

The Seton Sentinel

September 19, 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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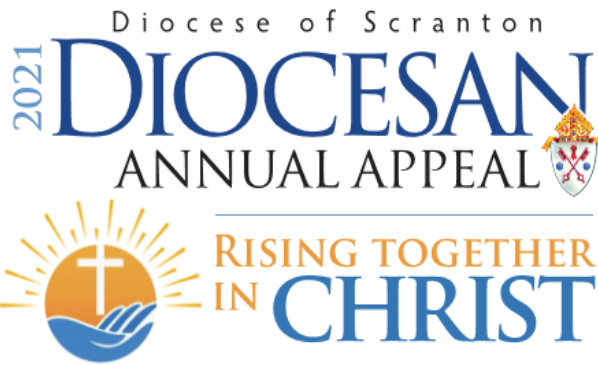
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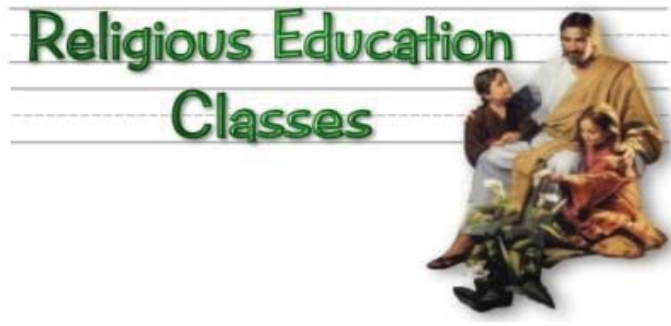
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The 2021 Annual Appeal begins this weekend. Please visit us online to view the video of how your support goes to work for our Diocese. It is also on our facebook page. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this year's Annual Appeal!



PARENT MEETING for the children in our First Penance/First Holy Communion classes will take place on **TUESDAY, September 28th at 6:30pm in our church hall.** Parents are asked to bring their cell phones.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: If you haven't registered your child/children for Religious Education classes yet, please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms are available on our website: setonpa.com

CLASSES BEGIN on Saturday, September 25th, and Monday, September 27th. For the **first class on Sat., Sept. 25th**, students are to **report directly to the church** by 9:00am. For **Monday, Sept. 27th**, students are to **re-report directly to the church by 6:00pm**. After introduction and prayers, we will then head over to the school with our teachers for class. Dismissal time for Saturday class is 10:15 and Monday class is 7:15. (FYI: If it is raining, we will meet in the gym instead).

Next Sunday, **September 26th, at the 11:00am Mass**, we will have a special dedication **in Memory of our beloved Terry Jankoviak**, who served for many years as our Director of Religious Education and assisted with our Children's Choir. Everyone is invited to attend. All past & current Religious Ed. students and teachers are invited to attend.

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**Year of St. Joseph Prayer Cards** are located at the church entrance. Please take a Prayer Card with you for yourself & also share with family & friends. "A Daily Prayer to St. Joseph" is on the backside. **St. Joseph, Pray for Us!**

**EUCCHARIST**  
**Saturdays**  
4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday**  
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.

**Daily Eucharist**  
Monday– Friday:  
**8:00 a.m.**

**4 p.m. Saturday is  
livestreamed  
for the homebound.**

Seton's Adult Choir will reform beginning on Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:30 in the Choir Loft. Anyone who wishes to join is welcome to come. Seton's Youth Choir will begin practicing on Monday, October 4th from 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm in the church. Children up to grade 7 are welcome to join us. For those in grades 7—Young Adult, join us at the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday for the Contemporary Group Singers. Instrumentalists are welcome as well. See Mr. Coates after any mass for details. A few acoustic guitars would be especially very nice to have with us at the 5:30 on Sunday.



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### St. Patrick's Day Parade Today in Wilkes-Barre

Congratulations to our parishioner/Eucharistic Minister Kathy Plucas on the 26th Anniversary of her being in business with "Let's Party & More, Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre. To celebrate this happy occasion, everyone is invited to come to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Wilkes-Barre to see the awesome float that Kathy created and designed for the parade. Parade begins at 1:00pm.

### CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Christian Mothers will meet next **Sunday, September 26th, at 2:00pm in our church hall.** All members are asked to attend this important meeting as we will be taking nominations for officers for 2022/2023 term. Once the nomination process is complete, the election will take place at the October meeting. New members are welcome!



### SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE BAKE SALE

Our Social Concerns will be having a Bake Sale Fundraiser during the pick ups of the Ethnic Dinner Platters on Sunday, September 19th, from noon to 3pm, featuring cookies, candy apples, fudge, & peanut brittle.

### Grief: Comfort through Sharing—

The death of a loved one is a challenging and intensely personal experience. Our program, Grief: Comfort Through Sharing, is offered to help care for yourself and facilitate healing.

Corpus Christi Parish, 605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, will host a new six week bereavement program starting at 7:00pm, September 22nd in our Rectory Conference Room. Sign up by contacting Joyce Cecconi, Pastoral Associate, at 570-654-2753 or email: [jcecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecconi50@gmail.com)

The Program Leader, John M. Samony Sr., CGSS, author of "The Morning After-Surviving the Loss of Someone You Love", and a University of Wisconsin, Certified Grief Support Specialist, will facilitate the sessions.





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## OFFICE HOURS

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

Reconciliation is available on Saturday beginning at 3:30 until 3:50 p.m. just prior to the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Other times at your request. Just ask Father.

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.

Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation are offered through the department of Religious Education or Catholic Schools. Contact the office for more information.



**You make the difference!** With your continuing support you are making a difference during these uncertain times. You believe in the mission and ministry of our parish. You are making a difference in our outreach and just covering our day-to-day expenses and we are grateful. Online giving is available at [www.setonpa.com](http://www.setonpa.com) and follow the link or choose from the drop down menu.

**Again, Thank You for Your Generosity!**

Collection Total for September 5, 2021

\$13,293.05

"No Sweat Festival" so far 14,905.00

## Special Collection on September 25-26 for Victims of Haiti earthquake, Hurricane Ida, and Tropical Storm Grace

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops and the Diocese of Scranton have slated the weekend of September 25-26 for a special collection for the disaster relief in Haiti which has suffered from a recent earthquake and storm, Hurricane Ida, and Tropical Storm Grace. Baskets will be set up at the entrances of the church for your convenience on that weekend.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## COLLECTORS NEEDED

Several Weekend Masses are in need of more people to take up the collection. The 4 and 5:30 on Saturday afternoon and the 5:30 on Sunday afternoon often have too few or at times no one to pass the basket. Women and men are welcome to pick up the basket and assist when the need arises.

**FOOD REQUEST UPDATES:** The Social Concerns Committee is requesting the following items for the Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne: Strawberry jelly, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, canned pasta, crackers, boxes of cereal. Drop off box is located in the vestibule .



## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Holy Name Society is selling tickets after all Masses for their Annual 50/50 Cash Drawing. The lucky ticket for the 50/50 Thanksgiving Cash will be drawn on November 21, 2021, after the 9:00am Mass. Tickets can also be purchased from any Holy Name member. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

## OKTOBERFEST

St. Barbara Parish, Exeter, is having an Oktoberfest on Sunday, September 26, from 11:30 to 5:30, at their Beirgarten (Pavillion) on Erie Street in Exeter. The menu items will include homemade German foods such as Bratwurst, Spaetzle (butter noodles), Schnitzel, Frikadellen (specially made meat patties), German pretzels, French Fries, and Hot dogs. The menu items will be sold as a platter and we will have picnic tables set up for your dining pleasure. Takeout will be available for those wanting to enjoy the German fare at home.

## SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS NITE AT THE RACES

### YES... THE PONIES WILL BE RUNNING

Join members of the Swoyersville Kiwanis on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria, Hughes St., Swoyersville. The doors open at 6pm and post time is 7pm. Horses are \$10 and includes free admission, or just come on out and enjoy the night for \$5 admission. The night will be full of fun and good food, refreshments, instant Bingo, a 50-50 Drawing and raffles in between races. This is a great way to get out and enjoy while supporting our organization and all our work. Proceeds benefit: St. Joseph's Center, Little League team sponsorship, Feed a Friend, Valley Santa, & many other youth groups, organizations, & community projects. Get your horse in the program. Deadline for the program is Sunday, September 26th. Must be 21 years of age. Talk to any Swoyersville Kiwanis member about your horse or email: GKBreznay@comcast.net or swoyk1951@comcast.net or call: 570-283-1677. Due to Covid concerns, space will be more limited than years prior, so get there early.



