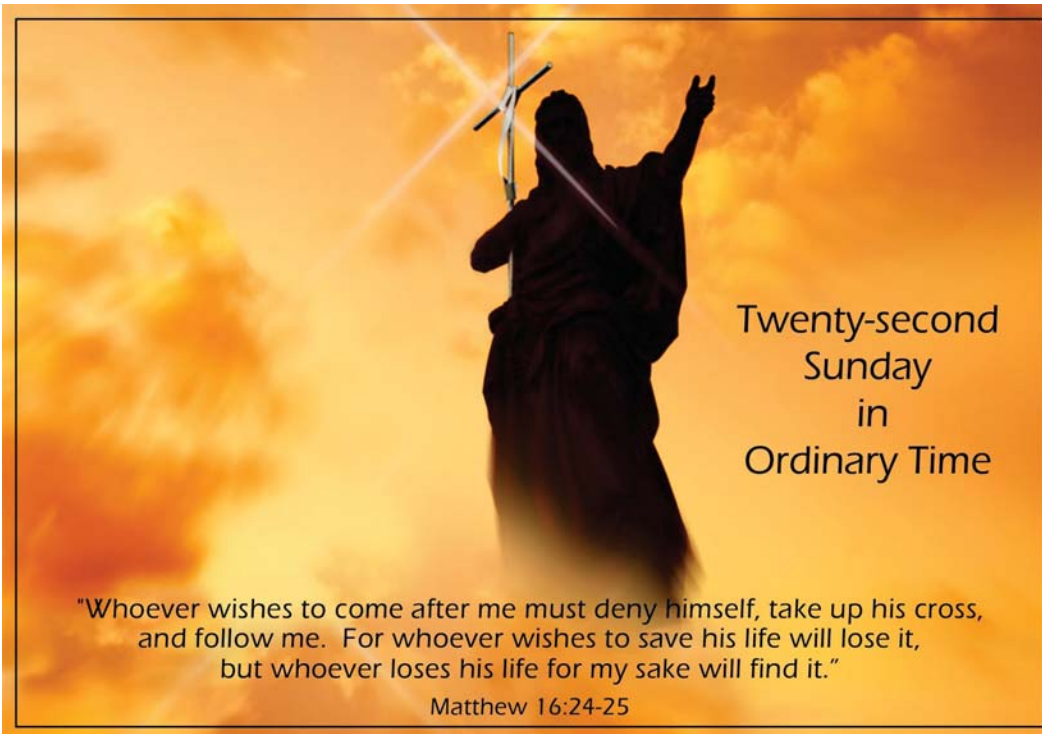


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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)
Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
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Worship

Intention

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

9:00am Pro Populo

Tuesday, September 5

8:00am Bill & Marita Keating

Wednesday, September 6

8:00am Joseph E. Sarneski

Thursday, September 7

8:00am Thomas Chirkot

Friday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Joseph & Mary Kubick & Family

Saturday, September 9

4:00pm Irene Evelock

Sunday, September 10

8:30am Stanley Kudey

11:00am Andrew, Catherine, & Richard Gula & Elaine Cunius

5:30pm Agnes & Bernard Castle

Requested by

Mary Keating

Deacon Jack & Karen

Wife, Wanda & Children

Son, Michael

Evelock Family

Mary Ann Martinsky

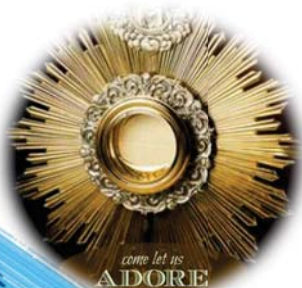
John Vozniak Family

Bernie, Michele, Ryan, & Kyle

Special Intentions

Prayer

Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening Prayer and Benediction conclude the night. All are welcome to come, even just for a quick visit on Thursday evenings here in church.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~Health & Blessings for **Frank & Paula Matthews** in Honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

~~In Memory of **Eugene "Bud" Burgess** offered by Joe & Terri Burgess



FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~~In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of **Frank & Paula Matthews**



BREAD & WINE OFFERING

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Monday through Thursday

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CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings

by appointment.

Thank You, Everyone, from Father Joe

Dear Friends,

I want to take the opportunity to thank you once again for the wonderful send off you gave to me last weekend. I was moved to tears several times at the masses at the outpouring of love and support. Special thanks to the staff here at Seton for everything they did -- not only last weekend, but everyday in helping me and serving you. Hats off to John Bankus and our Social Concerns for their superb Pot Luck Farewell party, and to Mark Perugino and the Knights of Columbus who put on the picnic and all who helped with the wonderful food at the picnic. Thanks to our musicians and choirs for giving me a musical send off that I won't soon forget. As someone commented on our facebook page, "You have the best cantors in the diocese." -- I would agree and not only the cantors but all the choirs and musicians! Finally, for all of you who offered me best wishes in person, gave gifts and cards or supported me in anyway during my tenure here at Seton. **A sincere Thank You and God Bless You!** My new address is: Father Joe Pisaneschi, St. Therese Church, 64 Davis Street, Shavertown, PA 18708



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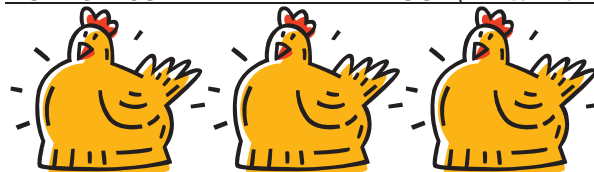
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By Dr. Scott Hahn
For Your Life

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and violence.

