

# THE SETON SENTINEL

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 27, 2013

Swoyersville, PA

Diocese of Scranton  
**DIOCESAN**  
 ANNUAL APPEAL 

*"Serve with Love"*  
 Pope Francis

We are half way to our parish goal of \$45,000.00 already! Thank you to those who gave a gift or pledged so far. If you have not done so, please consider making your contribution this week. Use the envelopes that were included in the Bishop's letter. Thank you for considering this request on behalf of all those the Annual Appeal benefits.

**Reminder: In-Pew Commitment Weekend  
 November 9th and 10th**

*"Serve with Love"* ...three powerful and profound words spoken by Pope Francis...reflect the vital programs and ministries funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese. When you support the Appeal, you respond to the call to be servant leaders in your own communities, lovingly and generously responding to the needs of God's people. Prayerfully consider your Appeal response.



**OCTOBER 31ST, 4:00pm**  
**ALL SAINTS VIGIL LITURGY**  
 (students come dressed in appropriate costumes) **Halloween Party to follow.**

The parish office is **closed on Friday, November 1st**, in observance of All Saints Day.



**FAMILY MASS**  
 The next Family Mass is next Sunday, November 3rd, at 10:00AM.



**SOCIAL CONCERNS PASTA DINNER**

On November 9th, the Social Concerns Committee is having a pasta dinner. They will be selling tickets after weekend Masses. Cost is \$7.00/Adults and \$4.00/children under 12. Also, they are selling tickets for 3 theme baskets: a Turkey basket, a Ham basket, and a Movie basket. Cost is ONLY 3 tickets for \$1.00. **Please call Mary Ann Martinsky at 287-3484** for more information.



**COLLECTIONS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 12/13**

Sunday: \$6580.11                      Dues: \$3720.00  
 Loose: \$174.10                      **TOTAL: \$10,474.21**

Care & Education of Priests: \$119.00

**COLLECTIONS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 19/20**

Sunday: \$6266.50                      Dues: \$1219.00  
 Days Wage: \$25.00                      Holy Days: \$5.00  
 Loose: \$391.30                      **TOTAL: \$7906.80**

Mission Sunday: \$1578.00

**Please note:** Effective Immediately, unless otherwise announced from the altar, there shall only be one (1) collection taken at all masses. **Please place all of your envelopes in the first basket.**



**Choose LIFE**

"Pope Francis challenges us to be protectors of all creation, to be stewards of all God's gifts. We begin to exercise this responsibility when we defend human life—especially the unborn and the vulnerable. When we affirm the sacredness of all human life, we acknowledge God's plan for each human being, and we work to defend the gift of life from every form of abuse. Similarly, when we affirm that everything God made is good and worthy of our reverence and respect, we look differently on all God's creation." —Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, MO, "Caring for God's creation is good stewardship," *St. Louis Review*, July 11, 2013



## ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

By Dr. Scott Hahn

### No Favorites

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Psalms 34:2-3, 17-19, 23

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus draws a blunt picture in today's Gospel.

The Pharisee's prayer is almost a parody of the thanksgiving psalms (see for example Psalms 30, 118). Instead of praising God for His mighty works, the Pharisee congratulates himself for his own deeds, which he presents to God in some detail.

The tax collector stands at a distance, too ashamed even to raise his eyes to God (see Ezra 9:6). He prays with a humble and contrite heart (see Psalm 51:19). He knows that before God no one is righteous, no one has cause to boast (see Roman 3:10; 4:2).

We see in the Liturgy today one of Scripture's abiding themes - that God "knows no favorites," as today's First Reading tells us (see 2 Chronicles 19:7; Acts 10:34-35; Romans 2:11).

God cannot be bribed (see Deuteronomy 10:17). We cannot curry favor with Him or impress Him - even with our good deeds or our faithful observance of religious duties such as tithing and fasting.

If we try to exalt ourselves before the Lord, as the Pharisee does, we will be brought low (see Luke 1:52).

This should be a warning to us - not to take pride in our piety, not to slip into the self-righteousness of thinking that we're better than others, that we're "not like the rest of sinful humanity."

