



Our Lady's Chapel at Malvern
Retreat Center

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THE SETON SENTINEL

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only

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

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm
or by appointment

Mission Statement:

"We are Called....

To act with Justice,

To love Tenderly,

To Serve One Another,

To Walk Humbly with God"

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David Haas

.....AND THE WINNERS ARE:

RAFFLE WINNERS:

- 1st PRIZE: \$2500.00—Jessica Lane
- 2nd PRIZE: \$500.00—Rosemary Dunsmuir
- 3rd PRIZE: \$500.00—Arlene Adamchak
- 4th PRIZE: \$500.00—Lauren Gonzalez
- 5th PRIZE: \$500.00—Kathy Costello

50-50 WINNERS:

- THURSDAY \$1762.50 Mary Ann Kosco
- FRIDAY \$1825.00 Andrew Lawrence
- SATURDAY \$1940.00 Anita Bray

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR LUCKY WINNERS! For a list of our Festival **Theme Basket winners**, please check the list on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you had to evacuate your home in a few minutes, what two or three items would you want to take with you? What's the most priceless thing in your house? Chances are that it is something that has sentimental value: a grandparent's watch, a photo album, or a letter written by a loved one. We know we can always replace things we buy, but the truly valuable things are those that we treasure in our hearts. They represent the bonds of love that make us who we are.

We spend a lot of time pursuing treasure that is not all that valuable. Think of all the time that can be wasted trying to make more money, get a better car, or build a bigger home. Yet we would trade it all for our family, for health, or for love. So why don't we spend more time pursuing the things that count? Choosing your values and then acting on them is a decision that every couple needs to make. Do you take a job that pays more, but requires lots of overtime? Or do you make due with the smaller home or older car so that you can spend time together? Find the things on which you spend the most time, money and effort and you'll find your treasure.

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Director of Religious Education

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Weekend Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our Christian Mothers invite all Seniors Citizens and the public to come hear Senior Supervisory Special Agent State Attorney General Office Janene M. Holter, on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at 1:00pm in the church hall. Topics include: Senior Crime Prevention, Issues include: Sweepstakes, Power of Attorney, Checks and Money Orders, and Home Improvements and more. Light Refreshments will be served.

THANK YOU, BAKERS! Our Christian Mothers want to thank all of our parishioners and friends who baked for the Festival. We appreciate your time and talent to help make the Bake Sale a huge success!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

VENDORS WANTED: The Social Concerns Committee is seeking Home-made Craft Vendors for its Annual Fall Craft Show, scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 9am to 3pm. Please note that this year's show will feature only homemade crafts, not commercially produced items. For further information, please speak with one of the committee members or visit: www.setonpa.com and click on the "Fall Craft Show" button to download a copy of the Vendor Contract. We kindly request that you do not call the Church for information. Thank you!

The **Holy Family Food Pantry** has requested the following items: peanut butter, jelly, small boxes of rice, & instant mashed potatoes. Collection boxes are located in the church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Fr. Joe will be having an Altar Server Training sometime in August. Girls and boys in 3rd grade through 12th grade are welcome to volunteer for this sacred ministry. All school students are most welcome! Parents, please call Lori at the office if your child would like to sign up for the training class or if you have any questions.

BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE BOOK OF KINGS

The reading shows Solomon as a young man, unsure how to act as king. He mentions his father, David. What can you discover about King David? Was he a great king, or a bad one?

King Solomon built a temple for the glory of God. See if you can find out where the temple was, what it was like, and what eventually happened to it.

God granted King Solomon the gift of wisdom. Was Solomon faithful to the great gift that God had given him, or was he unfaithful? Find out what happened to Solomon; what kind of a king he was. What happened to the kingdom after his death?

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

Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in our church hall. Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confidential.



Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up

for Electronic Giving. It is the easy, safe, fast way to remember your offerings. Even if you are away from home or cannot make it to our church every week. This is a way to keep up with your sacrificial offerings.

You may chose to give weekly or monthly, pay dues, or other offerings.