But God does not deceive - and Jeremiah knows this. He tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11-12), and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5-7).

What Jeremiah learns, Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself - your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the passion of Christ, to offer our bodies - our whole beings - as living sacrifices to God.

By His cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of dead animals were meant to teach - that we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship - to give our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3-11; Psalm 50:14, 23).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This too is our natural temptation - to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds - to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet, our souls will be satisfied *A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology* www.SalvationHistory.com



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORMS

It's getting close to back-to-school time again, and soon Religious Education classes will begin.

NEW REGISTRATION FORMS must be filled out for each student each year. You may find the registration forms on the table in the church vestibule, online at setonpa.com, or call Lori at the office to request a form, 570-287-6624 ext 100, or email Lori at setonpa@aol.com. Please return forms by September 3rd. You may drop it in the collection basket (notate: Religious Ed on the envelope), US mail, email: setonpa@aol.com, or drop off at office, or slide in mail slot. Classes will begin Saturday, Sept. 30th, (9am to 10:15am) and Monday, October 2nd (6pm to 7:15pm).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12976

Our SEAS Knights of Columbus are proud to announce our 8 new members, who were inducted on August 22nd: David Becker, Robert Bilbow, Joseph Bojarcik, Andrew Degen, Frank Fosko, Mike Gavlick, Louis Mondy, and William Smedley. CONGRATULATIONS and may God bless you always.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Holy Name Society will begin selling their HOLIDAY CASH RAFFLE tickets this weekend after all the Masses in the church vestibule until all tickets are sold. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Drawing will be on November 19, 2023.

Our **Holy Name Society will meet today**, Sunday, Sept. 3rd, after the 8:30mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.

Offerings

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LifeLine Screening in September

Right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Church hall on Thursday, September 21, 2023. Get your special Community Circle pricing by registering one of 3 ways: Call: 1-800-679-5191, online at LLSA.SOCIAL/HC, or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

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PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE, HARRISBURG Please attend the third annual Pennsylvania March for Life Rally to be held at our State Capitol in Harrisburg, **Monday, October 16, 2023**. Join the many from across our state in praying, proclaiming, and lobbying for the respect of all human life. Hear great Pro-Life Speakers. Bring your own creative Pro-Life Signs. Bus transportation will be available by calling Chris Calore at 570-824-5621.



The **Swoyersville Kiwanis Club** will hold a Wine Glass Painting Event on Saturday, September 30th at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Painting begins at 6 PM. Doors open at 5:30. Cost is \$25 per person and includes 1 glass or wine bottle along with all the painting supplies needed to complete your project. Those attending will enjoy the evening with free wine tasting from Pisano Family Winery and accompanied treats. You must be 21 years of age to attend. Attendees may bring additional snack and beverages. Water and Soda will be provided. Additional glasses/bottles will be available for purchase while supplies last.

Come out and show your creativity and take home your very own hand painted wine glass or bottle while you help us to continue with assistance to the many local organizations throughout the year. Thanks to your support...help goes out to St Joseph's Centers, Feed A Friend, Valley Santa, local youth programs and many many more.

To make your reservations and reserve your glass/bottle call or text April @ 570-849-6027 or email swoyk1951@comcast.net. Reservations required--payment at the door. Place is limited, so make your reservations early. Check us out on Facebook or Instagram.

SUPPORTING RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

The Swoyersville Kiwanis has supported the Ronald McDonald House in Scranton for some time thanks to the support we receive from our local communities. This year through our Walking Nacho sale and additional funds we are happy to offer some assistance in the operation of their home away from home for families in need. Representatives from the RMH will be joining us at our dinner meeting to tell us about the home and the assistance they offer. We invite members of all local communities to join us at the meeting to learn about the RMH and Kiwanis. Our dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Cost of dinner is \$15 per person. Reservations are required. To make your reservation call/text 570-288-6730 or email swoyk1951@comcast.net Deadline is Wednesday, Sept 13th. Interested in helping... of course, donations are always accepted but you can check out their website for additional supplies needed that can be purchased through Amazon.

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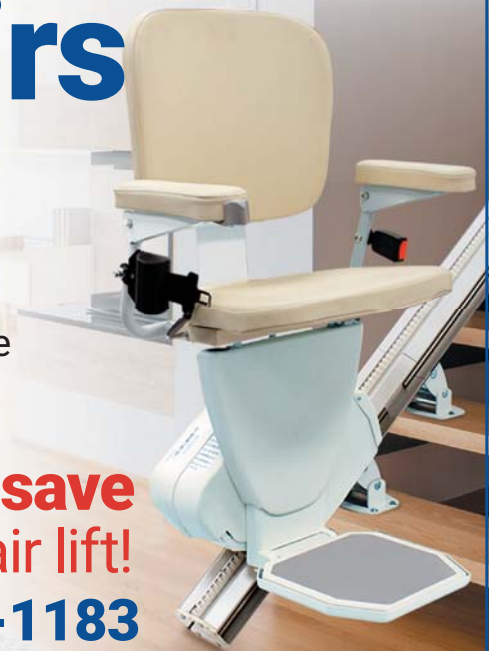
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