If we clothe ourselves with humility (see 1 Peter 5:5-6) - recognize that all of us are sinners in need of His mercy - we will be exalted (see Proverbs 29:33).

The prayer of the lowly, the humble, pierces the clouds. Paul testifies to this in today's Epistle, as He thanks the Lord for giving him strength during his imprisonment.

Paul tells us what the Psalmist sings today - that the Lord redeems the lives of His humble servants.

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology  
[www.SalvationHistory.com](http://www.SalvationHistory.com)

## COMBINATION PARISH COUNCIL and FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

To discuss important upcoming projects, both the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council will meet Monday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

**Regular Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Monday, November 4th (please take note of the change of date) at 6:30 p.m.**

### PARISH FUNDRAISER

**Friday, November 8th, Apple Dumplings**—sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Cost is \$3 each or 4 for \$11. Please specify your pick-up time.

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS FOR 2014

All lectors are asked to pick up their 2014 Lector Workbook, located in the Server's Sacristy. Readings begin for December 1, 2013, the First Sunday of Advent. Thank you.

### ADULT EDUCATION (ENRICHMENT) SERIES

**(NOTE: THE ADULT EDUCATION SERIES WILL NOT BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31st, but will resume on November 7th.)**

Our fall series continues *NEXT Thursday evening, November 7th* at 7:00pm in the parish hall and continues through Thursday, December 5th. We are studying, *Catholicism*, a video series by Fr. Robert Barron. This is a beautifully produced video program filmed all over the Catholic world and features beautiful music. We also hold a discussion session on the episodes. All are welcome to join us Thursday evenings. Come and discover more about what makes us Catholic. Light refreshments to follow.

Turn Clocks  
Back



November 3rd,  
Daylight Saving  
Time Ends



**OPEN HOUSE: HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL**

Sunday, October 27, 1pm-4pm

*"Excellence in Faith, Academics, Athletics, Extra-Curriculars"*

Learn about Holy Redeemer! CATCH OUR SPIRIT!

**HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL DESIGNER BINGO**

Sunday-November 3rd—2:00pm

Advance Sales: \$20-- At the Door: \$25—Vera Bradley, Apple, Coach, Tiffany & Co.—Great food & prizes. All are welcome! Call for tickets: 829-2424

**HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**

***ANYTHING GOES***

FRIDAY, NOV. 15 & SATURDAY, NOV. 16,

7:00pm RESERVED SEATING

ADULTS \$7~~SENIORS \$6~~STUDENTS \$5

All are welcome! CALL FOR TICKETS 829-2424

**HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL**

***PLACEMENT/SCHOLARSHIP TEST***

For interested public & private school 8th Graders

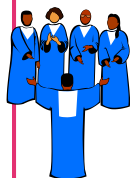
Saturday, December 14, 8:30AM

Call the Guidance Office to register for the test: 829-2424

**Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat**

**November 1-3, 2013**

Many women & men continue to suffer regret, pain, & grief as a result of abortion. It is for this reason that the Diocese of Scranton offers the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, offering participants an opportunity to embrace God's mercy, compassion, & love. This confidential weekend retreat facilitates spiritual & emotional healing for men & women struggling with the pain of abortion. Exercises based on scripture help participants to reconcile with their church, their child, & with themselves. The retreat concludes with a Memorial Service & Mass of Entrustment. If your heart hears God's gentle invitation, take courage, for you are being called home to heal. For registration information, contact Denise Rowinski at 822-7118, ext. 307, or [drowinski@cswb.org](mailto:drowinski@cswb.org) Financial assistance is available.



The PREMIER CHOIR OF KING'S COLLEGE,, *Can- tores Christi Regis*, will perform at St. Monica's, 363 W. 8th St., West Wyoming, on Sunday, November 3rd. Enjoy a mix of sacred, secular, classical, and modern music. The concert is FREE of charge and begins at 3PM. A social will follow.

