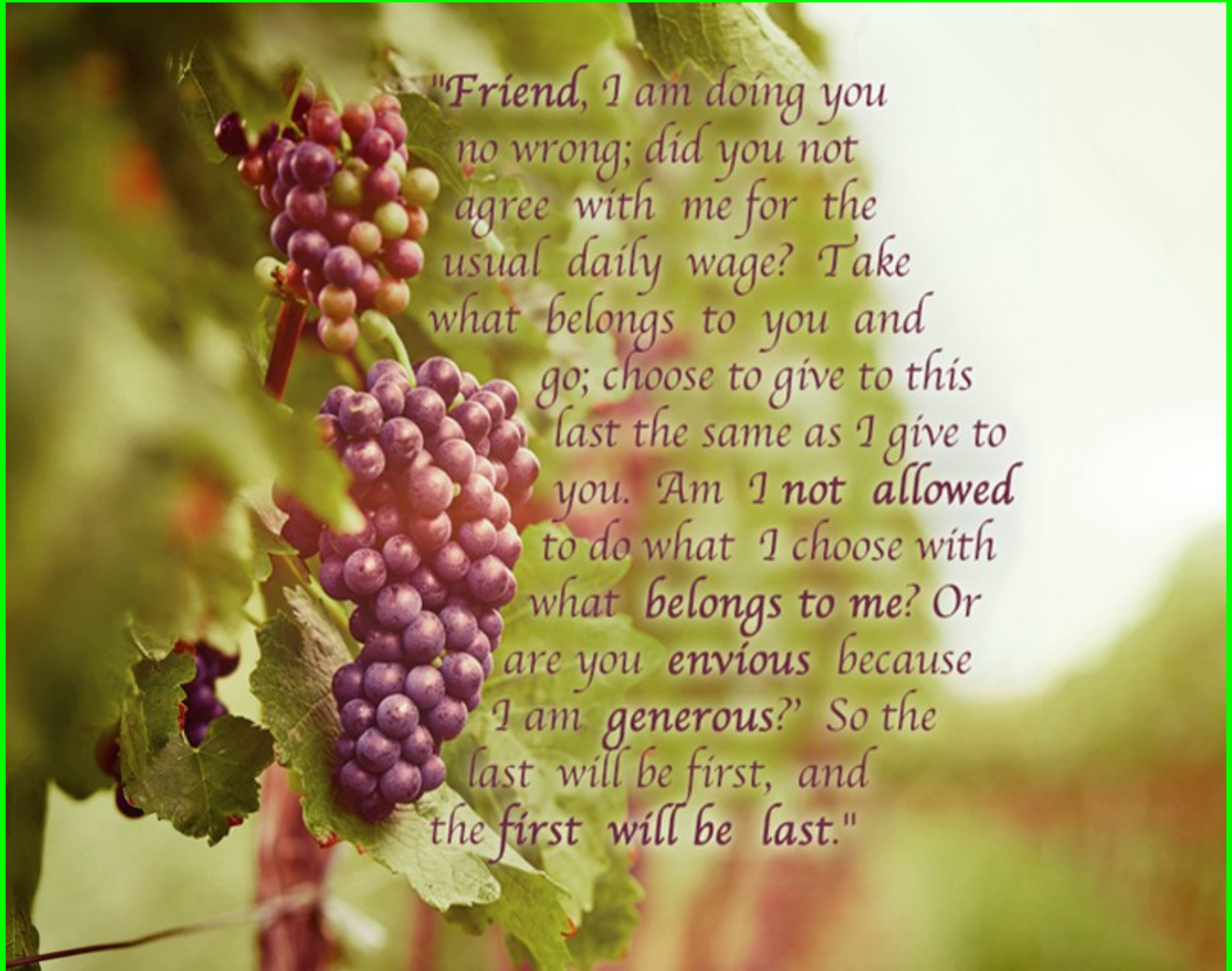


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"Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 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

Special Envelopes are located at the entrance of the church. You may also make your donation safely on-line at dioceseof-scranton.org Follow the link to the Annual Appeal. Our parish goal is \$47,000.00. Please help us do our part for the Diocese as we express our unity through charity.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY FOR HURRICANE IRMA VICTIMS

The Second Collection today is an Emergency Collection for the victims of Hurricane Irma. This collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA & to provide pastoral & rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCC.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS RUMMAGE SALE



