

# THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



**“Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves. ”**

**John 6:14**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

July 26, 2015  
Swoyersville, PA

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**Office Hours:**  
Monday– Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
**Friday:**  
8:30am to 3:00pm

Weekends and Evenings  
*by appointment only*

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

*Forward*  
in **FAITH**

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**  
New to the area? Just visiting?  
You will find a warm welcome  
here!  
To become a registered  
member, please call the parish  
office during regular business  
hours.

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

### Please make note:

Our parish office hours will remain the same for Monday through Thursday, open 8:30am to 5:00pm. Our **Friday office hours** will be changed to 8:30am **to 3:00pm**.



### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next Baptism class will be held on Tuesday, August 25th, at 6:30pm in the church hall. Parents who are planning their baby's Baptism and have not previously attended a class should call Lori, Pastoral Associate, to register for this brief session on the Sacrament. Expectant parents are most welcome to join us!

### SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE FOOD COLLECTION

Our Social Concerns Committee will be collecting food for the Holy Family Food Pantry on the weekends of **August 1st & 2nd and 8th and 9th**. Donations can be placed in the yellow box in the back of the church. Any groceries will be accepted, but those that are most needed are: Cheerios, Honey Nut Cheerios, canned fruit, canned spaghetti or ravioli with meatballs, instant mashed potatoes, strawberry jelly, 1 lb. white rice.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS FESTIVAL WINNER

The winner of the "frame of Lottery Tickets" donated by the Social Concerns Committee is Gloria Linko. Congratulations, Gloria!

### CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS GRATITUDE

Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers thanks everyone who baked and donated all the delicious goodies for the Festival Bake Sale. Thanks to all who shared their time, talent, and generosity!

### SCHEDULING CALENDARS READY

All heads of organizations or groups who use our buildings/facilities can now come to the parish office to pick up your 2015-2016 calendars. Any questions, please call our business manager, Monica, at 287-6624.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PICTURES/DVD'S

We still have 5 Confirmation photo packages and 9 First Holy Communion photos/DVDs not yet picked up. Please come to the parish office during normal office hours to pick up.



## THE SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Expecting or new parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make the arrangements and if necessary, attend the Pre-Baptismal Session. The celebration of the Sacrament is usually held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. This year Bishop Dougherty will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible.

### Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible (no less than 6 months prior) to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work. The dates at the Church are not guaranteed until an actual meeting with the pastor takes place.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.  
or anytime by request

### Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish Priest, day or night. When someone is very ill please do not wait to call the priest. It is better to have the sacrament of the sick sooner rather than at the last minute.

### For ordinary sick calls

#### (Non-Emergency):

Please notify the Parish Social Ministry Office at (570) 763-5160 if you would like a parish representative to visit a family member who is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home. In compliance with HIPAA regulations (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), health care facilities are required to protect the confidentiality and security of health data. Therefore, the only way that the parish can be informed of someone needing assistance is through notification by a family member of friend.



## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here is another family ritual that is worthwhile considering. In the days after Christmas, one family in our parish gathers everyone together and each child picks a toy or game in good condition and some clothes to share with kids in the homeless shelter. Each adult picks some clothes for the same purpose. When everything has been cleaned and prepared, they go together to the shelter and present the director with their donations. The children get a powerful lesson in sharing and mom gets a little less clutter to pick up.

Sharing is becoming almost counter-cultural. We are so clingy to material goods that we hang on to things long after they have become useless to us. Our homes are so full of junk that we rent storage space for more junk. Eventually, when we die, someone will have the thankless task of cleaning up our junk. Instead, we should put things to good use. Clothe the naked and assist the needy. Help someone get a job with your old suit or dress. Let another child enjoy a game or fun toy. Share your good fortune and wealth. Be generous and God will bless you.

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St. Ann is the patron saint of expectant mothers, women in labor, childless women and homemakers.



### PRAYER TO ST. ANN

Glorious St. Ann, filled with compassion for those who invoke you, and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present affair which I recommend to you under your special protection.

Good St. Ann, mother of her who is our life, our Sweetness, and our Hope, pray to her for us and obtain our request. Amen.

