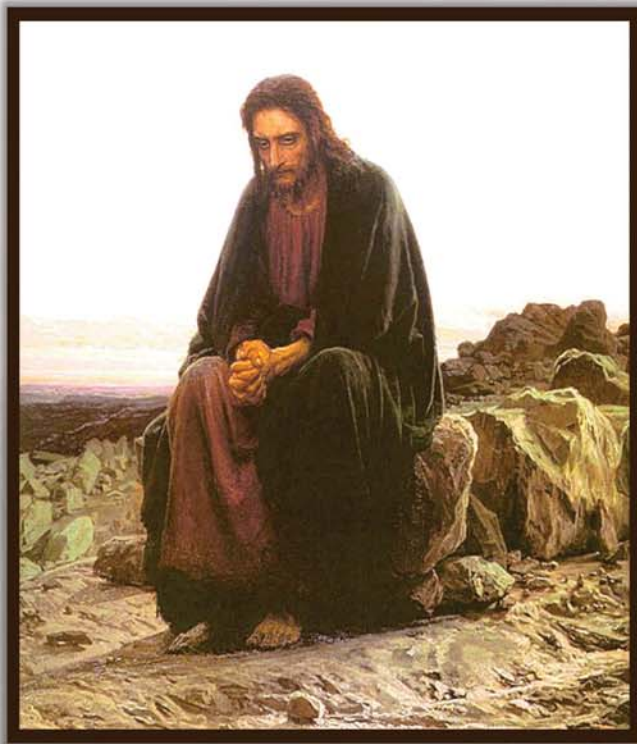


SETON SENTINEL

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

Monday, February 23

8:00am Bernadine Stachniewicz

Tuesday, February 24

8:00am Geraldine Skolnick

Wednesday, February 25

No Daily Mass

Thursday, February 26

8:00am Bernard Magagna

Friday, February 27

8:00am Marie Bordy

Saturday, February 28

4:00pm David Albosta

Sunday, March 1

8:30am Margaret Salata & Dora Emershaw

11:00am Josephine Ritondo

5:30pm Franklin & Edna Mae Burgess

Requested by

Monday Morning Counters

Husband

Jill & Laura Lukesh

Sisters Cynthia & Melita, & Frank Bordy Family

Karen Karboski

Nieces & Nephews

Daughter, Josie Kandrak & Family

Joe & Terri Burgess

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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.*



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Rev. Anthony Urban

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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.

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

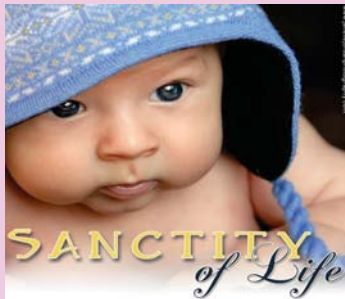
Our **Pro Life Ministry** meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the church hall.

"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



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

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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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DIRECTOR--VILLA ST. JOSEPH

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 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



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MEETINGS/HAPPENINGS AT SETON:

TODAY, SUNDAY, FEB. 22ND:

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING-
Church Hall

MONDAY Feb. 23rd:

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