

# SETON SENTINEL

February 15 2026

6th  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
116 Hughes Street  
Swoyersville, PA 18704  
570-287-6624

## 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, February 16**

**9:00am** Robert & Joan Stefanides

## Requested by

Lori Raymond

**Tuesday, February 17**

8:00am Jennie Alfano

Sam & Barb Alba

**Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday**

**7:30am** Liturgy of the Word & Ashes

**12:10pm** Mass & Ashes George Barilla

Mike & Maureen Finnerty

**4:00pm** Liturgy of the Word & Ashes

**6:00pm** Liturgy of the Word & Ashes

**Thursday, February 19**

8:00am Rose Kayrish

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

**Friday, February 20**

8:00am Angelo & Helen Licata

Children, Grandchildren, & Great-Grandchildren

**Saturday, February 21**

**4:00pm** Margaret Nenichka

Mark & Sharon

**Sunday, February 22**

8:30am Donald Rakus

Chris Hospodar

11:00am Eleanor Dolan

Seton Religious Ed. Teachers

5:30pm Robin Hovan Guerrero

Mom & 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~~Ray & Carolyn Knaub~~  
offered by Marlene & Ray & Family  
~~In Memory of~~**Robert Colondo**~~  
offered by Aunt Gerry Rish



## **RECENTLY DEPARTED.....**

**~~Mary Ann Kosisher~~Rosalie Spess~~**  
**May their souls and all the souls of the**  
**Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of**  
**God, rest in peace. Amen.**

## **BAPTISM SUNDAY**

**Congratulations and God's blessings upon**  
**~~Finn Alexander Frederick~~and his family. Finn will be**  
**baptized by water and the Holy Spirit this Sunday after the**  
**11:00am mass.**

## 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*

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

### *Director of Maintenance*

John Sartin

Trudy Brown

Pat Quinn

Betsy Evanoski

Phil Boshu

## Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30am to 3:00pm

### **CLOSED FRIDAY**

Weekends and Evenings  
by appointment.

**570-287-6624**



## Religious Education classes

Saturday classes: Feb: 21,28 (no class on Feb 14th, Presidents' Weekend)

Monday classes: Feb: 23 (no class on Feb. 16th, Presidents' Weekend)

## LENTEN PIROHY SALE THIS WEEKEND!



Lenten Pirohy are on sale in the school cafeteria THIS WEEKEND, Saturday, February 14th & Sunday, February 15th after all masses, while supplies last. Cost is \$12/dozen.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASH WEDNESDAY

### RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Our Kof C will be having their **famous Red Clam Chowder Sale** on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, in our school cafeteria. Cost is \$10/quart---pay at the door. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church hall entrance. Pick up times are after the 7:30am ashes, 11am to 1pm, & 4pm to 6pm. Or call Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 to place your order.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16th, in observance of Presidents' Day. Please note: our daily mass on this day will be at 9:00am. Fr. John will take all emergency calls as soon as possible.

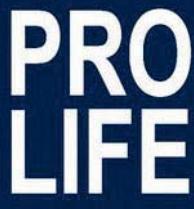
**PRESIDENTS' DAY  
GOD BLESS AMERICA**



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## LENTEN HOLY HOUR FOR THE KINGSTON DEANERY

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be traveling throughout the Diocese of Scranton during Lent to lead Holy Hours in each of the Diocese's 12 deaneries, continuing a tradition that began several years ago. The Lenten Holy Hour for the Kingston Deanery (our deanery) will be held on Monday, March 16th at St. Therese Parish in Shavertown at 7pm. The theme for this year's Lenten Holy Hour will be "Finding Peace in Challenging Times." Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special opportunity to gather for prayer, reflection, and Eucharistic devotion during the Lenten season.



Our *Pro Life Ministry* meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm (currently) in the school cafeteria. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 17th.

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" [respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](http://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)



## WEEKLY OFFERING

**Weekend of JANUARY 31/Feb. 1, 2026**

REGULAR: \$9010.00 DUES: \$3151.00

Christmas (additional): \$170.00

Assessment: \$55.00 Building & Maintenance: \$10.00

Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests: \$55.00

***Thank you & may God bless you abundantly!***

## HELP WANTED

The Diocese of Scranton currently has an opening for a Full Time Laborer position at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton. Job duties include cemetery interments, grass cutting, installing grave markers and foundations, snow removal, and general maintenance. Hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 7am to 3:30pm, and Saturdays may be required. The position includes a comprehensive benefits package, including health insurance, paid holidays, holy days, vacation & sick time. Applications can be obtained at Mt. Olivet Cemetery located at 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton, or by contacting the cemetery office at 570-696-3636.

