

SETON SENTINEL

October | 18 | 2026



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MATTHEW 22:21

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

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Confessions:

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



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

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Worship

Intention

Monday, October 19

8:00am Andy & Dan Husovsky

Tuesday, October 20

8:00am Margaret Palmer

Wednesday, October 21

No Daily Mass

Thursday, October 22

8:00am John & Jerry Olejnik & Ian Hannon

Friday, October 23

8:00am Richard Rutkowski

SATURDAY, October 24

4:00pm John & Theresa Charney

SUNDAY, October 25

8:30am Frank & Veronica Savage & Family

11:00am John & Elizabeth Krulick

5:30pm **Pro Populo**

Requested by

Betsy & Carmen

Barbara Stanishefski

Remakus Family

Joe & Terri Burgess

Children & Grandchildren

Daughter & Family

Joseph Olejnik

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for us!

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 CANDLES

~~In Memory of ~~**John Brown**~~ offered by Wife & Family

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

LET US PRAY:

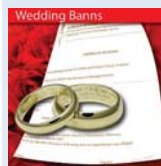
May the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God
rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Upcoming Wedding

~~**Eric Dixon & Brianna Pizzano**~~

Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 1:00pm



BAPTISM SUNDAY

CONGRATULATIONS & God's blessings upon

~~**Mateo Bernhard Pena**~~

and his family. Mateo will be baptized by water and
the Holy Spirit after the 11am mass today.



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

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Sacristans and Maintenance

Chris Calore

Director of Maintenance

Charles Cook

Trudy Brown

Pat Quinn

Betsy Evanowski

Phil Bosh

Office Hours

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

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

570-287-6624



Religious Ed. classes are held on Monday evenings from 6pm to 7:15pm.

CLASSES FOR OCTOBER: 19,26

7th Grade Pre-Confirmation Enrollment Mass: Students & parents attend **today, Sunday, October 18th, 5:30pm Mass**, followed by parent meeting in church hall-students welcome

8th Grade Confirmation Class: Students & Parents attend Sunday, October 25th, 5:30pm mass, followed by parent meeting in church hall-students welcome.

2nd Grade First Holy Communion Parent meeting, Thursday, November 5th, 6pm, in church hall-students welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir will begin on Monday, October 19th, from 5:15pm to 6pm in the church. All voices are welcome!!!

ADVENT PIROHY MAKING

**We will be making pierogies on Saturday, October 31st.
Potato ballers come at 7am and pinchers at 8:15am.**

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026-27

Thank you to all parishioners who have already made a commitment to this year's Appeal. We invite all parishioners who have not yet made a gift this year to make a commitment to this year's Appeal. Commitments made now can be paid through June 30, 2027. Our goal this year is \$75,247. By supporting the Appeal, you help sustain vital ministries across the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton. United in faith and hope, we are able to care for the needs of our neighbors throughout Northeastern and North Central PA. Envelopes are on the tables at the church entrance.

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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Fall Rummage Sale a huge success. Thank you to all who donated items, brought baked goods, and to everyone who came to purchase items. Thanks to all the men who helped set up the gym and unload the boxes/bags. A special thanks to Chris Calore & maintenance dept. & members of the Knights of Columbus for their kind assistance. See you in the Spring!

WEEKLY OFFERING

Weekend of October 3/4, 2026

REGULAR \$8197.10

DUES: \$2953.00

Day's Wage: \$110.00

DIOCESAN: Care & Education \$20.00

Thank you & may God bless you abundantly!

BLUE CHIP FARM ANIMAL REFUGE COLLECTION

Our Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a donation drive for Blue Chip Farm Animal Rescue. Please place items in the large box in the vestibule. Items needed: dishwashing liquid, simple green cleaner, latex free disposable gloves, paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags, poop bags, blankets (no comforters or afghans), sheets, towels (new or used), Odoban, bleach, Lysol spray/wipes, sharpies, bottled water, manila folders, pill pockets, pre-paid fuel cards.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

DOS CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

APPEAL 2026-2027

GOAL: \$75,247

TOTAL COMMITTED: \$24,325.00

% TO GOAL: 32.33%

BALANCE TO ACHIEVE GOAL: \$50,922.00

HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!

Ways to Give:



Online: www.setonpa.com

US MAIL to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
116 Hughes St.,
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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH NEEDS YOU!!!!
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION AND ALTAR SERVERS

Our parish is need of more Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers. If you are interested in serving our parish as an EM or Altar Server, please call Lori at the office to sign up. Fr. John and Deacon John will have Training classes for these ministries in the near future. Students can be Altar Servers once they have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. You can become an Altar Server up to 12th grade.



The ROYAL family is opening its doors!

Visit **OPEN HOUSE** Sunday, October 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Discover an enriching, supportive, faith-filled environment where academic excellence and servant leadership are pursued daily. Talk to students, faculty, and coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

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OUR PRO-LIFE MINISTRY WILL MEET THIS WEDNESDAY, October 21st at 7pm in the church hall. Come join us!!



