

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2014

Swoyersville, PA

Today: Can you Lend A Hand?

The Christmas Season concludes today after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. We need to get the Church back in order for Ordinary Time which means the Christmas decorations will be removed. As it was extravagant to look at, it took lots of help to put it together; it will take lots of help to take it down. We are especially in need of strong guys who can climb ladders and carry out the trees and boxes. If you can help, stay behind after the 11:30 a.m. Mass or come back around 12:30 p.m. to help. Thanks.

KNEELERS

We are aware that nearly all of the kneelers are in disrepair. We have ordered new kneelers and are waiting for their arrival and installation pending the release of our funds from the Diocese. Evidently, each kneeler was custom fit when they were done and that is what is taking such a long time for the new kneelers to be constructed. We hope to have them replaced within the next two months. Your patience is appreciated.

ALTAR SERVERS

If you did not pick-up your Christmas Card Envelopes, one from the Church and one from the Knights of Columbus, please call the rectory this week. Thank you.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Celiac disease affects many people. People with this disease are allergic to wheat and prevents them from receiving Holy Communion. Our parish offers low gluten hosts to those who need them. To make arrangements, call the rectory and make sure the priest knows what mass you will be attending. We ask those who are to receive the gluten-free hosts to come to Communion first, so that the hands of the minister do not contaminate the special host.



Baptism of the Lord

Kids are always fascinated by family history. They want to know what their parents did as kids, where they went to school, what kind of trouble they got into, etc. When grandparents start to talk about the family in the 'old days', kids really listen. And the kid's parents can get really nervous. Old pictures and stories give children a chance to know who deceased relatives were, to appreciate the importance of their past and to preserve the stories and identities for their children too.

So why not talk about your family's spiritual history? Looking at pictures of baptisms, First Communions, May processions, confirmations and weddings, are great ways of sharing the family's spiritual traditions, the history of your parish and the members of your family, living and deceased, who served as godparents and sponsors, who helped with building a church or volunteered at the parish school. It reminds everyone that our journey of faith is a collective one, where members of a family help each other in faith. Just as the Gospels trace the public ministry of Jesus, we can trace our history, going back generations, to those who made sure we too would follow the Lord.

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Our **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** will meet today, Sunday, January 12th, after the 8:30AM mass in the church hall. We will finalize plans for our **PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST** to be held here in our school cafeteria on Sunday, January 26th.

RELIGIOUS ED: There will be no Religious Ed. Classes on Saturday, January 18th, or Monday, January 20th, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Classes will resume the following week.

LAST CALL FOR 2014 CHURCH CALENDARS

You may pick up your new Parish Calendars after Mass today located on the tables at the church entrance. Many thanks to the generosity of **Wroblewski Funeral Home** for sponsoring our calendars. May God bless you always.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

Thursday, January 16th, 7:00PM, in our church hall

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory basement.

Collection Reports

Sunday, December 14/15, 2013

Sunday: \$6344.36 Loose: \$343.11

Holy Days: \$146.00 Dues: \$929.00

TOTAL: \$7762.47

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$102.00

Sunday, December 21/22, 2013

Sunday; \$7911.50 Loose: \$358.69


Holy Days: \$109.00 Dues: \$726.00

TOTAL: \$9105.19


Retirement Fund for Religious: \$131.00

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

 Our Holy Name Society will host a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 26th. More details to follow.....

K OF C FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus will hold a Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 26th, at the Kingston Rec Center, 655 Third Ave., Kingston. Registration & Warm-ups are from 4:30pm to 4:45pm. Contest begins at 4:45pm. This is for Boys and Girls ages 10 to 14 years old (Age as of 1/1/14) Birth Certificate for proof of age is required. Please contact Richard Fruscianta at 466-8810 for more information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Please notify the **Parish Social Ministry Office at (570) 763-5160** if you would like a parish representative to visit a family member who is **hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home**. In compliance with **HIPAA regulations** (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), health care facilities are required to protect the confidentiality and security of health data. Therefore, the only way that the parish can be informed of someone needing assistance is through notification by a family member or friend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL QUESTION: In the coming months, all parishioners will be asked to respond to this question: *"Looking to the coming years, if you could imagine or transform our parish in any way you wished, what 3 things would you do to enhance its life and vitality?"*



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Our Knights of Columbus has formed a First Degree Team. The First Degree installation will take place on January 14th, from 6-9 PM in our church hall. We are looking for new members. Please call Mike Kopec at 570-714-2924 or Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 for more information.



PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE January 18-19

4:00 p.m. Pisaneschi
5:30 p.m. Urban
8:30 a.m. Pisaneschi
10:00 a.m. Pisaneschi
11:30 a.m. Urban

Scripture for the week of January 12, 2014

12 **SUN** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
13 **Mon** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
14 **Tue** 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
15 **Wed** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
16 **Thu** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
17 **Fri** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
18 **Sat** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
19 **SUN** Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

For many cancer patients, getting to and from the doctor's office or hospital for treatment is one of the toughest challenges. By volunteering to drive just a few hours a month, you can help patients traveling on the road to recovery. Having cancer is hard. Finding a ride to treatment shouldn't be. To find out how you can help, call your American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or 570-562-9749.

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**2013 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](mailto:seton.swoy@aol.com) by January 24. Thank you.

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*Please Print*

Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Catch Our Spirit...  
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week  
January 26 - February 2, 2014**

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by attending a Catholic School Open House! You are invited to experience our communities of faith and academic excellence. From Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, our students live their faith, challenge their minds, serve their communities, and build lifelong friendships. For specifics about the Open Houses or for more information about our Diocesan Catholic Schools, including tuition assistance, please visit [www.DioceaseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools](http://www.DioceaseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools).

**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 need help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Diocese of Scranton is February 14-16 at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) for more information or to register.



**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 2014 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 22nd**. The event includes a 2:30PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. To request an invitation, please call Lori at the office, with your name and mailing address, **before February 14th**.



# Mass Intentions

## Monday, January 13th

*(First Week in Ordinary Time)*

8:00 a.m. Charles Jarski

M/M Alan Ontko

## Tuesday, January 14th

8:00 a.m. David Dzurek

M/M Paul Dzurisin

## Wednesday, January 15th

8:00 a.m. Betty Husovsky

Children, Dan & Betsy

## Thursday, January 16th

8:00 a.m. Michael Kaschak

Mary Ann Pelliccia & Girls

## Friday, January 17th

**St. Anthony, Abbot**

8:00 a.m. Irene Williams

Ralph & Barbara Romanowski & Family

## Saturday, January 18th

**(Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

4:00 p.m. Susan Zabrowski

John G. Mandell Sr. & Family

5:30 p.m. Aloysius Mikina

Rich Bonin

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins through January 25th*

## Sunday, January 19th

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. Raymond A. Podskoch

Wife & Children

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Swoyersville Kiwanis

11:30 a.m. *Pro Populo*



***Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them...***

***~Catherine "Kate" Stach ~ Marguerite "Marjorie" Krogulski***

***May their Souls, and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace. Amen.***



### **SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS**

~ In Memory of Duda & Kachurak Families offered by Matt Duda

~Special Intention

**PRAY  
for the  
SICK**



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## Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

## Parish Staff

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Cora Artim                | Children's and Contemporary Groups |
| • Phil Bosh                 | Maintenance                        |
| • Chris Calore              | Maintenance                        |
| • Sister Jane Ellis, IHM    | Parish Social Minister             |
| • Terry Jankoviak           | Director of Faith Formation        |
| • 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                  |



## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. The celebration of the Sacrament is held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated for 8th Grade Students on Thursday, March 27, 2014 by Bishop Bambera.

### Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work.

### Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact the Pastor.

### Penance

Saturdays 3:15-3:45, other times by appointment.

### Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Priest, day or night.

### Direct Contacts

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane) 570-763-5160

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, for the next week  
at 1:00 p.m.