

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA



“And when I am lifted from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”

John 12-33

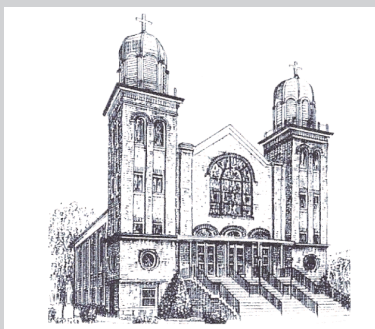
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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2015

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Monday– Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all
Holy Days of Obligation and
Federal Holidays.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

New to the area? Just visiting? You will find a warm welcome here! To become a registered member, please call the parish office during regular business hours.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday Evening is the last for this Lent's Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation. Join us Monday Evening from 5:30–7:00 pm by preparing for Easter with sacramental confession and a period of silence before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Stop by anytime from 5:30 on... Please note there will **not** be confessions or adoration on Monday, March 30 of Holy Week.

BAPTISM SESSION

The next Baptism class will be held this Tuesday, March 24th, at 6:30pm in the church hall. Expectant parents and new parents who are planning to have their baby's Baptism soon, and have not previously attended a Baptism class before, are asked to call Lori at the office to register for the class.

AWAKENING FAITH: *Reconnecting with Your Catholic Faith.* Final Session for the Lenten Season is this Thursday at 6:30p.m. in the church hall.

FRIDAY, March 27

The Final Stations of the Cross for this Lenten Season will be prayed Friday at 7:00 p.m. with Eucharistic Benediction.

Our Final Lenten Sale is this Friday, March 27th-**Pirohy. \$7/dozen.** Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Lots of help will be needed making the *Pirohy* as we expect this to be a large order. Ballers for potatoes please come at 7:00 a.m. Others, anytime after 8:30. Share in the camaraderie and fun this Friday in the school cafeteria! Lunch will be served.

SATURDAY, March 28

11:00 am, Art and Environment Committee decorating the church for Palm Sunday. All members are asked to be present.

On Saturday, April 4th, lots of help will be needed to get the church ready for The Easter Vigil and Easter Masses. We especially need men who can climb ladders and lots of help carrying props and flowers in the church. Please come and help at 10:30 a.m. next Saturday. Also, a good opportunity for Confirmation students who are still in need of Confirmation Service Hours for the Church this year.

FOR PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Please take some palm as you arrive next weekend at mass as it will be blessed during the mass. You are welcome to take more (if available) as you leave. Palms will not be blessed unless you are at mass.

ALL ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS, EXTRA ORDINARY

MINISTERS, Please check the Holy Week Schedule carefully to be sure you are present at the masses you are assigned or find a substitute. Thank you.

USHERS—Please do not forget those sitting in the balcony for Holy Week and Easter Masses. Someone should take responsibility and see to it that it is taken care of at each mass.

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Expecting or new parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make the arrangements and if necessary, attend the Pre-Baptismal Session. The celebration of the Sacrament is usually held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. This year Bishop Dougherty will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible (no less than 6 months prior) to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work. The dates at the Church are not guaranteed until an actual meeting with the pastor takes place.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. or anytime by request

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish Priest, day or night. When someone is very ill please do not wait to call the priest. It is better to have the sacrament of the sick sooner rather than at the last minute.

For ordinary sick calls (Non-Emergency):

Please notify the Parish Social Ministry Office at (570) 763-5160 if you would like a parish representative to visit a family member who is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home. In compliance with HIPAA regulations (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), health care facilities are required to protect the confidentiality and security of health data. Therefore, the only way that the parish can be informed of someone needing assistance is through notification by a family member or friend.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

9:00 am Morning Prayer, **9:30 am** Confessions, **7:00 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper, Adoration until 11:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3rd

9:00 am Morning Prayer, **9:30 am** Confessions, **2:00 pm** Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

Holy Saturday, April 4th

9:00 am Morning Prayer, **9:30 am** Confessions, **2:00 pm** Blessing of the Easter Baskets (gym), **8:00 pm** The Great Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 5th Masses

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30 am, and 5:30 pm

These are the Holiest Days of the Year. Please join our parish family in worship as often as you can. Keep the days Holy, by prayer and fasting and then rejoicing. Morning Prayer is a beautiful way to mark each of these special days. Join us at 9:00 Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The liturgy takes about 15 minutes.

ALTAR SERVER'S PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK:

-Practice for Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 4:15 pm on Thursday, April 2nd in the church.

-Practice for Good Friday, Mass of the Pre-Sanctified will be at 10:30 am on Friday, April 3rd in the Church.

