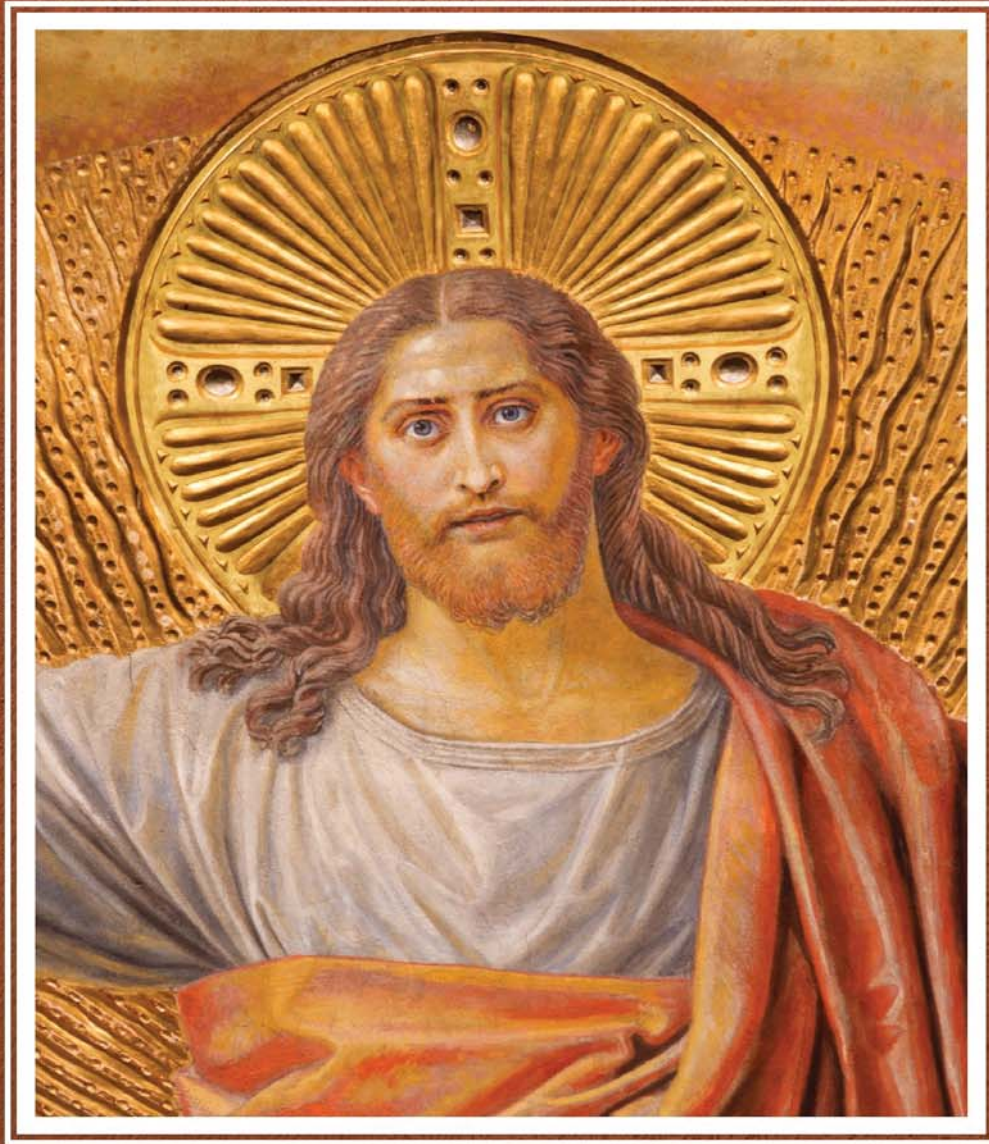


SETON SENTINEL



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Mark 4:34

5:30 PM Saturday Mass will Stay

To thunderous applause, Father Joe announced last weekend that the 5:30 pm Saturday Mass would remain as the attendance has been increasing. The Weekend Schedule will be as it was, Saturdays 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Sunday, 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm. There is lots of room at all the masses for you. Please join us for weekend Eucharist!

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Please consider volunteering to bring the gifts forward during the Preparation Time at Mass on the weekends. Especially if the mass is for a family member or friend. The sign-up book is on the podium at the church entrance.

SISTER MARION TARONE, IHM

Our director of Religious Education, Sister Marion, will celebrate her 60th year as an IHM Sister this summer. What an accomplishment! She and Sister Jane Ellis, entered at the same time and were in the same class. Congratulations to both Sisters!

Sister Marion has decided to retire after her many decades in Catholic Education. We are very sorry to lose such an integral part of our parish staff but we understand. To honor Sister Marion for her years of service to our children in CCD and her many years in Catholic Education, we will have a “light celebration,” at Sister’s request. **Please join us for the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 27th. There will be a light social after the mass outside and/or in the hall.**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for us!



Tree of Righteousness: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord’s coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would “put forth branches and bear fruit.” Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to “birds of every kind”—thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will “take wing” through their new life in Christ. God indeed will “lift high the lowly tree,” as He solemnly promises. Such salvation surpasses humanity’s most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the psalm: “Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.” It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather “flourish” in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: “so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.”

