

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

The Seton Sentinel

November 16, 2014

Swoyersville, PA

Commitment Weekend



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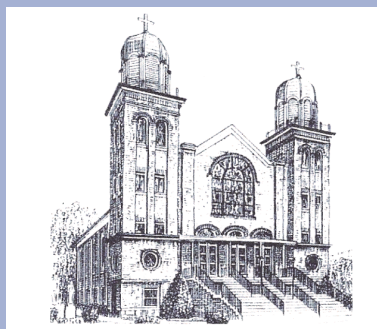
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LIVES
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Please Prayerfully Consider Assisting the Appeal Today!

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
FORWARD IN FAITH

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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.

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COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Today is Commitment Weekend for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We ask that all who have not done anything for this year's Annual Appeal and are able to, come forward today to do something now. We are presently behind in our parish's goal \$13,945.00. We are somewhat behind from years past on raising enough to cover our goal of \$47,000.00. We do need everyone's help to make our goal. Please take an envelope and fill it out. If you are not prepared to make your donation today, take the envelope home with you and bring it back to us next weekend. Remember, there is no such thing as a gift too small to make a difference! As always, thank you for considering this special request and may God Bless You for all of your generosity.

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING AT SETON

Our Parish will host training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on three consecutive Thursday evenings during January: Jan 8, 15, and 29 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Attendance at all three sessions is required for certification for ministry in our parish. We would like to gather some names for this ministry and extend the invitation. If you know of someone who you think would make a good addition to our EM team, please call Lori at the rectory and give their name.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE 7th GRADE to COLLEGE AGE

Father Joe would like to meet with all of the parish's young people and "young thinking" individuals. Come to a brief meeting today, Sunday, November 16th, at 5:30pm in the church hall— students from grades 7 to 12, college students, college age individuals, and any others who would like to share their unique gifts with our parish. Get all the details at the meeting, come and share your ideas and talents to help us serve your particular interests and needs.

ATTENTION PARENTS: CHRISTMAS CHILD CARE COMING SOON

We all know there are a million things to do for Christmas. Having a little time with the children not watching would be great for parents. Plan on taking a little time to do what you wish on Fridays, December 5th, 12th, and 19th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Leave your children with us and get your shopping, wrapping, baking, decorating, or take some "me" time or "us" time to go on a dinner date with your spouse. We will be asking you to fill out some basic information and let us know how many children to plan for each Friday. Watch the bulletin for more details and make your plans for some time for yourselves. We'll have lots of things to keep the children entertained and amused. This program is sponsored and operated by the Religious Education Program of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

ATTENTION LECTORS!

Lector Workbooks 2015 have arrived & are in the Server Sacristy. Please pick up your book today. Readings begin on November 30th. Thank you.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir

Phil Bosha
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

Direct Contacts

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

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!**

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

On **Friday, November 21st at 7:00pm**, there will be a special Mass of Remembrance for the repose of the souls of those who died throughout this year and prayers for their loved ones who grieve their loss. Their names will be called aloud, and they will be remembered at this special Mass. All are invited to attend. If you would like us to remember a loved one of yours who passed away this year, but was not buried from our church, please call Lori at the rectory to have them included in this Mass and have their name read aloud.

ADVENT PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION:

Due to the anticipated work to be done in our church this Advent Season, we will not be able to host Monday night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. However, Sunday December 7th, the Second Sunday of Advent and the vigil of the Immaculate Conception our parish will pause for A Day of Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 11:30 a.m. Mass and adoration will continue until 5:15 with Benediction and then the Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 pm, A Holy Day of Obligation this year. Please sign-up for 1/2 hour periods of adoration that Sunday and join us for Benediction and the Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception.

Confessions: Regularly scheduled Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45
Saturday, December 20th 11:00 am-12:30pm
Monday, December 22nd 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

These will be the only times for Reconciliation this season in our parish. If unable to make any of these times, call the rectory to set up an appointment.

