavada	Fran Hofherr
Sunday	Jan 28	8:30 am	George & Mary Krakosky	Family
Sunday	Jan 28	11:00 am	Joseph Guarnieri	Steve & Maria Englot
Sunday	Jan 28	5:30 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

### RECENTLY DEPARTED

~*William Tibus*~*Helen Covert*~May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



~In Memory of **Elaine Satkowski** offered by Catherine Pavlick  
~In Memory of **Joseph & Loretta Yatsko** offered by Joe & Terri Burgess



*SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!*