

FEBRUARY 3, 2019
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seton Sentinel

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Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”
~Luke 4:21

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (cycle C)

Readings can be found in the *Gather* Books at number 1103

Upcoming Altar Guild Food Fundraisers

Friday, February 8th, Chicken Pot Pies

Friday, March 1st, Fresh Apple Pies/Cheesecakes

Friday, March 15th, Pirohy

Friday, March 22nd, Sweet Pizza

Friday, March 29th, Pirohy

Friday, April 5th, To be announced

Friday, April 12th, Pirohy

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our *Chicken Pot Pie Sale* to be held this coming Friday, Feb. 8th. Cost is \$6.00 each. Pick up times are noon-2pm or 5pm-6pm in our school cafeteria.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Holy Name Society will meet *today, Sunday, February 3rd*, after the 8:30am Mass. Our newly-elected President, Mrs. Ann Mae Venetz, will preside. We want to thank our former President, Mr. Frank Fosko, who has served for many years. New members are always welcome.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Monday, February 11th is the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We will celebrate a special mass at 12:10 pm that day in which the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated for those who request it. It is highly recommended for those who are getting on in years and anyone who is facing surgery or illness (physical, mental or spiritual) to receive the Anointing.

St. Blaise

Blessing of the Throats

February 3rd is traditionally the memorial of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. The blessing of the throats is usually offered on this day. Because it falls on a weekend this year we will offer a General Blessing of the Throats in place of the Dismissal this weekend at all masses and then the opportunity for individual blessings after the closing hymn if you wish to stay for it. Form 2 lines and process down the middle of the church to receive the individual blessing.



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MEET THE STAFF

Pastoral Ministry

- ◆ Rev. Joseph Pisaneschi, V.F. Pastor
- ◆ Rev. Anthony Urban Assisting Celebrant
- ◆ Deacon John Ziegler Permanent Deacon
- ◆ Lorraine Raymond Pastoral Associate
- ◆ Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Pastoral Care Minister

Finance Office

- ◆ Monica Salis Business Manager

Religious Education

- ◆ Sister Marion Tarone, IHM Director of Religious Education

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
- ◆ Patricia Quinn
- ◆ Betsy Evanoski

Maintenance and Cleaning

- ◆ Christopher Calore Director of Maintenance
- ◆ David Quinn
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ Carol Hrobaski
- ◆ Phil Boshia St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach

Religious Education Classes

February Classes for Saturdays: Feb. 2, 9, & 23 (no class Feb. 16th)

February Classes for Mondays: Feb. 4, 11, & 25 (no class Feb. 18th)

February 24th (Sunday): All 7th Grade Confirmation Students extra class after 5:30pm Mass in the church hall

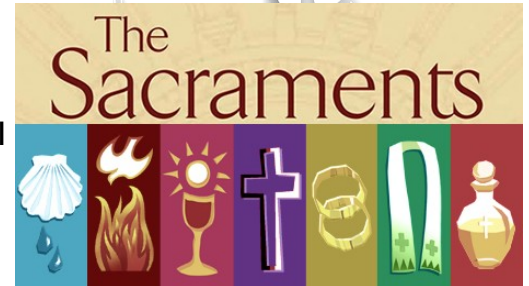
Sacrament Dates for 2019

First Reconciliation : Saturday, March 23rd, 10:30am

R.C.I.A. Sacraments: Holy Saturday, April 20th, 8pm, Easter Vigil

First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 4th, 10:00am

Confirmation: Sunday, June 9th 11:00 am



ALL 7th GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES in the first year of preparation of our Confirmation Program are expected to attend two more additional classes during the 2018-2019 school year...Feb. 25th and March 18th (after the 5:30pm Mass).

