

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA



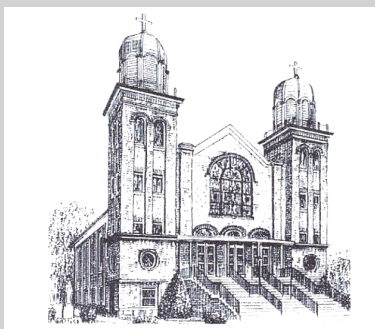
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The Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2015

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Monday– Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment onlyParish 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.

Monday Evening Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation will continue this Lenten season until Monday, March 23rd. Join us Monday Evenings 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.

Thursdays during Lent join us for something new to our parish....

AWAKENING FAITH: *Reconnecting with Your Catholic Faith.* This program will explore topics such as “Who is Jesus, Can I Accept God’s Mercy, Can Mass Make My Life More Meaningful?” It is designed for both active and non-active Catholics. So come and bring someone who is not practicing the faith with no pressure placed on anyone. Just conversation and faith-sharing. There are no right or wrong dispositions or answers. If you know someone who is away from the Church or wants to be reconnected and have always wished there were something you could do...now there is! Invite them to **Awakening Faith** in our parish. Continues this Thursday at 6:30p.m. in the church hall.

FRIDAYS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. with Eucharistic Benediction. All are welcome.

SOLEMN NOVENA OF ST. JOSEPH

9 Day Novena in Honor of St. Joseph will be prayed in our parish after daily mass at 8:00 a.m. from March 10-19. All are invited to participate.

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.

Holy Name Society Easter Egg Hunt

Sign-up sheets for the children of SEAS Parish, ages 1 thru 8, are on the tables at the entrance of the church for the Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by our Holy Name Society, on Saturday, March 21st, in the church hall at 1:00pm, Rain, Snow, or Shine! Contact Anna Mae at 287-7655 if any questions.

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.

PARKING/PROPERTY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has acquired the home and property located at 200 Sidney Street for additional parking spaces for the church. Don't park there yet! We need to demolish the house on the property and then begin to get it ready for cars. This will take a little time. We will keep you updated in the *Sentinel*. The rectory at Holy Name-St. Mary's on Shoemaker Street is still on the market. Interested parties should contact Monica in the parish office for additional information.

LENTEN FOOD SALES:

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our next **Lenten Pirohy Sale**, to be held this Friday, March 13th, in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$7.00/dozen. Pick-up times are noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm.

Pirohy help needed: If you can help ball the potatoes, come at 7am, and all others come at 8:30am. Experienced or not, we need your help. Lunch will be served.

Upcoming Sales (All on Fridays during Lent)

March 20th-Sweet Pizza

March 27th-Pirohy

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Today at the 11:30am Mass, Fr. Joe will install our new EM's. who have just completed their training. Congratulations to all and may God bless you always!

BAPTISM SESSION

The next Baptism class will be held on 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.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of more altar servers. Any student who has received First Holy Communion up to Grade 12, is most welcome to become an Altar Server. We currently have 9 new students signed up and would like to get several more, as many of our current Altar Servers will be graduating in June. Fr. Joe will have a training session after Easter. Please call Lori at the office to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus will meet this Tuesday, March 10th, at 7pm in the church hall. New members are most welcome!

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!

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
 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):
 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!**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

On Sundays the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues for the Lenten Season at the 10:00 am Mass. (until March 22nd) Children from 5 to 10 years old are invited to go in a group to the church hall during the Liturgy of the Word and participate in this activity designed especially for them. Come to mass as usual and the children will process out before the readings begin.

SECURITY REMINDER

All areas of the church and rectory are under video surveillance. This is for everyone's safety and protection. Collections and other monies are never kept in the rectory or the church buildings.

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

Please note that confessions will be heard at the above times during Holy Week and our regular Saturday afternoon times 3:15-3:45 (except on April 4th) Plus Monday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 (until March 23). Please use these times to make your Easter Confession as there will not be an additional penance service in our parish. Don't wait until the last minute when lines become long.

**COLLECTION REPORT
FEBRUARY 21/22, 2015**

SUNDAY: \$6120.00	DUES: \$403.00
LOOSE: \$371.65	E-giving (online) \$220.14
Holy Days: \$24.00	TOTAL: \$7138.79
Building & Maintenance:\$221.00	Ash Wednesday: \$1075.50

DIOCESAN:
 Campaign for Human Development: \$25.00

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.

Novena & Feast of St. Joseph

The Oblates of St. Joseph will hold their annual Novena in honor of St. Joseph beginning Tuesday, March 10th continuing until the Feast Day, March 19th. Mass is celebrated every day at 7am, 11am, & 7pm, at St. Joseph Chapel, Rt. 315, Laffin. Following Mass, novena prayers will be offered to St. Joseph with the blessing of the first class relic of St. Joseph Marello, founder of the Oblates. Confessions & Rosary will precede the Masses. The Feast Day will be celebrated on Thursday, March 19. Come & present to St. Joseph your special needs.

IHM OPEN HOUSE

The Sisters of IHM cordially invite you to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life at their Open House on Sunday, March 22nd, from 2pm-4pm at the IHM Center at 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton, (just beyond the Marywood Univ. campus at the top of University Ave.) Bring the whole family to celebrate & pray with the Sisters of IHM.

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.

CASH BINGO

All Proceeds Benefit
the American Cancer Society

Sunday, March 29, 2015

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Church Basement
116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, PA 18704

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. - BINGO goes
from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

\$5.00 Admission

(Limited seating - ticket required)

(Includes entry into cash raffle and double pot bonus
games). Each Bingo card is 50 cents
or three for \$1.

Homemade Food, Baked Goods,
& Refreshments will be available for
purchase during the event.

Please contact Kevin Kratzer for tickets
at 570-885-9986.

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 9

8:00 a.m. Adam Mihalek Brother, Joseph & wife, Frances

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Rose Marie Lewis M/M David Gassner

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Louis R. Cremard Leo & Joan Skoronski

Thursday, March 12

8:00 a.m. John Gibbons Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

Friday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Mary Husovsky Dan & Betsy & Families

Saturday, March 14

4:00 p.m. For health & blessings for Theresa Yurko Daughters, Susan, Lorraine, & Elaine

5:30 p.m. John R. Shaner Wife & Children

Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Tom & Marilyn Semanek Marge & Tom Semanek & Family

10:00 a.m. Harry Jacobs M/M Peter Skutack & Family

11:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving Jeanne Rollman

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



IN MEMORIAM~~Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them
 ~~**Leona Huk**~~**Norman Latoski**~~**Eleanor C. DiGiacomo**~~May their souls and all the souls of
 the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~ In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents
 ~ Health & Blessings for Remakus Family

Presider's Schedule

March 14-15

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