## DOS CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

### APPEAL 2025-2026

GOAL: \$72,234

TOTAL COMMITTED: \$48,738.16

% TO GOAL: 67.47%

BALANCE TO ACHIEVE GOAL: \$23,495.84

# OF DONORS: 283 25.27% of parishioners

## Ways to Give:



Online: [www.setonpa.com](http://www.setonpa.com)

US MAIL to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
116 Hughes St.,  
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**HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL LENTEN FOOD SALE: EAT IN or TAKE OUT  
ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH HALL 33 MANHATTAN ST., ASHLEY**

**FRIDAYS - Feb. 20 & 27; Mar. 6, 13, 20 & 27**

Walk-up orders 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m./ pre orders can be picked up 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Pre orders must be made by Wednesday.** Call (570) 258-5006 or  
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Homemade Potato Pancakes and a Weekly Special.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TIME** We are happy to offer our 2026 Swoyersville Kiwanis Scholarship Awards to graduating high school seniors. There will be 3 awards in the amount of \$1300 each and will be awarded to assist in furthering the education of our high school seniors. In addition to our 3 awards there will once again be an award in the amount of \$1000 given in memory of long time Swoyersville residents Gene and Eleanor Breznay. To be eligible for all awards, graduating students must reside in Swoyersville, Luzerne or Forty Fort. Applications are available by contacting S. Urzen at 570-606-1153 (call or text) or email [k-swoyer@comcast.net](mailto:k-swoyer@comcast.net). Return applications must be post-marked by March 4<sup>th</sup>. Letters will be sent to the winners by mail on March 13th. Winners are judged on financial need, community service, school involvement and studies. Scholarship Award winners and their families will be invited to a celebration dinner in their honor, details will be provided with winner notification.

**SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS NITE AT THE RACES**

SATURDAY, March 7th, at right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School cafeteria, Hughes St., Swoyersville. Doors open at 6pm and post time is 7pm. Horses are \$15 which includes admission or just come on out and enjoy the night for \$10 admission. Get your horse in our program--by February 28th. Horses after the deadline may not be in program, but will be written in a race. Also, limited horses will be available at the door. The night will be full of fun & good food, refreshments, instant bingo, 50/50 drawing in between races. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph's Center, Little League team sponsorship, Feed a Friend, Valley Santa & many other youth groups, organizations & community projects. Must be at least 21 years of age. Call/text 570-762-1985 or email: [GKBreznay@comcast.net](mailto:GKBreznay@comcast.net) or [swoyk1951@comcast.net](mailto:swoyk1951@comcast.net). Talk to a member & Venmo your funds to: Swoy-Kiwanis

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](http://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.

**2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST**

**PLEASE, NO PHONE CALLS**

Please make your request by filling out this form. Then drop in collection basket, US mail, drop in rectory mail slot, or email to Lori at : [setonpa@aol.com](mailto:setonpa@aol.com)

ENVELOPE #: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

# LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



## Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

## Abstinence

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+

### How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

### Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



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### SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

Shrove Tuesday comes from an old English word meaning "to confess", since it was customary to go to confession before the beginning of Lent. It was also customary to use up meats, fats, and dairy products before entering the Lenten period of fasting; this led to the day's nicknames: Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday) or Pancake Tuesday.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Since Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, it starts off the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. From Ash Wednesday, people often give up something until Easter Day, such as sweets, cookies, or chocolate. This is because these types of foods are seen as temptations, and it reminds people of how Jesus fought temptation in the desert. This is called fasting. Often, people see it as a time to do good things, like volunteer at a charity or help others in need. This is almsgiving. Finally, people try to pray more often to meet the third pillar of Lent.

TEACH US TO PRAY

How can I communicate with God?



What gets in the way?



## Lenten Men's Retreat

March 13-14, 2026

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center

1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA

Includes Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation

\$85 meals and accommodations, \$60 commuters, \$50 students

Register online at [www.beacatholicman.com](http://www.beacatholicman.com)

Questions? Call Joe Adcroft at 570-380-5070

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

7:30AM LITURGY OF THE WORD & ASHES

12:10PM MASS & ASHES

4:00PM LITURGY OF THE WORD & ASHES

6:00PM LITURGY OF THE WORD & ASHES

### MEETINGS/HAPPENINGS AT SETON:

**THIS WEEKEND:** PIROHY SALE IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA, FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST \$12/DOZEN

**OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY FEB 16TH, ALSO NO CCD CLASSES**

**TUESDAY:** 7PM PRO LIFE MEETING-school cafeteria

**WEDNESDAY:** KofC CLAM CHOWDER SALE-school cafeteria after 7:30am ashes, 11am-1pm & 4pm-6pm

**THURSDAY:** SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING-school cafeteria, 6:30pm

**THURSDAY:** FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING-RECTORY 6:30PM

**SUNDAY, FEB. 22ND:** CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING-- school cafeteria 2pm





Aaron W. Pietryka, Licensed Supervisor - Parishioner  
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