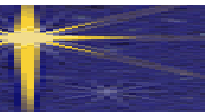


THE SETON SENTINEL

JANUARY 8, 2017



SOLEMNITY OF
THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD



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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only

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

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm
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

Thanks from the Pastor:

Many thanks to all those who sent cards, food, goodies, and Christmas wishes to the rectory. They are very much appreciated, and I am always touched by your kindness towards me.

Father Joe

What goes Up, Must come Down

As beautiful as our Church is decorated for this Christmas Season it officially comes to an end on Monday, January 9th—The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. We will leave things up for a few days longer as we ask your help in taking down the Christmas decoration on Sunday, January 15th after the 11:30 am Mass. If you could gather about 12:30 or so — It shouldn't take very long but we will need help climbing ladders, and carrying the nativity statues back to storage. Thank you for considering this request for help.

Sign of Peace during the Winter Months

It is that time of the year when cold and flu germs are among (or against) us. Please do not feel compelled to shake hands during the Sign of Peace at Mass during these months. Especially if you have a little cough or sniffles, you may wish to simply acknowledge the folks around you instead of extending your hands.

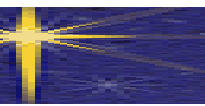
HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Holy Name Society will meet today, January 8th, after the 8:30am Mass in our church hall. Final preparations will be made for the Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast to be held on Sunday, January 22nd, New members are most welcome to join!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST



Sunday, January 22nd, 9am to 1pm, in our Church Hall. Tickets are \$6.00/adults, \$3.00/children 4 to 12, and Children 3 and under are Free! Tickets are available at the door, or contact Anna Mae Venetz for more information: 570-287-7655.



Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Bosha
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
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
Weekend Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon



ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

Friday, January 20th, Pastie Sale. Cost is \$6.00 each. Available with or without onions. Pick-ups are in the school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

PROFITS FROM FUNDRAISERS

Apple Dumpling Sale: \$1415.05

Advent Pirohy Sales: \$11,022.49

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Our Social Concerns Committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 12th, at 7pm in our church hall to discuss our upcoming PASTA DINNER & our ANNUAL SPRING BINGO. New members are always welcome!

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JANUARY

Canned fruit, canned spaghetti & meatballs, boxes of cereal, jelly

RESPECT LIFE MASS

The Knights of Columbus of Wyoming Valley is sponsoring a Respect Life Mass. This Mass will be held next Sunday, January 15th, at 10am, here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Following Mass, refreshments will be available in the church hall. Fr. Joseph Pisaneschi, Pastor, welcomes all. Please attend and show your support for the respect of every Human Life through your prayers.

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

Direct Contacts

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
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sisterjane@setonpa.com

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570-287-4587
sistermarion@setonpa.com

Father Joe's email:
fatherjoey@aol.com

Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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

Prayer Chain

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

January Religious Ed News:

Saturday: Classes will be held on Jan. 21, 28. No class on Jan. 14th

Monday: Classes will be held on Jan. 9, 23, 30. No class on Jan. 16th.

Note: January 22nd: 7th grade extra Confirmation class after the 5:30pm Mass

February 5th, 10:00am: Family Mass hosted by 6th Grade

Reminder for 8th grade Confirmation class: Paperwork due in February (service hours, saint report, sponsor card, registration form, letter to pastor, confirmation name)

2016 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 the Parish Office at: seton.swoy@aol.com by January 30.** Thank you,

Envelope #: _____

Please Print:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____



Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up for electronic giving. It's a fast easy way to remember your



"Give to the Most High God, as God has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and God will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35: 9-10

December 24/25, 2016

SUNDAY: \$6175.75

HOLY DAY: \$57.00

CHRISTMAS: \$22,687.83

TOTAL: \$30,092.49

Christmas Decorations: \$2986.00

December Parish Groups: (Altar Guild): \$541.00

DUES: \$901.00

E-GIVING: \$270.91

Diocesan: Dec. Care & Education of Priests: \$94.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$5.00

May God Bless You for your Generosity!

MARRIAGE HELP. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, with a long i) Program can help you. Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be February 24-26, 2017, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Registration required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more information or to register, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA May 17th to May 26th, 2017

Join us in a Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Fatima, Avila, Segovia, Madrid, & more. Under the direction of the Oblates of St. Joseph, Pittston. \$2999 per person/double occupancy. Includes: roundtrip airfare from Newark, hotel transfers, meals (B & D), sightseeing by professional tour escort in air-conditioned bus, Superior Tourist Class Accommodations. Baggage handling at hotels (1 piece), tipping for bus driver & tour guides. Bus transportation from Pittston to Newark & back available at additional cost. For more info., call The Catholic Tour at 1-888-465-9868, email: altvar70@gmail.com, or Carl Angelella at 570-654-6459.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation should be made before March 13 by calling Lori Raymond here in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish office, 570-287-6624, with your request.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

A bus to the March for Life, Washington, D.C., will leave right here from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville, on Friday, January 27th. For further information and reservations please call Chris Calore at 570-824-5621. Thank you.

RESPECT LIFE BREAKFAST, SCRANTON AREA

The Scranton Chapter, PA for Human Life, will hold their annual Respect Life Breakfast on Saturday, January 28, at Fiorella's, Peckville. Call the Scranton PHL office for reservations (\$21.00), 570-347-8299.

Hospital Visitation

A reminder to all parishioners: If you or a family or friend is admitted to the Hospital, Physical Rehab, or a Nursing Home, please contact Sister Jane at 570-763-5160 to inform the parish. We try to visit everyone we know is hospitalized or in a facility for any length of time but we need your help. Hospitals do not release patient information to the parish any longer due to privacy regulations. For emergency Anointing of the Sick, call anytime, day or night the main rectory number for assistance. Note that priests are assigned to hospital emergency calls on a rotating basis so ask the nurses station to call the priest on duty in the event of an emergency.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH **LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs**



Did you check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CDs located in our vestibule? For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

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. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

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) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).



Monday, January 9	The Baptism of Jesus
12:10 pm James Keating	Family
Tuesday, January 10	<i>Begin Week One of Ordinary Time</i>
12:10 pm Stephen & Helen Gaydos	Son, Robert, & Daughter, Ann Marie & Family
Wednesday, January 11	
12:10 pm Anna & Joseph Barnoski	Daughter, Rosemary & Family
Thursday, January 12	
12:10 pm Ryan Broghamer	Mom, Dad, & Ashley
Friday, January 13	
12:10 pm	Christmas Mass Intentions
Saturday, January 14	Vigil: Second Week of Ordinary Time
4:00 pm Edward Evelock	Ed, Jane, & Family
5:30 pm Joseph Rollman	Wife, Jeanne
Sunday, January 15	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 am Betty Husovsky	Dan, Betsy, & Families
10:00 am Respect Life Mass	Knights of Columbus
11:30 am Rev. Walter F. Skiba	Norene & Bob Kubasko
5:30 pm	Pro Populo

Priest's Schedule
Saturday, January 14
 4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi
 5:30 pm Fr. Urban
Sunday, January 15
 8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi
 10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi
 11:30 am Fr. Urban
 5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi



UPCOMING WEDDING

- Saturday, January 14th, 1:00pm: **Bryan Silfee and Zoe Stephens**

Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Anna & Joseph Barnoski offered by Daughter, Rosemary & Family
- In Memory of Selensky & Mandycz Families offered by daughter, Eleanor



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