HOLIDAY HELP

Please contact Fr. Joe or our Pastoral Associate, Lori Raymond, if you are in need or know a family in our community who needs help this Thanksgiving or Christmas. Screened families & individuals may receive help with the food for holiday meals & children's Christmas presents. We need to be notified now to be able to help for Christmas.

Also, we are accepting Supermarket gift cards for the needy for Thanksgiving. You can drop them in the Sunday basket or bring them to the rectory. Any amount will be appreciated.

**THE GIVING TREE**

Our Giving Tree is up and ready with the gift tags for the needy children and families & shut-ins. Please return the gifts with the **tag attached**. If for some reason you are unable to get the gift, bring back the tag & place it back on the tree. We always have a very successful drive thanks to our parish's tremendous generosity. We thank you in advance for your participation in this year's gift drive.

Parish Family Thanksgiving Day Mass, Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 a.m.
All are welcome!

Planning Ahead:**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Christmas Eve— 4:00, 5:30 and 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day— 12 Midnight, 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30 am.

CLOTHING NEEDED

We are in need of **specific items** of clothing : Boys or Girls, Size 10, navy blue or khaki slacks/pants, gently used. Please bring items to church vestibule & leave by Food Pantry box, or drop off at the rectory office.

Parish Organizations:**Holy Name Society**

Our Holy Name Society meets on the 1st Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

Social Concerns Committee

Our Social Concerns Committee meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

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.

Youth Choir Practice will be held at TWO different times. Practices are held on Sundays from 8:45am to 9:45am in the church hall or on Mondays from 5:00pm to 5:45pm in the Church. (Please Note: Practices are not held on the 1st Sunday of each month)

SETON SENIOR SINGERS

Our Seton Senior Choir, (all adult choir members) practices Wednesdays at 6:30 in the church by the baby grand piano. New Members are always welcome to join us. Come to as many practices and masses as you are able to make.

THE SETON CAFÉ

Open to Parents during Religious Education Instructions on Saturday morning and Monday evening. Join us for a coffee, tea and light refreshments in the school cafeteria.

FUNDRAISING**HOLY NAME SOCIETY 50/50 RAFFLE**

Our Holy Name Society is selling tickets for their 50/50 Raffle. Donation is \$5.00/ticket and drawing will be held on December 7th, just in time for Christmas shopping. Members will be selling tickets after weekend Masses in November or you may purchase from any HNS member. Questions: call Anna Mae 287-7655.

FALL FUNDRAISER

SWEET PIZZA SALE, sponsored by the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Altar Guild, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, \$10.00/box of 12 cuts. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

ADVENT PIROHY SALES

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Altar Guild will sponsor this year's Advent Pirohy Sale on Dec. 5, 12, and 19. Due to increase in cost of ingredients, the cost will be \$7.00/dozen. We will need lots of help making the pirohy!!!

SOCIAL CONCERNS ZITI DINNER

Saturday, November 22nd, 4:00-7:30pm in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$8/adults, \$4/children under 12, and Free/children under 5. Eat-in or Take-out. Also, we are selling chances for 3 beautiful theme baskets (3/\$1.00). Proceeds from the basket raffle will benefit the recent Forty Fort fire victims. Tickets are available before & after Masses this weekend, and also will be sold at the door.

OPLATKI SALE

The Seton Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be offering the Christmas Wafers after masses beginning the week of November 30th. Offering is \$5.00/pack. They will also be available in the rectory during office hours starting December 1st.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will meet **Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at 2pm in the church hall**. Hostesses are Susan Bayer & Theresa Yurko. Plans will be finalized for the **Dec. 14th Christmas Party**. Reservations will be taken by Susan Bayer (763-5944) and Pat Quinn (288-6906). Members attending the party are asked to bring a package of diapers for Pro-Life instead of an exchange gift. Guests are welcome. RSVP by December 4th.

