

SETON SENTINEL

August | 30 | 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:25

© Pilot Bulletins

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
116 Hughes Street
Swoyersville, PA 18704
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Eucharist

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday &
Friday 8:00am

No Mass on Wednesday

Saturday 4:00pm (vigil)

Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

Connect with us:



Confessions:

Saturday 3:30-3:45pm or you
may call Fr. Chmil for an
appointment



Worship

Intention

Sunday, August 30 (Please Note--Aug. 30th **Correction from last bulletin**)

8:30am Mary Anne Leap

11:00am Stephen & Irene Galanda

5:30pm Tom Wozniak

Monday, August 31

8:00am Bill Quinn

Tuesday, September 1

8:00am Mike Romanowski

Wednesday, September 2

No Daily Mass

Thursday, September 3

8:00am Albert Shemo

Friday, September 4

8:00am Ted Bara

SATURDAY, September 5

4:00pm Raymond Gustave

SUNDAY, September 6

8:30am John & Mary Dunsavage

11:00am Michael & Josephine Ritondo

5:30pm Ronald Shueleski

Requested by

Gonzo Family

Daughters & Families

Wife, Johanna

Wife & Family

Jean & Dan Miller & Family

Mary Ann Romanowski

Douglas Family

Joe & Terri Burgess

Rick & Diane Frusciante

Daughter, Josie Kandrac & Family

Aleson Family

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

The Rosary will
be prayed for
vocations after daily mass.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please join us on

FRIDAY MORNINGS from
8:30-10:00am in the church.

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus,
adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament.



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of~~ **Terry Jankoviak**~~ offered by Family

~~In Memory of~~ **Lou Michaels**~~ offered by Michaels Family



Let us pray for the recently departed .
~~**Richard Gustitus**~~ **Betsy Ann Lugosky**~~
May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful
Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

In Memory of ~~**Terry Jankoviak**~~ offered by Family

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

CONGRATULATIONS and God's blessings upon:

~~**Charlotte Rose Ritsick**~~

and her family. Charlotte will be baptized today after the
11:00am Mass.



Rev. John J. Chmil

Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban

Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus

Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler

Permanent Deacons

Lori Raymond

**Pastoral Associate/Director of
Religious Education**

Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M.

Pastoral Outreach Ministry

Music Ministry

Marge Semanek

Director of Liturgical Music

Joseph Sabol

Accompanist

Scott Coates

Accompanist

Pat Quinn

Office Assistant

Sacristans and Maintenance

Chris Calore

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Charles Cook

Trudy Brown

Pat Quinn

Betsy Evanoski

Phil Bosh

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings

by appointment.

570-287-6624

FESTIVAL APPRECIATION PARTY TODAY

If you signed up for the Festival Appreciation Party, we will see you at 1:00 today in the church hall. Thanks to everyone who helped make our Festival a huge success!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS ON SEPTEMBER 6TH

Next Sunday, Sept. 6th, at the 11:00am Mass, Fr. John will have a "Blessing of the Backpacks" for students of *All ages*. We would like to send you off to school with lots of prayers & blessings! Bring your backpack and get a tag to put on your backpack which will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year. We wish all of the students & teachers a blessed school year. (Please call Lori at the office if your child is in need of a backpack--all calls are confidential).



Time seems to go faster and faster each year. Summer vacation will end, and back-to-school time arrives. Our Religious Education program will be a little different this year, as there will be no Saturday morning classes. Classes for the 2026-2027 school year will be held **ONLY** on Monday evenings, beginning on Monday, September 28th, from 6pm to 7:15pm for students in Grades 1st through 8th. NEW REGISTRATION FORMS must be filled out for each student each year. Registration Forms are on the tables at the church entrance, on our website: setonpa.com, & in our parish office, or call/email Lori for a form: 570-287-6624 or setonpa@aol.com. You may drop it in the collection basket, US mail, email, or drop off at office or slide through the mail slot. (please notate: RELIGIOUS ED" on envelope. Any question, call Lori. Thank you!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our HNS will meet next Sunday, September 6th, after the 8:30am mass in the Church Hall. New members are welcome.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!



You can now watch all St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Masses on YOUTUBE on your TV. Go to YOUTUBE on your TV and search: @SEASVideoNEPA

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC????? Or are you Catholic but need to receive 1st Eucharist or Confirmation? If you are, then let us know! St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be offering weekly faith formation sessions for adults & young adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, as well as Baptized Catholics who have not yet received 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation. Sessions begin in mid-September & conclude in late March. Through prayer, discussion, & study, participants deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith & prepare to receive the sacraments. If interested, please contact Lori at the Parish office: 570-287-6624. We would love to hear from you & have the opportunity to accompany you on your continuing journey of faith.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION DATES

It's time to do some Fall Cleaning by cleaning out your closets, bedrooms, kitchens, garages, etc. We need good, clean items/clothing to sell. Sorry, we cannot accept TVs, computers, furniture or encyclopedias. Bring your items to the school gym (parking lot side) on the following dates: COLLECTION DROP OFF DATES ARE: Tuesday, October 6, 9-5 & Wed. October 7, 9-3. Sorry, no early drop offs, and no pick ups or deliveries. (Sale dates are: Monday, Oct 12th, 9-5, and Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 9-3.). BAKED GOODS NEEDED! PLEASE DROP OFF BAKED GOOD ITEMS THE MORNINGS OF THE SALE. THANK YOU!