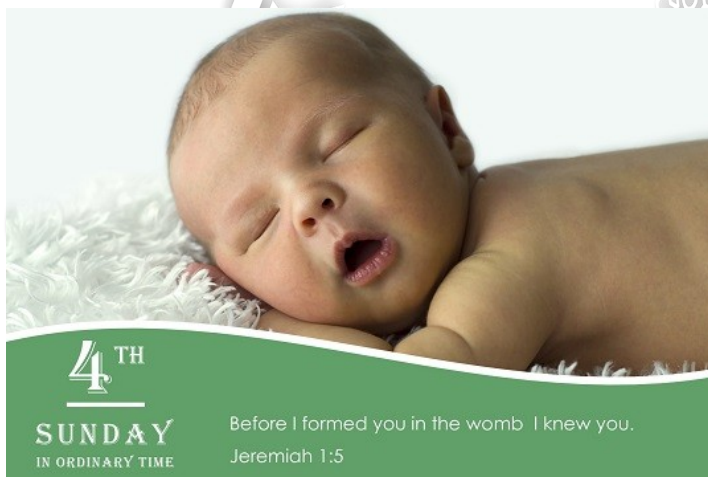
8th GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS *must attend* the Confirmation Retreat on April 6, 2019, 11:00am to after the 4pm Mass at St. Ignatius, Kingston. Paperwork is due in February for all 8th graders being confirmed. (Registration, service hours, Saint report, Confirmation record sheet—orange paper, letter to the Pastor and Baptismal Certificate, if not baptized at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton).

2nd GRADE paperwork due. ASAP: Registration, pledge of commitment and Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

2nd GRADE FIRST CONFESSION will be Saturday, March 23, 2019, at 10:30am.

2nd GRADE COMMUNION CLASS RETREAT is on Sunday, April 7, 2019, attend 11:00am Mass until 3pm.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 24th, at 2pm in our church hall. All members who will be working the April 1st/2nd Rummage Sale are asked to attend. New members are welcome!





**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

By Dr. Scott Hahn
Prophet to the Nations

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19
Psalm 71: 1-6,15-17
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30

God's words in today's First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a "prophet to the nations" (see Luke 1:31-33).

Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today's Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins - that He's more than just "the son of Joseph."

The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colorful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass "many...in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God (see 1 Kings 17:1-16; 2 Kings 5:1-14). "None...not one" in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes.

His point isn't lost on His audience. They know He's likening them to the "many...in Israel" in the days of the prophets. That's why they try to shove Him off the cliff. As He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him.

And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation - not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their "rock of refuge," as we sing in today's Psalm.

Prophecies, Paul tells us in today's Epistle, are partial and pass away "when the perfect comes." In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear, as He declares in today's Gospel.

Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved, to love God as our Father, as One Who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word.

This is the salvation, the "mighty works of the Lord," that we, as the Psalmist, are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist.

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Weekly Offering for the Weekend of January 19/20, 2019

\$ 5859.47

Other Collections:
January Building & Maintenance: \$889.00

DIOCESAN:
January Care & Education of Priests: \$930.90

Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The severe weather negatively impacted our collections for the weekend of January 20th. We are unable to meet last months obligations. If you are able to, please help us make up the loss in that week's offering. Your kindness is appreciated as expenses at the church go on and in fact, increase in snow, ice and cold.

Feeling Under the Weather?

The Diocese of Scranton urges all parishioners to observe the necessary standard precautions in protecting the health of others during this flu season. Because influenza is a contagious respiratory illness, here are some basic measures that can help to prevent the spread of influenza:

- If you are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, you should stay home for your own well-being and that of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are **not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.**
- Parishioners are urged, but not required, to receive Holy Communion on the hand instead of the mouth.
- Exchange the Sign of Peace without physical contact.

Holy Redeemer High School

Register for the 2019-2020 school year at Holy Redeemer High School. Appointments for class scheduling are available February 7, 11, and 12 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Call today for an appointment or to arrange for a day to shadow a student. Guidance Department: 570-829-2424.

