

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

The Seton Sentinel

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2014

Swoyersville, PA

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#### Festival Weekend

If you are reading this bulletin Saturday afternoon or evening, we hope to see you at the Festival tonight! If you are reading this Sunday or later, THANK YOU for your support and for all of our volunteers who came out and helped in any way, shape, or form in making this year's festival happen. We will have a complete wrap-up of the events in a future edition of *The Sentinel*.



#### FESTIVAL CLEAN-UP

We still need your help! Come today after the 11:30 a.m. Mass and help us tear-down from the Festival. Also, if you can come out Monday morning your help would be appreciated as well. We could use some strong arms and back to help with the lifting and carrying. Young, strong men are particularly encouraged to come out and lend a hand. THANKS!

## <u>Dismantling/Clean-up for the Festival:</u>

Sunday, July 13th 12:30-4pm Monday, July 14th 9am-3pm Tuesday, July 15th 9am-3pm Wednesday, July 16th 9am-3pm

### COLLECTION REPORT JUNE 21/22, 2014

SUNDAY: \$6761.50 DUES: \$780.00 LOOSE: \$416.74 HOLY DAYS: \$5.00

TOTAL: \$7963.24

JUNE 28/29, 2014

SUNDAY; \$8009.45 DUES: \$700.00 LOOSE: \$461.65 EASTER: \$25.00

TOTAL: \$9196.10

**DIOCESAN:** PETER'S PENCE \$953.10

May God bless you for your generosity!



#### **NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. ANN**

The Annual 9-Day Novena in Honor of St. Ann will be prayed after all weekday 8:00 a.m. Masses in our parish beginning Friday, July 18th. On the weekend, we encourage you to make the novena at home by taking home the prayer sheets. There will be a special mass on Saturday, July 26th to conclude the novena on the Feast of Sts. Ann and Joachim, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are doing this because so many of you have great devotion to St. Ann and you will not have to drive to Scranton for the Feast Day Mass.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Our VBS will be held on Monday-Friday, July 28th to August 1st. Registration forms are available on the tables at the church entrance. Please call Mrs. Jankoviak at 287-4587 for more information.



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO <u>EVERYONE</u> WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME, TALENT, ENERGY, and TREASURES: the pirohy & piggy-makers and all those involved in the kitchen, those who came out to help build the stands and set-up, all who donated the beautiful theme baskets, big prizes, festival paper/condiments supplies, cash donations; thanks to our sign sponsors & everyone who returned their raffle tickets. Thank you to **everyone** who has worked so hard to help make Festival 2014 a great success! God bless you all!



By Dr. Scott Hahn
The Word's Return

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 65:10-14 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel, especially.

Again we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in the which the Word can grow and bear fruit.

As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land, to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1).

The firstfruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a "new creation" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the firstfruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13).

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17-19; 5:29). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading.

His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness.

And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10)—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology www.SalvationHistory.com

The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Day of Recollection will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Meadowside Rd., Mt. Pocono, PA. The day will begin at 8:00 A.M. and conclude by 2:30 P.M. There will be a spiritual talk, reconciliation, mass, prayer time and a rosary. Monsignor Vincent Grimalia will be the spiritual director. The fee is \$35 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Please mail your reservation with payment to: Helen Oravec, Treasurer, 814 Theresa St., Peckville, PA 18452. Contact Mary Lloyd, President at 570-578-6720 if additional information is required.



#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

We will soon be scheduling our next session for Baptismal Preparation for all parents who want to schedule a future baptism for a child. Please call Lori at the office to register for this brief session on the Sacrament. Expectant parents are most welcome to join us!



- 2 lower level tickets to the New England Patriots vs. the Oakland Raiders NFL game on Sunday, September 21 at 1 p.m.
- \$100 Visa\* gift card
- Lodging and breakfast September 19 and 20 at the Four Points by Sheraton Norwood Hotel (just a 10 minute drive from Gilette Stadium, home of the Patriots!)
- \$100 gift card to Patriot Place Shopping, Dining, and Entertainment Center

For chances, please call 570-343-4065 or visit www.littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org.

