

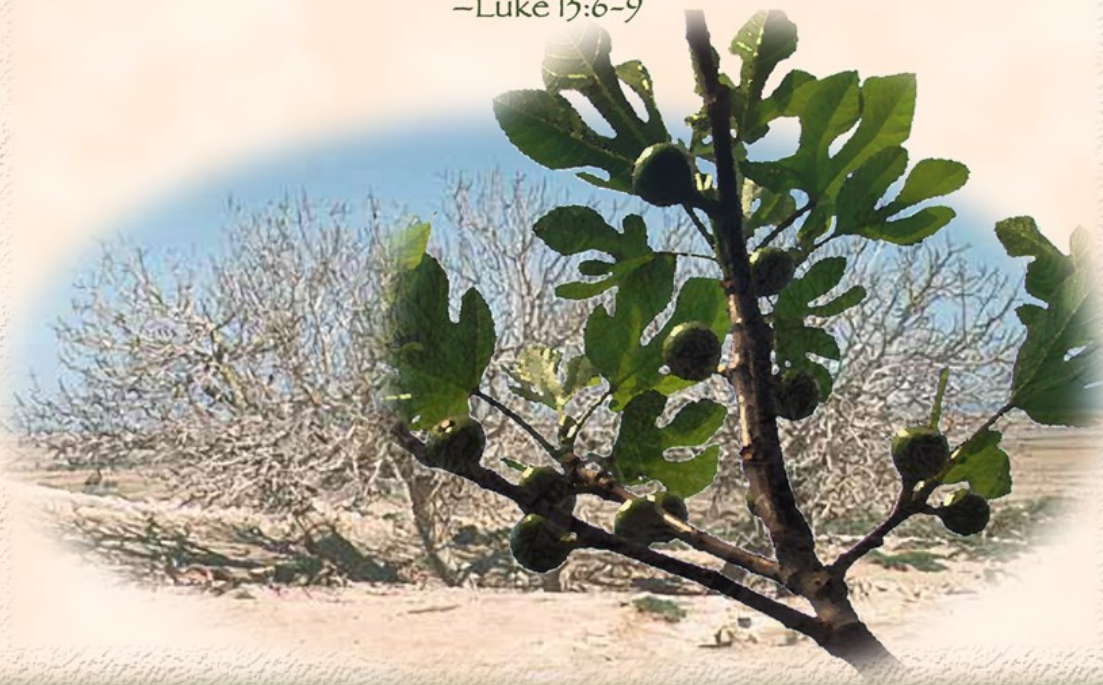
THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Third Sunday of Lent



"... And He began telling this parable:
'A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard;
and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any.'
"And he said to the vineyard-keeper,
'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on
this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down!
Why does it even use up the ground?'
"And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too,
until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;
and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'"
—Luke 13:6-9



March 3 , 2013

Swoyersville, PA



Sunday of Lent

LENTEN PIROHY SALE

Next Tuesday, March 12th, we will be making pirohy, and we need lots of volunteers. Come and help if you can, even if it is just for an hour or two. **Tuesday, March 12th**, come at 7:00AM if you can help ball potatoes, and all others come at 8:30AM. Experienced or not, come and join the fun and help out. (Future Pirohy Sale dates are Tuesdays, March 19 & 26).



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

LENTEN COLLECTION

We are collecting the following items during Lent for the Holy Family Food Pantry: Canned meats (ham, Spam, meatballs), canned spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, tuna, canned ravioli, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese. Please drop food items in the box located near the stairway (left side/St. Anthony side) Thank you!!

SAINTE ELIZABETH ANN SETON

PRAY FOR US!



FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Pray the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this time honored devotion of Lent.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

In response to the Bishop's request, our church doors will be open and the lights on each Monday evening during Lent for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance. Join us Monday evenings between 5:30 and 7:00 for the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and adore the true presence of Christ on the altar. Benediction is at 7:00 p.m. Please use this opportunity or Saturday afternoon from 3:15-3:45 p.m. as the time to make your Easter Duty since there will be no Penance Services for Easter. The earlier you go, the better since we expect big crowds as we get closer to Holy Week. Remember, if these times are not convenient for you, you may make an appointment for individual confession at anytime by contacting Father at the parish office. Again, Holy Week is quite hectic so do not wait until the last minute. The last formal time for Confessions before Easter will be on Monday, March 25th from 5:30–7:00 p.m.



SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

*Soup and Scripture
Continues...*



If you have not yet been to Soup and Scriptures this year, there is still time. Join us this Thursday at around 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you are not able to make it exactly at 6:00, come to hear the presentation which begins about 6:45 p.m. *If you would like to bring a pot of your favorite soup to share, it would be most welcome.* This week our presenter is **Rev. Paul Metzloff**, pastor of **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** in Kingston. We are pleased to be able to share one of the things we have in common with our brothers and sisters of the various denominations in our community who use the same Lectionary as we do each week. It is refreshing to get another perspective on the Scriptures for this coming Sunday. Everyone is most welcome, join us!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Holy Name Society will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our parish, ages 1 to 8 years old, on Saturday, March 16th at 1:00PM, RAIN or SHINE. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

This is THE Holiest Week of the Entire Christian Year and we invite you to join us for the Liturgies of Holy Week. This year is the 1st time we will be celebrating these days as one parish.

Holy Thursday, March 28th

Liturgy of the Hours: (**Lauds**) 8:30 a.m. proceeded by the regular morning rosary and devotions.

