

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.” (Dt 30:10)



The Seton Sentinel

July 10, 2022

Welcome Everyone!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, gender identity or orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue - You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!

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Mass will continue to be held in the Parish Hall until the safety rails are installed on the new steps. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Please Take a Worship Aid (song sheet) with you on the way into church while we are worshipping the parish hall.

RECONCILIATION/PENANCE/CONFESSION

My sincere apologies for not stating this earlier in the process: While we are worshipping in the Parish Hall, there is not a private place for confessions before the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the basement. The upstairs church remains off limits until the project is 100% completed. If you wish to make a confession before the 4:00 pm mass, find Father and if weather permits you can walk outside and celebrate the sacrament in a quiet place OR as always, you can call and make an appointment for confession for a particular day and time. Thank you for your patience with this during our steps project.

Labor Day Drawing:

Top prize of \$5,000.00 !!!

We soon will have parishioner Raffle Tickets in envelopes arranged alphabetically on the tables in the church hall. If you do not find your tickets, please sign the designated sheet to request your tickets. This Drawing was supposed to coincide with the dates of our Festival. Since the Fall Fling is moved, we will draw the winners at Labor Day Mass for the Raffle. It will be a Pre-Fling Raffle, enabling us to beat some expenses of our preparation for the Fall Fling. Thank you for Your Cooperation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Kof C will meet this Tuesday, July 12th, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

“BE A CATHOLIC MAN” 2022 EVENT

The 7th Annual Catholic Men’s Conference is planned for Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. The theme “Be Not Afraid” is under the patronage of St. Joseph. This event (from 8am-3pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic speakers to be announced. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession & lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Bambera. Any questions, call Michael Kilmer, Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com



Friday/Saturday September 16, 17 on our Parish Grounds

Traditional Foods, American Foods, Soft Ice-Cream, Bake Sale, BINGO! Games, Raffle, 50/50, Plush Stand, Bountiful Baskets, Children's Games, Adult Games, Beer Tent, and Live Entertainment.

Everybody Welcome!

Next Fall Fling Meeting, Thursday, July 14th 6:00 pm Cafeteria

Donations are being accepted now for Paper Products, A Grocery store bag full of cleaning supplies and/or non-perishable foods for buckets (We'll put the items in a bucket, just bring the items) Gift Certificates of varied amounts for various stores, Prizes for Children's Games, Large Prizes, Bountiful Baskets (valued at least 40 \$ and up) Monetary Donations, Sponsorships (large donations and business donations -we will not be soliciting businesses on our own this year. If you would like to contribute as a business owner or manager, please contact us or send in donations). Drop off at rectory during week, Paper Products can be left in the church hall before, after, or in between masses.

NOTE FROM FATHER JOE: We are asking for a lot! Please do not feel obligated to do too much for the event. You cannot contribute everything on the list. Do what you can, what you want. If everyone does a little — it will add up fast! This includes purchasing and buying raffle tickets. No one should feel obliged to go beyond their limits. While we need lots of help and things, for the fall fling it will come together. No one can do everything, everyone can do something (even if it means praying for the success of the event) God bless you in advance for your generosity and parish spirit.

ITEM OF INTEREST:

As of July 1st, our parish must pay \$20,550 each month (or \$5,137.50 each week) to our Diocesan Schools and Assessments. At the start of this new fiscal year, we are running in the red.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL SUMMER FEST

July 15 & 16, 5 to 11pm, at Lake Silkworth, State Route 29, Friday: Flaxy Morgan, Saturday: Lance Thomas Band. Games, baskets, delicious homemade food, huge indoor flea market

ST. MARIA GORETTI CASH BINGO

42 Redwood Dr., Laflin, Saturday, August 13th. Doors open at 11am. Bingo from 1-4pm. Tickets \$30 pre-sale, \$35 at the door Call 570-655-8956 M-F, 9am-2pm for tickets.

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday—*Closed*

Evening and Weekends by appointment

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our Parish warmly welcomes those who are with us each weekend, occasionally, and all who are looking for a spiritual home. Actual membership begins by filling out a Census Form at setonpa.com on the link at the top of the page. Once completed, send it to the office and we'll get you on "the official books," as soon as possible.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday. 1st time parents are asked to attend a brief instruction class on Baptism. You can contact Lori directly for information.

Weddings are usually celebrated Saturday at 1:00 pm or on Friday afternoon or evening. Contact Father as soon as possible to reserve the date and complete the necessary paperwork.

Eucharistic Adoration

Join us Thursday evenings from 6-8 in the church for quiet prayer and Adoration. Stop in at anytime for any length of time. You are welcome here!

Offerings

Weekend of June 25/26, 2022

Regular: \$7,273.00

Peter's Pence: \$435.00

"Give to God as you have Received"

ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

AUGUST 19 - 21, 2022 AT THE TOWNEPLACE SUITES, MOOSIC

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, as can the challenges you face in marriage.

