

# The Seton Sentinel

January 31, 2021



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS

This week we honor St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr and in accordance with the guidelines of the diocese, we will offer a **general blessing** of the throats at the conclusion of all masses the **weekend of February 6th and 7th**.

Individual Blessings with the imposition of the blessed candles are not permitted during the pandemic.

## BLESSED CANDLES AVAILABLE

Next weekend, Blessed St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Vigil Candles will be available in the church. These candles are in lieu of the tapered candles we usually offer after the Candlemas. Donation is \$5.00.

## PLEASE NOTE:

**THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH MONDAY, FEB 1 to FRIDAY, FEB 5th. You are encouraged to attend other local parishes for weekday masses this week. Our Daily Eucharist will resume the week of Feb 9th. This does not effect Weekend Liturgies.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 17 this year. Due to the pandemic, we will not be imposing ashes on the forehead of individuals; instead, we will sprinkle ashes on the top of heads. This may present an issue for individuals as the ashes will get into your hair. As a reminder, **ASHES ARE OPTIONAL**. They are a sacramental, not a sacrament, and are not necessary for salvation. If you choose to have the ashes sprinkled on top of your head, we will offer the ashes at the following times:

**Mass at 6:30 am, 12:10 pm**

**Short Services at 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm**

It is important that we do not exceed the allotted number of people that social distancing will allow for in church and that all policies of social distancing and hand cleansing are followed. Please be patient as this will take some extra time this year.

## LENT SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS

Opportunity for individual confessions and prayer on Monday evenings during Lent, beginning Feb 22nd. Reconciliation from 6–7 in the sacristy. (Time will be expanded as we get closer to Easter) and Church open for private prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the left side of the church only during this time. Please sit in the furthest left bank of pews for adoration so as not to be distracted by the traffic to and from the sacristy.

## FRIDAY STATIONS AND BENEDICTION

On Fridays during Lent, we will welcome everyone for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:30–7:00 pm followed by Benediction and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. You may sit throughout the church on Fridays.

## RUMORS IN THE AIR

Just so we are all on the same page, we are announcing now that the 2021 Summer Festival for our Parish is cancelled. Unless there is a miracle we will not be able to come together for the prep, execution and tear down of the Festival. COVID Mask Wearing and Social Distancing will most likely be in effect until at least the late fall. After weighing all the options there is no way we could safely hold the Festival this summer.

We may have some smaller fundraisers through the summer and fall to try to reduce the deficit from the Festival's income. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Stay healthy and safe!

## WINTER FUNDRAISERS

Please note that the order forms for Cheesecakes are due this Thursday, February 4th.

## Haluski Sale

**St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church**, Tripp St., Swoyersville, is holding a Haluski (cabbage & noodles) Sale on February 20th. Cost is \$7/quart. Cottage Cheese will also be available. Outdoor pickup is from noon to 2pm. To place an order call: 570-287-3110. Deadline for orders is February 6th.

**Are you looking for some TLC for your marriage?**

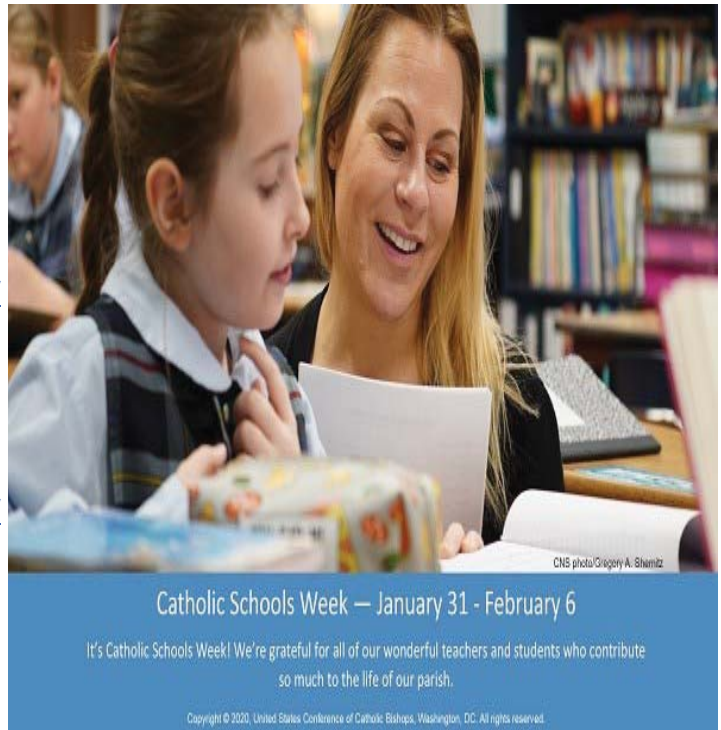
Join us in celebrating National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day, February 7 through 14, 2021. Get ideas for celebrating this event together, and register for a virtual marriage enrichment event with Chris and Linda Padgett (English) or Joel and Nora de Loera (Spanish). For details, call Jen Housel at 570-207-2213 x 1104 or visit: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/national-world-marriage-week-february-7-14-2021/>

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**Celebrate National Marriage Week, February 7 – 14!**

To learn more about resources and events, call Jen Housel at 570-207-2213 x 1104 or visit: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/national-world-marriage-week-february-7-14-2021/>

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<p>8" CHEESECAKE \$12/PLAIN \$13/RASPBERRY TOPPING</p>	<p>ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON ALTAR GUILD <b>CHEESECAKE ORDER FORM</b> SALE DATE IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 <b>(ORDERS DUE BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th)</b></p>	<p>8" CHEESECAKE \$12/PLAIN \$13/RASPBERRY TOPPING</p>
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SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS REQUIRED		
Make check payable to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish		
PLEASE SEND PAYMENT WITH ORDER		
Drop off order form & payment at the rectory office door/mail slot, drop in weekend collection basket, or mail to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Altar Guild, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, PA 18704		

