

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

March 2, 2014

Swoyersville, PA

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 are 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.



This Wednesday, March 5th, is Ash Wednesday.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WILL TAKE PLACE AT:

7:00am, during the 8:00am Mass, 12:10pm, 5:30pm, and 7:00pm. With the exception of the 8:00 a.m. Mass, there will be a brief Liturgy of the Word Service preceding the distribution of ashes. Lay persons will help in the distribution of ashes this year.

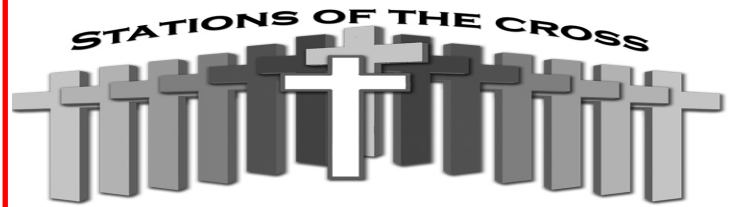
SEAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASH WEDNESDAY

MANHATTAN (RED) CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Ash Wednesday, March 5th, our **Knights of Columbus** are having a **Manhattan Clam Chowder Sale**. Cost is \$6.00/quart and pick-ups are in the school cafeteria. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

LENTEN LITURGICAL NOTES:

Lent is a time to remove things from our lives that we don't need. Liturgy imitates life in that way, meaning our environment in church will be very functional. Emphasis is on the cross, the altar, the ambo, no flowers or other decorations. The only color is from a simple altar banner and the presider's vestments. Musically, to bring out the prayers of petition, we will sing the Penitential Rite and the responses to the Universal Prayer, or the Prayer of the Faithful. Please continue to participate in all of the hymns, songs and responses at mass. Our parish does quite well with these. Let's keep it up!



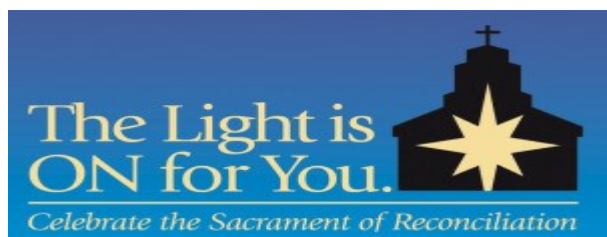
We have a wonderful tradition of the church that we pray especially during Lent,—the Stations of the Cross. Join our parish family Fridays at 7:00pm to recount Jesus' steps to Calvary. One of the reasons this has remained such a strong devotion in our tradition is because we can all identify with Jesus' passion in our own lives. Let's pray that our suffering and His suffering will come together so that His victory at Easter may be our victory, too.

And Before Stations of the Cross....

It's sometimes a challenge coming up with meatless meals on Fridays, so let us help! Join us Fridays starting at 6:00 p.m. for a simple Lenten Friday meatless meal and a brief reflection, before heading up for the Stations of the Cross Devotions. We'll handle the main course, but feel free to bring a pot of meatless soup along to share, a salad, jell-o, or anything else meatless for folks to grab a fork or spoonful and enjoy! We only ask that you sign your name on the sheets at the church entrance so we know how many people to prepare for at the supper. Even if you can't make it to the dinner, you are still most welcome to join us for the Stations at 7:00 p.m. Let's make this a holy evening with prayer, faith-sharing, and fellowship all wrapped up into one! Join us and bring the family along as well!

Art and Environment Committee

Plans for Holy Week and Easter will be discussed on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 pm in the church. New members are always welcome.



Every Monday evening during Lent, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their "lights on" from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for confession so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God's grace, mercy, and healing. At Seton Parish, we will continue to Expose the Blessed Sacrament from 5:30—7:00 pm Monday evenings. It is a time of silent prayer and meditation before our Sacred Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Evening will conclude with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to spend some time before our Lord, truly present in the Eucharistic Species to behold.

LENTEN BOOKMARKS-Take one home

The entire schedule for Lent and Holy Week is printed on Lenten bookmarks. They are available on the tables at the church entrance. Please take a bookmark home with you, and post it for easy reference. (In most homes that means the "refrigerator"- the most popular hot spot in the house).