It's time to start cleaning out your closets, bedrooms, garages, etc. and bring your unwanted items to our **Rummage Sale in the SCHOOL GYM** on the following dates:

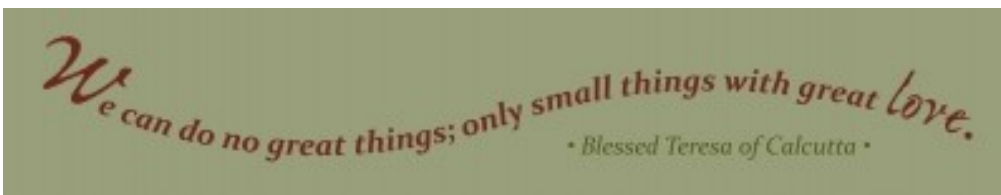
Collection Dates: Monday & Tuesday, October 2 & 3, from 8:30am to 6pm. **Please NO**

TVs, encyclopedias, or text books.

Sale Dates: Monday & Tuesday, October 9 (9am to 6pm) and October 10 (9am to 5pm).

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Items needed for the Holy Family Food Pantry: canned fruit, canned ravioli, box or bagged rice, canned corn, and cereal. The box for donations is located in the vestibule on the left side near the steps.



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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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

October 1st, 10:00am Mass: Family Mass. Parents and students from all grades are asked to attend this mass. Bring a canned good for the Holy Family Food Pantry. Coffee & donuts will be served in the church hall after Mass.

October 7th, Saturday, from 9:30 to noon: 7th Grade Retreat at St. Ignatius, Kingston

ATTENTION: USHERS

Ushers, please count attendance at all masses, including the balcony, & continue counts each weekend, until further notice. Count sheets are located on the stand with the Mass Gift-Bearer Sheets.

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir practices are at 4:45 until 5:45. Practices will be Mondays. The Youth Choir monthly mass will be the first Sunday of the month at 10:00am. The Christmas Play will have a modern day twist on Dicken's, "Christmas Carol." Play practices will involve most of the weekends in December. The Christmas Play will be on Monday, December 18th, at 6:30 in the church hall. Play parts will be assigned in October. Hope to see many parish youth there. **All are welcome!**

ADULT CHOIR

Practices on Wednesday at 6:30 in the balcony beginning September 13th. All those who like to sing are welcome to join us.

ADULT SACRAMENTS

Anyone aged 15 and older who needs the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation) , and would like to receive these sacraments, please call Father Joe, as classes will begin soon.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

All lectors are asked to pick up their copy of the 2018 Lector Workbook, located in the Server Sacristy. Readings begin for the First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd.

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Direct Contacts

Office of Pastoral Care (Sr. Jane):
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sisterjane@setonpa.com

Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion):
570-287-4587
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:



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE—Fall Craft Show Nov. 4th



VENDORS WANTED: The Social Concerns Committee is seeking Homemade 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!

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 9/10

Sunday: \$6809.00	Dues: \$1614.00
Loose: \$802.15	E-Giving: \$538.95
Holy Days: \$15.00	
TOTAL: \$9779.10	

DIOCESAN:

Care & Education of Priests-September: \$771.00

Hurricane Harvey Emergency Collection: \$5888.57*
(*includes donations from Holy Name Society, Confraternity of Christian Mothers, & Social Concerns Committee)

Annual Assessments:

For the 2017-2018 School Year our Parish's contribution to the Diocesan Catholic School System is **\$102,533.04**. Each month \$8,544.42 of our collections go to support the Catholic Schools.

Our Parochial Assessment paid to the Diocese of Scranton for the 2018 Fiscal Year is **\$82,376.00**. Each month that equals another \$6,864.67 from our collections.

The yearly insurance bill of \$37,906 was recently paid by the Festival Profits.

"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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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Sought

Little Flower Manor Nursing Home, Wilkes-Barre, is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to assist in distributing Holy Communion to residents who are unable to attend daily Mass. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and you are able to volunteer a couple of hours a week, or if you would like more information, **please contact Deacon Jack (570/510-4829)**. Your commitment would be one day per week, either in the morning or afternoon, your choice.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #143 CAR SHOW & FLEA MARKET TODAY

Boy Scout Troop #143, Swoyersville, is sponsoring its 4th Annual Car Show & Flea Market, to be held today, **Sunday, September 24th**, (rain date-Sunday, Oct. 1st) from **9am to 3pm** at Hugh B. Hughes Funeral Home parking lot, 1044 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. Please join us for a day of live entertainment, food, & raffles. Car Sponsors-\$10. Flea Market Vendors-\$15. Contact Caroline Magistro at 570-288-0294.

