

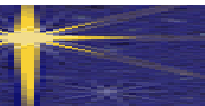
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
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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



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

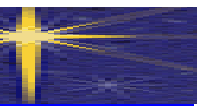
The Social Concerns Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy and Peace-Filled New Year, and to extend our thanks and prayers to all who continue to support our fund raising events. Without your help, we would never be able to assist our friends and neighbors in need in both our parish and surrounding communities...thank you! The Social Concerns Committee is already eagerly looking forward to 2017 and planning those annual events which are the supporting backbone of our mission. Please mark your calendars and join us in attending our upcoming Annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday February 4th and our 3rd Annual Prize Bingo on Sunday April 23rd. You can also look to future editions of the Seton Sentinel or follow St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Facebook for more details. Once again, thank you and God Bless you!

RESPECT LIFE MASS

The Knights of Columbus of Wyoming Valley will sponsor a Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 15, 2017. This Mass will be held at 10:00am, here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Members of the local Pro-Life organizations will also be in attendance and will participate in the Prayer of the Faithful. Father Joseph Pisaneschi welcomes all to show support for the Respect of every Human Life through your prayers. Following Mass, refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall.

***SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON FEAST DAY, JANUARY 4TH
SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!***





Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Bosha
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
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



Ministry Christmas Party

In appreciation of all who carry out ministry in our parish, we cordially invite all Lectors, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Cantors, Choir Members, Altar Servers, Catechists & Aides, Decorating Committee, etc., to attend our Annual Christmas Appreciation Party on Sunday, January 8th in the Parish Hall from 2pm-5pm. There will be food and music. Please let us know of your intentions to attend the party by signing up at the entrance of the Church by next weekend, January 1st.

CHANGE IN TIME FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

Beginning January 2, 2017, our Daily Mass will be moved from 8:00 am to 12:10 Mondays through Fridays for the remainder of the winter season. This Monday, December 26th, mass will also be at 12:10 pm instead of 8:00 am as many of-fices and our own offices continue to be on holiday.

Holiday Office Hours:

The rectory will be closed until Tuesday, January 3rd at 8:30 am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

January Religious Ed News:

Saturday: Classes will be held on Jan. 7, 21, 28. No class on Jan. 14th

Monday: Classes will be held on Jan. 9, 23, 30. No class on Jan. 16th.

Note: January 22nd: 7th grade extra Confirmation class after the 5:30pm Mass

February 5th, 10:00am: Family Mass hosted by 6th Grade
Reminder for 8th grade Confirmation class: Paperwork due in February (service hours, saint report, sponsor card, registration form, letter to pastor, confirmation name)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume Sunday, January 8, 2017, at the 10:00am Mass.

Direct Contacts

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
570-763-5160 *sister-jane@setonpa.com*

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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

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS...

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Burgess

Ms. Margaret Humenansky

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chipego

Mrs. Violet Jones

Miss June Harkins

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nemetz

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Novak

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Perhach

Mrs. Angeline Tressa

THIRD ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Diocesan Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017, and is hosted once again on the campus of King's College. The conference design corresponds this year with the 100th Anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the message of personal and communal conversion associated with her visits. In a world struggling with difficulties similar to those of 100 years past, we call on Our Lady as our guide and messenger of peace. With this backdrop of the Miracles of Fatima, the organizing team has chosen three great Catholic speakers for the Conference: Father Andrew Apostoli, Steven Ray, and Matt Fradd. More information to follow

The order of Alhambra, an organization of Catholic men and women, dedicated to providing activities and support for special needs children & adults, and assisting persons with intellectual disabilities is seeking donations. The local chapter, known as Alhambra Caravan No. 4, hosts an annual picnic for developmentally disabled in August and provides assistance to St. Joseph's Center in Scranton and the White Haven Center. Adults 18 years old or older are welcome to become members. Donations can be made to: Alhambra Caravan No. 4 & sent to: Kathy Kennedy, Grand Commander, 17 Belles Ave., Ashley, PA 18706. For more information, please contact Kathy at 570-825-3272 or Chaplain: Rev. James E. McGahagan at 570-823-1948. Your generosity benefits God's Special People. Thank you!