### Parish Staff

Cora Artim  
*Children's & 11:30 Choir*  
Phil Bosh  
*Maintenance*  
Chris Calore  
*Maintenance*  
Scott Coates  
*Contemporary Mass Musician*  
Sister Jane Ellis, IHM  
*Parish Social Minister*  
Margaret Loveless  
*Director of Religious Education*  
Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi  
**Pastor**  
Lori Raymond  
*Pastoral Associate*  
Joseph Sabol  
*Assistant Organist*  
Monica Salis  
*Business Manager*  
Marge Semanek  
*Director of Music*  
Rev. Anthony Urban  
*Weekend Celebrant*

### Direct Contacts

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):  
570-763-5160  
Faith Formation Office:  
570-287-4587

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

Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
pray for us!**

### Financial News:

July 1st began a new fiscal year for our parish. We have received this year's financial obligations from the Catholic Schools and the Diocese of Scranton. This fiscal year, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, our parish is responsible for contributing **\$108,869.00** to the Catholic School System. That comes to \$9,072.42 per month or \$2,268.10 per week. In addition we are obligated to the Diocese of Scranton another **\$134,000.00** for the year or \$11,105.09 each month and \$2,776.27 per week for other assessments. **The total each month is \$21,177.51** for both the schools and diocesan commitments. Please be mindful of these obligations each week.

### From the Pastor:

Dear parishioners, Thank you for all who have read and understood the recent letter sent by the Parish Finance Council. It is evident through our weekly collections that you took it seriously. As you can see from the above assessments, it is not easy to run the parish and maintain our financial obligations for our assessments each month. The Festival helps a great deal, but it does not solve the issue completely. I would like to clear up something that was in the letter which I have heard some comments about. All of the money spent on the renovations of the church, the grounds, and the acquiring of property for a future parking lot comes from a designated account. The designated account, which we are very fortunate we have, is to be used for such improvements. It cannot be used to pay monthly bills. The finance council even asked if we could use this account to pay our assessments and we were told no, it must be used for improvements. I hope this fact helps in our continual conversation on parish finances. Also, as the council and I encourage good stewardship of all parishioners, there is the realization that some of you are not able to increase or even give at all. Know that you are just as important as everyone else. I don't expect people to give what they do not have or go without the necessities for self and family. That would be a real sin. Know that whatever you can or cannot do is appreciated by your parish.

In gratitude for your sacrifices on behalf of our parish,

Father Joe

### Parish Group Envelopes for the month of July

This month's Parish Group Envelopes will benefit the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council of the Knights of Columbus.

### COLLECTIONS: July 11/12, 2015

**SUNDAY:** \$ 7808.00  
**LOOSE:** \$572.16  
**HOLY DAYS:** \$20.00  
**TOTAL:** \$10,460.96

**DUES:** \$1730.00  
**E-GIVING:** \$330.80

**DIOCESAN-**  
**Peter's Pence:** \$10.00

***May God bless you for your generosity!***

## VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.



### Night at the RACES SAVE THE DATE!!!

Holy Redeemer  
High School  
Saturday

November 7, 2015

Make plans to enjoy the evening with family and friends. For more information, call Holy Redeemer HS at 570-829-2424.

## ANNUAL BAZAAR

The **Swyersville American Legion Post 644**, located at 259 Shoemaker St is having its 4<sup>th</sup> annual bazaar which will be held Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1 from 4pm to 11pm. Live entertainment will be provided by the band Hat Tryk on Friday from 7pm to 11 pm and Flaxy Morgan on Saturday from 7 to 11pm. For additional information, please call the American Legion at 570-287-9400.