If the distance between you seems wide, if you are looking for a better way, even if you are already separated, Retrouvaille can help.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, rebuild intimacy, and heal - just as the team couples have done in their own marriages.

Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples.

For more information, contact our team @ 631-338-5413 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

ST. IGNATIUS/HOLY FAMILY MASS TIME CHANGES

As of July 16th there is a new mass schedule for the parishes of St. Ignatius, Kingston and Holy Family, Luzerne as they will now share pastoral leadership. Our parishioners visit these two parishes when it is more convenient to attend there especially during the week. **Here is the new Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass (Mon-Friday) 7:30 AM (SI) 12:10 PM (HF)

Saturday (vigil) 4:00 PM (SI) 5:15 (HF)

Sunday 7:00 AM (SI) 9:00 am (HF) 10:30 AM (SI)

St. Ignatius Loyola VBS is back! "God's Wonder Lab!", Monday-Friday, August 1st -5th, 9:30am-noon, for those who have completed one year of pre-school through those who have completed Grade 5. \$10/child. Registration date: Sunday, July 17th, 9:30-11:30am in Bergen Hall. Or call 570-287-3682 or email: religionseducation1@yahoo.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PICTURES

If you forgot to pick up your photos on June 20th, we still have the photos in the rectory office. There are 8 First Holy Communion, 3 Confirmation pics from this year, and even 8 Confirmation pics from 2021. Please call Lori at 570-287-6624, extension 100, to make arrangements for pick up.



ST. ANN'S SOLEMN NOVENA at St. Al's

.... Will be held in St. Aloysius Church, corner of Barney & Division Streets, Wilkes-Barre, July 18th-26th nightly. Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ, Oblates of St. Joseph, Pittston, will be conducting this nightly Mass & Novena to St. Ann.



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

During a summer storm, the power went out at grandmom and pop-pop's house when six grandchildren were having a sleepover. They all huddled in the family room and turned on a small, battery powered candle. Everyone got quiet as thunder rumbled off in the distance. One of the younger kids focused on the little light and said, "Wow! That little candle lights up the whole room. We don't even need the lights anymore!"

Small acts of kindness go a long way in making our world better. They cost nothing, yet make a valuable contribution to developing people's positive attitude and outlook on life. So hold the door for someone. Say hello to a passer-by. Give the paper carrier a tip. Tell your waitress she is doing a great job. Let someone go first in traffic or in line. You will see that little glow of appreciation and pride light up. Everyone will feel better and maybe even pass it on.

Just a little faith can change the world, too. The promise of prayer, a simple 'God bless you' or the willingness to share your belief can change a life. The motto of The Christophers says, "Better to light a candle than curse the darkness." Bring the light of faith, kindness and generosity to your world. Don't underestimate your power to make a difference, one little light at a time.

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? THE GOOD SAMARITAN THEN AND TODAY

In order to discern God's timeless revelation to us in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, we must reflect on our often unconscious understanding of who our neighbors are, and expose that understanding to the power of the parable.

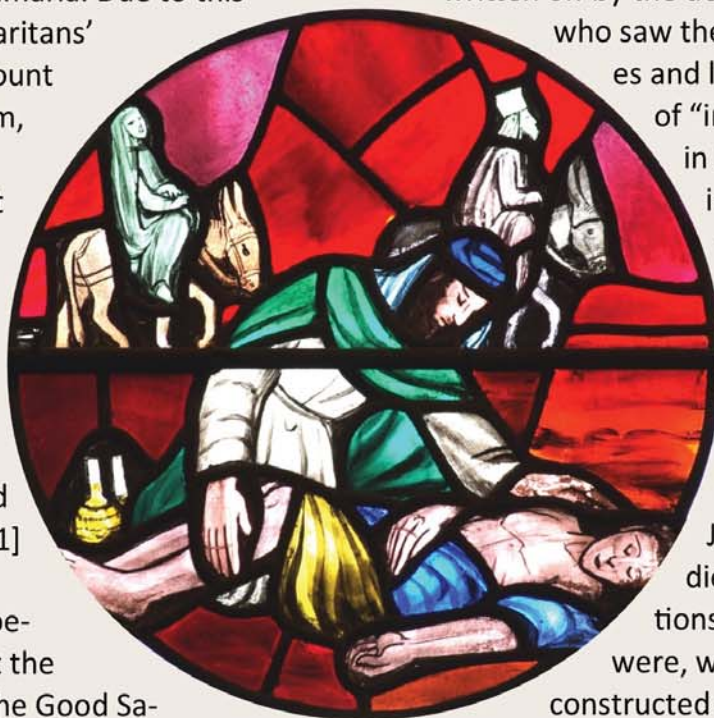
The story of the Good Samaritan may be familiar, but in order to understand the full impact of this parable, we must first understand the history of Jewish-Samaritan relations. In this parable as well as in other Gospel stories such as the story of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman, we can observe the tense relationship that existed between Jews and Samaritans. This tension may go back as far as 722 B.C.E. when the Assyrians invaded, conquered, and intermarried with the Jews who were living in Samaria. Due to this intermarriage and to the Samaritans' practice of worshipping on Mount Gerizim instead of in Jerusalem, the Samaritans came to be viewed as an entirely different ethnic group from the Jews in Judea, though both descended from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. By the time of Jesus, Samaritans and Jews no longer considered themselves to be neighbors, let alone related through a common ancestry.[1]

