

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 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.



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Feast Day, January 4th



Annual Ministry Get-Together

The Christmas Ministry Party that usually takes place on Epiphany Sunday has been postponed this year because of a scheduling conflict for Father Joe. Our tentative date for the party is Sunday, January 17th. Stay tuned to the bulletin and the announcements at mass for details. We thank all those who are involved with Liturgical Ministry throughout the year. Your contribution is so very important!

Over the Top!

Once again St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has exceeded its goal for the 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal!!! The latest numbers bring our total raised to \$49,275.00. Our goal was \$47,000.00. Magnificent! “I am so extremely proud of our parish once again this year in exceeding our goal,” Fr. Joe said when he received the good news. “It just goes to show you that the wonderful people of Seton always rise to the challenge and especially when it involves helping those in need!” Thank you to all who supported this year’s appeal financially and with prayer. May God bless you all.

Holy Name Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Our HNS will sponsor a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on 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.

Offertory Procession

We would like to remind everyone that if you have a weekend mass intention for your loved one, and are bringing up the gifts for Mass, please sign the book at the church entrance. This will eliminate confusion for the ushers. Thank you. There should be different people bringing up the gifts each week at masses, not the same folks time after time.

That Time of the Year

Giving statements are available for the 2015 calendar year by contacting Monica at the office. You may email her at seton.swoy@aol.com or fill out this form and send it in. Please no phone calls for Financial Statements.

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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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SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!

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

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570-287-4587
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Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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

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 vestibule. For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

Un-decorating Day

Next Sunday after the 11:30 am Mass it will be time to undo all of the Christmas decorations in the Church and weather-permitting, outside as well. We could really use the help of some strong backs as we disassemble everything and store it back in the gym. If you could spare an hour or two, come around 1:00 pm and lend a hand, and a back. We want to thank those who came to set-up a few weeks ago for their hard work. In all truth, we were a little short-handed for the set-up. Please help us with the take down.

Seton Prayer Chain. The next meeting for our Seton Prayer Chain is on Saturday, January 9, 2016, at 8am in our church hall. Call Gail Kimmerle at 690-7520 for more information. Please join us and bring a friend!

Seton On-line

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.

CCD Back in Session

Our CCD classes are back in session beginning Saturday, January 9th and Monday, January 11th.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

Our Holy Name Society will meet today, Sunday, January 3rd, after the 8:30am Mass in our church hall. New members are always welcome!

Pastoral Council Meeting

Our Pastoral Council will meet this Tuesday, January 5th, at 6:30pm in our rectory.

May
all kings
bow before
HIM,
all nations
serve
HIM.
Psalm 72:11

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.

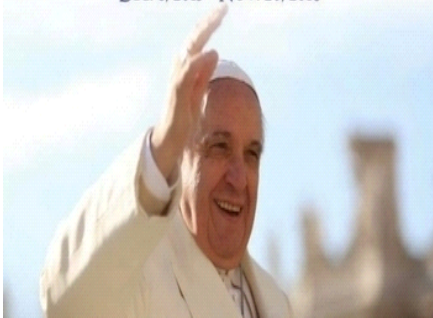
SETON PRAYER CHAIN

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.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



From the Pastor's Desk

As we come back to the stable today with the Kings, celebrating Epiphany, allow me to reflect on the beauty of our Christmas celebrations at Seton this year. I am always at a loss for words expressing my thanks and pride and joy at all you do for our parish, and this year is no exception.

Our Advent Pirohy Sale was such a huge success, that we could not fill all the hundred of extra orders that we received. A sincere thanks to all who helped in making and selling them. It is a tremendous team effort to accomplish this task.

My heart was moved to tears the evening of the 21st as the Youth Choir presented a Christmas Play for the parish! How beautiful! How precious! The children were absolutely adorable. Thanks to Cora Artim, Terry Jankoviak and Joe Sabol for leading the children. While we are at it... Thank you to the Youth Choir for a beautiful celebration at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass and today's 10:00 Liturgy.

To Marge Semanek and the Adult Choir of Seton, a big Thank You for helping us pray and sing at the Midnight Mass and all throughout the season. Your hard work and practicing helped lift us to new heights of praise for the Newborn King. It was simply beautiful.

To Elaine Carpenter and the Art and Environment Committee, who this year came up with the Christmas Decorations without too much interference from Fr. Joe. Thank you for making our space so beautiful for worship. Thanks to all who helped set up as well. Special thanks to Chris Calore.

To the rest of the staff and volunteer ministries of our parish, thank you for doing your part to ensure everything went so smoothly for our Christmas celebrations. Our EM's, lectors, ushers, altar servers, cantors, and all who helped in anyway, Thank you!

On a personal note, to all who sent cookies, food, cards, candy and gifts to the rectory — you are too kind. If I do not get to thank you personally, please accept this as my expression of gratitude. It becomes daunting to keep up with everything that comes to the rectory. You are so kind to me, and I appreciate all the words of encouragement and expressions of your affection. Happy New Year,

—Father Joe

Church Finances

December 19/20, 2015

Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$8641.50

HOLY DAY: \$80.00

E-GIVING: \$637.96;

DUES: \$647.00;

LOOSE: \$602.24;

TOTAL: \$10,608.70

December Building & Maintenance: \$1219.00

Diocesan:

December Care & Education of Priests: \$172.00

Retirement for Religious Collection: \$81.00

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

Community News

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

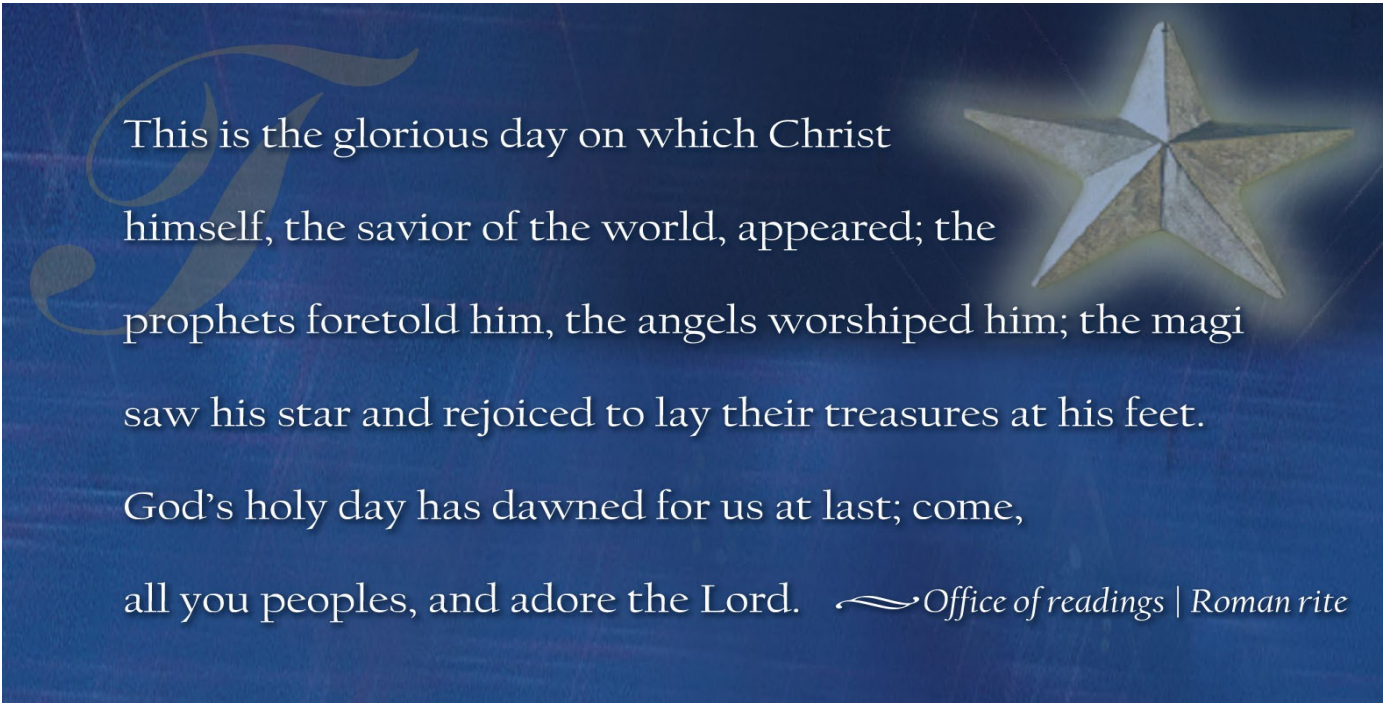
Meals on Wheels provides nutritionally balanced meals to those who are homebound or cannot cook. There are no income requirements & anyone over the age of 18 is eligible to receive these services. Each weekday morning, we deliver two meals per day (1 hot & 1 cold) to clients throughout 12 areas of Luzerne 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.

Lenten Preparation Session

The Office for Parish Life will be holding a regional Lenten Preparation Session on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis St., Scranton at 6:30PM** for all those involved with the preparation of liturgical seasons, especially music ministers, liturgy committees, art and environment committees, or anyone wanting to deepen his or her appreciation of the Lenten season and the Paschal Triduum. In an effort to help these liturgical leaders network with neighboring parishes, the Lenten Preparation Sessions will include faith sharing on the scripture readings for the season, a brief overview of some of the traditional practices of Lent, a discussion of different themes and music selections that parishes are using, and sharing ideas for the liturgical environment. For more information or to register for this session, please contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

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.



This is the glorious day on which Christ himself, the savior of the world, appeared; the prophets foretold him, the angels worshiped him; the magi saw his star and rejoiced to lay their treasures at his feet.

God's holy day has dawned for us at last; come, all you peoples, and adore the Lord. *Office of readings | Roman rite*

Schedule of Masses and Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 4	<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>
8:00 am Paul Leonard Sterowski	Paulette Barrett
Tuesday, January 5	<i>St. John Neumann</i>
8:00 am Agnes Ragle	Delores Asklar
Wednesday, January 6	<i>St. Andre Bessette</i>
8:00am June Stone	Michael & Karen Wanyo
Thursday, January 7	<i>Saint Raymond of Penyafort</i>
8:00 am Edward Pinchak	Duane & Jolayne Pinchak
Friday, January 8	
8:00 am Jack Tobias	Brian & Barb Flannery
Saturday, January 9	<i>Vigil: Baptism of the Lord</i>
4:00 pm John Viercinski	Marie & Family
5:30 pm Rose Marie Lewis	Margie Bart
Sunday, January 10	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Swoyersville Kiwanis	
10:00 am Mary & Adolph Jarenski	Children
11:30 am Stephen Gaydos	Wife & Children
5:30 pm <i>Pro Populo</i>	



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:
 ~~*Bernadine Urbine*~~~*Arlene Lawrence Coughlin*~~~
 GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS
 OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.



SANCTUARY CANDLES

~Special Intention
 ~In Memory of Parents, Mary & Anthony Jankoviak
 offered by Sister Helen

Presider's Schedule

January 9th	
4:00 pm	Fr. Urban
5:30 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi
January 10th	
8:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
11:30 am	Fr. Urban
5:30 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi



BAPTISM SUNDAY:
 CONGRATULATIONS and God's Blessing upon
 ~~*Kate Evelyn Stevens*~~~
 and her family. Kate will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the
 11:30am Mass today.