

SETON SENTINEL

February | 15 | 2026

6th
Sunday
in Ordinary Time



"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Matthew 5:17

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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

Tuesday, February 17

8:00am Jennie Alfano

Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

7:30am Liturgy of the Word & Ashes

12:10pm Mass & Ashes George Barilla

4:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Ashes

6:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Ashes

Thursday, February 19

8:00am Rose Kayrish

Friday, February 20

8:00am Angelo & Helen Licata

Saturday, February 21

4:00pm Margaret Nenichka

Sunday, February 22

8:30am Donald Rakus

11:00am Eleanor Dolan

5:30pm Robin Hovan Guerrero

Requested by

Lori Raymond

Sam & Barb Alba

Mike & Maureen Finnerty

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Children, Grandchildren, & Great-Grandchildren

Mark & Sharon

Chris Hospodar

Seton Religious Ed. Teachers

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 Bosha

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' Week-end)

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.



LENTEN HOLY HOUR FOR THE KINGSTON DEANERY

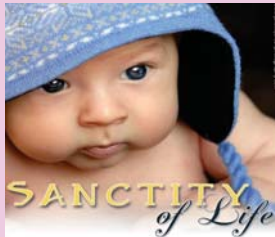
Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be traveling throughout the Diocese of Scranton during Lent to lead Holy Hours in each of the Dioceses's 12 deaneries, continuing a tradition that began several years ago. The Lenten Holy Hour for the Kingston Deanery (our deanery) will be held on Monday, March 16th at St. 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.

PRO LIFE

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



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

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

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

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Pre orders must be made by Wednesday. Call (570) 258-5006 or

email lenten.food.sales@gmail.com. Mushroom Soup, Clam Chowder, Pirohy, Haluski, Tuna Hoagie, 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. Return applications must be post-marked by March 4th. 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 or 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. 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

ENVELOPE #: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

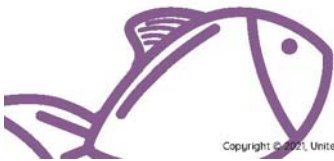
How do we fast?

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.



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

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

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