-Practice for the Easter Vigil will be held at 1:15 pm on Saturday, April 4th in the church.

Please be present for the practices. These ceremonies are different from our weekly liturgies and preparation is required. Thank you.

MONDAY RELIGIOUS ED MAKE UP DAY

Because there were so many Monday classes missed because of bad weather, we have scheduled a make-up day on Monday, April 6th, Easter Monday. Please be advised that CCD will be held at the regular time that day. All students are encouraged to be present but we must strongly recommend that our 2nd and 8th grade students be there as they prepare for the spring sacraments.

E-mail

The US POST OFFICE will not accept the BULK MAIL that we wish to send out to our parishioners from time to time. As a result, as much as we can, we would like to rely on EMAIL. To help us in this effort, would you consider writing your EMAIL address on your next Sunday's Offering Envelope? This would be used to communicate important information about our parish and announcements that would be useful to you. We will not share your information with anyone else. Just print it neatly above your name and address on the envelope and we'll enter it into our system. Thank you for considering this request. You could also send us an email with your name and envelope number to seton.swoy@aol.com and we'll get it that way as well.

Parish Staff

- Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir
- Phil Bosha
Maintenance
- Chris Calore
Maintenance
- Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician
- Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
- Terry Jankoviak
Director of Faith Formation
- Margaret Loveless
Acting Dir. of Religious Ed.
- Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
Pastor
- Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate
- Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist
- Monica Salis
Business Manager
- Marge Semanek
Director of Music
- Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

Direct Contacts

- Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
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- Faith Formation Office:
570-287-4587
- Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
- Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
pray for us!**

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The CCM will meet this Sunday, March 22nd, at 2pm in our church hall. President Susan Bayer requests ALL women who work at the Rummage Sale to please attend. Hostesses for this meeting are Martha Dougalas and JoAnn Baker. The Rummage Sale **Donation Days** are Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, April 13, 14, and 15 from 8am to 6pm. **All donations are to be dropped off at the School Gymnasium.**

The Rummage Sale Days are: Monday, April 20, 9am to 6pm, Tuesday, April 21, from 9am to 3pm (\$2/bag day) and Wednesday, April 22, from 9am to 3pm (\$1/bag day). Call Susan at 763-5944 if you have any questions.

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE

The March 29th Collection for the Parish Groups will benefit the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Altar Guild this month. The Altar Guild provides for many needs of our parish liturgies: Hosts and Wine for Mass, Sacristy Supplies, missalettes, music supplies, liturgical books, vestments, vessels, linens, and much more. The envelope appears in your offertory envelope sets. Your support is very much appreciated.

Cemetery Clean-Up Time

It's that time of year to clean-up the cemeteries and prepare for spring and grass-cutting season. We ask that you please remove all items (this includes wreaths, any artificial flowers, statues of any kind, candle or solar vigil lights and theme flags) from the grave sites by April 30th. This does not include the American flag. This is not only a Diocesan Cemetery rule, but a safety issue. All Diocesan rules are posted at each cemetery. After this date all items will be removed and discarded. Please note, we are not responsible for any items left at the grave sites after April 30th. Thank you for your cooperation.

Divine Mercy Sunday

A Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy will be take place Sunday, April 12th, 2015, at St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin Road, Laflin, Pa. In this year of Consecrated Life, Saint Faustina will be honored on the fifteenth anniversary of her Canonization. Prayers will be offered for all who likewise dedicate their lives to Christ and His Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 1:00 pm. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by Holy Mass. Celebrants for the Mass will be Msgr. Neil J. Van Loon, Pastor, and Father Richard J. Cirba, Homilist. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 3:00 pm, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, the Rosary, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and individual blessing with a first class relic of St. Faustina. Coordinator for the event is Cathy Mack. All are welcome.

**COLLECTION REPORT
MARCH 7/8, 2015**

SUNDAY: \$8081.50	DUES: \$2561.00
LOOSE: \$400.76	E-giving (online) \$389.32
Holy Days: \$5.00	Other : \$125.00
TOTAL: \$11,562.58	

May God bless you for your generosity!

The First Annual Catholic Men’s Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on April 25, 2015, at King’s College, Wilkes-Barre. The event will feature 2 nationally known speakers: Fr. Larry Richards, author of **Be A Man**, and Damon Owens of the Theology of the Body Institute. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as devotional prayers. Exhibitors will present a full array of Catholic books, publications, CDs, and ministry opportunities. Save the date & plan to join Bishop Bambera, many clergy, & all faithful brothers who will participate in an effort to build up the church. Invite your friends, brothers, sons & grandsons. For more information contact Michael Kilmer, Chairman, at michaelkilmer71@gmail.com or call 746-0100.