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

Yours in Christ,
Scott Hahn

Altar Servers

A brief meeting for altar servers who have served in the past or who would like to serve now will be held on Sunday, June 27th after the 5:30 pm Mass. Refresher course and new information will be shared.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

We are currently taking names of those who would like to help distribute Holy Communion at mass. Please call Lori in the office if interested.

Pastoral and Finance Councils

A joint meeting for both the Pastoral and Finance Council will be held on **Tuesday, June 15th at 7:00 pm** in the Hall. (notice the day change) The discussion of Pastoral Planning and the status of our parish will be continued to be updated and discussed.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be resuming regular monthly meetings in June. Our June meeting will be on Sunday, June 27th, at 3:00pm in the church hall. Please note the meeting time of 3:00pm is only for the June meeting. Future meetings will be held on the last Sunday of the month at our usual time of 2:00pm. With some Covid restrictions being lifted, we look forward to seeing everyone again and making plans for future activities. New members are most welcome.



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven isn't just where we will go when we die if we were good. Jesus was telling us that Heaven grows in our hearts when we choose to love God and each other.

Our Lord compares the Kingdom of Heaven to plants that grow up from little seeds. When we were baptized we received the gift of Faith. When we receive the other sacraments, especially Holy Communion, the Faith grows in us, like a plant that has water and sunshine. If we sin it's like little bugs or sickness that start to kill the plant. Confession will take those away so that our Faith can grow again.



How can you help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in you? Going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion whenever you can, and going to Confession often are the best ways. Praying every day and learning about the Faith and about the saints will also help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in your heart like a strong, healthy plant!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



The Social Concerns Committee is requesting the following items for the Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne:

Canned Fruit Rice
Canned Pasta

Peanut butter Jelly Crackers Cereal
Drop Off Boxes can be found in the church vestibule.

Thank you for your generosity!

GFT Scholarships - Attention High School Seniors!

Two scholarships will be offered by the GFT Foundation to members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish who are looking to continue their education whether it be college, technical or vocational school. The scholarships will be awarded based on merit and need. Guidelines for the scholarship and the application are on our website or can be requested by email at seton.swoy@aol.com. The deadline is June 30, 2021 for the 2021 fall semester.

PARISH OFFERINGS

If you can please continue to remember your envelopes and contributions and get them to us each week we can continue OUR mission together. If you are comfortable, you may use the electronic offering option located at setonpa.com Look for the following link and follow the instructions:



Collection total for the week of May 29/30, 2021

\$10,801.61

Building & Maintenance (May): \$1492.00

Once again, thank you to all those who drop offerings in the church basket, mail them, slip them in the rectory door, use the electronic giving option, or get your donations to us in any other way.

QUO VADIS DAYS –HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP ...will be held June 20-22 at Marywood University, Scranton. This camp is for young Catholic men in High School (who were in 9-12th grade during the 2020-2021 school year) to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music & more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Bishop Bambera, priests, & seminarians of our Diocese. Online registration is now open at vocations.dioceseofscranton.org. For more info., call 570-207-1452.

Also, here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, we have Registration Forms on the table in our vestibule.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

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The conference will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, with The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available all day. The keynote speaker will be Theresa Bonapartis, author & pro-life advocate. The two featured speakers are Father Chris Alar, MIC, a priest with the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. He is a regular host & guest on EWTN. In addition, we are blessed to have Sr. Victoria Joy of the Sisters of Life, who will lead us through Eucharistic Adoration. Music by Taylor Tripodi.



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Monday, June 14

6:30am Carly Baker

Nanny & Pop Baker

Tuesday, June 15

8:00am Alberta Kolojejchick

Rich & Betsy Evanoski

Wednesday, June 16

8:00am Dorothy Brek

Sam & Barbara Alba

Thursday, June 17

6:30am Marie Pesta

Frank & Mary Czock

Friday, June 18

6:30am Leonard Kolojejchick

Family

Saturday, June 19

4:00pm Father's Day Intentions

5:30pm Father's Day Intentions

Sunday, June 20

7:00 am Father's Day Intentions

9:00 am Father's Day Intentions

11:00 am Father's Day Intentions

5:30 pm Father's Day Intentions

The 4:00pm Saturday Mass is livestreamed on Facebook.com/setonpa or available anytime there after and on our website: setonpa.com



This Week's Sanctuary Candles

1. In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family
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ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

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SACRAMENT OF
Marriage

WEDDING BLESSINGS

Congratulations and God's Blessings upon Ronald Hankey & Monica Howard who were married on Saturday, June 12th.

UPCOMING WEDDING: Saturday, June 19, 2021, 1:00pm: James Ellis & Janelle Bozinko



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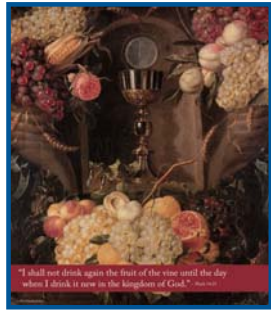
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