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.
Private Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29th

Lauds 8:30 a.m. (see above)

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified 2:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 30th

Lauds 8:30 a.m.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets—in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The Great Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

note there are no masses at 4:00 or 5:30 today

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Masses:

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

COLLECTION FEBRUARY 16/17

SUNDAY: \$8683.75 DUES: \$1642.00
OTHER: \$20.00 LOOSE: \$292.42
TOTAL: \$10,638.17

Camp. For Human Development: \$25.00

COLLECTION FEBRUARY 23/24

SUNDAY: \$7534.00 DUES: \$698.00
LOOSE: \$386.17 OTHER: \$35.00
TOTAL: \$8653.17

SAVE THE DATES



Our Confraternity of Catholic Women will conduct a **Spring Rummage Sale** April 8th, 9th, 10th, and 13th. Collection Days will be April 1-2-3. (three days only). There will be more information in upcoming bulletins.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

PRAY FOR US!

MEETINGS:

All candidates of the Confirmation class, Sunday, March 3rd, at 5pm-6:30pm, in the church hall.

Art & Environment Meeting: Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Parents of the First Holy Communion class, Wednesday, March 6th, at 7:00pm in the church hall.

FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass will be held next Sunday at the 10:00AM Mass. All are welcome. Please join us after Mass for a light social in the school cafeteria.

REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

Regional Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trip to Almost Heaven, Habitat for Humanity "Blitz Build 2013"

Sunday, July 21st-Saturday, July 27th, 2013

80 youth & adults from across the Diocese of Scranton will join together with Regional Youth Ministry this summer for our "Blitz Build 2013". (building one house in one week) Our total donation in fundraising and family contributions to Habitat this year is \$20,000.00 to help a family have affordable housing.

DONATIONS REQUESTED:

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| Cases of water | powdered drink mix | snack packs |
| cookies | boxed brownie mix | pierogies |
| frozen meatballs | syrup | cereal |

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood, Hanover Twp., is having a **SOUP, BAKE, AND BOOK SALE** on Thursday, March 7, from 8AM to 6PM. Clam chowder & piggy soup are \$7.00 per quart. Take outs only. Call Barry to pre-order at 831-5593.

HAM AND CABBAGE DINNER

Holy Family Parish, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch, will hold a Ham & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 9th in the church hall, 4pm-7pm. Takeouts available at 3PM. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets available at the door or call 822-8983.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Holy Family Parish in Luzerne is having a Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, March 10, 2013, from 12noon-4pm. Tickets are \$8.00/adults and \$4.00/children under 10. Take-outs will be available and containers will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERTS

The first concert is on Sunday, March 10th, at St. Therese's Church in Shavertown, at 3PM. The second concert is at St. Patrick's Parish, 1403 Jackson St., Scranton, on Tuesday, March 12th, at 7PM. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. Call (570)575-1040 for more information, or on the web at www.catholicchoralsociety.org



SETON BUS TRIP-Seats Still Available

A bus trip is being planned for parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, to visit the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. We will visit the Basilica, the tomb of St. Elizabeth, historical sites, museum, see a brief film on her life, visit the gift shop, prayer walkway and chapel. (Hopefully we can celebrate mass there.) There will be a buffet dinner nearby in Thurmont, Maryland. You can register for the trip by enclosing \$40.00 in a plain envelope, c/o Chris Calore, trip coordinator. You can drop it in the collection basket, or bring or mail it to the rectory. Please include your phone number. Checks should be made out to Chris Calore. Join us for this spiritual spring trip!

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all *Fridays of Lent

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics over the age of 18 to their 60th year. Those bound by this may only take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal practices.

(Those who are ill, pregnant, on medication or special diets for health concerns, or those who work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations)

CATHOLIC TOUR LLC, has secured air & land arrangements for parishioners to be present at the Vatican Piazza for the upcoming Papal Conclave & Election in Rome, Italy. Await the "White Smoke" & the first appearance of our "New" Holy Father on the Balcony. Price is \$2869.00 all inclusive from Newark, NJ airport from March 16-24. Call toll free 1-877-627-4268 for more info.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, March 4th

8:00 a.m. Leonard Kolojejchick Family

Tuesday, March 5th

8:00 a.m. Mary Roccograndi Family

Wednesday, March 6th

8:00 a.m. Catherine Gula Rose & Jerry Sullivan

Thursday, March 7th

8:00 a.m. John Kovaleski Felix Wawer & Son, Felix

Friday, March 8th

8:00 a.m. Pauline Tobin Kopicki Family

Saturday, March 9th**Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

4:00 p.m. Thomas Matushek & Family Mike & Jean Sternick

5:30 p.m. Concetta Bartoli Family

Sunday, March 10th**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 a.m. John R. Shaner Wife & Family

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. Lottie B. Chipego Robert Chipego & Family

BAPTISM SUNDAY Congratulations and God's Blessings upon the family of *Eva Marie Kester*, who will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

- ~ In Memory of Josephine Ritondo
- ~ In Memory of Robert Rish

PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE MARCH 9-10

4:00 p.m. Fr. Urban

5:30 p.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

8:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 a.m. Fr. Urban

11:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

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Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

- Rev. Joe Pisaneschi Pastor
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Brian Williams Regional Youth Minister
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance

Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The next celebration of the Sacrament will be after Easter at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated in 2014 by one of the Diocesan Bishops. Children must be consecutively registered in our Religious Education Program to be eligible to receive.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the paper work necessary.

Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact one of the Priests or the Deacon.

Penance

Saturday from 3:15 p.m.-3:50 p.m. During Lent, Monday's 5:30-7:00 p.m. Other times by request.

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

If you or a relative or friend is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or is homebound. Please contact the Parish Office for a Pastoral Visit. Holy Communion is brought to those who request it on First Fridays.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30-4:00
Closed Holidays and Holy Days

Direct Contacts

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684
Regional Youth Ministry Office: 570-288-6446
Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587
Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
Youth Ministry email: SJBrian2aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 p.m.