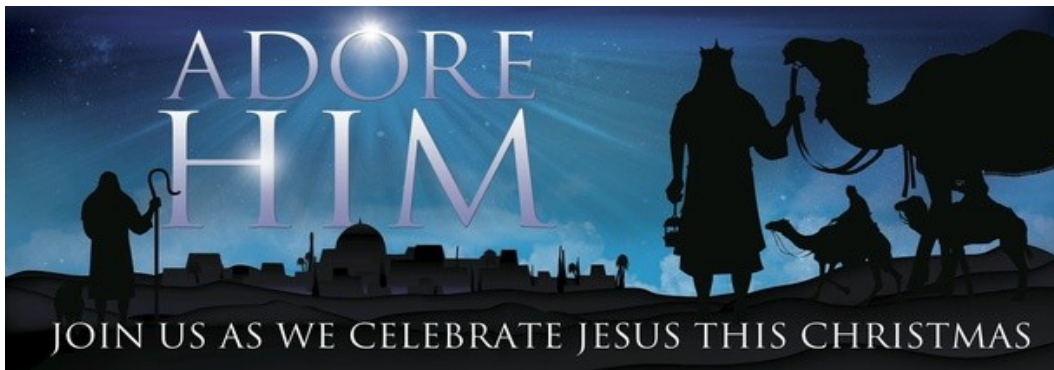


The Seton Sentinel

DECEMBER 24, 2017



THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Masses: Christmas Eve~ 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00pm
Christmas Day~ 8:30 and 11:00 am.



Solemnity of the Holy Family
December 30-31

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am and
5:30 pm

New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Masses at 8:30am and 11:00 am

Effective January 6, 2018



Saturday Vigil Mass:
4:30 pm

Sunday Masses:
8:30am, 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm

Monday-Friday Mass:
12:10 pm

Confessions:
Saturday 3:45– 4:15 pm

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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
3:15pm 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"*

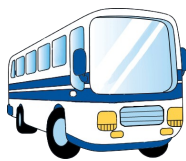
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RESPECT LIFE MASS



The Annual Respect Life Mass, sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Councils, Knights of Columbus, will be held at St. Faustina Parish, Hanover St., Nanticoke, **Sunday, January 14, 2018, at the 11:00am Mass**. The Knights, along with Pro-Life representatives, will offer prayer intentions during the Mass for a greater respect of all Human Life & to end abortion. January is Respect Life month as abortion was legalized on January 22, 1973. Since then, upwards of 60 million innocent unborn children have been aborted. Father Nash, Pastor, warmly invites all to attend & to pray for the most vulnerable of Human Lives, those with disabilities, the ill, & the unborn.



MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

For information regarding a local bus going to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on **Friday, January 19th**, please contact Mr. Chris Calore, PA for Human Life Representative, at 570-824-5621.

PRAYER CHAIN

The next meeting of our Prayer Chain is on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 9am in our church hall. Please join us!



A reminder to parents in the event of inclement weather to check the message on the Religious Education Department's Direct Phone Line at 570-287-4587 to see if classes are cancelled.

No Classes: Dec. 23, 25, 30 & Jan 1

Classes resume: Jan. 6 & 8

Sunday, Jan 7th, 11am: 6th Grade Family Mass followed by coffee & donuts in church hall.

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

No Classes: Sat., January 13th, Mon. January 15th

On behalf of the Priests,
Sisters, Staff, and Organizations of St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton Parish,
We wish you all a
**Very Merry Christmas!
and Happy New Year!**



**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Pray for us!**

Bereavement Group



Many people who have experienced the loss of a loved one don't know that the grieving process takes time. We can't "just get over it" and there is no easy way to get through our painful feelings of loss. To learn more about what to expect as you grieve your loss, a Bereavement Group will be meeting which you would be welcomed to join. Call the parish office for more information or to join the group.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton now has a licensed therapist on our Pastoral Staff. If you think you may benefit from this ministry, please contact Fr. Joe for a referral. All inquiries will be held in the strictest confidences. This is above and beyond what Father can do by himself in spiritual direction or advisement.



Office Hours:

Our office is closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 25th & 26th.

Please hold all non-urgent calls until then. The schedule for Masses is listed in this bulletin. Please save the schedule and refer to it or access the schedule on-line at setonpa.com instead of calling the rectory. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE:

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. Too many have been missing lately.



DIOCESAN 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 2018 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10th. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made by contacting Lori Raymond, in our parish office, 287-6624, before March 12th.



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
Weekend Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon



Please note:

This Tuesday's daily mass will be at **12:10 pm.**

Blessed Christmas Straw will be available in the vestibule of the church after all masses while supplies last. Please do not open the baggie until you get home to avoid making a mess in the church with the hay.

The Annual Parish Ministries Party will be held on Sunday, January 7th in the Parish Hall from 2-4:30 pm. All those in active ministries in our parish including ushers are invited. Sign-up sheets are located on the tables at the entrance of the church.

NOTE TO USHERS:

Please remember that people will be sitting in the balcony for Christmas Masses. Help them feel at home and part of the assembly especially at Communion time and for the collections.



Bold Choices Retreat

(Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully)

Join us for a young adult (18-35) retreat at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit January 5-6. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more. Cost is \$65.00. For more information and/or to register,


FAITH FACTS

THE APOSTLES: MATTHEW

We are not exactly sure what happened to Matthew after the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles at Pentecost. Early writers tell us that he preached among the Jews for fifteen years before going into other countries. Before leaving, he wrote one of the four gospels.

We are not sure which countries were visited by Saint Matthew. It seems, though, that he was put to death as a martyr for the faith.

Saint Matthew is often represented in art as a winged man carrying a lance. The picture above is taken from the Book of Kells, an ancient collection of the gospels.



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Once again, our Sincere Thanks to all who helped our Parish reach our goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal! There is still time to donate. Remember that after our goal is met, 75% of what is contributed over the goal comes back to our parish. This is a great incentive to help the Diocese reach out to others! Envelopes are located at the entrance of the Church.

Direct Contacts

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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:

Tuesday	Dec. 26	12:10 pm	Anne Gagliardi	Denise Cremard	
Wednesday	Dec. 27	8:00 am	Ronnie Gibbons	Sister, Pat Quinn & Family	
Thursday	Dec. 28	8:00 am	Marie Mishkel	Confraternity of Christian Mothers	
Friday	Dec. 29	8:00 am	Christmas Mass Intentions		
Saturday	Dec. 30	4:00 pm	Eugene "Bud" Burgess	Joe & Terri Burgess	Fr. Joe
Saturday	Dec. 30	5:30 pm	Stanley Kudey	Wife & Children	Fr. Urban
Sunday	Dec. 31	8:30 am	Christmas Mass Intentions		Fr. Joe
Sunday	Dec. 31	10:00 am	Michael S. & Michael C. Ritondo	M/M Robert Kandrac & Family	Fr. Joe
Sunday	Dec. 31	11:30 am	Pro Populo		Fr. Urban
Sunday	Dec. 31	5:30 pm	Christmas Mass Intentions		Fr. Joe



~In Memory of Leo Venetz offered by wife,
Anna Mae
~In Memory of Frank & Anna Duzen offered by
daughters, Paula Matthews & Donna Gustave