Look for the link and click:

SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMP

Under the direction of Mr. David Coassolo, the NEPA Warriors Athletic Association will be conducting a Summer Activity Camp August 7-11 for students entering grades 3-5, from 9am to 12noon. The camp will be held here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Gymnasium. Cost is \$100. Registration forms are on the tables at the church entrance, or contact Mr. Coassolo at 570-677-8129 or gsagym@gsa.org.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES-ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre, is now taking donations of school supplies: Backpacks, notebooks, binders, paper, pens, plastic scissors, pencils, pencil sharpeners, markers, erasers, rulers, glue sticks, & crayons. Items will collected up until August 17th. **They can be dropped off at the Soup Kitchen (39 E. Jackson St., WB) between 8am and 1pm each day.** Distribution will take place at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre, on Monday August 21st, from 2-6pm. Please contact Deb at 570-822-7118, ext 305 if you have any questions.

SCHOOL



SUPPLIES

ANNUAL FESTIVAL FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED

The order of Alhambra (local caravan Alhambra #4) a Catholic organization dedicated to helping children & adults with special needs will be hosting their Annual Festival For the Intellectually Disabled on Sunday, August 20th at the Plains Polish American Veterans Pavilion, 2 South Oak St., Wilkes-Barre (Near Penn-Lee Footwear), 11:30-2:30, Free of Charge. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sweet corn, soda, & ice cream. Please RSVP by August 13th to Ray Kownacki at 570-823-2894. Please indicate # of Special Needs individuals, & # of aides or chaperones who will be attending.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR JULY 15/16

“Give to the Most High God, as God has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and God will give back to you sevenfold.”

Sunday: \$6538.00 Dues: \$692.00
Loose: \$702.30 E-Giving: \$260.73
TOTAL: \$8193.03
Building & Maintenance (July): \$1192.00

DIOCESAN:
Care & Education of Priests (July): \$80.00

May God Reward Your Tremendous Generosity to our Parish Community

SWOYERSVILLE COMMUNITY AMBULANCE

Chicken Barbeque, Car, & Bike Show Vendor Fair will take place on **Saturday, August 19th**, from 11am to 5pm, at 99 Scott St., Swoyersville. Cars & Bikes: \$10, Vendors: \$25. Contact 570-287-8360 or spcaa579@hotmail.com
PRIZES, RAFFLES, 50/50, GREAT FOOD, FREE ADMISSION!

SACRED HEART POLISH PICNIC IN DUPONT

Fr. Petro and the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church invite you to attend their annual picnic on the church grounds, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. It will be held August 3, 4, & 5. Times: Thursday & Friday 6 to 11pm and Saturday from 5 to 11pm. The food offerings include: pierogi, golombki (pigs in the blanket), halushki, kielbasa, and placki (potato pancakes). Pizza, hot dogs, & sausage are also part of the venue. The men and women of the parish prepare the food. This picnic offers delicious ethnic foods, theme baskets, games of chance, a beer tent, and great polka music nightly.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH ANNUAL 18TH BAZAAR

August 10th to August 12th on the church grounds on William St., Pittston. Nightly entertainment! Ethnic foods & baked goods, booths, raffles, children's games, Bingo, & a HUGE flea market.

ST. MICHAEL'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

205 N. Main St., Pittston, is having their 21st Annual Flea Market & Ziti Dinner on **August 5th & 6th**. Flea Market hours are Sat. 9am to 4pm, and Sunday 9am to 3pm. The Ziti Dinner will be Saturday 12pm to 4pm and Sunday 10am to 3pm. Take-outs are available. The cost of the Dinner is \$10/Adults and \$6/Children. We will also have a Bake Sale, Ethnic Foods, Lunch items, & Refreshments. All are welcome! We are in need of items for our Flea Market. If anyone has any items (large or small) they want to donate, please call Mike at 570-704-6520 or Linda 570-905-7387.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH BINGO

Holy Family Church, Bennett St., Luzerne, is sponsoring a BINGO on Sunday, August 6th, at 2:00pm. Doors open at noon. Admission is \$2.00. There will be a Bake Sale, food & refreshments, door prizes, and Basket Raffle.

