

# THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



*I am the living bread which  
has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread  
will live for ever; and the bread  
that I shall give is my flesh,  
for the life of the world.*

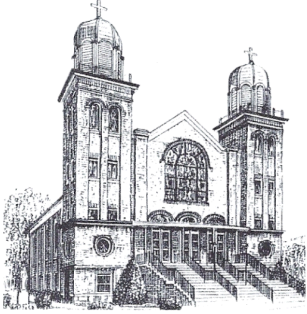
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

August 9, 2015

Swoyersville, PA

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### Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Friday:**  
**8:30am to 3:00pm**

Weekends and Evenings  
*by appointment only*

Parish Office is closed for all Holy  
Days of Obligation and Federal  
Holidays.

*Forward*  
in **FAITH**

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area? Just visiting?  
You will find a warm welcome  
here!

To become a registered  
member, please call the parish  
office during regular business  
hours.



### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next Baptism class will be held on Tuesday, August 25th, at 6:30pm in the church hall. Parents who are planning their baby's Baptism and have not previously attended a class session on the Sacrament. Expectant parents are most welcome to join us!

### SCHEDULING CALENDARS READY

All heads of organizations or groups who use our buildings/facilities can now come to the parish office to pick up your 2015-2016 calendars. Any questions, please call our business manager, Monica, at 287-6624.

### MISSION APPEAL

This weekend our parish will conduct its Annual Mission Appeal at all masses. Deacon Edward T. Kelly from the Diocese of Scranton, you may be familiar with his articles on the Missions in the Catholic Light, will make the appeal at each of the masses. Please give him a warm Seton welcome!

### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Saturday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because this particular Holy Day falls on a Saturday this year it is not an obligation to attend mass. However, because this is such a beloved celebration of our Blessed Mother by so many, we will offer two masses for the Solemnity: A vigil mass, Friday, August 14th at 4:00 pm, and on Saturday, August, 15th at 12:00 Noon. All scheduled weekend Masses will be that of the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time. If you attend a mass for the Assumption you still must fulfill your weekend obligation by attending one of the regularly scheduled Sunday or Saturday vigil masses.

### Congratulations, Sister Cynthia Skiendzel, O.F.M. 60th Anniversary (Jubilee)

Today, Sunday, August 9th, at the 11:30am Mass, we will joyfully celebrate with Sr. Cynthia Skiendzel, O.F.M. on her 60th Anniversary (Jubilee) of Profession of Vows. Sister Cynthia is a former member of St. Mary's, Swoyersville, and lives at St. Thomas More, Allentown. She is a Bernardine Franciscan Sister. *Congratulations, Sr. Cynthia, and may God continue to bless you!*



Our **Knights of Columbus** will meet Tuesday, August 11th, at 7 pm in our church hall. New members welcome!!!

### LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS & CD'S

Don't forget to check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CD's located in our vestibule. For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

## THE SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Expecting or new parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make the arrangements and if necessary, attend the Pre-Baptismal Session. The celebration of the Sacrament is usually held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. This year Bishop Dougherty will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible.

### Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible (no less than 6 months prior) to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work. The dates at the Church are not guaranteed until an actual meeting with the pastor takes place.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.  
or anytime by request

### Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish Priest, day or night. When someone is very ill please do not wait to call the priest. It is better to have the sacrament of the sick sooner rather than at the last minute.

### For ordinary sick calls

#### (Non-Emergency):

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.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Even though we just had a new class of new Altar Servers join the ranks, the invitation is still open to any boy or girl who has already received First Holy Communion to become Altar Servers. We strongly encourage those who are even a little older, junior or high school students to come forward at this time. Training is easy and it's a great way to participate in the life of the parish. Call Lori in the office for more information.

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS

Be involved in your parish! Contact Father Joe for information about serving as a Lector for our parish. We would especially encourage you to read at the 5:30 pm Sunday Contemporary Eucharist. Consider lending your musical talents to the 5:30 pm music program as well. We are looking for singers and instrument players to join us. See Scott Coates after the 5:30 pm mass for more information.

## EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Some parishioners have inquired about becoming an EOMOHC, (Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion). We will begin to gather some names and form a class of EOMOHC sometime in the fall. Please give your name to Lori in the office if you are interested. The pastor will select those who will then be invited to this participate in this ministry.

## EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR FIRST FRIDAY HOME VISITS

We need more volunteers to help us each month on First Fridays to bring Holy Communion to our shut-ins. Our list of parishioners who are unable to attend Mass grows every day. If this is something you feel you are being called to do, please call Lori at the rectory. Also, if you know of a parishioner who is homebound and would like to have a First Friday visit, please call Lori with the information.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

The vision of the Social Concerns ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is to be aware of the growing needs of the parish community, as well as to become aware of both the local and world communities and to become informed and involved in social issues, human needs, and services.

We are grateful to our parish family with your over pouring support in our annual projects including the stocking of food at Holy Family Food Pantry, collection of new & slightly used winter coats for the WW Spartan Closet, & the Pro-Life Baby Shower.

