

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Seton Sentinel

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2014

Swoyersville, PA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Do you have a child with a learning disability especially-ADD, ADHD, autism, Asperger's Syndrome- or know a family of a child experiencing these disabilities? There is a regional religious education program for these children at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston. If you would like more information or are interested in this program, please call Carmella Faust at 570-287-3682 or email: religiouseducation1@yahoo.com

PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES

We do not know if someone is in a nursing facility, unless a family member contacts us. Please remember to contact us as soon as your loved one is admitted to a nursing facility, so they can be anointed by Fr. Joe. Even if the person is not actively dying, they should be anointed. Due to the shortage of priests, you shouldn't wait to the last minute. **If you do have an emergency call, please call the parish office. If there is no answer, leave a message on Fr. Joe's voice mail.**



Our Friends in the Fields

A box has been placed at the church entrance (near the Reconciliation Room) for your donations. Today is the final day we will be accepting donations. Thank you to all who have helped the migrant workers!

COLLECTION REPORT

JULY 19/20, 2014

SUNDAY: \$6966.00 DUES: \$1694.00

LOOSE: \$ 469.70

TOTAL: \$9129.70

DIOCESAN: Peter's Pence: \$1.00

May God bless you for your generosity!



ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

**By Dr. Scott Hahn
Sinking Fear**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)
Food in Due Season

Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18

Romans 8:35,37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

In Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in today's First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of baptism (see John 4:14). The hungry delight in rich fare - given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table.

This is the point, too, of today's Gospel. The story of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 brims with allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David-like shepherd who leads His flock to lie down on green grass as He spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them (see Psalm 23).

Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise feeds vast crowds in a deserted place. Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did - satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over (see 2 Kings 4:42-44).

Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the 5,000 as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper - He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it (see Matthew 26:26).

Jesus instructed His apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him. And the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account. Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves." Indeed, the apostles themselves distribute the bread blessed by Jesus (see Matthew 15:36).

And the leftovers are enough to fill precisely 12 baskets - corresponding to each of the apostles, the pillars of the Church (see Galatians 2:9; Revelation 21:14).

In the Church, as we sing in today's Psalm, God gives us food in due season, opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Now, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

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

LITTLE BETHLEHEM RELIGIOUS ARTICLE SALE

This weekend, after all the masses, Little Bethlehem, an organization that helps Christians in the Middle East and the Holy Land, are offering religious articles carved from olive wood. Everything you buy goes to help Christians in that part of the world. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

The Social Concerns Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at 7pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

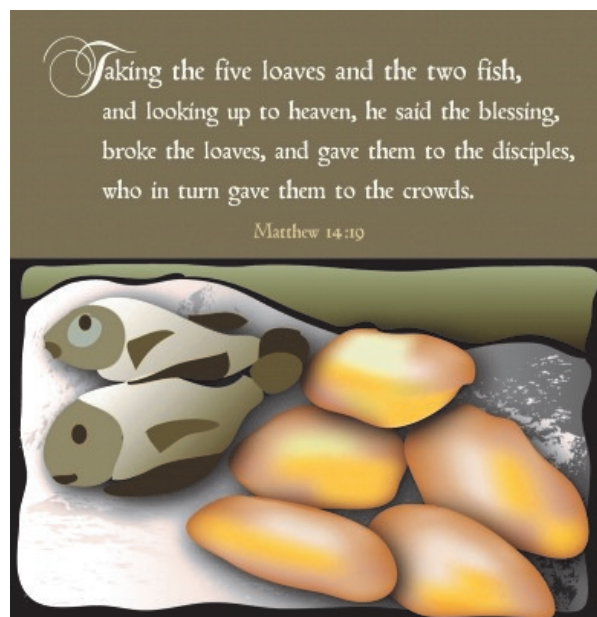
Our next Baptism class will be held on Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30PM in the church hall. Please call Lori at the office to register for this brief session on the Sacrament. Expectant parents are most welcome to join us!

STEWARDSHIP

Our Parish has received its annual assessment from the Diocese of Scranton for the 2014-2015 fiscal year which began on July 1, 2014. We are required to pay \$129,381.00 for the year to the Diocese. Monthly, that is \$11,781.75. This is in addition to our Assessment for Catholic Schools which is an additional \$107,550.00 this year or \$8,962.50 per month. Both monthly assessments total \$19,744.25. We are also committed to sustaining and developing a number of important ministries in our parish as well as more programs for evangelization and spiritual education, enhancement, and social service yet to be developed. We are asking for everyone's prayerful support and continued responsible stewardship to achieve these important fiscal realities. NOTE: All improvements that are done to the parish campus are funded by the parish memorial fund/savings. Profit from the Annual Parish Festival and Weekly Collections are used solely to keep the parish running.

COMING PROJECTS

In order to provide a proper place for the corner stones for all the parishes, there will be a permanent memorial constructed on the right side of the church where Holy Trinity's corner stone is located. All three corner stones will be displayed with the original church bell from St. Mary's in the center of the stones. We were able to save the bell before the raising of the church last year. On the opposite side of the church we will match the construction with a sculpture of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton which has been commissioned. The new landscaping will feature memorial bricks which will be available for your purchase and inscriptions very shortly. Watch the bulletin for details. We hope to commence this project this month with its completion sometime in the fall. We are also looking into improving the lighting in the church building and replacing the carpets which are beginning to show their age after 20 years of wear. More information on these projects as we get closer to achieving them.