## THANK YOU FROM HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

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Just to say thank you for  
your recent donation of food for our pantry.  
Your continued support of us is so appreciated.  
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Lou & Carol Cardoni

## Today's Music

**4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00**

Gath: 850 G All are Welcome  
Prep: 155 S My Soul Is Longing  
Com: 130 S Servant Song  
Send: 162 S Take Up Your Cross

### **5:30pm Sunday**

Gath: 607 G How Can I Keep  
Prep: 178 S Lead Me Lord  
Com: 105 S We Will Follow  
Send: 153 S God Alone

*Subject to change*

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Years ago, people who came from humble homes would say, "It's not much, but it is home." When some of their sons became priests and would be assigned to parishes with large rectories and churches, the priests would joke, "It's not home, but it's much!"

The Apostles fell into the same trap, but their superlative was "the greatest." They were debating among themselves who was the most important--the first struggle for power in the Church! Jesus changes the focus. Being the greatest is about service, not power. When one can serve the needs of all, even a small, powerless child, then greatness is achieved. That greatness is measured by the standard of love and selflessness, not strength and domination.

Practicing our faith gives us a vision to see others as God sees them and act accordingly. We have the power to change the world, one life at a time. Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and consoling the sorrowful are not far off works of mercy. They are the stuff of everyday life, the practical ways in which we serve, heal, and pray. It is not played out on a world stage, nor will it make the news. It does, however, make a difference. It's not just something; it's much!

*~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. to Pilot  
Bulletins*



## Remembering at Eucharist



### Monday, September 20

8:00 a.m. Alfonsus Palaschiewski Joe & Terri Burgess

### Tuesday, September 21

8:00 a.m. John Reggie Nephew, Felix

### Wednesday, September 22

8:00 a.m. Ann Marie Yeager Diane, Michael, & Gretchen Mey

### Thursday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Gene Petroski Sister, Dolores Petroski

### Friday, September 24

8:00 a.m. John Mazza Janet & Richard Sott & Family

### Saturday, September 25

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

5:30 p.m. Richard Kamus Theresa Fraley

### Sunday, September 26

7:00 a.m. **Pro Populo**

9:00 a.m. Chester Stachniewicz Confraternity of Christian Mothers

11:00 a.m. Gerard Wilcom Son, Joseph, & Susan Podskoch

5:30 p.m. Josephine & Michael Ritondo Daughter, Josie Kandrac & Family



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## Special Intentions This Week

### This Week's Sanctuary Candles

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### Upcoming Wedding

Friday, September 24, 2021, 1:00pm: Joseph Morcos & Kayla Rhiel

### Recently Departed, Resting in the Peace of Christ

~~Thomas H. Gulla~~ May he rest in peace. Amen.



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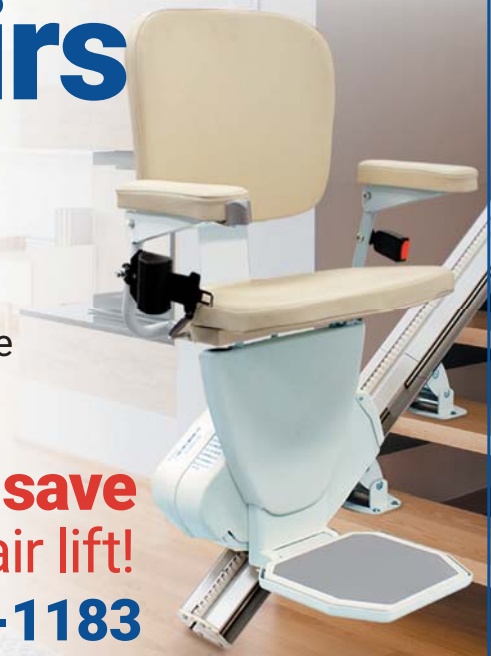
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