SETON SENTINEL

August |13| 2023

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 116 Hughes Street Swoyersville, PA 18704 570-287-6624

Eucharist

Monday—Friday 8:00am Saturday 4:00pm (vigil) Sundays 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:30pm Connect with us:



Intention		<u>Requested by</u>	
Monday, August 14			
8:00am	Leona Mitchell	Daughter, Debbie Sotelo	
4:00pm (vigil)	Margaret Mulaski	Gloria Cywinski & Gerry Rish	
Tuesday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
8:00am	Gillis "Gus" Dubois	Lucille Ontko	
5:30pm	Phyllis Balberchak	Confraternity of Christian Mothers	
Wednesday, August 16			
8:00am	Stephen Hudak	Eleanor Hudak	
Thursday, August 17			
8:00am	Bill Quinn	Wife & Family	
Friday, August 18			
8:00am	Alice Skiengel	Sister Generosa Paszk, OSF	
Saturday, August 19			
4:00pm	Josephine Condon	Rich & Betsy Evanoski	
Sunday, August 20			
8:30am	J. James Gallagher Sr.	Gallagher Family	
11:00am	Joseph & Irene Gulla	Walter & Patricia Cole	
5:30pm	Pro Populo		

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Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Evening Prayer and Benediction conclude the night. All are welcome to come, even just for a quick visit on Thursday evenings here in church.



Special Intentions

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

~~In Memory of *Margaret Kadish* offered by Mary Ann Kosisher

~~In Memory of *Walter Gavlick* offered by Wife & Family

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~~In Memory of Leo C. Venetz offered by wife, Anna Mae
~~In Honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Carmen &
Betsy Perone

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Congratulations and God's blessings upon

~~*Ciera Jean Pierontoni*~~and her family. Ciera will be baptized today after the 11:00am Mass.

Parish Staff

Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105 Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus Deacon John (Jack) Ziegler *Permanent Deacons*

Lori Raymond x100 *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.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

This Tuesday, August 15th is The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in our parish will be on Monday, August 14th at 4:00pm (vigil), Tuesday, August 15th at 8:00am and 5:30pm. Please mark your calendars as we honor Mary in the middle of August.

Our **Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, August 15th**, in observance of the Holy Day.

Farewell, Father Joe

On Sunday, August 27th Father Joe will celebrate his "Amen Celebration" with our parish community. Although Father Joe will hopefully celebrate all weekend masses on August 26/27, there will be a special Eucharist at 11:00am, and then a little picnic after mass to celebrate with a social. You can stop in anytime between 12 Noon and 3p.m. for the picnic. *Sign*-up sheets are on the tables at the entrance of the church to help us get a count of how much food we will need. Everyone is welcome!!!! Please sign up by August 20th.

Knights of Columbus Our KofC are pleased to announce that we are having an *Induction Ceremony* for new members on **Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30pm** in our **church hall**. If anyone is still interested in joining our Knights, it is not too late. Please contact Grand Knight Mark Perugino for more information: 570-262-2896

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our CCM will meet next Sunday, August 20th, at 2pm in our church hall. New members are welcome.

Parish Organizations Covered Dish Dinner

The Social Concerns Committee would like to invite all members of the parish's organizations to a pot-luck dinner on Wednesday, August 16th, at 6:00 PM in the Church Hall. We would like to honor and thank our very dear Pastor, Fr. Joe, who has served us very lovingly and faithfully for the past 12 years. Although this is only a small gesture, it is a token from our hearts to let Father know how very special he is, and how much we appreciate all the support he has given us. We hope you can join us!

PIROHY FOR SALE: <u>FROZEN PIROHY</u> will be available for sale during our Ethnic Platter Dinner on Sunday, August 20th, from noon to 2pm. \$12/dozen, while supplies last.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First, an introduction of sorts, because its been some time since our last greeting. Yes, it's me, the "younger" of the two Priests listed in our bulletin, Father Urban. To begin this epistle of sort, may I take advantage of my usual 3 points, plus one: First, my apologies for not keeping up with "Thank You's" for your kindness to me. Cards, food, visits, all are dear to my heart--never to be forgotten. To all who shared your wishes to me for many occasions, an embrace of Thank You and God Bless You for thinking of me. Too many to mention by name, you inspire me with your kindness and love.