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 or friend.



Divine Mercy for the Queenship of the Blessed Mother in the Berkshires, Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Friday, August 22nd~Meet at Oblates of St. Joseph~ Arrive before 7:15am~Coffee & Donuts~ Bus leaves 7:30am~One rest on way~ Bring lunch & drinks~ Mass & whole day at the shrine~ Giftshop~ Bus leaves Shrine at 4:30PM~Dinner on your own~ Return arrival time 9:30-10:00PM.

Call 570-287-8431~Cost is \$39.00

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul's Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre, needs volunteers for the food bank on Tuesdays, 5-6pm for filling & stocking shelves & food distribution. Please call Mike for more info. at 829-7796.

Son Treasure Island Vacation Bible School

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, will hold VBS from Monday, August 4th-8th, from 9:30am -Noon. This is a fun week-long adventure where the kids will discover God's greatest treasure (His Love). It is open to the community, pre-school-6th grade. Please call Elana Herceg at 570-256-4390 with questions or to register.

St. Faustina Events: Chicken BBO, Sunday, Aug. 17th, from noon-3pm, \$9/advance tickets suggested.

Crabfest 2014, Friday, Aug. 29th, 6-10pm, Crabs, order of shrimp, & clams plus more, \$40/advance tickets only (by Aug. 23rd). St. Faustina Grove, 145 Old Newport St., Sheatown. Call Mike at 570-417-3878 or Ed at 570-825-0130.

New Pierogie Wedding Play: A Red Neck Pierogie Wedding at Foodington Abbey. Date: Sunday, August 10th Place: St. John the Baptist Church Picnic Grounds, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville Time: 2pm. Rev. Gurka directs his new outdoor play which includes audience participation. Open to the public. *Join our Parish Picnic afterwards!*

Swoyersville Kiwanis Golf Tournament

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring its 15th annual golf tournament on Sunday, August 10 1:00 PM at Four Seasons Golf Course, Exeter. The format is captain and crew with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Cost is \$70/golfer and includes green fees, cart, dinner, prizes and refreshments. There will be a longest drive hole and 50-50 hole. Proceeds benefit ongoing community and youth group projects. To register call Gene at 283-1677 or Barb at 287-8783. Deadline is August 4.

"Moses" at Sight & Sound Theatre

Fr. Kevin Mulhern, Pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine & Exaltation of the Holy Cross Churches, invites you to join him on Wednesday, August 13th, on a trip to see "Moses" at Sight & Sound Theatre. Cost for adults is \$80, Youth is \$40. For more information, contact Dominick at 570-706-6951.

IHM SISTERS

In honor of the IHM Sisters, the Sisters of IHM Foundation is hosting a special event on August 9, 2014 to benefit the IHM Retirement Fund, *IHM Sisters Celebration: Remembering Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Planning Our Future.*

The IHM Sisters Celebration will be held on the Marywood University campus. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and include a dinner reception followed by a program. Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn will be the Master of Ceremonies and P. J. Carlesimo, who was formerly taught by IHM sisters at the Chapel School, Scranton, PA, will be the guest speaker.

Reservations are \$100/person. To make your reservation, call the IHM Development Office at 570-346-5431. To learn more about the Sisters of IHM Foundation or to make an online donation through the foundation, visit www.helpihmsisters.com.

Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 4	St. John Vianney	
8:00 a.m.	Kathy Mochin	Marie Pesta & Family
Tuesday, August 5	St. Mary Major Basilica	
8:00 a.m.	Daniel J. Balberchak	M/M Dean Stair & Family
Wednesday, August 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Roccograndi	Family
Thursday, August 7		
8:00 a.m.	Florence M. Kazokas	M/M Walter Palmer
Friday, August 8	St. Dominic	
8:00 a.m.	Charles Wyszynski	Dolores Voitek
Saturday, August 9	(vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)	
4:00 p.m.	Michael & Margaret Kaschak	Joann Rovinski & Family
5:30 p.m.	Marty Sheedy & Eleanor Sheedy de Fallot	Daughter, Donna
Sunday, August 10	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Catherine Mucha	Family
11:30 a.m.	Raymond C. Vanyo	Jim & Mary Beth Siracuse

REST IN PEACE IN MEMORIAM Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him~~ *William F. Ulicny*~~May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~In Memory of Brothers and Sisters of Helen Jankoviak
~In Memory of Jean Reilly offered by Family



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~In Memory of Walter Palmer offered by Family

Celebrant's Schedule

August 9-10

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

Scripture for the week of August 3, 2014

3 **SUN** Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
4 **Mon** Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36
5 **Tue** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
6 **Wed** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
7 **Thu** Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
8 **Fri** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
9 **Sat** Hb 1:12-2:4/Mt 17:14-20
10 **SUN** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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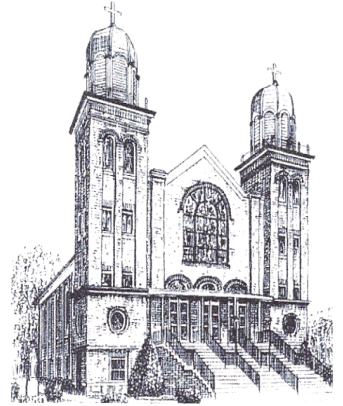
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TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST ...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children, don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir etc.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our church is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

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 Boshia Maintenance
- Chris 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.

Direct Contacts

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

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoe@aol.com