Seton Sentinel

NEWS

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The Parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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Eucharist

Monday—Friday 8:00am Saturday vigil 4:00pm Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:30pm

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 3:00pm. Weekends and Evenings by appointment

5th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time



Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Isaiah 58:7

Special Intentions

This week's intentions for the Sanctuary Candles are:

~In Memory of *Victoria Rish* offered by daughter-in-law, Gerry

~In Memory of *Eleanor Mandycz* offered by sister, Gerry

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~In Memory of William Holena Jr. offered by Parents

Today's Music

4:00pm, 8:30am, 11:00am				5:30pm
Gathering	302 B	Gather Us In	390 B	City of God
Preparation	97 S	That There may be	68 S	Shine Jesus, Shine
Communion	139 S	Rejoice, Be Glad	438	Be Not Afraid
Sending	113 S	Go Be Justice	385 S	With One Voice

Daily Eucharist Options this week...

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

<u>Please use alternative worship locations for Tuesday—Friday February 7-10 Daily Masses</u> this week. There will be no 8:00am Eucharist this week at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

St. Ignatius, Kingston, Monday-Friday 7:30am **Holy Family, Luzerne,** Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Intentions for the Coming Week

<u>Intention</u> <u>Requested By</u>

Monday, February 6

8:00am William Desciak Monday Morning Counters

Saturday, February 11

4:00pm Barbara Podskoch Daughter, Theresa

Sunday, February 12

8:30am *Pro Populo*

11:00am John S. Ostrowski Wife, Mary Ann

5:30pm Anna Mae Potomis & JP Kopicki Dennis Goss & Michael Nye

hey shine
through the darkness, a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and just. - Psalm 112:4

Our Parish Staff

Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105 Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus Deacon John (Jack) Zeigler Permanent Deacons

Lori Raymond x100 Pastoral Associate/Director of Religious Education

Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M. Pastoral Outreach Ministry

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Marge Semanek
Director of Liturgical Music

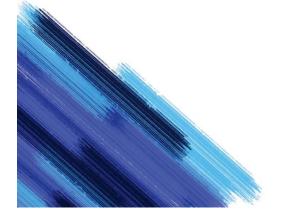
Joseph Sabol Accompanist

Scott Coates
Accompanist/5:30 p.m. Sunday

Pat Quinn Office Assistant

Sacristans and Maintenance Chris Calore Director of Maintenance

John Sartin Trudy Brown Pat Quinn Betsy Evanoski Phil Bosha



Religious Education for Children

Children in Grades 1-8

Saturday classes: 9:00am-10:15am Monday classes: 6:00pm-7:15pm

February classes:

Saturday: 11,25 (no classes on Sat., Feb. 18, Presidents' Weekend) Monday: 6, 13, 27 (no classes on Mon., Feb. 20, Presidents' Weekend)

Confirmation Students: Please hand in paperwork by March 6th. **1st Holy Communion parents**: Hand in forms as soon as possible.

Holy Name Society

Our HNS will meet today, Sunday, February 5th, after the 8:30am mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.

Blessed Candles/Throat Blessing

Blessed Candles are available on the altar this weekend from this past week's Candlemas. A General Blessing of the throats will be offered at the conclusion of masses this weekend.

DINNER EVENT TO BENEFIT PROVIDENCE PREGNANCY CENTER

Providence Pregnancy Center (PPC) will be hosting a Dinner Benefit on Thursday, March 16th, from 5pm-9pm at St. Mary's Center in Scranton. The event will feature guest speaker Pro-Life activist Mark Houck & speakers from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The evening will include live music, delicious food, inspirational stories, & fellowship. Tickets are \$15/person & include event entry & dinner. A cash bar will be available. Reservations will be accepted until March 13 by visiting www.ppcscranton.org/events or by calling Sandy Campell at 570-862-3001.

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS NIGHT AT THE RACES

Join us on Saturday, March 4th, right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria. Doors open at 6pm & post time is 7pm. Horses are \$10 & includes free admission No horse...no problem: Admission is \$5. Food, refreshments, instant bingo, 50/50 drawing, & raffles in between races. Come & shake off the winter blues & enjoy yourself while supporting our organization. Proceeds benefit Youth Scholarships, St. Joseph's Center, Little League team sponsorship, Feed a Friend, Valley Santa, & more. Call Gene at 570-283-1677 for more info., or to have your special horse listed in a race. Or email: swoyk1951@comcast.net. Get your pony in the program, deadline is February 25th. Must be 21 or older to attend.

