

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday:
8:30am to 3:00pm

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area? Just visiting? You will find a warm welcome here! To become a registered member, please call the parish office during regular business hours.

SETON ONLINE

Stay in touch with your parish on-line by “Liking” us on Facebook, Viewing our website setonpa.com and now with your mobile device. Download the new Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Mass Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad! Bulletins are posted each weekend to keep up with the parish happenings if you are away or just want a sneak peek at what’s coming up for our parish.



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Holy Name Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



Our HNS will sponsor a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast next Sunday, January 24th, from 9am to 1pm, in our school cafeteria. Tickets are \$6/adults, \$3/children 4-12, Free/children 3 and under. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance, and tickets are also available at the door.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MARDI GRAS DANCE



Save the date: Saturday, February 6, 2016, from 7pm to 11pm in our church hall. Music by DJ Jack Bravyak. Tickets are \$6.00 each. BYOB and munchies! **Our Holy Name Society members will be selling tickets for the dance after all Masses this weekend in our church vestibule.** For more information contact Anna Mae Venetz at 570-287-7655.

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

Friday, January 22nd—Pattie Sale. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Cost is \$6.00 each, and are available with or without onions. Pick up your order in our school cafeteria from noon to 2pm, or 5pm to 6pm.

Friday, February 5th—Chicken Pot Pie Sale

(Our Lenten Pirohy and Pizza Sale dates will be announced shortly.)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Our Knights are sponsoring a Manhattan (RED) Clam Chowder Sale on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, February 10th. Cost is \$6.00/quart.

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Pick ups are in the school cafeteria, and pick up times are **after the 8am Mass, 11am to 1pm, and 5pm to 6pm.**

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Our Social Concerns will meet this Thursday, January 21st, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome!

PARKING LOT NEWS

We have great news! Parking is now available in our vacant lots located on Sidney and Poland Streets.

OFFICE CLOSED

Our office will be closed on Monday, January 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no CCD classes on Saturday, January 16th, or Monday, January 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Classes resume on Saturday, January 23rd and Monday, January 25th.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir
Phil Bosha
Maintenance
Chris Calore
Maintenance
Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician
Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
Margaret Loveless
Director of Religious Education
Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
Pastor
Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate
Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist
Monica Salis
Business Manager
Marge Semanek
Director of Music
Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

Direct Contacts

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
570-763-5160
Faith Formation Office:
570-287-4587
Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.

PASCHAL CANDLE DONATION

Each Liturgical Year the church acquires a new Paschal Candle which symbolizes the Light of Christ. This candle burns throughout the 50 days of Easter at all Masses completing with the Feast of Pentecost. The Paschal Candle is also lit throughout the year at all parish baptisms and funerals. If you would like to purchase this candle for the parish, please call Lori at the rectory office to make arrangements for your donation.



WEEKLY ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS

We have several weekends for 2016 available for altar flower offerings. Please call Lori at the office to make arrangements.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 3/15/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

FEAST OF THE HOLY SPOUSES

The Oblates of St. Joseph will host the Annual Feast of the Holy Spouses, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, on Sunday, January 24th with a special Holy Mass at 2:00PM at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Everyone is invited to attend especially all married couples and future married couples, as a special blessing will be imparted upon them. A light reception will follow in the seminary community room for all to enjoy. A triduum (three days of prayers) will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 21- 22-23 with a Holy Mass at 7:00PM and Novena prayers. The Holy Rosary and Confessions will be before the Holy Mass. Come early. You are invited to attend. Offer your personal petitions to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph as we are celebrating the Year of Mercy.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR
FAITH WITH
LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CD'S
Don't forget to check out our
"rolling library" of religious
books & CD's located in our ves-
tibule. For a small donation,
you can find some good materi-
als that can edify your spiritual
life.



VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.

SETON PRAYER CHAIN

We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests.

A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

Dear Parents,

Children are at the heart of what we are all about here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We encourage children of all ages and stages to attend mass with their parents each week. We expect that smaller children will, from time to time, be fussy, wiggle and make some noise. There is no need to leave mass. Again, it is expected. If you do feel the need to get up with your child, please return as soon as you are able. Training children in church early will help establish good habits in the future. We can all stand a little noise to ensure the future of our parish.

Catch Our Spirit...Celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 31 – February 6, 2016

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by attending one of our Catholic School Open Houses! You are invited to come experience our communities of faith and academic excellence. From Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, our students live their faith, challenge their minds, serve their communities, and build lifelong friendships. For specifics about the Open Houses or for more information about our Diocesan Catholic Schools, including tuition assistance opportunities, please visit www.DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools.