Presently, an epistle of 3 points: 1, Then, 2, Now, 3, the future to come. I hear of many broken hearts for the upcoming transfer of our dear Father Joe. His choice for the title "Fr. Joe" invites an engagement of welcome. Fr. Joe has had a folksy-down-to-earth engagement on us all. His Pastoring has his distinctive touch. Baptism, our Sunday School children, and altar servers, all children attending warmed up to him. Marriages, hospital visits, our many funerals, the choir, Liturgy, all enjoyed his touch. The bane of Pastoral duties is the need to keep fixing things and keeping them in working order. He has done it all, from light fixtures to asphalt parking lots, all in the mesh of keeping God first--while keeping the toilets flushing. No kidding!! He has kept our Liturgies open to all Devotions from guitar to organ meditations, and you get to choose where your call from the Lord leads you. Fr. Joe keeps reminding us to respond to the call of the Lord to come and worship. Now is the time!! The Grace of Priesthood has given him the gift of engaging with others and to come and share their talent with our church community. From teachers to youth groups, Knights of Columbus, choir, Christian Mothers, Holy Name Society, Social Concerns, to working at our festivals. This pastoring keeps our hands working for the building of God's Kingdom here and Now!! Father Joe has led us in the Procession of Life with Jesus in our Seton Journey.

To come: Silent and broken hearts for a while--I mean, Fr. Joe. We will have each other--he will and must--do this all over again!! Father Joe will do what he has been called to do--Move Forward!! It would be nice to leave things as they are, but then God's direction would not be accomplished. "Go, the Lord said, and Preach the Good News to all". Fr. Joe knows that is meant for him, to go where God will plant him. New people, new problems, people who, like here, want their Fr. Joe to stay and be comfortable --with the way things are. St. Paul did this many times--his heart, too, broken again and again. He told his parishioners they would forever be in his heart, but they were to continue the journey of building the Kingdom here and now!!

Father Joe is an example for us to do what St. Paul did-Move Forward! Not easy. But when we do what the Lord invites us to do, we will do His work and continue building His Kingdom. Sounds lofty, doesn't it? It is!! If we do this now, with broken hearts and unanswered questions, but only trust in what is to come--the Providence we are invited to trust, we will be the recipients of a promised Kingdom. God speed, Fr. Joe. You will be in our hearts wherever you may be.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORMS

It's getting close to back- to-school time again, and soon Religious Education classes will begin. **NEW REGISTRATION FORMS must be filled out for each student each year.** You may find the reg-istration forms on the table in the church vestibule, online at setonpa.com, or call Lori at the office to request a form, 570-287-6624 ext 100, or email Lori at setonpa@aol.com Please return forms by September 3rd. You may drop it in the collection basket (notate: Religious Ed on the enve-lope), US mail, email: setonpa@aol.com, or drop off at office, or slide in mail slot. Classes will begin Saturday, Sept. 30th, (9am to 10:15am) and Monday, October 2nd (6pm to 7:15pm).

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!

Community Blood Drive--American Red Cross

Right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Church Hall, on Friday, August 11, 2023, 11am to 4pm. Schedule your appointment today! Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter: SEASP to schedule an appointment.

LifeLine Screening in September

Right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Church hall on Thursday, September 21, 2023. Get your special Community Circle pricing by registering one of 3 ways: Call: 1-800-679-5191, online at LLSA.SOCIAL/ HC, or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

All 4 screenings for \$149: Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, & Atrial Fibrillation.

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE, HARRISBURG

Please attend the third annual Pennsylvania March for Life Rally to be held at our State Capitol in Harrisburg, *Monday, October 16,* 2023. Join the many from across our state in praying, proclaiming, and lobbying for the respect of all human life. Hear great Pro-Life Speakers. Bring your own creative Pro-Life

Signs. Bus transportation will be available by calling Chris Calore at 570-824-5621.



Today's Music				
4,8:30, & 11				
Gath	300 B	The God of All Grace		
Prep	401 B	Christ be Beside Me		
Com	469 B	The Lord Is My Hope		
Send	453 B	O God Our Help in Ages		
5:30				
Gath 565 B		Sing O Sing		
Prep 469 B		The Lord Is My Hope		
Com 359 B		Take and Eat		



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 <u>www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis</u>. 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.

A Note from Father Joe

I have been receiving requests to return for Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals after my departure and the new pastor is in place. I have been deliberating long and hard over those requests and have come to the determination that with the few exceptions of a Baptism and Wedding that are already in the books, it would be best if you would turn to your new pastor for these sacramental needs. It is not that I do not want to be with you during these times, far from it, but when I first arrived it was difficult for me to have priests coming in and out to do weddings, funerals and baptisms in my new parish. In a special circumstance you may ask the new pastor if he would allow me to celebrate a funeral —- but it would be up to him and I would ask that everyone respect his decision. I hope you understand this and respect the new pastor's wishes as we go forward. That being said, if you should for any reason encounter a closed door, you know where to find me. It has been my honor, privilege, and pleasure to be with you in these and all the moments of our lives in the past 12 years. I will treasure the memories and hold you near and dear to my heart always even if we cannot celebrate future events together.



Offerings

Weekend of July 29/30, 2023

REGULAR: \$8237.55 DUES: \$740.00 ASSESSMENT: \$55.00 E-OFFERING (Sunday): \$942.64 E-OFFERING (Dues): \$58.70

DIOCESAN:

Peter's Pence: \$20.00 Care & Education: \$70.00



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