	<p>ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH <b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12976</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17TH</b></p> <p><b>\$8.00/QUART</b></p> <p><b><u>PAY WHEN YOU PICK UP—PLEASE HAVE EXACT PAYMENT READY</u></b> CASH OR CHECKS MADE OUT TO: SEAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICK UP IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA—PLEASE CHECK PICK UP TIME BELOW SOCIAL DISTANCING &amp; MASKS REQUIRED</p>	
NAME: _____ PHONE: _____		
NUMBER OF QUARTS: _____ <b>PICK UP:</b> 11am to 1pm _____ OR 4pm to 6pm _____		
DROP OFF ORDER FORM AT RECTORY OFFICE DOOR/MAIL SLOT, DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET, OR MAIL TO: SEAS Knights of Columbus, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, PA 18704 or Call Mark Perugino to place order: 570-262-2896		

## PARISH OFFERINGS

Our Parish remains open and operating solely through your generosity. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do for us through the year, especially during the pandemic. If you can continue to remember your envelopes 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](http://setonpa.com) Look for the following link and follow the instructions:



Collection total for the week of **January 16/17, 2021**  
**\$16,927.11**

Building & Maintenance (Jan.): \$1423.00

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 who get your donations to us in any other way.

### *Diocesan Annual Appeal Update*

We are getting close to making our Goal! Thank you to all who have contributed so far. If you are able to, can you possibly make a donation to the Appeal this week? Even small gifts are appreciated and help. We have Appeal, envelopes on the tables at the Church entrance or you can log on to [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org) and click on GIVING then follow the link to the Annual Appeal. Send your donation directly to Diocese of Scranton, Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Avenue—Scranton, PA 18503. Be sure to include your name and address AND **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swyersville** in the mailing so that our parish receives proper credit for your contribution.

Here are the latest numbers:

2020 Goal:	\$44,000.00
Raised so far:	\$37,564.00
<b>Needed:</b>	<b>\$ 6,436.00</b>

### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING**

Our Holy Name Society will meet next Sunday, February 7th, after the 9:00am mass in the church hall. New members are welcome.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

In person classes resumed on Saturday January 23rd, and Monday, January 25th. Assignments should be completed at home and turned in on time to the Religious Ed Office. Stay Safe Everyone!

Any questions, please call Sister Marion at 570-287-6624, extension 116.

### **RELIGIOUS ED UPDATES:**

Rescheduled Sacramental Meetings

**Sunday, March 7th**, 6:15pm church hall—  
8th Grade Confirmation meeting

**Sunday, March 14th**, 6:15pm church hall—  
2nd Grade 1st Holy Communion meeting

**Sunday, March 21st**, 6:15pm church hall—  
7th Grade Confirmation meeting

### PENANCE

3rd Grade: Saturday, April 10th at 10:00am

2nd Grade: Saturday, April 17th at 10:00am

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

3rd Grade: Saturday, May 1st at 10:00am

2nd Grade: Saturday, May 8th at 10:00am

### CONFIRMATION

9th Grade: Sunday, May 16th at 11:00am

8th Grade: Sunday, May 23rd at 11:00am

### CANCELLED

Both the Communion Retreat and Confirmation Retreat have been cancelled.

## Saint Blaise

DIED C. 316  
FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 2

**S**aint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers.

He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.



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## EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 1

NO MASS TODAY

### Tuesday, February 2

NO MASS TODAY

### Wednesday, February 3

NO MASS TODAY

### Thursday, February 4

NO MASS TODAY

### Friday, February 5

NO MASS TODAY

### Saturday, February 6

5:00 pm Miriam Simmers

Felix Wawer

### Sunday, February 7

7:00 am **Pro Populo**

9:00 am Dick Ackourey

Wife & Family

11:00 am George Reggie

Wife, Lisa

5:30 pm Mary Jane Yatsko-Cefaratti

Joe & Terri Burgess

***The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass is Livestreamed on Facebook.com/Setonpa or available anytime there after and on our website: setonpa.com***



**IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.....**

*~~Barbara Ripa ~*

May the Lord grant her Eternal Rest. Amen.



### **This Week's Sanctuary Candles**

1. In Memory of Raymond A. Podskoch offered by Ray & Marlene Knaub & Family
2. In Memory of Mary & John Olejnik Sr. & John Olejnik Jr. offered by Ben & Liz Remakus & Family



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x 130
- Lorraine Raymond, Pastoral Associate  
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x117     sisterjane@setonpa.com
- Mr. John Bankus Sr., Deacon Candidate

## Finance Office

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- Sister Marion Tarone, IHM  
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sistermarion@setonpa.com

## Music Ministry

- Margaret Semanek, Director of Liturgical Music
- Joseph Sabol, Assistant Organist
- Cora Artim, Youth Choir Director
- Scott Coates, 5:30 PM Mass Musician

## Sacristans

- Christopher Calore x 133
- Patricia Quinn
- Betsy Evanski

## Maintenance and Cleaning

- Christopher Calore, Director of Maintenance  
X 133
- Gertrude Brown
- John Sartin
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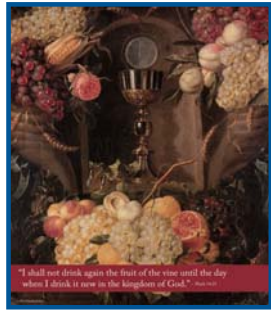
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## All Are Welcome in this Place

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue - You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!



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