HOLY HOUR



The Human Life Resource Center in Wilkes-Barre will soon mark their 30th Year Anniversary. The Pro-Life Center, an all-volunteer operation, was founded & is directed by Betty Caffrey. To commemorate this joyful event of serving Moms & Babies, a holy hour in thanksgiving to God will take place on Sunday, October 1st, at 2:00pm at St. Aloysius Church (St Robert Bellarmine Parish), West Division St., & Barney Sts. Wilkes-Barre. Father Richard Cirba, Pastor, will preside for the service. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria. All are welcome.

LIFE CHAIN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST: Stand up for Life in the center of Dallas (Memorial Highway/Main St/Lake St.) from 2-3pm. Parking available at Gate of Heaven Church parking lot, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas. Meet at 1:30 at Gate of Heaven church parking lot for distribution of signs. Life Chain is a peaceful & prayerful public witness of Pro-Life individuals standing for 1 hour praying for our nation & for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity that abortion kills babies & that the Catholic Church supports the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. For more info., please contact **Chris Carr at 570-550-1619**. www.lifechain.net

St. Therese, Little Flower Novena

Novena prayers will be offered to St. Therese, the Little Flower, at St. George Chapel, 79 Loomis St., Wilkes-Barre, at 4pm from Saturday, September 23 to Sunday, October 1st. Father Thomas Looney is Guest Homilist. There will also be a reception & bake sale. (Exception; 4 pm Mass will precede the Novena on the first & last day of the Novena.)

DEMENTIA & THE CAREGIVER

St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Kingston, will host a talk on Dementia & the Caregiver, given by Sr. Marilyn Karas, RSM, on Wednesday, October 4th at 7pm in Bergan Hall. Dementia affects 5.4 million Americans-a figure which will rise dramatically as our aging population grows. Alzheimer's disease, one of the most prevalent forms of dementia, is the 6th leading cause of death in the USA. Sr. Marilyn, whose mother was diagnosed with Alzheimers a few years ago, will share resources & experiences with caregivers & persons interested in learning more about this disease. Please join us.

FALL BINGO

Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch, will hold their annual fall bingo on Sunday, October 8th, in the parish hall at 828 Main St. Doors open at noon & games begin at 1pm. Homemade food available for sale. Prizes include gift cards, gift baskets, small appliances, crafts, & turkeys. The prize for the last special will be a flat screen TV. Admission is \$5.00 and tickets can be purchased at the door.

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).

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Announced Masses for the Week

Monday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Gerrie Kovaleski Husband & Family

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Harry & Chrystal Jacobs Roy & Joanne

Ss. Cosmas & Damian

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Mary Woods Son, Jim Mellon

St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, September 28

8:00 a.m. Health & Blessings for Terry Jankoviak Mom & Family

St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz

Friday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Wolinsky Sister, Rita Lemonowski & Family

Saints Michael & Raphael

Saturday, September 30 *Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 p.m. Michael Butchko Wife, Jean & Family

5:30 p.m. Michael J. Mesaros, Sr. Children, Grandchildren, & Great-Grandchildren

Sunday, October 1 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Robert Billett Wife, Louise

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. Rita Morrissey Jim & Carol Morrissey

5:30 p.m. Begliomini & Charney Families Pat & Sandie Charney

SANCTUARY CANDLES

~~In Memory of Marie Shampack offered by husband, Michael

~~In Memory of Louis R. Cremard offered by Family

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~~In Memory of Marie Shampack offered by husband, Michael

BAPTISM SUNDAY

CONGRATULATIONS and God's Blessings upon~~ *Lydia Paige Dudzik*~~and her parents. Lydia will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.



Come to the **41st Annual ROSARY RALLY**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Come! Pray on this **100th Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima!** **Today, Sunday, September 24th**, Procession begins at 2:00pm, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St, Pittston. Mass to follow at 3:20pm. All are invited!

Priest's Schedule

Saturday, September 30

4:00 pm—Fr. Urban

5:30 pm~ Fr. Pisaneschi

Sunday, October 1

8:30 am— Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am—Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am—Fr. Urban

5:30 pm—Fr. Pisaneschi

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