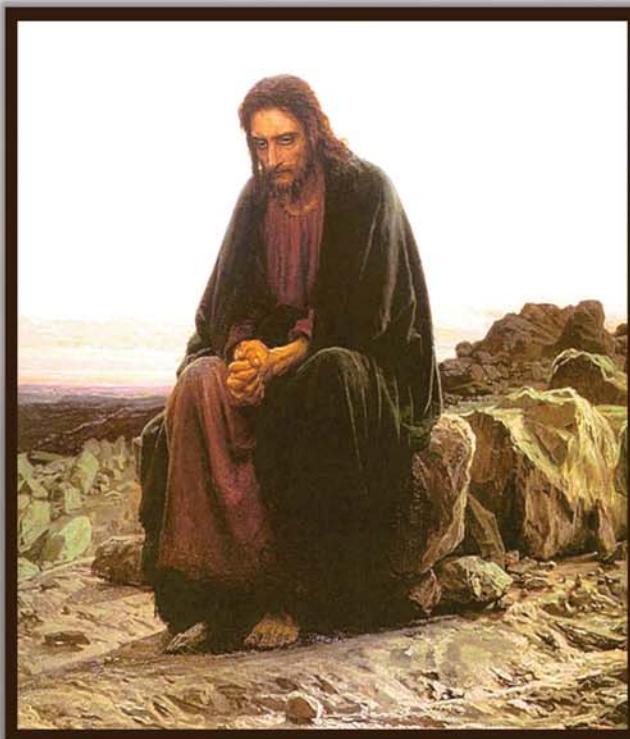


# SETON SENTINEL

February 22 2026

## First Sunday of Lent



Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

Jesus said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God!*"

Matthew 4:2-4

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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

## Requested by

**Monday, February 23**

8:00am Bernadine Stachniewicz

Monday Morning Counters

**Tuesday, February 24**

8:00am Geraldine Skolnick

Husband

**Wednesday, February 25**

**No Daily Mass**

**Thursday, February 26**

8:00am Bernard Magagna

Jill & Laura Lukesh

**Friday, February 27**

8:00am Marie Bordy

Sisters Cynthia & Melita, & Frank Bordy Family

**Saturday, February 28**

4:00pm David Albosta

Karen Karboski

**Sunday, March 1**

8:30am Margaret Salata & Dora Emershaw

Nieces & Nephews

11:00am Josephine Ritondo

Daughter, Josie Kandrac & Family

5:30pm Franklin & Edna Mae Burgess

Joe & Terri Burgess

## **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 CANDLE INTENTIONS**



*~~In Memory of~~Lou Michaels~~ offered by  
Michaels Family  
~~In Memory of~~**Joseph & Loretta Yatsko** ~~  
offered by Joe & Terri Burgess*

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

*~~Michael Romanowski~~*

*May his soul and all the souls of the  
Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of  
God, rest in peace. Amen.*



## 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 28th**

**March: 7,21,28 (no class March 14th-break)**

**Monday classes: Feb 23rd**

**March: 2,9,23,30 (no class March 16th-break)**

**March 22nd: 1st Holy Communion Retreat --Parents & students are to attend the 11am Mass, followed by the Retreat in our church hall for students & parent volunteers.**

**March 28th: 1st Penance (10:30am in church)**

**March 28th: Mandatory 8th Grade Retreat at St. Ignatius, 11am-4pm, followed by Mass) Confirmation Students:**

**Please hand in forms as soon as possible.**

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Every Monday evening during Lent, we will have "The Light is On For You", beginning February 23rd, and continuing through Monday March 23rd. Confessions will be heard from 5:30pm to 7pm.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings during Lent at 7pm.

### SAVE THE DATE!!

The Social Concerns Committee will hold their annual Cash Bingo on Sunday, April 26, 2026. Details to follow.....

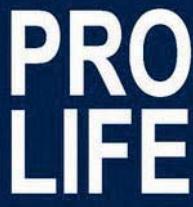
### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUS TRIP TO NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO**

Our KofC will sponsor a bus trip to National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Saturday, May 9, 2026. More information & sign up forms will be in next week's bulletin.

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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 in the church hall.

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's Image and Likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent  
[usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](http://usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection)



## WEEKLY OFFERING

**Weekend of February 7/8, 2026**

REGULAR: \$5774.32 DUES: \$1324.00

Christmas (additional): \$100.00

Assessment: \$311.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00

E-offerings: Reg. \$5126.92 Dues: 138.40

Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests: \$535.00

***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  
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**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](mailto: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](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](http://usccb.org).



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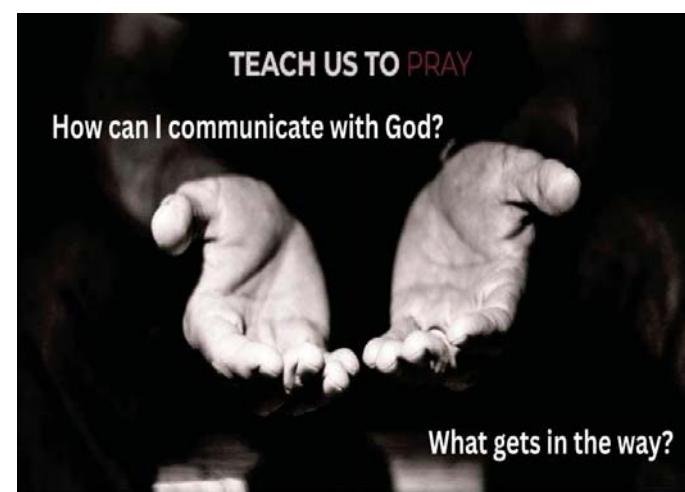
The Diocese of Scranton is looking for qualified candidates for the position of Director at the Villa St. Joseph. The Villa St. Joseph facility serves as the home for retired clergy of the Diocese of Scranton & is located in Dunmore, PA. The Director reports to the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and will provide compassionate leadership and administrative oversight for the daily operations of the facility, ensuring that all programs and services align with our Catholic mission and core values. This role requires a commitment to the well-being of residents, effective staff management, & sound financial stewardship. Interested candidates for the Director position are encouraged to visit the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) for a more detailed job description. Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter with salary requirements and a resume by February 28, 2026 to:

James Burke

Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources  
300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503  
or email:  
[jburke@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jburke@dioceseofscranton.org)

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

Wash away  
ALL my  
guilt;  
FROM  
my SIN  
cleanse  
me.

### MEETINGS/HAPPENINGS AT SETON:

**TODAY, SUNDAY, FEB. 22ND:**

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING-  
Church Hall

**MONDAY Feb. 23rd:**

Religious Ed Classes 6pm to 7:15  
Children's Choir Practice : 5:15-6pm church





Aaron W. Pietryka, Licensed Supervisor - Parishioner  
Thomas B. Wiedlich, Licensed Director - Parishioner



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