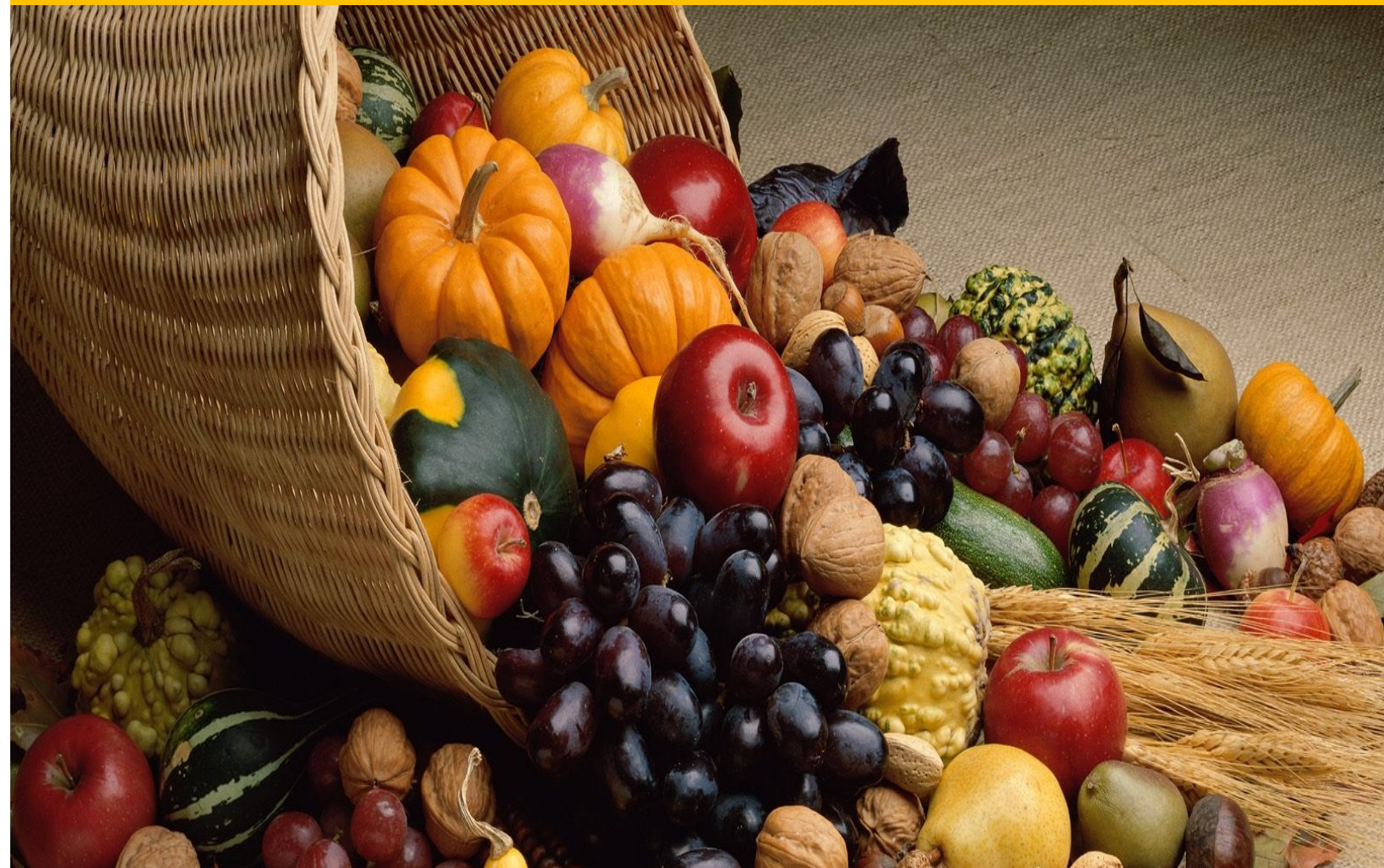


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The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

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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