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Hanover Twp., is sponsoring a Soup for the Souls Soup Sale on January 5th. Soup of the month is Clam Chowder. Pickup time is 8am to 6pm. Cost is \$8.00. Pre-orders are appreciated. Call: 570-825-6370.



Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up for electronic giving. It's a fast easy way to remember your



"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." Sirach 35: 9-10

December 17/18, 2016

SUNDAY: \$7593.06

DUES: \$651.00

LOOSE: \$405.76

E-GIVING: \$452.99

Holy Day-Immaculate Conception: \$104.00

TOTAL: \$9206.81

December Building & Maintenance: \$1249.00

Diocesan: Dec. Care & Education of Priests: \$101.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$2.00

May God Bless You for your Generosity!

MARRIAGE HELP. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, with a long i) Program can help you. Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be February 24-26, 2017, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Registration required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more information or to register, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA May 17th to May 26th, 2017

Join us in a Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Fatima, Avila, Segovia, Madrid, & more. Under the direction of the Oblates of St. Joseph, Pittston. \$2999 per person/double occupancy. Includes: roundtrip airfare from Newark, hotel transfers, meals (B & D), sightseeing by professional tour escort in air-conditioned bus, Superior Tourist Class Accommodations. Baggage handling at hotels (1 piece), tipping for bus driver & tour guides. Bus transportation from Pittston to Newark & back available at additional cost. For more info., call The Catholic Tour at 1-888-465-9868, email: altvar70@gmail.com, or Carl Angelella at 570-654-6459.

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 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation should be made before March 13 by calling Lori Raymond here in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish office, 570-287-6624, with your request.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

A bus to the March for Life in Washington D.C., on Friday, January 27th, will leave from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Swoyersville. For further information & reservations, please call Chris Calore at 570-824-5621.

RESPECT LIFE BREAKFAST, SCRANTON AREA

The Scranton Chapter, PA for Human Life, will hold their annual Respect Life Breakfast on Saturday, January 28th, at Fiorella's Restaurant, Peckville. Mr. Steve Mosher is Guest Speaker. For reservations (\$21.00), call the Scranton PHL office : 570-347-8299.

Hospital Visitation

A reminder to all parishioners: If you or a family or friend is admitted to the Hospital, Physical Rehab, or a Nursing Home, please contact Sister Jane at 570-763-5160 to inform the parish. We try to visit everyone we know is hospitalized or in a facility for any length of time but we need your help. Hospitals do not release patient information to the parish any longer due to privacy regulations. For emergency Anointing of the Sick, call anytime, day or night the main rectory number for assistance. Note that priests are assigned to hospital emergency calls on a rotating basis so ask the nurses station to call the priest on duty in the event of an emergency.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH **LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs**



Did you check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CDs located in our vestibule? For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

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).



Monday, January 2 *Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

12:10 pm Christmas Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

12:10 pm Anne Gibbons Daughter, Pat Quinn & Family

Wednesday, January 4 *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

12:10 pm James Douglas Wife & Family

Thursday, January 5 *St. John Neumann*

12:10 pm Julianna Hartley Aunt Elaine & Susan

Friday, January 6 *St. Andre Bessette*

12:10 pm Elizabeth Krysinski Jim & Donna Compton

Saturday, January 7 vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm William Coniglio M/M David Passeri

5:30 pm Dolores Forgash Gloria Mizenko

Sunday, January 8 Solemnity: The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Deceased & Living Members of Swoyersville Kiwanis

10:00 am **Pro Populo**

11:30 am George & Jennie Hudanick Julie & Gary Rodgers & Family

5:30 pm John Bankus Wife, Nancy, John, Judy, & John Jr.

Priest's Schedule

Saturday, January 7

4:00 pm Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

The Recently Departed

- *~~Mark T. Lacina~~* May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Carley Joanne Baker offered by Joanne & Roy Baker
- In Memory of Dolores & Tony Paratore offered by Joanne & Roy Baker