3rd ANNUAL SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

We would like to announce that we are joining many other Catholic parishes across the United States that are taking part in the Spiritual Adoption Program.

The Social Concerns Committee urges you all--students and adults--to join our Third Spiritual Adoption Program, nine months of prayer leading up to our annual baby shower (which benefits our local Pro-Life Center). This simple, powerful program costs you only a minute of your time every day, but can save the lives of the innocent unborn.

PRAY for one particular, though unknown, baby to be spared from abortion.

CHOOSE A NAME for this child, and write it on the bottom of this form. **Tear it off and place it in the basket by the statue of the Blessed Mother near the elevator.** Sign your name if you wish, or don't if you so desire.

NO ONE WILL CALL YOU. You may adopt more than one baby if you wish.

The **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION** prayer (below) is for you to keep. Take it home and pray for the safety of this child every day in the quiet of your own time.

Throughout your lifetime on Earth, this child will be known only to God, but we believe that in the world to come, you will meet with him or her eternally in Heaven and what a joyful meeting that will be!

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.

I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that
I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the Infant leapt in her womb." (Luke 1:41)

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PLEDGE

I promise to spiritually adopt an unknown baby in danger of abortion by praying 9 months for the life of this child:

Name of your adopted child:	
Your Name (optional):	
(Please place in basket by the Blesse	ed Mother statue near the Confessional)

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Welcome to our Parish!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, gender identity or orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue - You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!



Did you know that married adults live longer lives, have better health, and greater personal happiness? Children who are raised by a married mother and father perform better in school, have fewer addictions, fewer teen pregnancies, and less trouble with the law. Research clearly shows that marriage boosts measures of human well-being for children, women, and men:

- Only 4% of homes with a married mother and father are on food stamps at any given time, while 28% of single-mother homes are on food stamps.
- 78% of married people own their own home, while only 41% of cohabitating adults do.
- Married men benefit from an average annual economic "marriage premium" of at least \$15,900 per year compared to their unmarried peers.

The seismic shift in family structure over the course of the past few decades has broadened income gaps and deepened class divides. The New York Times highlighted sociological evidence of the impact of marriage on wealth, status, health, and happiness in an important article, "Two Classes, Divided by 'I Do". Scholars at the National Marriage Project - a nonpartisan, interdisciplinary initiative at the University of Virginia explain marriage as a "wealth-generating institution," which is true for people of every race.

Research shows that marriage is the unsung antipoverty program. Learn how to get help for yourself, help others or form a marriage committee at www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org.

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Weekly Adoration

Join us Thursday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for Eucharistic Adoration in the church, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome for some time of quiet prayer and reflection.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We Celebrate Confession Saturdays from 3:25pm-3:45pm before the 4:00pm Vigil Mass. You may request confession at any time by calling and making an appointment in the office.

Choir Practice

Join our Senior Choir! We are getting set for Lent and Easter and would love to welcome new voices! Practices on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the choir loft. Join us!

Children's Choir Mondays 5:15 pm in the church. All are Welcome!

5:30pm Sunday Choir welcomes students and young adults to sing with us. See Mr. Coates for more information after mass on Sunday.



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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-HourChild 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.





Lent is coming...

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22. The Ash Wednesday and Lenten Schedules will be in the next edition of the Sentinel.



leaderboards TODAYI



WHO: 32 brave Diocese of Scranton priests, or, as we like to call them, PASTOR CHEFS, on 24 teams!

WHAT: Rectory, Set, Cook! II: Turning Up The Heat!

WHEN: Jan. 10, 2023, through noon on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 21, with winners announced by 5 p.m.

WHERE: Any desktop, laptop or mobile device/cell phone

WHY: To feed the hungry within the Diocese of Scranton while also supporting our parishes.

HOW:

Click on the OUR CHEFS tab. On mobile devices, find this tab by scrolling down to the bottom of the page, past the sponsor logos, to see the pastor chef pages and view the videos.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE USING PHONES:

If you cannot see the videos, click VIEW, then "Read More" (under the small rectangular image beneath "Donate to Vote") to reveal the PLAY key.

- Click on a chef's (or team of chefs') page, select DONATE NOW and make at least a \$10 gift to cast one vote. Cast as many votes as y<mark>ou wish as often as you wish for as many</mark> chefs as you wish!
- Watch your name appear on our donor walls and your pastor chef's/chefs' page! (Or check the anonymous option when donating.)

Collection Report

Weekend of January 22, 2023

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Christmas (additional): \$535.00

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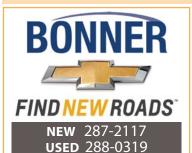




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