

SETON SENTINEL

September | 21 | 2025

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." Luke 16:13



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
116 Hughes Street
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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, September 22

8:00am Robert "Bobby" Gaydos

Tuesday, September 23

8:00am Thomas Wozniak

Wednesday, September 24

NO DAILY MASS

Thursday, September 25

8:00am Michael McClernon & John Parini

Friday, September 26

8:00am Gerrie Kovalski

Saturday, September 27

4:00pm Stanley Gavlick Jr.

Sunday, September 28

8:30am Donald Rakus

11:00am Michael John Mesaros Sr.

5:30pm Jason Kilduff

Requested by

Ralph & Barbara Romanowski

Wife, Johanna

Family

Husband & Family

Son, Michael

Sister, Denise, & Family

Children, Grandchildren, & Great-grandchildren

Rishcoff & Cohen Families

BREAD & WINE OFFERING: In Memory of ~~William & Betty Hlavac~~ offered by Daughters & Families

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~~ **Lou Michaels** ~~ offered by
Family

~~In Memory of~~ **Terry Jankoviak** ~~ offered by

Family

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



FLOWERS this Weekend

In Memory of ~~Walter & Ann Levanda~~ offered by
Loving Family

In Memory of ~~Jim Powers~~ offered by Wife, Dottie

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Congratulations and God's blessings upon

~~Luke John Specht~~

and his family. Luke will be baptized by water and
the Holy Spirit today 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



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. **7th Grade CCD & Catholic School students: 7th Grade Mini Retreat on Saturday, October 4th, from 9:30 to noon at St. Ignatius Parish.**

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, Today, September 21st

Today at the 11:00am Mass, all of our Religious Ed. teachers/aides/guards will attend this mass for a Special Blessing from Fr. John. The front pews will be reserved for the teachers and their families.

ALTAR SERVERS--Thank you!

Thank you Parents & Grandparents for bringing your children/grandchildren to Altar Server training last week. We had a total of 10 students attend! It is not too late to sign up. Call Lori.



Office Hours

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

CLOSED FRIDAY

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment.

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025

This weekend is Celebration Weekend (In-Pew Commitment Weekend). First of all, 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. We would like to reach our parish goal by December 31st--commitments made now can be paid through June 30, 2026. Our goal this year is \$72,234. By supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you help sustain vital ministries across the eleven 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 Pennsylvania.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Our CCM will meet next Sunday, Sept. 28th at 2pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH

Beginning around mid-January, painting of the church interior will commence. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

ATTENTION: LECTORS

Lector Workbooks for 2026 are located in the Server Sacristy. Please pick up your workbook as soon as possible. Thank you.

St. Michael, continued.....

Deeply shaken, Pope Leo XIII immediately composed the Prayer to Saint Michael as a spiritual battle cry. A call for heavenly protection against the powers of darkness.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."

The history of this prayer: Yes, a prayer can be inspired by a battle, especially a spiritual one. Pope Leo XIII's Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel is one such powerful example, born from a vivid & terrifying vision he reportedly experienced in 1884. According to tradition, after celebrating Mass, Pope Leo XIII collapsed & appeared to be in a trance-like state. When he awoke, he described a vision of Satan boasting to God that he could destroy the Church if given a century & more power. What followed was a horrific scene of demonic attacks & chaos. But then St. Michael the Archangel appeared, casting the evil spirits back into Hell by the power of God.

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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.



29th Anniversary Celebration of the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb of Unborn" — Sunday October 5th at 2:00pm.

Prayerful commemoration at the Knights' Tomb of the Unborn, located at the top of Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton. Fr. Thomas Petro, chaplain of Greater Pittston Knights of Columbus Assembly 948 will celebrate the Order for Visiting a Cemetery, followed by the recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. All Knights of Columbus of the Wyoming Valley and area faithful are invited to attend.

Wyoming Valley West

Class of 2027 Shoe Drive Fundraiser

The Big Box is in our vestibule for the WVV Class of 2027 Shoe Drive. They are collecting NEW or Gently Used Shoes--any size, any style. Collected shoes will be re-used and given a second life by those who are in need through #microenterprise. The fundraiser not only helps the class, but transforms lives globally from Haiti to Cambodia, Ghana to Guatemala, sparking economic growth in developing nations. Please bring your shoe donations by Sept. 28th.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, Friday, October 17th, 12:30pm to 5pm.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SEASP to schedule an appointment. Come to give blood by Oct 19 for a \$10 Amazon Gift card by email. See rcblood.org/fall



MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION

We want to thank everyone for their tremendous generosity & kindness to our Mission Appeal with Fr. Stephen. **Total collection: \$5548.95**
May God bless you abundantly!

WEEKLY OFFERING Weekend of Sept. 6/7, 2025

REGULAR: \$7014.55 DUES: \$3420.00
Assessment: \$20.00 Assumption: \$8.00
E-offering: Regular: \$436.49 Dues: \$98.92

Diocesan: Collection for Gaza: \$1683.60

Thank you & may God bless you abundantly!

Ways to Give:



Online: www.setonpa.com

US Mail to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ,

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SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

PRESENTS

THANKSGIVING CA\$H RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE.....\$1000.00

2ND PRIZE.....\$400.00

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



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS RUMMAGE SALE COL-

LECTION DATES: It's time to do some Fall Cleaning by cleaning out your closets, bedrooms, kitchens, garages, etc. We need good, clean items/clothing to sell. Sorry, we cannot accept TVs, computers, furniture, or encyclopedias. Bring your items to the school Gym (parking lot side) on the following dates: COLLECTION DROP OFF DATES ARE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 9-5 & WED. OCTOBER 8TH, 9-3. No early drop offs, & no pick-ups or deliveries. (sale dates are: Monday, Oct 13th, 9-5, and Tuesday, Oct 14th, 9-3 (\$2/bag day). Baked goods needed! Please drop off baked items the mornings of the sale)

HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 9AM TO 1PM

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH HALL

ADULTS: \$8.00 CHILDREN: 4-12: \$3.00 Children 3 and under: FREE

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Pastry, Fruit Cup, Coffee, Tea, Juice

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance



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