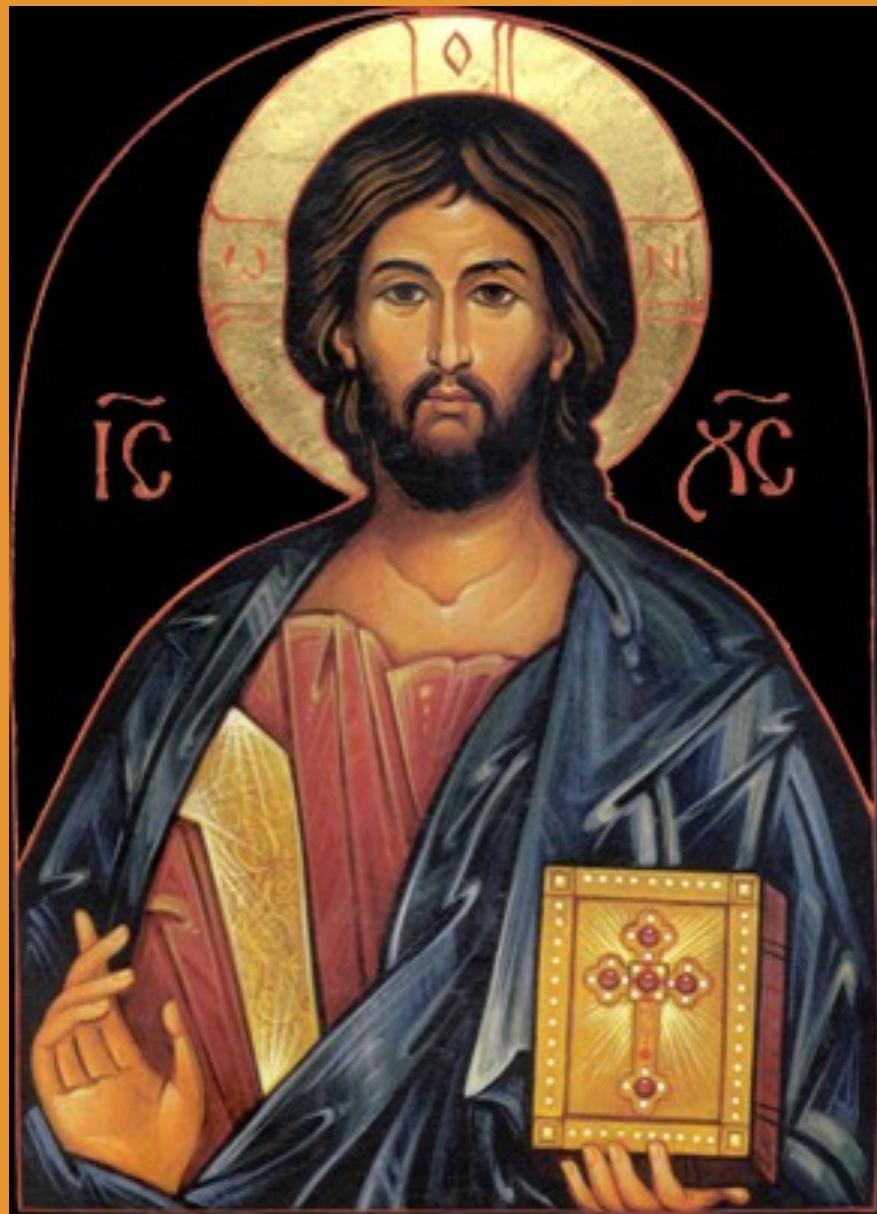


THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



"Lord to whom shall we go? You alone have the Words of Everlasting Life."
—John 6:68

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 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.

Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Diocese of Scranton will train a new class of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in our parish hall on Tuesdays, September 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30—9:00 p.m. Candidates must attend all three meetings to receive a certification from the Diocese. Mr. David Baloga, Director of Liturgy from the Diocese of Scranton will conduct the training sessions. You must be recommended by your pastor to attend these classes. To register, please call the Diocesan Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or email :

David-Balog@dioceseofscranton.org Please note that it is necessary for candidates to attend all three sessions.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

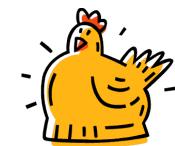
The PPC will meet on Tuesday, September 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory. All members are urged to attend.

COMING THIS FALL.....