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

To Federal employees who were affected by the federal government shutdown: Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne distributes food on the last Saturday of each month from 11am to 1pm. We welcome federal employees in need of food during this difficult time. We are located behind Betz/Jastremski Funeral Home on Bennett St. in Luzerne. We are on Tener St. (the small street along side the funeral home.)

"To our friends at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: We would like to send a note to all of you for your continued support of Holy Family Food Pantry. Your collecting food for us is very important to keeping the pantry running. God bless you for your kindness! Wishing you much joy in 2019!" Lou & Carol Cardoni, Holy Family food Pantry Coordinators

ST. IGNATIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY NIGHT AT THE RACES

The HNS of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish will sponsor its Annual Night at the Races on Saturday, March 30th, in Conlan Hall. Doors open at 6pm. Admission is FREE and seating is first come-first serve basis—no reserved seating. Food & refreshments are ALL included. Horses will be able to be purchased before and during the event. This is an adult only event. Please come out & support our society & the Church and have fun with your neighbors & parishioners. If anyone wishes to sponsor a race (\$25) or donate prizes, or bake treats, please call Tom Havrilak at 570-287-7768.

Catholic Men's Conference Set for April 27th

The Fifth Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes Barre, PA 18701**. A most important day for the future of our faith featuring keynote presentations by Fr. Philip G. Bochanski, the executive director of Courage International who speaks on the good news of living chaste lives, along with well-known psychologist, speaker, and EWTN TV host, Dr. Ray Guarendi. Our third speaker will be motivational speaker, apologist, and TV host of "Battle Ready", Doug Barry. You will hear Doug explain the BATTLE READY effort to be more AWARE of, PREPARED for and ENGAGED in the battles that we all face, body, mind and soul. Every one of us is in the thick of the spiritual battle. Many do not see it and consequently are unprepared for it. The outcome of that scenario is devastating. The primary goal of BATTLE READY is to help others know how to deal with the attacks of the world, the flesh and the devil. A must awareness for Catholic men!

There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as Rosary. Additionally, exhibitors will be present with a full array of Catholic books and publications as well as CDs and ministry opportunities.

Fathers, sons, grandsons and friends are all most welcome to register for the event. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. The idea for the event was initiated by laymen from various parishes, with the support of their pastors, in an effort to address challenging issues facing men in today's culture.

Register on line at: www.beamanconference.com call 570-207-2213 (Diocesan Pastoral Center) or mail the completed conference brochure application with your check to Attn: Men's Conference, Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA. 18503

APPLICATIONS are located on our tables at the church entrance.

For more information contact Chris Calore at 570-824-5621.

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Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Intention	Requested by
Monday, February 4 12:10 pm Joseph Kosisher	Theresa Podskoch Schaeffer
Tuesday, February 5 12:10pm Rosaleen Thomas	Mary Ann Romanowski
Wednesday, February 6 12:10 pm James Douglas	Wife & Family
Thursday, February 7 12:10 pm Charlotte Demko	Ralph & Barbara Romanowski
Friday, February 8 12:10 pm Andrew & Anna Mattie	Daughter, Margie

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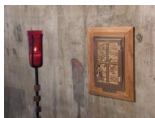
Saturday, February 9 4:30 pm Bob Hovan	Wife & Children
Sunday, February 10 8:30 am James Monahan	Jane & Ed Evelock & Family
11:00 am Pro Populo	
5:30 pm Charles & Edna Romanowski	Family



In Dying that We're Born to Eternal Life

~~Jasper Reggie~~
~~John Humko Jr.~~

May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest.



Vigil Candles This Week

~In Memory of Frank & Theresa Kuharcik offered by Ralph & Barbara Romanowski Sr.
~ In Memory of Robert Ontko offered by Family

2019 Flower Intentions

We have several openings for 2019 Flower Intentions. Please call Lori at the Parish Office to make arrangements. Thank you.



2019 Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office of Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30, 2019. 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 your parish office (570-287-6624, ext. 100) before April 2nd.