Given this tense relationship between Jews and Samaritans at the time of Jesus, the Parable of the Good Samaritan would have been quite shocking to its first listeners. No one would have expected Jesus to answer the Jewish scholar's question, "Who is my neighbor?" with the example of a Samaritan. This shocking parable radically expands the traditional definition of "neighbor." A neighbor is not simply the person who lives next door nor is it merely someone in our extended family or community. Whatever social catego-

ries we may have that define "neighbor" are thwarted by the needs of all the people we encounter. In this way, anyone in need is our neighbor. Jesus' parable is, in a sense, telling us, "You do not have a neighbor. You make yourself someone's neighbor."

Jesus' parable is also shocking because it forces us to see the dignity and ability of "the other." Like the outsiders of any society, the Samaritans were largely written off by the dominant Jewish community, who saw the Samaritans' worship practices and lifestyle as inferior. This label of "inferiority" is utterly destroyed in Jesus' parable. The Samaritan in the story forces all those listening to recognize his ability to enact transformative love towards his Jewish neighbor. The Samaritan is a human with dignity and therefore, is not to be written off.

Just as Jesus' first-century audience had preconceived notions about who their neighbors were, we, too, have culturally-constructed definitions of "neighbor." We have expectations about what our neighbor looks like. We must also consider our often unconscious characterizations of those living in the margins of our community. Specifically, we must consider whether there are groups of people whose dignity and ability we fail to recognize. Are there communities whom we feel have forfeited their dignity and so can be appropriately "written off?" Who is my neighbor?



[1] Joseph A. Fitzmyer, *The Gospel According to Luke (I-IX)*, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009), 829. This content is excerpted from the Journey to Justice program, a day-long retreat developed by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. JustFaith Ministries uses this retreat to help their program participants encounter persons living in poverty, understand the root causes of poverty, and reflect on how the Gospel challenges us to respond. Copyright © 2019 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved.

Eucharist Schedule and Remembrances

Monday, July 11

8:00 a.m. Ann Berecin

Harry & Ruth Yekel

Tuesday, July 12

8:00 a.m. Frank Plominski

Family

Wednesday, July 13

8:00 a.m. Frances Kepich

Goddaughter, Valerie

Thursday, July 14

8:00a.m. Carol Kubasti

Husband, Robert

Friday, July 15

8:00 a.m. Terry Jankoviak

Family

Saturday, July 16

4:00 p.m. Joseph Podskoch

Daughter, Theresa

5:30 p.m. Fred Proleika Sr.

Bankus Family

Sunday, July 17

7:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

9:00 a.m. Richard Mizenko

Wife & Family

11:00 a.m. Chester Stachniewicz

Wife & Family

5:30 p.m. Mark Olejnik

Thomas & Mary Jean Tometchko

INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of *John & Theresa Charney* offered by Children, Grandchildren, & Great-grandchildren

~In Memory of *Terry Jankoviak* offered by Family

Flowers this Weekend

~ In Memory of *Terry Jankoviak* offered by Family

BAPTISM SUNDAY

~Congratulations & God's blessings upon ~~*Julian Carter Evanoski*~~ and his family. Julian will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit today.

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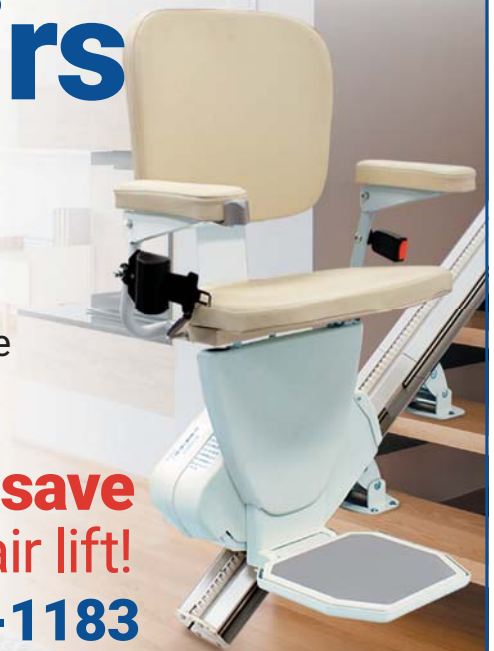
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