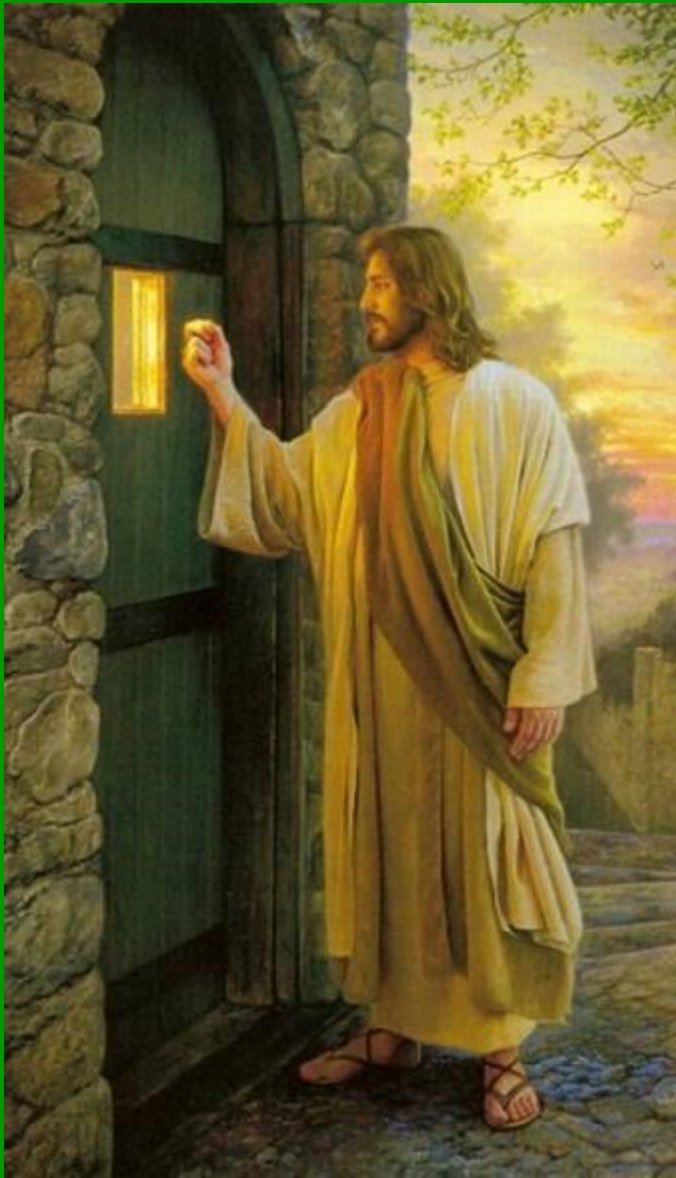


# THE SETON SENTINEL

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



"I tell you, ask and you will receive;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.  
For everyone who asks, receives;  
and the one who seeks, finds;  
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

*Luke 11:9-10*

### Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 28, 2013

Swoyersville, PA

# Parish News



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is planned for this week, July 29th through August 2nd, from 9AM-12Noon. Registration forms are available on the table at the church entrance, at the rectory office and you may download the form online at setonpa.com.

## **PARISH MISSION APPEAL**

Next weekend Sister Terrisan, a missionary nun will make the annual Missions Appeal in our Parish. A second collection will be taken up for the missions. Thank you in advance for your kindheartedness.

## **CARRYING THE GIFTS**

At each weekend and holy day mass, we ask two people to bring up the gifts in the offertory procession. If mass is being offered for your family member or someone you know, we ask that you sign the book at the entrance of the church so we do not go looking for someone else to carry the gifts. If, however, the ushers do ask you, please consider this humble request on behalf of the community. You are being asked to be the representative of the whole assembly for that mass for we each in our own way present the bread and wine of our hearts and souls to be consecrated at the mass. Please do not refuse if you are asked. If you are not able to because of physical limitations, it is understandable.

## **USHERS**

Please start the procession down to the priest immediately when all are ready to go. Don't wait for the priest to get up and come down, he will meet the procession at the front.



The next monthly meeting for SEAS Knights of Columbus will be held on Tuesday, August 13th, at 7pm, in the church hall.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!!!**

### **FESTIVAL 50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS:**

Thursday: Maria Koval	\$1777.50
Friday: Edward Stofko	\$1880.00
Saturday: Gladys Liguori	\$1970.00

### **CASH RAFFLE WINNERS:**

1st Prize: Tammy Malarkey	\$2500.00
2nd Prize: Himlin	\$500.00
3rd Prize: Ron Gula/J. Gula-Sorber	\$500.00
4th Prize: Margaret Semanek	\$500.00
5th Prize: Joe Kull	\$500.00

### **VARIETY RAFFLE WINNERS:**

2 Lap Throws: Cathy  
Large Afghan: Georgine Meyers  
Ladies Bike: Amy Strish  
32" LED TV: Ted Skrainy



Remember all those who have asked for our special prayers, especially the sick, in hospitals, nursing facilities, or at home.

