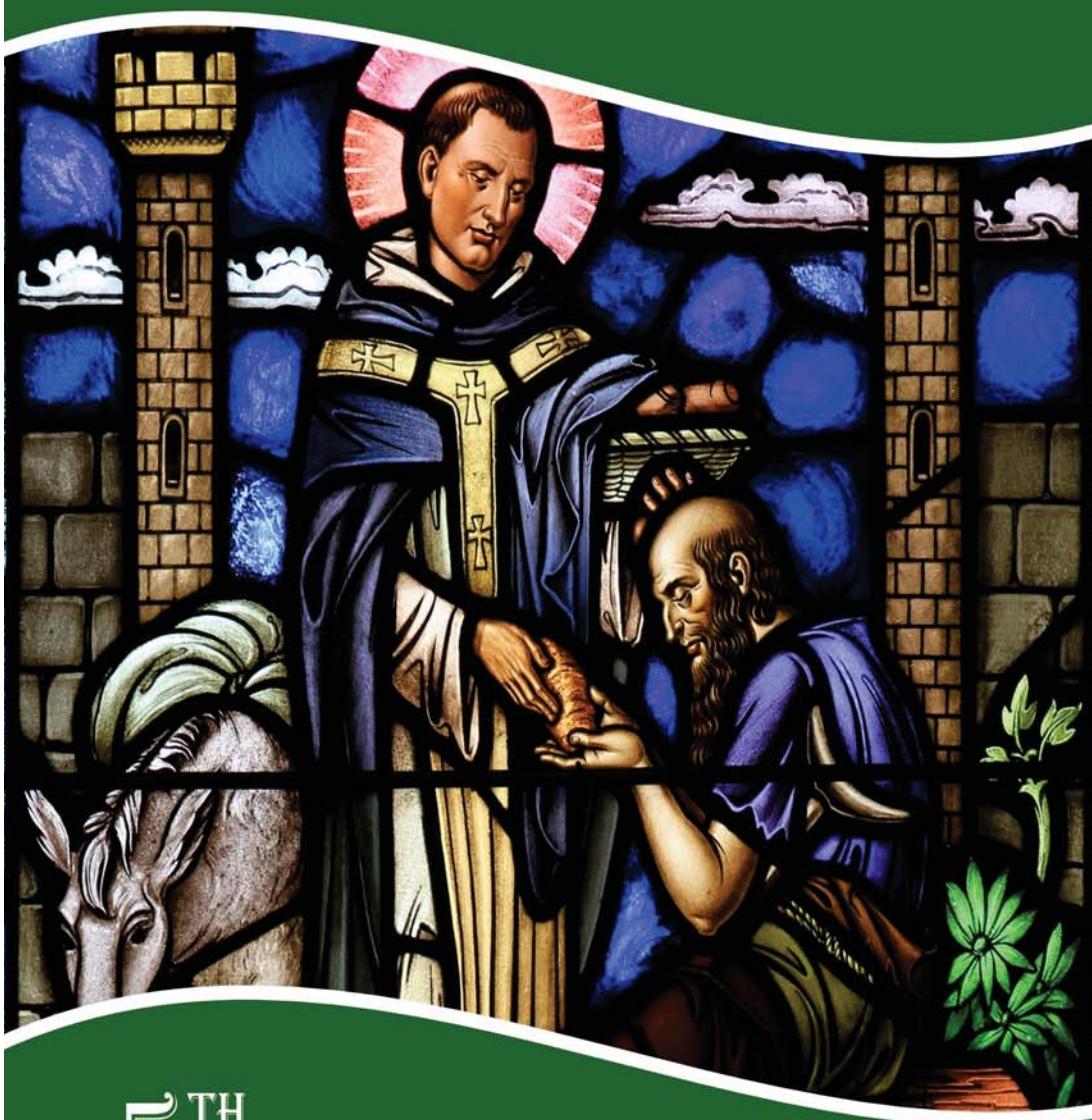


SETON SENTINEL

February 18 | 2026



5TH

SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SIMILES OF SALT AND LIGHT

"You are the light of the world. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:14,16

