

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



**REJOICE WITH US O, MARY!
YOUR SON WHO DIED IS LIVING, ALLELUIA!**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2015
Swoyersville, PA

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Office Hours:

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.

HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BARBEQUE TODAY
Today, Sunday, May 17th, from 11am to 3pm, our K of C is having a chicken barbeque in our school cafeteria. Cost is \$9.00/dinner, which includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, butter, & dessert. Eat in or Take out! Even if you did not sign up to reserve your dinner, there are plenty of extras!!! Take the day off from cooking, and treat yourself and family to a delicious dinner, while at the same time supporting a great organization.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our CCM will attend the 11:30am Mass today, followed by their Annual Communion Luncheon in our church hall.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Serving Training will be held this **Tuesday, May 19th at 4:30** in the **church** for boys and girls who wish to become Altar Servers. (Anyone finishing 2nd grade to 11th grade is welcome)

Even if you did not register, please feel free to come to the training and become an altar server. What a beautiful way to serve Jesus and your parish!

Parish Finance Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Our **Social Concerns Committee** will meet Thursday, May 21st, at 7pm in our church hall.

HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY

The core committee is recommending moving forward with the project at Holy Trinity Cemetery which would finally provide for an on-site chapel and above ground mausoleum. As anyone who has been to the cemetery for a burial in inclement weather has experienced, a chapel is very much needed and there have been numerous requests for mausoleums at our property. The initial findings have been very positive and we would like to take the next steps in making this a reality in the near future. All interested persons are invited to the next meeting which will be held on **Monday, May 18th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**. An action plan will be discussed as well as a way to determine the best way to pre-sell crypts.

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 of friend.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015—July 9, 10, & 11

We are accepting donations of: 9" Styrofoam plates, one-section styrofoam containers 9"x9" and the 6"x6" sizes, vegetable oil, butter and margarine, bottles of whiskey, wine, brandy & other spirits, small toys for the children's game stand prizes (inexpensive, but must be new!) Drop off at rectory office door from 8:30 to 5pm. Thanks so much!!!!

PIROHY-MAKING DATES: JUNE 15-16-17 (18th if necessary)

PIGGIE-MAKING & VEGGIE CUTTING: JULY 6 & 7



INVITATION TO 2015 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

All high school graduates from our parish are invited to participate in a Special Mass on **Sunday, June 28th, at the 10:00am Mass**. Mass will be followed by a *breakfast* for the graduates and their immediate families. Please RSVP before June 14th by email: setonpa@aol.com or call Lori at the parish office, 287-6624.

GRATITUDE FROM WILKES-BARRE PRO-LIFE CENTER

A heartfelt thank you from the Wilkes-Barre Pro-Life Center for the enormous support from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish during their annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale. Total contributions from our parish were \$1173.75. The mothers and the babies thank you!!!

MEN'S CONFERENCE REPORT

On Saturday, April 25th, approximately 650 men attended the Diocese of Scranton's first annual Catholic Men's Conference. More than a dozen priests from the Diocese of Scranton and King's College, along with Bishop Joseph Bambera, also participated in the event. The four primary speakers passionately delivered presentations which challenged the attendees to live more deeply all aspects of their Catholic manhood. The men returned home "supercharged" for their faith. Bishop Bambera was visibly touched by the numbers, the enthusiasm and the unity shown by the men that were gathered at King's College in Wilkes Barre. The generosity of these men was evident as they contributed \$2,000 to a special collection which will be divided between Catholic Charities programs in the Diocese of Scranton and the Jesuit Refugee Services, which assists refugees from war and religious persecution in the Middle East. All men are encouraged to reserve April 23, 2016 on their calendars to attend the 2nd Annual Catholic Men's Conference.



Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir
Phil Bosh
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Chris Calore
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Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
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Director of Faith Formation
Margaret Loveless
Acting Dir. of Religious Ed.
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Pastor
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Pastoral Associate
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Marge Semanek
Director of Music
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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.