**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH, KINGSTON, is holding "GRANDMA'S ATTIC"** Sale in Conlon Hall (church basement) on Thurs., July 30th from 8am-1pm and 6pm-8pm, Friday, July 31st, from 8am-1pm, and Sat., Aug. 1st from 8am-noon. Lots of stuff! Bake Sale & Lunch.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LUZERNE, BINGO.** Sunday, August 2nd, 2pm. Doors open at noon. \$2.00 Admission. Bake Sale, food, refreshments, door prizes, basket raffle.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPIST CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Fr. Jerry Gurka & the Parish Family of St. John the Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St. Larksville, invite everyone to their Annual Parish Family Picnic to be held on the church grounds, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 7, 8, 9. Famous Theme Basket Stand! Gigantic Flea Market (new items daily), Bingo, and Games & Prizes for All Ages! Over 40,000 Pierogies, hand-made by our *Parish Pierogie Pinchers*, await you, along with our delicious home-made Haluski, Potato Pancakes, Piggies, Clam-Chowder, and assorted Polish, Slovak & American food! Enjoy live entertainment each day & a special event. Friday from 6-11PM w/music by Steven's Double Shot. Saturday from 5-11PM (join us for Mass at 4PM); music by George Tarasek. Sunday features Fr. Jerry's newest play, "A Godfather/Redneck Pierogie Wedding at Foodington Abbey" at 2PM; Stands open from 3-10PM and music by Tommy & "The Original Tones" from 6-10PM.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SPONSOR NIGHT AT PNC FIELD:** The Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence, Scranton, invite the community to join them for a fun-filled, family-friendly evening as they celebrate their third annual "Little Sisters of the Poor Night" on Tuesday, Aug. 18, as the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders take on their division rivals, the Leigh Valley Iron Pigs, at PNC Field, 235 Montage Mountain Rd., Moosic. Prior to the 7:05 p.m. game time, the Little Sisters will be available at the plaza entrance of the stadium to talk with visitors and also provide a pre-game, on-field interview about Holy Family Residence and the Sisters' mission of serving the elderly poor throughout the world. At 6:45 p.m., one of the Little Sisters will throw out the ceremonial first pitch of the game. Tickets are \$10 each for seats in the stadium's field reserved section 28. Little Sisters of the Poor baseball t-shirts are \$10 each and available in sizes small through 3XL. Food vouchers for a hot dog, chips, and a soda are \$5. To reserve a ticket, food voucher, and/or a t-shirt for you or for one of the residents of Holy Family Residence, please contact Mrs. Jackie Galvin, M.S., director of development and communications, at (570) 343-4065 ext. 3144 or [scdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:scdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org) by August 3. Orders can also be placed online at [www.littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org).



## "Back to School" Supplies for St. Vincent de Paul Soup

**Kitchen** St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre is now taking donations of school supplies. Items being collected are: Backpacks, Notebooks, Binders, Paper, Pens, Plastic Scissors, Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Markers, Erasers, Glue Sticks & Crayons. Items will be collected up until August 18th. **Bring items directly to the Soup Kitchen at above address.** Volunteers are needed for Distribution at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre on Tues., Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 AM & 1-4 PM. Please call Deb at 570-822-7118, ext. 305 if you can help.



# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, July 27

8:00 a.m. Genevieve Tibus Family

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 a.m. William F. Ulicny Bernie & Mary Ellen Kolodziej

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 a.m. Jankoviak Sisters St. Martha  
Sister Helen

Thursday, July 30

8:00 a.m. Felix Wawer Sr. St. Peter Chrysologus  
Son, Felix

Friday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Richard Swetts St. Ignatius of Loyola  
Lori Raymond

Saturday, August 1 (Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00 p.m. Betty Nevolas Charles & Florence Reilly

5:30 p.m. M/M Anthony Urban Richard Adamchik & Family

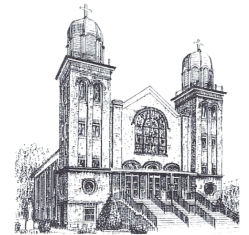
Sunday, August 2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Theresa Rallo Janice Quinn & Family

10:00 a.m. Ann & Stanley Kazanski David Dudasciak

11:30 a.m. Richard Zenda Ed & Elaine Kindler

5:30 p.m. **Pro Populo**



## CELEBRANTS:

### August 1

4PM Fr. Urban

5:30PM Fr. Joe

### August 2

8:30AM Fr. Joe

10:00AM Fr. Joe

11:30AM Fr. Urban

5:30PM Fr. Joe



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

~~Joseph "Parker" Podskoch~~

GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH GOD'S MERCY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



CONGRATULATIONS & Wedding Blessings  
upon: ~Leo Smith & Crystal Lyons~~ who  
were married on Saturday, July 25th.



### UPCOMING WEDDING:

Saturday, August 1, 2015, 1:00pm

~Robert Yonick & Jennifer Swiderski~



### Sanctuary Candles:

~In Memory of Joseph Pechal offered by Wife, Mary

~In Memory of Ann & John Lupinsky Jr. offered by Sister Helen



### ALTAR FLOWERS:

~In Memory of Joseph Pechal offered by Wife, Mary