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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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 9

8:00am Andrea Gaiteri

Requested by

Mother, Mary

Tuesday, February 10

8:00am Bill & Marita Keating

Mary Keating

Wednesday, February 11

No Daily Mass

Thursday, February 12

8:00am Sandra Kuhar

Rick & Diane Nemetz

Friday, February 13

8:00am William & Joan Holena

Family

Saturday, February 14

4:00pm Margaret Palmer

Family & Friends

Sunday, February 15

8:30am Robert Krull

Wife, Carol

11:00am Betty Leptuck

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

5:30pm Joseph & Loretta Yatsko

Joe & Terri Burgess



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~~ **Frank & Anna Duzen** ~~offered by daughters, Paula Matthews & Donna Gustave

BREAD & WINE THIS WEEKEND



In Memory of ~~Gail Jones~~ offered by Donna Gustave

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND



In Memory of ~~Bill & Marita Keating~~ offered by Mary Keating

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 Boshna

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: 9,23 (no class on Feb. 16th, Presidents' Weekend)

LENTEN PIROHY SALE



Lenten Pirohy are on sale in the school cafeteria 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meeting: TUESDAY, February 10th--7pm in the School Cafeteria

What does love look like?

It has the hands to help others.

It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like.

~ Saint Augustine

*You are:
• THE LIGHT
of the world
--- & ---
THE SALT
of the earth*

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant for the Diocese of Scranton's annual Mass for the **World Day of the Sick** this **Wednesday, Feb. 11th, at 12:10pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton**. Celebrated each year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the World Day of the Sick invites the faithful to pray in a special way for those who are ill, the elderly, and all who suffer, while also honoring the compassionate service of caregivers, healthcare professionals, family members, & all who accompany the sick with love & dignity. The World Day of the Sick Mass at the Cathedral will feature the Liturgy of the Anointing. CTV of Scranton will provide a live broadcast of the Mass for those unable to attend. The Mass will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel & links will be provided on all Diocesan social media platforms.

PRO LIFE

Our *Pro Life Ministry* meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm (currently) in the school cafeteria .

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life.



WEEKLY OFFERING

Weekend of JANUARY 24/25, 2026

REGULAR: \$5331.00 DUES: \$823.00

Christmas (additional): \$205.00 Assessment: \$70.00

Building & Maintenance: \$1188.00

Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary: \$25.00

Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests: \$40.00

Retirement for Religious: \$20.00

Thank you & may God bless you abundantly!



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

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

CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERT

In a 70 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present their annual Lenten Concert at Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 north Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown, PA.

The concert will be held on Sunday, March 1st at 3PM. In addition to the Choral Society, the concert will feature selections by the parish choir of Shavertown Methodist Church; director Nancy Evans. Ann Manganello is music director of the Catholic Choral Society and Linda Houck is accompanist. The concerts are open to the public free of charge. There will be a good will offering.

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 postmarked 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 swoykl1951@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 #: _____

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Pastor: Rev. John J. Chmil

Kingston Deanery

- All Saints, Plymouth
- Gate of Heaven, Dallas
- Holy Family, Luzerne
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth
- Our Lady of Victory, Harveys Lake
- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Swoyersville
- Saint Faustina Kowalska, Nanticoke
- Saint Frances X. Cabrini, Carverton
- Saint Ignatius Loyola, Kingston
- Saint John the Baptist, Larksville
- Saint Monica, West Wyoming
- Saint Therese, Shavertown

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Number of Households	1125	1116	1120	1126	1119
Number of Parishioners	2246	2230	2235	2243	2216
Total Number of Weekend Masses	4	4	4	4	6
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	702	631	653	760	818

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Baptisms	30	22	17	20	26
First Holy Communions	22	19	19	17	29
Confirmations	26	19	12	22	65
OCIA/Baptism	0	0	0	0	0
OCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages	9	7	6	12	5
Funerals	60	78	63	65	64

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Religious Education K-8	93	100	95	96	136
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	95	100	82	89	81
Adult Faith Formation	0	2	0	0	0

*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2025 data is from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.



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