WEEKLY OFFERING

Weekend of August 15/16, 2026

REGULAR \$8498.82

DUES: \$568.00

Building & Maintenance: \$1099.00

Assessment: \$451.00

Diocesan: Care & Education: \$142.00

Thank you & may God bless you abundantly!

Our **Pro Life Ministry** meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the church hall. New members are welcome!

Pro-Life Center (Wilkes-Barre) Wish List

Boys' clothing (new or gently used) sizes

12month/18months/24months/2T

Baby wipes

Diapers: sizes 3-4-5-6-7

gift box toiletries

Small toys for children 3 & under: stuffed animals/baby dolls/books

Gift cards are always welcome!

A box is placed in the church vestibule for your donations. Gift cards can be dropped in an envelope in the collection basket marked "PRO LIFE DONATION", or bring to the office.

The babies thank you!!!!

DOS CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

APPEAL 2026-2027

GOAL: \$75,247

TOTAL COMMITTED: \$3175.00

% TO GOAL: 4.22%

BALANCE TO ACHIEVE GOAL: \$72,072.00

HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!

Ways to Give:



Online: www.setonpa.com

US MAIL to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
116 Hughes St.,
Swyersville, PA 18704

Start off the school year with a prayer!
Our parish is praying for all of our students,
families and teachers.

PRAYER TO BEGIN A SCHOOL YEAR

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.
At the beginning of this new school year
we implore your mercy:
bless our students, teachers, and staff,
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love
as we learn from you and each other
how to follow your Son Jesus.
Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.
Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

R/. Amen

Prayer taken from the Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers,
Revised Edition (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2007), USCCB 300.

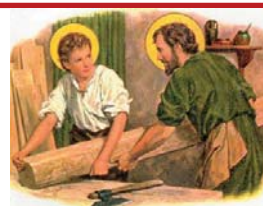
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Safety and Security Committee is to create and maintain a safe, secure, and welcoming environment for the faithful to worship and participate in church activities without distraction or fear. This includes evaluating the need for implementing measures of physical safety, emergency preparedness, and the prevention of security incidents through proactive awareness. The purpose of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Safety and Security Committee is to enable the church's primary mission of evangelization by providing a secure foundation for its ministries and outreach.

LABOR DAY-

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Next weekend, Sept. 4-6, the Oblates of St. Joseph will host their annual Labor Day Triduum of Masses honoring St. Joseph the Worker, in their chapel located at Route 315, Laflin. Masses will be offered each day at 12 noon only. Confessions will precede all Masses and devotions to St. Joseph the Worker will follow. On Labor Day morning (Sept 7th) a special Mass will be celebrated at **11:00am** for all area workers and the unemployed. Bread will be blessed & distributed to all as a symbol of the fruit



“ Give yourself fully to God.
He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that
you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness.
— Saint Teresa of Calcutta ”

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

1910—1997

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 5

Raised in a deeply Catholic family in Albania, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu joined the Sisters of Loreto in 1928 and took the name Teresa. The community sent her to Kolkata, India, where she taught children for two decades. In 1946 Teresa heard God's call to quench the thirst of Jesus by caring for the poorest of the poor. She left the Sisters of Loreto to rescue the sick and destitute in the slums of Kolkata -- one at a time. Many volunteers soon joined her and she formed them into her religious order, the Missionaries of Charity. Teresa's manifest goodness and her unique media savvy attracted global attention, drawing many people to God. Many regard her as the greatest Catholic evangelist of the 20th century. She was beatified in 2003 and canonized in 2016.





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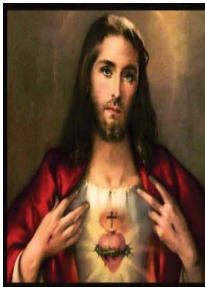
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\$2/Bag Day**

**BAKE SALE
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HOLY NAME SOCIETY

THANKSGIVING CASH RAFFLE



Get your tickets while they last!

Members of our HNS will be selling their *Thanksgiving Cash Raffle tickets* before & after all masses in the church vestibule this weekend (& continuing each weekend until all tickets are sold). Tickets are \$5.00 each & all proceeds benefit the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our parish.

First Prize is \$1000.00

2nd & 3rd prizes are \$400.00 each.

Drawing is on Sunday, November 22, 2026, after the 8:30am mass. Winner need not be present.



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