Join us for "Friday Morning Company," a faith sharing experience for our parishioners. Study and share the upcoming Sunday Scriptures with Sister Jane Ellis, I.H.M., our Parish Social Minister and Lori Raymond, our Pastoral Associate. Carve out a little time for sharing the scripture and prayer each Friday morning. More details coming soon so watch the bulletin for details.

FESTIVAL WORKERS' APPRECIATION PARTY

All those who worked or helped in any way at our Summer Festival are invited to an Appreciation Party on Sunday, September 13th, from 1-4 in the parish hall. Join us for dinner and a little dancing and fun!!! To help us to prepare for the party, please sign your name on the sheet if you are planning to attend. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Last day to sign up will be September 6th.



Our Knights of Columbus will be serving up their famous **Chicken BBQ Dinner on Sunday, September 20th**, in our school cafeteria from 11am to 3pm. Eat in or take-out. Cost is \$9.00/dinner and includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, butter, & dessert. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

Our **Holy Name Society** will meet next Sunday, August 30th, after the 8:30am mass in our church hall. New members welcome!

Our **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet next Sunday, August 30th, at 2pm in the church hall. The Fall Rummage Sale plans will be discussed. Rummage Sale dates are October 12, 13, & 14. Donation days are October 5, 6, & 7 ONLY. Hostesses for the meeting are Donna Gustave & Paula Matthews. New members welcome!

Lord our God, give your people the joy of hearing your word in every sound and of longing for your presence more than for life itself. May all the attractions of a changing world serve only to bring us the peace of your kingdom which this world does not give.

• Roman Rite •

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.

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Some parishioners have inquired about becoming an EOMOHC, (Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion). Please give your name to Lori in the office if you are interested. The pastor will select those who will then be invited to participate in this ministry. Please refer to the previous page regarding Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

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.



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

A Choice to Make by Dr. Scott Hahn

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 34:2-3, 16-23 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The 12 apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice -- either to believe and accept the new covenant He offers in His body and blood, or return to their former ways of life. Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the 12 tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem -- where God first appeared to their father Abraham, promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see Genesis 12:1-9). And he issues a blunt challenge -- either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist -- a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland, eternal life, and offered us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life. We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed himself over for us, gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

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FESTIVAL 2015 REPORT

2014

2015

INCOME:	\$136,981.54	\$123,487.97
EXPENSES:	\$ 49,989.79	\$ 46,275.45
NET PROFIT:	\$ 86,991.75	\$ 77,212.52

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir
Phil Bosha
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

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570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

Parish direct email: 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 for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Registration forms are available on our website at setonpa.com or you may pick one up in the parish office. 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. Classes will begin on Saturday September 19th and Monday, September 21st. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 2nd. If you have any questions, or would like to have a registration form mailed to your home address, please contact the Office of Faith Formation, 570-287-4587.

Catechists and Aides Needed

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Catechists for the following grades:

3rd grade - Saturday mornings

6th grade –Saturday mornings

1st grade - Monday evenings

An Orientation meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 3rd and training, support, and resources will be provided. Please consider becoming part of this important ministry.

Additionally, any young person who has completed 8th grade and received Confirmation is invited to volunteer as an aide in our program. This is a great way to continue to serve and stay connected to the parish. If you would like more information, contact Margaret Loveless at the Office of Faith Formation, at 570-287-4587.

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 30th 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: religiouseducationI@yahoo.com

COLLECTIONS: August 8/9, 2015

SUNDAY: \$ 7663.00

DUES: \$1711.00

LOOSE: \$642.18

E-GIVING: \$860.96

TOTAL: \$10,377.15

DIOCESAN- Catholic Relief Services \$42.00

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

SPECIAL OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The Society's Envelopes for the month of August will benefit the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is responsible for maintaining the mass supplies such as communion hosts, wine, candles, vestments, and decorations for our sanctuary as well as other expenses involving worship. Your generosity is appreciated.



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.



LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH 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.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 271 Tripp St., Swoyersville, will hold a Rummage Sale, bake sale, & raffle on Thursday, August 27th from 9am to 6pm, Friday, August 28th from 9am to 2pm, and Saturday, August 29th from 9am to noon. The hall will be filled with many treasures & useful items, including clothing. Refreshments available including homemade piggies, pierogis, haluski, wimpies, hot dogs, & beverages.