8th ANNUAL POST 644 GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHERE: Edgewood in the Pines Golf Course, Drums, PA WHEN: Sunday, August 20, 2017, Tee Time at 8am
FORMAT: Captain & Mate SHOTGUN START FEE: \$85/person \$170/team **Pre-payment required by August 4, 2017** BENEFIT: Legionary Death Benefit APPLICATIONS & PRE-PAYMENT will be accepted until August 4. Please drop off application & payment at the Legion Post making attention to: GOLF TOURNAMENT. All checks should be made out to AMERICAN LEGION POST 644. If any questions, call Donald Rakus Sr. at 570-287-4730 or John Romanchick at 570-287-8391. Price includes green fee, cart fee, & driving range. Lunch & refreshments will be served at American Legion Post.

Fr. Jerry Gurka & the Parish Family of **St. John the Baptist Church**, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville, invite everyone to their **Annual Parish Family Picnic** to be held on the church grounds, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 11, 12, 13. Over 40,000 handmade pierogies, homemade haluski, potato pancakes, piggies, clam chowder, & assorted Slovak, Polish, & American food. Friday, 6-11: John Stevens Doubleshot; Saturday 5-11: George Tarasek; Sunday, 3-10: Tommy & The Original Tones (6-10pm). Theme Baskets, Gigantic Flea Market, Bingo, Games & Prizes for all ages!

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Announced Masses for the Week

Monday, July 31	<i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Anthony Strish	Mother, Rose
Tuesday August 1	<i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Peter & Nori Raymond	Children, Elaine & Gene
Wednesday August 2	<i>St. Eusebius; St. Peter Julian Eymard</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Josephine Koscielski	Nancy Paden & Randy Gibson
Thursday August 3		
8:00 a.m.	Mary Pieshala	Mary Pechal
Friday August 4	<i>St. John Vianney</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Duda & Karchurak Families	Matt Duda
Saturday August 5	<i>Vigil: The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	
4:00 p.m.	Elaine Smith	Husband, Richard
5:30 p.m.	Walter Palmer	Marge
Sunday August 6	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	
8:30 a.m.	John M. Lagoski	Baldrice Family
10:00 a.m.	Anna & Stanley Kazamski	Daughter, Beverly
11:30 a.m.	John Matukonis	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
5:30 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

RECENTLY DEPARTED

~~*John V. Bartoli*~~ May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

~~In Memory of Stella & Michael Papciak offered by niece, Beverly
 ~~In Memory of John Delescavage offered by Vince & Fran Krajnak

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~~In Memory of John M. Ludikowski offered by daughter, Jane

Priest's Schedule

Saturday, August 5

4:00 pm—Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

Sunday, August 6

8:30 am—Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am—Fr. Pisaneschi

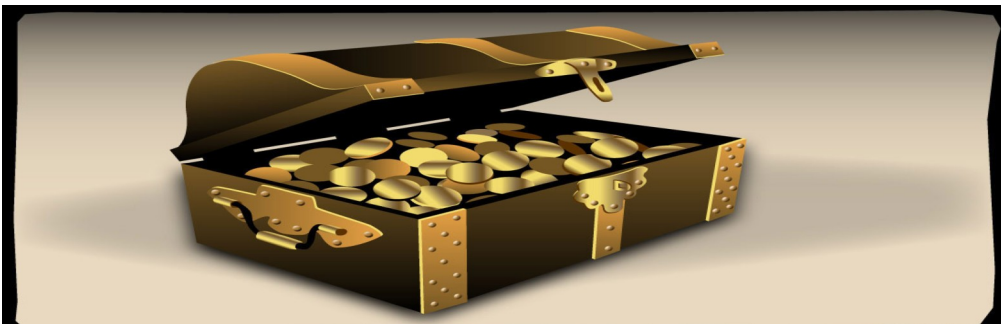
11:30 am—Fr. Urban

5:30 pm—Fr. Pisaneschi

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 LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs



Did you check out our “Rolling Library” of religious books and CDs located in our vestibule? For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.



The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ~ Matthew 13:44