As families register their students for the upcoming school year, consider becoming an **Academic Angel!** Your contribution is an investment in a child's future...the outcomes speak for themselves. Our schools offer an instructional environment that challenges the mind, while inspiring and strengthening the spirit. Please consider supporting our students for the 2016-17 school year. You can designate the gift as a memorial or as an honor for someone special. You can also select a particular school to receive your gift or allow us to allocate it to the area with the greatest need. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton PA 18503.

WYOMING AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

We invite you to spread the good news about Wyoming Area Catholic School by joining us for an Open House at 1690 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, on Sunday, January 31, 2016, from 12pm to 2pm. Come and see what we have to offer! Tours will be given by students, parents, teachers, and administrators who will answer all your questions and concerns. We hope you will join us! ☺

Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/ Scholarship Test Result Night and Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held January 27 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2016-2017 school year will be held from February 4, 8, 9, 10 from 3:00 to 5:45 PM. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.



Solemnity of Mary (Jan.1) and January 2/3, 2016 Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$10,790.95 DUES: \$6226.00
LOOSE: \$506.12 E-GIVING: \$225.78
TOTAL: \$17,748.85

CHRISTMAS (additional): \$1320.00
Christmas Decorations: \$67.00
Holy Day (Solemnity of Mary): \$3620.25

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 2016 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 5. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your parish office before March 7. Please call Lori with the information.

Know a Marriage That Needs Help: Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 26-Feb. 28, 2016, at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS OF WYOMING VALLEY

Meals on Wheels provides nutritionally balanced meals to those who are homebound or cannot cook. There are no income requirements & anyone over the age of 18 is eligible to receive these services. Each weekday morning, we deliver two meals per day (1 hot & 1 cold) to clients throughout 12 areas of Luzerne County, including Swoyersville, Forty Fort, Luzerne, Kingston, Trucksville. Although our service is not free, we charge \$30/week which breaks down to only \$6/day. If interested, please call Lee Ann Telencho at 570-288-1023.

PASTA DINNER

St. Monica's Christian Society will hold a Pasta Dinner on January 24th from noon to 5pm, in the church hall, 363 W.8th St., West Wyoming. \$8/adults and \$5/children, Free under 6 years old. Take-outs available. Call Frank at 693-1697 for tickets or more information.

51ST ANNUAL "GERMAN NITE" sponsored by Holy Name Society of St. Nicholas Church, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre. Saturday, January 30th from 6-11pm in the School Auditorium. German Style Buffet from 6:15 to 7:15. Music provided by "Walt Groller Orchestra" from 7:30-10:30. Donation: \$30.00 (advance tickets only) no tickets sold at the door. Non-smoking event. For tickets, call St. Nicholas Rectory at 570-823-7736.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!

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2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST
Please, No Phone Requests

Please make your requests by filling out the form below or **emailing the Parish Office at seton.swoy@aol.com by January 26.** Thank you

Envelope #: _____

Please Print
Name: _____

Phone #: _____

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Schedule of Masses and Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 18

8:00 am Josephine Reggie Nephew, Felix

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 am Richard Polinsky Marlene Alles & Children

Wednesday, January 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

8:00am David Markoch Mother

Thursday, January 21 St. Agnes

8:00 am For the Health of Lou Michaels Social Concerns Committee

Friday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 am Connie Bartoli Husband

Saturday, January 23

Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Joseph & Loretta Yatsko Joe & Terri Burgess

5:30 pm Laraine Lewis Joe Kuloszewski

Sunday, January 24

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am Joan Leonard Family

10:00 am Diana Yatsko Brother, Robert Kandrac & Family

11:30 am Enrichetta & Giuseppe Torregrossa Steve & Maria Englot

5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

Presider's Schedule

January 23rd

4:00 pm Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Zavacki

January 24th

8:30 am Fr. Zavacki

10:00 am Fr. Zavacki

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Guest

**REST IN
PEACE**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE
DIED RECENTLY:

GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS
OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.
AMEN.



SANCTUARY CANDLES

~In Memory of David Markoch offered by Mother

~In Memory of Catherine E. Marcin offered by husband, Joe



BAPTISM SUNDAY:

CONGRATULATIONS and God's Blessings upon

~~*Aria Elizabeth Mondelice*~~*Ella Rose Thomas*~~

and their families. They will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the
11:30am Mass today.