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#### **Our Friends in the Fields**

Hundreds of migrant farm workers will be making their annual journey to farms in our area this summer. Some have arrived in early May to begin cultivating the crops, with the bulk of the workers arriving in early August to pick the crops. Until September, they will be working long hours in the fields under the hot sun to pick the vegetables and fruits that will eventually be placed on our dinner tables. Many of the donations received are provided to the migrant farm workers who move to northeastern Pennsylvania to work in various types of agriculture. For example: picking fruits and vegetables, working in nurseries, Christmas tree farms and food processing plants. Donations are distributed to the workers through the Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program.

#### Items to be donated:

Bath Towels

Deodorant

Wash Cloths

Shampoo

**Shaving Cream** 

Bandanas

**Razors** 

**Toothbrushes** 

Toothpaste

Light colored Sun hats (baseball caps) for working in the fields

Sun protection cream

Blankets

T-shirts – long sleeve (sizes M & L)

Socks

Blankets for those that stay through October Travel pillows

Thank you for helping our friends in the fields.

Parishioners and Friends: A box has been placed at the church entrance (near the Food Pantry Box) for your donations. We will be collecting until August 3rd.

# Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or accessed on the Service and Social Concerns webpage on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. Questions concerning this Mass may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570/207-2213, ext. 1130.

# Grandma's Attic, July 31, Aug. 1 & 2 At St. Ignatius Church, Kingston

The sale begins in Conlan Hall on Thursday, July 31, from 8am-1pm and 6pm-8pm, Friday, Aug 1, from 8am-1pm and Saturday, Aug 2, from 8am-noon. Bake sale & food items will be available for lunch. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods can drop them off Thursday or Friday from 8am-11am.

### SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

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 of friend.

# Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekawitha

8:00 a.m. Joseph J. Hawk, Sr. Ralph & Barbara Romanowski, Sr.

Tuesday, July 15 St. Bonaventure

8:00 a.m. Szczucki, Cecconi, & Monahan Families Family
Wednesday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00 a.m. Lillian Jackloski Family

Thursday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Dorothy A. Buzitsky Gary & Mary Ann Isbitski

Friday, July 18

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Milunic M/M Andrew Slavish

Saturday, July 19 (vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00 p.m. Charles & Edna Romanoski Children 5:30 p.m. Joe & Nora Pisack Children

Sunday, July 20 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Joseph N. Rosentel Sons & Families

10:00 a.m. In Honor of the Rusnak Family

11:30 a.m. Richard E. Mizenko Mary Ann Romanowski



#### SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~In Memory of John A. Charney offered by Wife, Theresa & Children

~In Memory of Frank Kukish offered by Wife, Helen & son, Richard



#### ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~In Memory of John & Helen Kraynak offered by Daughter, Joan



#### Celebrant's Schedule

July 19-20

4:00pm Fr. Urban 5:30pm Fr. Pisaneschi

8:30am Fr. Ray 10:00am Fr. Urban

11:30am Fr. Pisaneschi

### Scripture for the week of July 13, 2014

**13 SUN** Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**14 Mon** Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1

**15 Tue** Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

**16 Wed** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

**17 Thu** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30

**18 Fri** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8

**19 Sat** Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

**20 SUN** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



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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.

# **Reconciliation**

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

# Parish Staff

• Cora Artim Children & Contemporary Groups

Phil Bosha MaintenanceChris Calore Maintenance

• Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Parish Social Minister

• Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation

• 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

#### Welcome to our Parish!

Actual Parish Membership begins by contacting the parish office.

#### **CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS**

#### **Baptism**

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. The celebration of the Sacrament is held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

#### Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated for 8th grade students next spring.

<u>Matrimony</u>

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

#### **Holy Orders**

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

### 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. With the priest shortage there is no guarantee that a priest will be available at the last minute, even in the hospitals.

#### **Direct Contacts**

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane) 570-763-5160

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Friday for the next weekend's bulletin