COLLECTION REPORT

November 1/2, 2014

SUNDAY: \$7583.5 DUES: \$1010.00

LOOSE: \$459.11

TOTAL: \$9052.61**All Saints: \$1169.25**

Diocesan:

Care & Education of Priests: \$662.22

May God bless you for your generosity!



The **Maltby Volunteer Fire Co.** will hold a Boot Drive here after all Masses this weekend.

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.

ADULT CONTINUING FAITH FORMATION

This year's theme is Praying as Disciples: Going Deeper into our Relationship with Jesus. Join us for our final session:

Tuesday, November 18, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Life Line Screening at SEAS

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 1/8/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY, FATHER RICHARD CIRBA!

You are cordially invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Richard Cirba, in honor of his 25 years of service to the Diocese of Scranton, to be held on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23, 2014, at 11:00am Mass, at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 143 W. Division St., Wilkes-Barre. A reception will follow in the church hall from noon to 2pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, a program of Catholic Social Services is once again teaming up with local parishes and the **United States Marines "Toys for Tots"** for this year's Christmas Toy Drive. Last year, we distributed toys to over 2,000 children in the Wyoming Valley. **Toys are needed and donations may be taken to St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St. Wilkes-Barre, 7 days a week from 7:30 AM. until 1:00 PM.** Registration for Toys and Food for Christmas will be held at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Avenue in Wilkes-Barre: Mon., Nov. 24th - 9 -11 AM and 2-6 PM.

Parents should bring the following: **1) Photo ID 2) verification of income 3) a Social Security card for everyone in the household and 4) proof of address with a recent date** **Food Distribution** will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, Tues., Dec. 17th 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM and 4 – 7 PM **Toy Distribution** will take place at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave, WB on Wednesday, Dec. 17th from 9 AM – 2 PM and 4 – 7 PM.

Good Shepherd Academy, 316 N. Maple Street in Kingston, welcomes you to our Annual Toy Bingo, to be held on Sunday, Nov. 30th at 2:00pm. Doors open at 1pm to select your seat, have a quick lunch, purchase tickets to our large basket drawing, or snack on homemade dessert! Tickets are \$9 presale or \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling 760-7082 or by downloading the form from the school website at www.gsapa.org and mailing it to the school.

POTATO PANCAKE & SAUSAGE & PEPPERS SALE

Tired of Turkey? Have a taste of SUMMER on Sunday, Nov. 30th, noon to 4pm, at Holy Family Church, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch. Call Mary Kay Pettinger for more info: 822-3483.

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

Relax! God put the wiggle in children, don't feel you have to suppress in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave Mass with your child, please 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, to Christ and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small active children. The presence of children is a gift to the Church. They give us "A future full of hope."

Celebrant's Schedule

November 22-23

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



Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Monday, November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
 8:00 a.m. All Souls' Intentions
Tuesday, November 18
 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mandell Husband, John G. Mandell Sr. & Son
Wednesday, November 19
 8:00 a.m. Joseph Berti Felix Wawer & Son, Felix
Thursday, November 20
 8:00 a.m. Mary E. Tobias Son, John
Friday, November 21 **Presentation of the Blessed Mother**
 8:00 a.m. Victoria Keating & son, James Keating Family
Saturday, November 22 (vigil: Christ the King)
 4:00 p.m. Franklin, Edna, & Eugene Burgess Joe & Terri Burgess
 5:30 p.m. Ron Ostrowski Mary & Sons
Sunday, November 23 Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King
 8:30 a.m. **Pro Populo**
 10:00 a.m. Jean K. Reilly Betsy
 11:30 a.m. Dorothy Loyack Dr. & Mrs. Robert Conway



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~In Memory of Anthony & Valentina Stefanoski offered by Stefanoski Grandchildren
 ~In Memory of Helen Jenziorski offered by granddaughter, Jane Evelock & Family



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~In Memory of Eva H. Mesaros offered by Children, Grandchildren, & Great-grandchildren



IN MEMORIAM Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them~~*James Cruthers*~~*Angela Lucas Douglas*~~*Audrey Miscavage*~~May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.