The 2018 Chevy Malibu is parked outside for you to see this weekend! Chances will be sold before or after masses to win the car or the \$15,000.00. Drawing is Sunday, December 17th. Tickets are \$100.00 each. Only 500 chances sold! Get yours today! **UPDATE: Only 221 tickets left.**

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

On **Friday, November 17th at 7:00pm**, there will be a special Mass of Remembrance for the repose of the souls of those who died throughout this year and prayers for their loved ones who grieve their loss. Their names will be called aloud, and they will be remembered at this special Mass. All are invited to attend. If you would like us to remember a loved one of yours who passed away this year, but was not buried from our church, please call Lori at the rectory office to have them included in this Mass & have their names read aloud.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for NOVEMBER

- 8th Grade Family Mass, **Sunday, November 5th, at 5:30pm**. 8th Graders & their parents are invited for pizza after mass in church hall
- Wednesday, Nov. 8th: Confirmation meeting for 7th grade students & parents at 7pm in church hall
- Sunday, Nov. 12th, Confirmation meeting for 8th grade students & parents after 5:30pm mass in church hall
- Thursday, Nov. 16th, Penance & Eucharist meeting for 2nd grade parents at 7pm in church hall
- No CCD Sat., November 25th & Monday, November 27th-Thanksgiving Break

Save the Date:

The evening of **December 5th** will be our parish's **Advent Evening of Reflection**. Advent offers us a glimpse into what is needed to accommodate the coming of God into our lives. With no room for Jesus' birth in an inn, he found warmth and shelter where there was space for him--in a manger, in the welcoming hearts of shepherds and seekers. Today, Emmanuel, God-with-us, continues to ask for room in our hearts, but now he speaks through the voice of our neighbors and through the wounds and hopes of our world. In our time and place, how are we called to make room for the presence of Emmanuel once again? What might Advent say to us about the practice of more engaged prayer, deeper spaciousness of heart, and the justice of right relationship? Sister Chris Koellhoffer, IHM, will be our presenter.

HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS

The Holidays are right around the corner and that could be a very hard time of the year for some of our families who do not have the resources for a Holiday meal, let alone Christmas presents for children. If you or someone you know is struggling, please contact Lori, Pastoral Associate, at our office. All calls are held in the strictest confidence. We will be preparing Holiday Food baskets & Christmas presents for children. We will once again be accepting Food Cards from local supermarkets, & sponsoring the Annual **GIVING TREE**. If you can donate grocery gift cards for someone in need, drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. Your help is greatly appreciated as we reach out to those who may go without this Thanksgiving & Christmas.

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Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Bosha
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Pastoral Care Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi V.F
Pastor

Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate

Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist

Monica Salis
Business Manager

Marge Semanek
Director of Music

Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious Education

Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon



REPORT: Our Goal is within sight! 255 gave/pledged so far.

Goal: \$47,000.00

Total Raised: \$38,055.00

Under: \$8945.00

We are closing in on our goal. Help us with your gift or pledge. Envelopes are located at the church entrance. May God Bless Your Generosity.

NEW MINISTRY AT SETON:

PASTORAL COUNSELING/THERAPY

Our parish now offers help to individuals who are in need of Counseling/Therapy with the aid of a licensed therapist. If you think you may benefit from this new ministry, please contact Father Joe at the office for a referral. All inquirers and sessions will be held in the strictest confidence. This ministry goes beyond what Father can do with individuals by way of spiritual advisement or direction.

SEAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Next meeting: **Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00pm** in our church hall
- **Become a "KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" Membership Drive Sign up NOW.** Installation ceremony is Tuesday, December 12th, at 6pm
- **ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET: Sunday, December 3rd**
- The Knights are now on **FACEBOOK**. Get more information and like us at: **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Council #12976**
- For more information, call or text **Mark Perugino** at **570-262-2896**

CARE AND SHARE FOOD DRIVE

Our SEAS KofC are holding their Annual Care & Share Food Drive. The Food Drive provides food for those in need in our church community. All food stays in our church community. Any overflow food collected is donated to Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne. **We need LOTS of help.** Anyone wishing to help, please come on **Saturday, November 11th, at 10:00am to the school cafeteria to distribute Community Doorknob Hangers.** We will need help again on Saturday, November 18th, to help pick up the food donations and sort. Please report to the school cafeteria at 10:00am. We need lots of volunteers for this Food Drive. This is a great opportunity for students who need Community Hours. Parents, students, and anyone who can lend a helping hand—your assistance is greatly appreciated!!! If you or someone you know in our parish community is in need of groceries for the holidays, please call Lori Raymond at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

CONGRATULATIONS to three of our Knights of Columbus on receiving their **Fourth Degree:** Joseph Reggie, Joseph Burgess, and Michael Kaschak.

ALTAR GUILD HOMEMADE PASTIE SALE

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our PASTIE SALE to be held on Friday, Nov. 17th. Cost is \$6.00 each. Pick-ups are in our school cafeteria from noon to 2 or 5-6pm.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Direct Contacts

Office of Pastoral Care (Sr. Jane):
570-763-5160
sisterjane@setonpa.com

Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion):
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sistermarion@setonpa.com

Father Joe's email:
fatherjoey@aol.com

Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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 choose to give weekly or monthly, pay dues, or other offerings. Look for the link and click:



Bon-Ton Community Days Coupon Booklets

The Social Concerns Committee is currently selling Bon-Ton Community Days Coupon Savings Booklets for \$5.00 each, with each booklet containing over \$500.00 in coupon savings. All proceeds will be used to assist members of our community in need. Please call **Dottie at 570-288-8396** or see one of our members if interested in purchasing a booklet.

CHILDREN'S COAT DRIVE

As the weather changes, many members of our community will be facing colder weather without the proper clothing. To address this issue, the Social Concerns Committee will be conducting their annual winter coat drive for **school age children** on the weekends of November 4/5 and November 11/12. We are accepting the following new or slightly used items: clean coats, jackets, sweaters, hoodies, shoes, boots, gloves, & hats. Anything that would help warm a child in the upcoming cold temperatures would be deeply appreciated. A box will be placed at the church entrance for your donations. Thank you!

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

Items needed: spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, cereal, pork & beans. The box for donations is located in the vestibule on the left side near the steps.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Holy Name Society will meet **today, Sunday, November 5th**, after the 8:30am Mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.

PRAYER CHAIN

Our Prayer Chain will meet on **Saturday, November 11th**, at 9am in our church hall. New members are welcome.

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS BREAKFAST

ALL-U-CAN Eat Breakfast Buffet on **Sunday, November 12, 8:30am-noon**, right here in our School Cafeteria. \$8/adults, \$3/children 5-12. Purchase tickets by calling 570-283-1677 or at the door. Students who need service hours, call Kathy at 283-1677.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER 21/22

Sunday: \$6002.00
Loose: \$681.00
TOTAL: \$7290.44

Dues: \$319.00
E-Giving: \$288.44

DIOCESAN:

World Mission Sunday: \$973.00

"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."

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

You may be aware that all parishes in the Diocese of Scranton were asked to do a formal count of the people attending weekend masses this fall. For some time now, I have been watching the attendance and wondering what to do about the low numbers at some of the masses. Last spring I brought the Parish Pastoral Council in on my deliberations. A summary of the factors that went into our conversations follow:

1. Bishop Bambera has asked all parishes to examine the mass attendance and to reduce the number of masses which are not well attended. Presently our parish offers six weekend masses. Our church which hold upwards of 400 people, at some masses has less than 100 people attending.
 2. Christ's presence is made manifest in four ways at the Eucharist: The Consecrated Elements of Bread and Wine, The Word of God, in the Priest and in the People gathered. Community is an important piece of the Liturgy. In an ideal world, there would only be one Eucharistic Liturgy in each parish and all would attend at the same time and place. Since this is not possible given our space and time, several masses may be offered to the community, provided a large number of the faithful are present.
 3. Our lay ministries are stretched too far by the number of weekend masses. We often are missing EM's, Cantors, servers ,etc., because people are trying to cover too many slots on a given weekend.
 4. As your pastor, I have the desire to be with each of you at weekend masses. At times I do not see families for months at a time depending on how the mass schedule works. The pastor should be the regular presider at all of the Weekend Liturgies.
- N.B. We are eternally grateful for Fr. Urban's help over the past 5 years and he will remain an integral part of our parish filling-in when I am away and presiding at weekday liturgies from time to time.*
5. Our mass schedule is presently too tight. There is not enough time between masses for any type of shared fellowship, and we are always rushing to get the next mass seated and ready for the next Liturgy.
 6. We now have ample parking with the new lot and many handicap parking spaces available for each mass. This was one of the reasons we had 6 masses on the schedule, it is no longer an issue.

A New Mass Schedule will go into effect with four masses of obligation for Sunday. One mass will be offered on Saturday's Vigil and three masses will be offered on Sunday.

Effective January 6/7, 2018 our Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30, 11:00 am
and 5:30 pm

Monday—Friday 12:10 pm *until further notice*

Reconciliation Saturday from 3:45 to 4:15 pm

The 4:00 and 5:30 will be combined for the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday. This will allow for extra time for preparation for mass after weddings and funerals.

The 8:30 am Mass will remain and the 10:00 am and 11:30 am will be combined at the 11:00 am Mass. The Sunday afternoon Liturgy at 5:30 remains.

Any changes in a parish's mass schedule is not an easy decision and it was done with great care and concern. While we are reducing the number of masses, we still have a very flexible schedule which should allow everyone to participate in the Eucharistic Life of the Parish each week. Thank you for continued presence at the Weekend Eucharist.

I am, Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Father Joe

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi, V.F.

P.S. I am also publishing the Christmas Schedule on page 6 of this bulletin so you can make your plans accordingly. Note that Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year (that effects our schedule in a major way). More details on the Weekend of Christmas to follow.

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Announced Masses for the Week

Monday, November 6

8:00 a.m. All Souls' Intentions

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 a.m. All Souls' Intentions

Wednesday, November 8

8:00 a.m. Andrew & Anna Mattie Daughter, Marge

Thursday, November 9 *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

8:00 a.m. Paul Monahan Family

Friday, November 10 *St. Leo the Great*

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Veterans

Saturday, November 11 *Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 p.m. Eva Helen Mesaros Children, Grandchildren, & Great-grandchildren

5:30 p.m. George & Anna Jankoviak Family

Sunday, November 12 *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Margaret Yadnak M/M Donald Rakus

10:00 a.m. Kevin Mikolosko Rosemarie Ranieli

11:30 a.m. *Pro Populo*

5:30 p.m. George J. & George M. Shendock Dorothy Shendock

RECENTLY DEPARTED

~~Irene Drzewiecki~~Elizabeth Lamoreaux~~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 our Parents & Family Members offered by Vince & Fran Krajnak

~~In Memory of Carley Baker offered by Grandma & Grandpa

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~~In Memory of Elaine Smith offered by loving husband, Richard



Thank you, Veterans, past and present, for so generously dedicating your lives in serving our country. Please know that your sacrifices and contributions to our national security are greatly appreciated. May God bless all Veterans! Our Mass on Friday, November 10th, 8:00a.m., is in memory and in honor of all our Veterans.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Eve December 24th 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 pm *Note: No Midnight Mass*

Day December 25th 8:30 and 11:00 am

Priests' Schedule

Saturday, November 11

4:00 pm—Fr. Urban

5:30 pm~ Fr. Pisaneschi

Sunday, November 12

8:30 am— Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am—Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am—Fr. Urban

5:30 pm—Fr. Pisaneschi

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DVDs for Children**