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

Offertory Special Envelopes this Month

Please use the *Building and Maintenance Envelope* this month for the many projects we need for our parish including the repairs needed to the front steps of the church and our coming parking lot project. This is a particularly expensive undertaking, as it involves the demolition of homes and excavating of land and paving of the parking lot. Your help is greatly appreciated in next weekend's Building and Maintenance Envelope. The Parish Groups Envelope this month will benefit the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. The CCM does many good works for the parish including helping us pay our winter heating bills and providing assistance with other expenses throughout the year.

50th Anniversary –Oblates of St. Joseph

The Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Highway 315, Laflin, will mark the 50th anniversary of the building's dedication on **Saturday, May 30th**, with a special Mass at 4:00pm celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., Bishop of Scranton. Homilist for the Mass will be Very Rev. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ, provincial superior of the Oblates of St. Joseph USA Province. Oblate priests in the Pittston and Hazleton areas will serve as concelebrants. The Mass of Thanksgiving coincides exactly on the same day of the seminary's dedication in 1965 by the late Most Reverend Jerome D. Hannan, D.D., former Bishop of Scranton. The special day also marks the Feast of the Oblates of St. Joseph Founder, St. Joseph Marelllo (1844-1895). In conjunction with the Mass of Thanksgiving, there will be a Triduum preparation for the Feast of St. Joseph Marelllo from May 27-29 at the seminary chapel with Masses daily at 7:00, 11:00am & 7:00pm. Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ will serve as guest homilist at the evening Masses. Feast Day Masses on Saturday, May 30, will be at 8:00 & 11:00am with the Mass of Thanksgiving at 4:00pm. For more information on these events, kindly contact the seminary office at 654-7542.

Forward in Faith reflects a grateful heart that wants to give back to God a portion of what He has given us. It is our opportunity to show God that He is first in our lives. It is our faith response that tells us as we are generous with God, He will return His blessings to us one hundredfold. Take the step Forward in Faith to respond to the many needs of our Parish community as we try to meet the many financial challenges of doing ministry in His name.

COLLECTIONS: May 2/3, 2015

SUNDAY: \$6792.06 DUES: \$3224.00 EASTER: \$91.00
LOOSE: \$607.75 E-GIVING: \$175.93 BUILDING & MAINT.: \$108.00
PARISH GROUP (HNS): \$82.00
TOTAL: \$11,080.74

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Catholic Home Missions: \$88.00

May God bless you for your generosity!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Swoyersville Kiwanis Annual Blood Analysis Wellness Program

Each year the Kiwanis Club of Swoyersville arranges to help local residents obtain the AMBA Panel Blood Analysis. Testing will take place on Saturday, May 30th at the Swoyersville American Legion, Shoemaker Street, Swoyersville from 6 am - 10:00 am. By taking part in this program over 35 tests will be done to assist in the early detection of conditions such as coronary, kidney or liver diseases, anemia and diabetes. Early detection to any health issue is the key to treatments and a quick recovery. A complete panel is done for the low cost of \$40. Additional tests are also available for an additional fee. Checks or money orders only will be accepted for testing and made payable to AMBA Wellness Program. A \$5 handling/processing fee is payable to Swoyersville Kiwanis Club. Appointments and personal physician authorization are required. For an appointment and more information call 1-800-234-8888, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am 5:00 pm.

FATIMA GROTTO MAY CROWNING TODAY

Our Lady of Fatima Grotto outdoor shrine, North St., Wilkes-Barre, Sunday, May 17th, at 6:30pm. We will honor the Blessed Mother with sung hymns and a wreath of flowers made by member Carmen Steve. All present will be given a rose to present before Our Lady's statue. A fifteen decade rosary will be prayed for those wishing to remain. The Grotto is open at any time for people of good will who wish to offer prayers.

2016 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Travel with Fr. Thomas Petro, Pastor, Our Lady of the Abingtons Church, Abington, and St. Patrick's, Nicholson, on a Holy Land Pilgrimage. Where: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Ein Karem, Jordan River, Capernaum, Cana. Trip dates: April 6-16, 2016. cost is \$3999.00 Airfare & ALL-inclusive. To register, call 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France

Only a few seats remain. August 23-Sept 1, 2015. Join Bishop Bambera for visits to the shrines of St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Catherine Laboure, & St. Vincent DePaul in Paris. Celebrate Mass at the American Cemetery in Normandy & spend 2 nights in Lourdes, where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. Call TravelWorld at 570-342-5790.