Wyoming Area Catholic School
 Join us for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday, March 29th, 10:30am to 12:00pm at Wyoming Area Catholic School, 1690 Wyoming Ave., Exeter. Event is free and open to all children 3 years old through 2nd grade. RSVP 654-7982.

Also, on March 29th at 3:00pm, our 8th Grade students will present **The Living Stations** at St. Cecilia’s Church (St. Barbara Parish). We invite everyone to attend and experience this beautiful re-enactment of our Lord’s Passion and Death.

NEW EASTER PLAY: PORTRAITS OF THE PASSION: PASSION PLAY 2015—Friday, March 27th, 7:30pm at St. John the Baptist Church, Larksville. A meditative journey through the art world’s depiction of Jesus’ Cross & Resurrection. Rev. Gerald Gurka directs his new original script. Open to the public. Refreshments & fellowship in the church hall afterwards.

Slovak Heritage Society presents a Lenten Slovak Hymn-Sing, Traditional Stations of the Cross in Slovak, Sunday, March 22nd at 2pm at St. Mary’s Church, 134 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre. Call Magdalen Benish for information at 823-1222.

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
Gathered & Growing: In a world that demands our undivided attention to be divided among a thousand different things in a thousand different ways, it is easy to feel disoriented & scattered. This unsettledness is particularly an issue for young adults, who are just starting to make their way into the world, and finding it much more complex place than they may have imagined. If you are a young adult ages 21-35, and feel scattered, confused, stressed, or just longing for an experience of community, please join us for a time of food & faith sharing. Gathered & Growing will meet at St. Ignatius Parish in Conlan Hall, Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30pm. This will be potluck, so bring a dish. Come to share, come to laugh, come to eat, but most importantly come as you are.

Fr. Joseph Sibilano, 50 Year Jubilee Celebration of the Priesthood

Sunday, April 19th, 4:00pm Mass at St. Anthony’s Church of the parish of St. Barbara, Exeter. Dinner reception at 5:30pm at St. Anthony’s Center, Exeter. Reservations are \$35.00 per person. Mail reservations to: Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Attn: Denise Adams, 1880 Highway 315, Pittston, PA 18640. Make checks payable to: Oblates of St. Joseph. Reservations are due by April 7th. Questions? Call Ann Marie Ofcharsky 821-5789 or Ann Alfano 905-5225. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

YOUTH FOR LIFE ART & ESSAY CONTEST 2015

Students from grades 7 to 12 are invited to enter the 2015 Youth for Life Art and Essay Contest sponsored by Pennsylvanians for Human Life. The theme is “Human Life is Precious in All its Stages.” Prizes are awarded to winners in a senior and junior division for the essay contest while in the art contest, all grades are combined. Three \$100 first prizes, three \$60 second prizes and three \$30 third prizes (one for each category) are awarded. Essays MUST be from 400 to 600 words typewritten or legibly handwritten. **The deadline for entries is May 13, 2015.** Please mail entries to: Youth for Life Contest, Pro-Life Information Center, 506 Broadway, Scranton, PA 18505. If you have questions, please call Sue at 570-343-5099.

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 but not yet 59. 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)

*In the United States, the bishops have asked Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

Holy Eucharist Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Frances Sopata John, Sheree, & Jonathan Stack

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Ralph Conflitti Fraternal Order of the Eagles

Wednesday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Richard Kormos John, Kim, & Shelby Jackloski

Thursday, March 26

8:00 a.m. Jeannie Butcher Rich & Diane Nemetz

Friday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Janice Burda Richard Burda & Family

Saturday, March 28 (vigil: The Passion of the Lord (Palm) Sunday)

4:00 p.m. Marie Shampack McCarroll Family

5:30 p.m. Rose & Leo Wiliszewski Family

Sunday, March 29 Passion (Palm) Sunday

8:30 a.m. Deborah A. Mastrini Barbara Franchella

10:00 a.m. Teresa Gonglefski Sister, Justina Charney

11:30 a.m. Raymond C. Vanyo Jim & Mary Beth Siracuse

5:30 p.m. **Pro Populo**



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~ In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents

~ In Memory of Louis Hovanec offered by Family



IN MEMORIAM~~Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them~~**SSGT Eugene H. Waymire**~~**Christopher Emmert**~~**Edward Silvent**~~May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.

Presider's Schedule

March 28-29

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi
 5:30 pm Fr. Urban
 8:30 am Fr. Sibilano, OSJ
 10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi
 11:30 am Fr. Urban
 5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