In addition to your donations of the above events, our annual Pasta Dinner, Craft Show, & BINGO fundraisers are becoming very popular with both parish & local communities. The financial success of these events help fund many individuals/organizations in need or to help the needs of others. A few examples of donations made include: South American Missions lead by Fr. John Ostrowski~ Local fire victims to help rebuild their losses~ Help the funding of a parish student's trip to Florida in support of Habitat for Humanity~ Provide financial help to individuals & families battling various health issues with the purchase of medications, travel involved with doctor appointments & hospital visits & other medical & household expenses~ Deliver over 80 Christmas & Easter flowers, cards & fruit baskets to our parish homebound & nursing home patients~ Purchase additional socks & undergarments to the WW Spartan Closet during the coat drive~ Collect & purchase remaining gift requests from the Christmas Giving Tree~ Donate to our parish during the annual festival & purchase of a paver at the entrance to the church

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## Parish Staff

Cora Artim  
*Children's & 11:30 Choir*  
Phil Bosh  
*Maintenance*  
Chris Calore  
*Maintenance*  
Scott Coates  
*Contemporary Mass Musician*  
Sister Jane Ellis, IHM  
*Parish Social Minister*  
Margaret Loveless  
*Director of Religious Education*  
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*

### Direct Contacts

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):  
570-763-5160  
Faith Formation Office:  
570-287-4587  
Father Joe's email: [fatherjoey@aol.com](mailto:fatherjoey@aol.com)  
Parish direct email: [setonpa@aol.com](mailto:setonpa@aol.com)

Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
pray for us!**

## RELIGIOUS ED CORNER

### Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Registration forms were sent via e-mail to those families who have an e-mail address listed in our records. Additionally, registration forms are available on our website at [setonpa.com](http://setonpa.com), click on the Religious Education tab and select *Registration Form* or you may pick one up in the parish office.

Religious Ed classes will begin on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Classes for the Saturday morning program will be held from 9:00 – 10:15 AM and the Monday evening program classes will be held from 6:00 -7:15 PM. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

*Please note:* for families wishing to have their child receive First Communion, traditionally in the spring of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, two years of religious instruction (first and second grade) are required by the Diocese of Scranton in order to prepare for reception of this Sacrament.

If you have any questions, or would like to have a registration form mailed to your home address, please contact Margaret Loveless at the Office of Faith Formation, 570-288-4587.

### Back to School Blessing

We will have a special blessing of all school-age children as they prepare to return to school for another year. All young people are invited to bring their backpacks to the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> for this special blessing.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN** Do you have a child with a learning disability especially-ADD, ADHD, autism, Asperger's Syndrome-or know a family of a child experiencing these disabilities? There is a regional religious education program for these children at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston. If you would like more information or are interested in this program, please call Carmella Faust at 570-287-3682 or email:

[religiouseducation1@yahoo.com](mailto:religiouseducation1@yahoo.com)

### COLLECTIONS: July 25/26, 2015

SUNDAY: \$ 6374.25

DUES: \$840.00

LOOSE: \$444.86

E-GIVING: \$1007.84

HOLY DAYS: \$5.00

**TOTAL: \$8671.95**

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$155.00**

**DIOCESAN-**

Catholic Relief Services \$695.00

***May God bless you for your generosity!***

## VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.



### Night at the RACES SAVE THE DATE!!!

Holy Redeemer  
High School  
Saturday

November 7, 2015

Make plans to enjoy the evening with family and friends. For more information, call Holy Redeemer HS at 570-829-2424.



## SOCIAL CONCERNS (continued from page 3)

In addition to the annual fundraisers and donations by our parish and community families, the success of this ministry is also due to the passion and dedication of the members involved. Without them the Social Concerns Ministry would not be as successful as we are today. We are always welcoming new members. If you are interested, our meetings are normally every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the church hall. Please refer to the weekly bulletin for meeting announcements or upcoming events.



### PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE

**Father Frank Pavone**, National Director for Priests for Life, will be the Keynote Speaker for this year's Pro-Life Banquet, Monday, October 19, 2015, at 6pm, at Genetti's Convention Center, E. Market St., Wilkes-Barre.

There will be reserved seating, tables of 10. Tickets are \$35.00 and will not be sold at the door. Reservations must be confirmed by October 7th by contacting the Pro-Life Center, "PHL", 31 Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 (570-826-1819) Thank you.

### ST. MONICA PARISH 3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Sunday, August 23rd at Emanon Country Club in Falls, with 1pm registration and 2pm shotgun start. \$60/person or \$240/foursome includes: Dinner following the event in the church hall catered by Pasquale's. Refreshments on course & prizes. Golf limited to the first 120 golfers. Registration due before August 20th. Make checks payable to St. Monica Parish, 363 W. 8th Street, West Wyoming, PA 18644. For more info call: Howard Kelley at 570-574-1677, John Piszak at 570-313-8586, or Frank Casarella at 570-313-5515. Contributions or hole sponsors are welcome.

### St. John the Baptist Annual Parish Family Picnic

To be held on the church grounds, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville, continues this Saturday & Sunday, August 8th and 9th. Saturday from 5-11pm music by Steven's Double Shot, and Sunday features Fr. Jerry's newest play, "A Godfather/Redneck Pierogie Wedding at Foodington Abbey" at 2pm, and stands open from 3-10pm, music by Tommy & the Original Tones (starting at 6pm).



### "Back to School" Supplies for St. Vincent de Paul

#### Soup Kitchen

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre is now taking donations of school supplies. Items being collected are: Backpacks,

Notebooks, Binders, Paper, Pens, Plastic Scissors, Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Markers, Erasers, Glue Sticks & Crayons. Items will be collected up until August 18th. **Bring items directly to the Soup Kitchen at above address.** Volunteers are needed for Distribution at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre on **WEDNESDAY, AUG.26TH**, 9-11 AM & 1-4 PM. Please call Deb at 570-822-7118, ext. 305 if you can help.