### **NOVENA PRAYER to ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

O God, our Father, glorify here upon earth your servant, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, by manifesting the power of her intercession through the favors I now implore: (intentions) . We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for Us!*



# ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Asked and Answered

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

Though we be "but dust and ashes," we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares in this week's First Reading.

But even Abraham - the friend of God (see [Isaiah 41:8](#)), our father in the faith (see [Romans 4:12](#)) - did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see [Galatians 3:7,29](#)).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week's Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the "good gift" of the Father - the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see [Galatians 4:6-7](#); [Romans 8:15-16](#)).

Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father - knowing that when we call He will answer.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God's mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see [Jeremiah 5:1](#); [Isaiah 53](#)), "obliterating the bond against us," as Paul says in this week's Epistle.

On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all, canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been spared, visited in our affliction, saved from our enemies.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of Eucharist. We have realized the promise of this week's Psalm: We worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us - raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

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



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kids naturally want to do things for themselves and so will often ask mom or dad to "show me how" to do things, from tying their shoes to driving a car. We teach kids how to play games, how to read, how to ride a bike and how to clean their room. But the best teaching does not come by way of explanation, but by example. Kids mimic what they see and hear their parents do. And they learn those lessons so well. Ever hear a three-year-old use some interesting language? Some lessons are taught, and others are caught!

There are many ways that we teach. We mentor, instruct, direct, demonstrate, explain and assist. But when it comes to faith, the most important of all is witness. The best lessons we teach are the ones that we practice as we preach! Good example is the most powerful tool. If I want my children to be truthful, I cannot lie, even little 'white lies.' If I want them to be honest, I cannot cheat. If I want them to be holy, I must have my own relationship with the Lord and be genuine in my beliefs. I have to pray, receive the sacraments and participate in my parish. We teach kids to do so many things so well; let's include our faith. Make your life the best answer to the unspoken request: Show me!

~James Gaffney, © 2010 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing

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## COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 20/21

Sunday: \$6047.36

Dues: \$2023.55

Loose: \$460.24

Holy Days: \$5.00

TOTAL: \$8536.15

Diocesan-Peter's Pence: \$7.00

## REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

**FAREWELL PARTY:** As of August 31st, we will be saying GOOD-BYE to **Brian Williams**, & having a small gathering to celebrate our accomplishments the past 3 years with Regional Youth Ministry! Our gathering will be on Sunday, August 25th, 4:30pm-7:30pm, at St. Ignatius Church, in Conlan Hall (church basement). Call Sarah Touey @762-4858 by August 10th.

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### HELP WANTED

Holy Redeemer High School is accepting applications for (1) Varsity Boys Swim Coach (2) Part-time Athletic Maintenance Person. Duties include: Managing Equipment, Uniforms, Fields & Gym areas. Send resume to the Holy Redeemer HS Principal, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, 829-2424

### Swoyersville Kiwanis Golf Tournament

*The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring its 14th Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, August 11, at 1pm at Four Seasons Golf Course, Exeter. The format is captain & crew with 1pm shotgun start. Cost is \$65/golfer and includes green fees, cart, dinner, prizes, & refreshments. There will be a longest drive hole and 50-50 hole. Proceeds benefit ongoing community & youth group projects. To register, call Gene at 283-1677 or Barb at 287-8783. Deadline is August 7th.*

### MOMS & TOTS PROGRAM

Wyoming Area Catholic School, Exeter, is running a "Moms & Tots" program. Join us for storytime, crafts, snack & playground fun. **FREE OF CHARGE!** The program runs from 9am to 11:30am every Tuesday & Thursday in July (beginning July 9th), and ends Thursday, Aug. 1st. All are welcome. Come one day or all the days. It is your choice. For more information or to let us know you are coming for some fun, please call 654-7982.

**ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS:** Wyoming Area Catholic School, Wyoming Ave., Exeter, is accepting registrations for the 2013-2014 school year. All classes from Pre-K through 8th grade have openings. Please do not hesitate to call the school for more information and/or a tour at 654-7982. Summer hours are 8am-3pm. Ask for Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, Principal.