SPRING INTO ACTION—A VOLUNTEER FAIR

St. Therese's Stewardship Committee will host an evening of information for those interested in volunteering opportunities at 9 local organizations: American Cancer Society, Back Mountain Food Bank, Back Mountain Library, Back Mtn. Trail, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Blue Chip, Geisinger Hospital, McGlynn Learning Center, and Wyoming Valley Children's Association. The event will take place Wednesday, May 20th, at 7pm in the basement hall at St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis Street, Shavertown. For more information, contact Terri at 570-696-1144.

Memorial Day Picnic at St. Frances X. Cabrini

Monday, May 25, from 10am to 2pm on the church grounds at 585 Mt. Olivet Rd., Carverton. A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at 10am. A Flea Market, craft vendors, homemade food, bake sale, basket raffle, 50/50 drawing will also be open on Sunday May 24, from 8am to 12:30pm.

Children's Character Luncheon

Moving forward with their children's programs the Swoyersville Kiwanis Club will be holding a Children's Character Luncheon on **Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 1 pm at the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall**, Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Cost of child's lunch is \$10, children under 2 are free. Children can enjoy lunch and meet with their favorite princess or super hero. Lunch will consist of chicken tenders, French fries, fruit, punch and ice cream Sunday bar for the children. Prizes will also be given to each child attending. Adults can enjoy free coffee and snack while they watch the excitement of the children as they meet the characters. Have your child dress like their favorite princess or super hero and bring along your camera to capture the moment. Reservations are required and the deadline is Tuesday, June 9th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations must be paid in full prior to luncheon. For information talk to any Swoyersville Kiwanis member or for reservations call 570-288-5848.

Northeastern PA Region of AACA Presents

54th Annual Car Show & Flea Market, Wyoming Valley Airport, Forty Fort, Rain or shine. Sunday, June 7, 2015. Gates open at 8am. Car show 10-3pm with judging at noon. Awards at 3pm. 30 classes of cars. Free parking. Food, handicap parking, airplane displays, plane rides for a fee. For more info., call Walter Krieg at 332-9360, or visit website: www.nepraaca.org

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, May 18

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Pinchak Eric & Kae

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Helen Zuba Mark & Mary Ann Kosco

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 a.m. George M. Shendock Joan Smith

Thursday, May 21

8:00 a.m. Kevin Mikolosko Jim & Dottie Powers

Friday, May 22

8:00 a.m. Arline Boyle Ann Marie Kelly

Saturday, May 23 (Vigil: Pentecost)

4:00 p.m. In Honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary of William & Joan
Coniglio Family

5:30 p.m. Paul Monahan Family

Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday

8:30 a.m. Carl Leonard Family

10:00 a.m. Adam Mihalek Wife, Theresa

11:30 a.m. Jerry Mizenko Sister-in-law, Gloria

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

Celebrants

Saturday 5/23

4:00—Fr. Joe

5:30—Fr. Urban

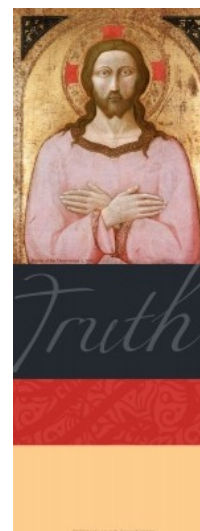
Sunday 5/24

8:30 Fr. Joe

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11:30—Fr. Urban

5:30—Fr. Joe



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED:

~John P. Yarina~Martha Ramutkoski~~

GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH GOD'S MERCY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



BAPTISM SUNDAY

Congratulations and God's

Blessings upon ~Nora Catherine

Gaughan~~ and her family. She will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.



UPCOMING WEDDING:

May 23, 2015, 1:00PM

~~Christopher Tonte & Nicole Roberts~~



Sanctuary Candles:

~In Memory of Andy & Dorothy Stuka offered by Family

~Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Vince & Fran Krajnak



ALTAR FLOWERS:

~In Memory of Reverend Andrew F. Strish offered by Family