Swoyersville Kiwanis Golf Tournament

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring The Jack Tobias Memorial Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 13th, 1:30 PM at Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The format is captain and crew with a 1:30 PM shotgun start. Cost is \$80/golfer and includes green fees, cart, dinner, prizes and refreshments. There will be a longest drive hole and 50-50 hole. Proceeds benefit Youth Scholarships; St. Joseph's Center; Little League team sponsorship; Girl's Softball team sponsorship; Feed a Friend; Valley Santa and many other youth group and community projects. To register, call Gene at 283-1677 or Barb at 287-8783. Deadline to register is September 4.

On Saturday, Sept. 12th, the **First Catholic Slovak Union & the Slovak Catholic Federation** invite all to a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Welcome is at 2pm and mass at 3pm celebrated by Cardinal Wuerl. Reception to follow at the Slovak Republic Embassy. For further information, contact Martha Zavada at 655-4141.

On Sunday, Sept. 13th, at Middletown, PA, a memorial will be dedicated to the deceased members of the **First Catholic Slovak Union**. Mass is at 1pm and reception to follow. Also, our local Slovak Fraternal founded in Pittston has now merged with the First Catholic Slovak Union. Call Martha at 655-4141 for info.

See the Pope: Wyoming Area Catholic School still has seats available on their bus to see Pope Francis on Sunday, Sept. 27th in Philadelphia. Contact Theresa Sabetta at 654-7982. Cost is \$50 (includes t-shirt). Bus leaves WACS parking lot at 7:30am. Full payment due by Tuesday, September 15th.



The Knights of Columbus, combined Councils of the Wyoming Valley, will host their **39th annual Rosary Rally**, Sunday, September 13, 2015. This year's Rosary Rally will take place at **All Saints Parish, Willow Street, Plymouth**. All the faithful are invited to attend this prayerful event with special emphasis in praying for the

Holy Father as he soon travels to the United States. A Rosary Procession from the Church, through the streets, will begin at 1:45 pm. The Knights of Columbus will carry the Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue in the Procession followed by all the faithful. Those who will not be in the procession are invited to go directly to the Church by 3:00 pm. at which time Marian devotions will take place, soon followed by Holy Mass. This Mass will satisfy Sunday obligation. Refreshments will be served in the School Hall following the Mass. Thank You.

Forming Intentional Disciples. A seminar presented by author Sherry Weddell, at St. Monica's, West Wyoming, on Saturday, October 24th , in their church hall. Registration before October 1st is \$25 and \$30 after that date. The day begins at 7am with coffee/pastries. Seminar begins at 8am until 3:40pm with lunch included. Register at dioceseofscranton.org , click on the icon: Forming Intentional Disciples.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, August 24 St. Bartholomew

8:00 a.m. Barbara Shampack Michael Shampack & Family

Tuesday, August 25 St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

8:00 a.m. Robert Wallace Sister, Jean & Bill Norton

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Rose Marie Lewis M/M David Gassner

Thursday, August 27 St. Monica

8:00 a.m. Raymond Szczucki Family

Friday, August 28 St. Augustine

8:00 a.m. Alice Chronowski Joe, Connie, & Donna Chajko

Saturday, August 29 (Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00 p.m. Joseph M. Podskoch Felix Wawer

5:30 p.m. William Galletti Wife & Family

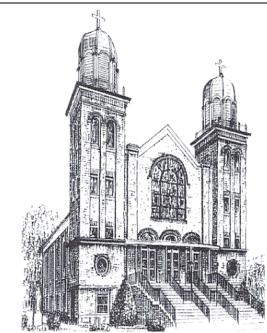
Sunday, August 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Joseph "Parker" Podskoch Daughter, Barbara Jo, Robert, & Bobby Asklar

10:00 a.m. Helen Wentz Shirley Judge

11:30 a.m. Charlene Long Mary Lynn Kudey

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*



CELEBRANTS:

August 29

4:00 PM Fr. Joe

5:30PM Fr. Urban

August 30

8:30AM Fr. Joe

10:00AM Fr. Sibliano

11:30AM Fr.Urban

5:30PM Fr. Joe



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS
WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY.



GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH GOD'S MERCY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

BAPTISM SUNDAY



*CONGRATULATIONS and
God's Blessing upon
~~Berti Adele Gibson~~
and her family. She will be
reborn by water and the Holy
Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.*



Sanctuary Candles:

~In Honor of Ann Wayslow's 94th Birthday

~In Memory of John & Josephine Jankoviak offered by Sr. Helen



ALTAR FLOWERS:

Some dates for altar flowers dedication are available. Contact Lori in the office to make arrangements.