*St. Ignatius Loyola Parish invites you to celebrate one of our parish Feast Days with us at Evening Prayer on Sunday, July 28th at 7pm. All are welcome!*

### St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen

We are in need of **SUMMER clothes!** Men-Jeans, t-shirts, shorts, socks & sneakers. Women-pants, shirts, socks, sandals, sneakers. Children-all gently used summer clothes. Clothes may be dropped off at **St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre—7 days a week from 8am-1pm.** Volunteers needed to sort clothes & serve shoppers. Call 829-7796 & leave a message with Mike. Our Free Clothing Store is open: Mon.& Wed. 1pm-3pm and Tues. & Thurs. 9am-11am

### SCHOOL IS OUT! St. Vincent de Paul is collect-

ing **backpacks, notebooks, markers, pens, pencils, crayons, & 3-hole paper.** All supplies may be **dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre.** Same drop off times as clothing. We need supplies before August 12th. Volunteers are needed to pack & distribute the backpacks at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Call Mike at above number for more information.



### BINGO

*HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LUZERNE. SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2PM, DOORS OPEN AT NOON, \$2.00 ADMISSION, BAKE SALE, FOOD & REFRESHMENTS, DOOR PRIZES, BASKET RAFFLE*

**ROSARY DEVOTION**, sponsored by the Lay Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is held every Sunday evening at 7pm at the Fatima Grotto, North St., Wilkes-Barre. Devotion includes recitation of 15 decades of the rosary. All are welcome to participate.

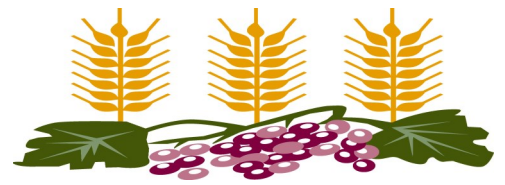
### New Pierogie Wedding Play: The Red Neck Pierogie Wedding & Beauty Pageant

Sunday, August 11th, 2pm, at St. John the Baptist Church Picnic grounds, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville. Details: Penelope Pierogie, scorned by her fiancé, attempts to restart her life in the redneck district of the Interfoodal Universe, which includes a Beauty Pageant of delectable proportions! The Rev. Gerald Gurka directs his new outdoor play which includes audience participation. Open to the public. Join our Parish Picnic afterwards!!!



Nine states now have enacted some version of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Act, which protects the lives of many more children than the partial birth abortion ban that preceded it, and more states are expected to pass this protective law in 2013.

# THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



**Monday, July 29**                      **St. Martha**  
 8:00 a.m.      Daniel Beky                                      Margaret & Marie Nevolas

**Tuesday, July 30**                      **St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
 8:00 a.m.      Catherine Gula                                      Son, Raymond

**Wednesday, July 31**                      **St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**  
 8:00 a.m.      Anna & John Kraynak                                      Daughter, Barbara

**Thursday, August 1**                      **St. Alphonsus Ligori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
 8:00 a.m.      Eleanor A. Swetts                                      M/M John Mattie

**Friday, August 2**                      **St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop: St. Peter Julia Eymard, Priest**  
 8:00 a.m.      John M. Ludwikowski                                      Jane Evelock

**Saturday, August 3**                      **(Vigil: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME)**  
 4:00 p.m.      Joe Gula                                      Ron Gula  
 5:30 p.m.      *Pro Populo*

**Sunday, August 4**                      **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:30 a.m.      John M. Lagoski                                      Family  
 10:00 a.m.      Tillie & Jibber Berti                                      Family  
 11:30 a.m.      Chet Stanishefski                                      Wife & Son

**IN MEMORIAM** Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord...Elizabeth Michaels...Dorothy Buzitsky...Rita Mesaros

**Upcoming Wedding:**

August 3, 2013, 1:00PM—Thomas J. Semanek III & Jessica Fraser



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

~Special Intention



**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND:**

~In Memory of Teresa Gonglefski offered by Ralph & Barbara Romanowski Sr., and Ralph, Laura, & David

**PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE AUGUST 3-4**

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

***Scripture for the week of July 28, 2013***

**28 SUN** Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13  
**29 Mon** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 /Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
**30 Tue** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43  
**31 Wed** Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46  
**1 Thu** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

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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

- Rev. Joe Pisaneschi Pastor
- Rev. Anthony Urban Weekend Celebrant
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Brian Williams Regional Youth Minister
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

### 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 Bambera. 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 paper work necessary.

### Holy Orders

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

**If you or a relative or friend is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or is homebound. Please contact the Parish Office for a Pastoral Visit. Holy Communion is brought to those who request it on First Fridays.**

### **Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday 8:30-4:00

Closed Holidays and Holy Days

### **Direct Contacts**

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684

Regional Youth Ministry Office: 570-288-6446

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 p.m.