

SETON SENTINEL

AUGUST 24, 2025



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?"
He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate,
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Luke 13:23-24

Image: Judgment Day fresco, Voronet Monastery, Romania.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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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

Monday, August 25

8:00am No Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 26

8:00am Peggy Gavlick

Wednesday, August 27

NO DAILY MASS

Thursday, August 28

8:00am Joan Messmer

Friday, August 29

8:00am Bill Quinn

Saturday, August 30

4:00pm Joseph Podskoch

Sunday, August 31

8:30am Michael Shampack

11:00am Frank & Catherine Mucha

5:30pm Salem Christopher Diop

Requested by

Seton Knights of Columbus

Family

Wife & Family

Daughter, Theresa

Joe & Terri Burgess

Rick & Diane Frusciante

John & Melissa Lucas

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



~~Health & Blessings for **Frank & Paula Matthews**
in honor of their 51st Wedding Anniversary
~~In Memory of ~~**Lou Michaels**~~ offered by
Family

*Let us pray: May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.*



FLOWERS this Weekend

In Memory of ~~**John & Mary Dunsavage**~~
offered by Rick & Diane Frusciante

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Congratulations and God's Blessings upon

~~**Ivy Fae Cosimo**~~ and ~~**Zachary Roman Ziegler**~~ and their
families. Ivy and Zachary will be baptized by water and the Holy
Spirit this weekend.



Parish Staff

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**

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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30am to 3:00pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

570-287-6624

ALTAR SERVERS--TRAINING

SCHEDULE DATE

SEAS PARISH NEEDS YOU!



Parents, if your child would like to serve our parish as an Altar Server, please call Lori at the office to register. We will be having an Altar Server Training Session on **Thursday, September 11th at 6pm** in the church. Students who have received their First Communion & up to 12th grade are welcome to sign up.

MISSIONARY PRIEST HERE NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, please welcome **Father Stephen Kow Bosomafi**, Mission Appeals for Sunyani Diocese, Ghana, West Africa. Please be as generous as you can. Some of the funds from our parish will be used to support the mission of the Diocese including the training of priests and religious. Currently the diocese has 92 Major Seminarians at various stages of priestly formation in different seminaries in Ghana and abroad.



It's getting close to back-to-school time again!!! Religious Education classes for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on Saturday, September 27th (9am-10:15pm) and Monday, Sept. 29th (6pm-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, drop off at office or slide through mail slot (please notate: "Religious Ed" on envelope). Any questions, call Lori.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS ON SEPTEMBER 7th

On Sunday, Sept. 7th, 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 and teachers a blessed school year. (Please call Lori at the office if your child is in need of a backpack--all calls are confidential).



BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE SATURDAY, October 4, 2025, 8am to 3pm. Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Penna . Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Speakers: Mike Aquilina, David Bereit, Fr. Charles Conner, Adoration, Reconciliation, Exhibitors, Mass--Bishop Bambera. \$40 (Early \$30 by 9-15-25) Students \$15, Priests/Deacons/Seminarians: FREE. Morning Coffee & box lunch included. Online Info: BeACatholic-Man.com By Mail: send name, address, email. & parish with check or money order payable to "Be A Catholic Man". Put "men's conference in memo. Mail to: Be A Catholic Man, PO Box 669, Wyalusing, PA 18853. Contact: Mike Kilmer, 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Our CCM will meet today, Sunday, August 24th, at 2pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

~~Mac 'n Cheese~~Jelly/Jam~~Peanut Butter~~Canned Pasta~~ Chunky Soups~~ Canned Fruit~~15 oz. Apple Sauce~~
Thank you for your kindness!!!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTEES WILL HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY ON SEPTEMBER 7th

The Lay Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Inc., Caretakers of the Our Lady of Fatima Blessed Grotto, will host a celebration to honor our Blessed Mother's Birthday on Sunday, September 7, 2025, on the Blessed Grounds at 51 W. North Street, Wilkes-Barre. Festivities will begin at 6 pm with singing around a birthday cake followed with Marian hymns and with praying of the 15-decade rosary. The prayers are for world peace, the salvation of souls, and for one's private intentions. Street parking can be found across the way and at the nearby Church. All are welcome.

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.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. 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 . 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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Our Pro-Life Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the church hall at 7pm.



"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope...while palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care--allowing us to "remain" at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

["The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"](#)



WEEKLY OFFERING Weekend of Aug 9/10, 2025

REGULAR: \$7229.50 DUES: \$2181.00

Assessment: \$272.00

E-offerings: Sunday: \$227.24 Dues: \$83.54

Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests: \$370.00

Peter's Pence: \$35.00

Thank you & may God bless you for your generosity.

As summer winds down, take some time to reflect on the events of the last few months.



What has the Lord been trying to tell you?
What might he be asking of you as we enter into a new season?

OBLATES OF ST. JOSEPH TRIDUUM

Next weekend, Aug. 29-31, the Oblates will host their annual Labor Day Triduum of masses honoring St. Joseph the Worker in their chapel on Route 315, Laflin. Masses each day at 12 noon only. Confessions precede all masses & devotions to St. Joseph will follow. Labor Day morning, special mass at 11am for all workers & the unemployed. Bread will be blessed & distributed.

Ways to Give:



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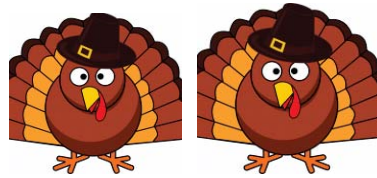
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PRESENTS



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3RD PRIZE.....\$400.00



DONATION: \$5.00

DRAWING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

AFTER 8:30AM MASS

You do not have to be present to win. Proceeds benefit Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

Contact Person: Anna Mae 570-287-7655

Tickets can be purchased from HNS members.

Tickets will also be sold after Masses in the church vestibule every weekend



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