**CATCH OUR SPIRIT!!!**

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For information: [www.wacsh.com](http://www.wacsh.com) or 570.654.7982

**Critically Acclaimed Catholic Author Brian J. Gail to Speak at JMJ Catholic Radio 750am/98.9 FM Second Annual Fall Banquet, Sunday, November 10**

Brian J. Gail, author of the "American Tragedy in Trilogy" which includes novels "Fatherless", "Motherless", and "Childless", propels readers from Manhattan boardrooms to European capitals to Middle East laboratories to Church chanceries & confessionals as the fictional Fr. John Sweeney, a pastor of a small Catholic parish on Philadelphia's storied Main Line, is drawn into an apocalyptic vortex through the lives of his parishioners where they are unwillingly ushered behind the scenes of the Life Sciences Revolution's tampering with human life. The event begins with Mass at 4PM at St Barbara Parish at St. Anthony's Church, 28 Memorial St., Exeter, followed by the banquet at 5PM in the parish center . Tickets are \$30 which includes a buffet dinner catered by Arcaro & Genell, Old Forge. **Deadline for tickets is Nov. 4.** For more info., or to make reservations, call 570-451-1903 or 570-287-4670 or e-mail:

[jmjbefit@comcast.net](mailto:jmjbefit@comcast.net) Payments and /or donations can be made via check to: JMJ Catholic Radio, PO Box 851, Pittston, Pa 18640. All proceeds benefit JMJ Catholic Radio 750am/98.9FM serving Northeast PA.

**COMPASSIONATE SENIOR CARE: LOOKING OUT FOR OUR LOVED ONES**

Join the St. Therese's Social Justice Committee for a Coffee & Conversation series focusing on our seniors.

**Who:** James Siberski, MS, CMC, Coordinator & Asst. Professor of Gerontology Educ. & Dir. Of Geriatric Care Mgt. Program, Misericordia University

**What:** Tips for family members & caregivers

**When:** November 6, 2013, 7PM

**Where:** St. Therese's Church, Fr. Sammon Hall, (Church Basement) 64 Davis St., Shavertown

Call the rectory at 696-1144 for more information.

This program is FREE and Open to the Public.

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Monday, October 28**

**Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

8:00 a.m.      John A. Charney                                      Wife, Theresa & Family

**Tuesday, October 29**

8:00 a.m.      Joan Dougherty    Rosemarie Amato Ranieli

**Wednesday, October 30**

8:00 a.m.      Charles C. Vanyo    Confraternity of Christian Mothers

**Thursday, October 31**

8:00 a.m.      Joseph E. Barush    Wife, Madeleine

(VIGIL: ALL SAINTS DAY)

4:00 p.m.      *Pro Populo*

5:30 p.m.      Catherine Duda    Brother, Matt

**Friday, November 1                                      ALL SAINTS**

8:00 a.m.      Thomas Maslowsky

12:10 p.m.      Andrew & Anna Mattie    Daughters, Anna & Marge

7:00 p.m.      For the health of Nicholas Forgatch      Karen & Roman Misorek

**Saturday, November 2                                      ALL SOULS**

8:00 a.m.      All Souls' Intentions

(Vigil: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME)

4:00 p.m.      All Souls' Intentions

5:30 p.m.      All Souls' Intentions

**Sunday, November 3                                      THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 a.m.      David Mishkel    Romaine & Paul Kunkle

10:00 a.m.      Bert & Bernie Greco    Daughters

11:30 a.m.      *Pro Populo*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord....*Christine Zakseski.....Robert M. Lampman*



**BAPTISM SUNDAY** Congratulations and God's blessings upon the families of *Kyle Edward Christian* and *Enzo Raymond Lispi*, who will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30 Mass today.



**Congratulations** and Wedding Blessings upon *Arthur Kohler* and *Kara Chairge* who were married on Saturday, October 12th, and upon *Michael Fitzgerald* and *Kaitlyn Martin* who were married on Saturday, October 26th.



**SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS**~ In Memory of Catherine Duda  
~ In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Chimock Family

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Please notify the **Parish Social Ministry Office** 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.

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

### 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

- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance
- Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Parish Social Minister
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- 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

### Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The celebration of the Sacrament is held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated in the spring of 2014 by Bishop Bambara. Children must be consecutively registered in our Religious Education Program to be eligible to receive.

### 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 or the Deacon.

### 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

### 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 1:00 p.m.