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, Oct. 20th, Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm in the church hall

Thursday, Oct 21st, Pro-Life Ministry meeting at 7pm in the church hall

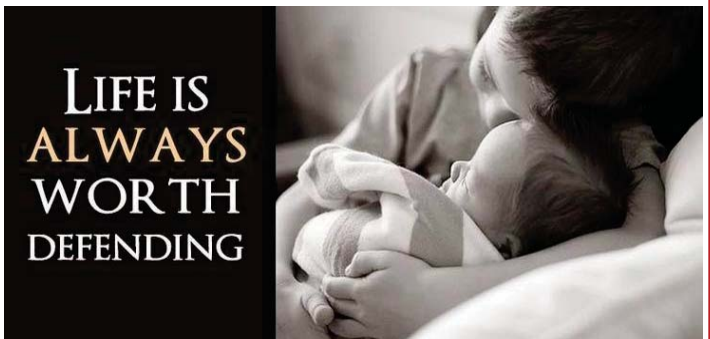
Sunday, Oct. 25th, Christian Mothers meeting at 2pm in the church hall

Sunday, Nov. 1st, Holy Name Society meeting after the 8:30am Mass in church hall

Thursday, November 5th, Art & Environment meeting at 6:30pm in the church

On Tuesday, October 27th, at 6pm, St. Monica Parish, 363W. 8th St., West Wyoming, will welcome Maryann Lawhon to speak on the story of the "Voice of John" and "John's Ongoing Ministry". All life is precious in the sight of God. This ministry reaches out with love and tenderness to all who are facing the many Life Issues of our time and will be outlined by our speaker. Light refreshments will be provided. Parking, entry and handicap accessibility are behind the church. We hope you join us for this inspirational event.

Communion of Saints Parish in Pittston is hosting a **Night at the Races** event on **Saturday, October 24**, beginning at 6pm in the **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, 241 William Street!** Cost is \$10 at the door and entry includes food and drinks as well as the opportunity to "place your bets" on our races for a chance to win fantastic CASH PRIZES! If you are interested in becoming a horse owner (with more chances to win) please contact the Parish Office or pick up a form at our office or one of our churches. For more information, visit our parish website at cospittston.org.



**SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS ALL YOU CAN EAT
BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Sunday, November 8th, 8:30-12:30pm, right here at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton School Cafeteria. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, waffles, SOSm, toast, coffee, juice & desserts. All for the price of \$10 per adult and \$5 for children ages 5-10. Tickets can be purchased from any Kiwanis member or call/text 570-762-1985. Tickets will also be available at the door. This year, once again, in honor of Veterans' Day, we wish to THANK our veterans by offering them our breakfast free of charge. Also don't forget to take a chance to win one of our many beautiful baskets or our cash raffle. Proceeds from all fundraisers go back into the local communities with assistance to the Salvation Army, Feed A Friend, Toys for Tots, St. Joseph's Center, local Veterans, local youth sports programs, & many more. Also, thanks to your support we can continue with programs/projects for the children & residents of all local communities. If any student requires community service hours & would like to assist at our event, call/text Kathy at 570-762-1985

SWOYERSVILLE TRUNK OR TREAT

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club, the Knights of Columbus of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, & the Swoyersville Parks & Recreation Board are coming together to create a fun afternoon on Sunday, October 25th, from 1 to 3pm at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church & School grounds, Hughes St. Swoyersville. Local businesses, organizations, & residents are invited to take part by uniquely decorating their trunks or tailgate with tricks & treats for kids of all ages. Dressing in costume is also encouraged for all attending or displaying a vehicle. All vehicles are eligible to win "BDT" prizes--Best Dressed Trunk, which is chosen by all children attending. All vehicles must be registered, must fit into a standard parking space & must provide their own candy or prizes for the children. All treats must be in original factory packaging. NO homemade treats allowed. All children will have a chance to win prizes in the Ghou! Count Contest, and they will also have a chance to visit the "Kiwanis BOO'ks for You" table & take some reading home to enjoy. To register your vehicle or for more info, call or text Anita at 570-606-1248 or swoyk1951@comcast.net

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY
THANKSGIVING CASH RAFFLE**



SOLD OUT!!!!

To all Parishioners, non-parishioners, & friends, Thank you to all for your generous Raffle Ticket purchases & for making our fundraiser a huge success! All proceeds will benefit our forthcoming 2027 Children's Easter Egg Hunt, so they are also thankful!! Gratefully, the Holy Name Society 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.

MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING & REMEMBRANCE

The Northeast Pennsylvania Mental Health Ministry team will hold a Mass for Suicide Healing & Remembrance on Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 3pm at the Church of Saint John, located at 5171 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg. The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide, and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing. Rev. Dave Cramer, Pastor of the Church of St. John, will be celebrant for the Mass. Deacon Ed Shoener, Deacon at the Cathedral of St. Peter & Imm. Conc., Scranton, is homilist.

**COMMUNION OF SAINTS PARISH NOVENA TO ST. JUDE---
PATRON SAINT OF HOPELESS CASES & THINGS DESPAIRED**

Monday, Oct 19 through Wednesday, October 28th. All masses & services will be held at St. Mary Help of Christians Church, 535 N. Main St., Pittston. Daily Mass at 12 noon (Mon-Sat), Sunday Mass at 8am. Sung evening prayer at 7pm (Mon-Fri), Confession Mon-Sat. at 11:30am, Rosary before each 12 noon mass. Blessing with St. Jude Relic after all masses & services. Call 570-654-0053 for more info.

SCRANTON PREP SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: October 18th from 12noon to 4pm. Registration is required at www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse. 7th & 8th grade students & their families are encouraged to attend. Please call 570-941-PREP or email: admissions@scrantonprep.org with any questions.

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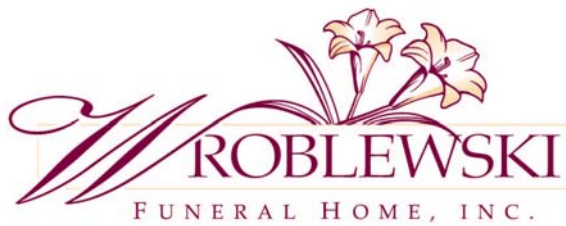
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