LENTEN FUNDRAISERS

Friday, March 14th-PIROHY SALE, \$6.00/dozen, Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

Friday, March 21st-SWEET PIZZA SALE

Friday, March 28th-PIROHY SALE

Friday, April 4th-SWEET PIZZA SALE

Friday, April 11th-PIROHY SALE

We need lots of help for pirohy-making. If you can help ball potatoes, come at 7am on the Fridays that we are making pirohy. All others come at 8:30. If you are a seasoned pirohy-maker or not, come and join the fun. Everyone's help is needed.

Lunch will be served, too!

FREE ITEMS: 2 wheelchairs & hospital bed. Call John Bartoli at 287-0062 if you are in need of these items.

Meetings:

~Our **Holy Name Society** will meet today, Sunday, March 2nd, after the 8:30am Mass, in the church hall. We will discuss plans for the Easter Egg Hunt.

~**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**, Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

~**Confraternity of Christian Mothers**: Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00pm in the church hall.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Prayer request cards have been placed on a table near the confessional. All of the parish community groups will pray for your intentions. Take a moment to fill out a prayer card for you and your loved ones, and trust in the power of prayer.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our second grade students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 8th, at 10:30am.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Collection Report February 15/16, 2014

Sunday: \$8026.25

Dues; \$1183.00

Loose: \$372.17

TOTAL: \$9581.42

Thank you for your generosity!

We received from **MaineSource Give Back Program** our bi-annual check for **\$258.00**. Thank you for your participation in this program.

THANK YOU FROM HEAD START

Luzerne County Head Start (Plymouth) wants to thank everyone for the generous gifts to the children this past holiday season (Giving Tree). "Through your thoughtfulness, you have touched the lives of those children & their families. May the knowledge that you have made a difference in the lives of children in our community enrich you and those you love in 2014."

DRIVER NEEDED

Seeking driver (**paid position**) for couple who needs help going to doctors' visits, hairdresser, etc. Please call 287-4010 for details.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COOKBOOK

The Social Concerns **CookBook Committee** wants to thank everyone who contributed recipes for the cookbook. Look for the cookbooks in early summer. **The price of the book will be \$10.00.** If you have any questions, call Dottie at 570-288-8396.

CCM ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE -in gym

Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold their Annual Spring Rummage Sale on Mon., Tues., & Wed., **March 31st, April 1st and 2nd**, in the **SCHOOL GYM**. **There is no Saturday sale this year.** Items for sale may be brought to the **SCHOOL GYM** (use side door-signs will be posted) from 8am-6pm on Mon., Tues., & Wed., March 24th, 25th, and 26th: Clean, usable clothing, small appliances in working condition-**NO TV'S**, household items, toys, books, magazines, CD's, DVD's, tapes, religious items, jewelry, shoes in GOOD condition, holiday items, purses, & cosmetics. Questions: Call 288-3073.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2014

Our festival dates for this year are July 10th, 11th, and 12th. Just a reminder that we will be accepting donations of paper towels, napkins, paper plates, 9x9 and 3-section styrofoam containers, ketchup. It is not too early to buy these items when you see a great sale going on. We appreciate whatever you can do.



Saint Thomas More Society of the Legal Profession

The Saint Thomas More Society of the Legal Profession cordially invite all members, future members, guests, and friends of the legal profession to our FREE CLE on Thursday, March 20, 2014.

Attorney Teddy Michel will present a 1.0 ethics CLE titled "A volunteer's reflection of a journey toward *pro bono publico*."

When: **Thursday, March 20, 2014, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. with a Reception following.**

Where: **Seton Catholic High School building, 37 Williams Street, Pittston, PA.**

Please **RSVP** by March 13th (Name and attorney ID number) to: rwetherbee@sheilslaw.com

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS NITE AT THE RACES

The **Swoyersville Kiwanis Club** will hold their annual Nite at the Races on **Saturday, March 8**, at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria**, Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Doors open at 6:00 PM and post time is 7:00 PM. The cost of the horses are \$10 and includes admission. Admission without buying a horse is \$5. Food and refreshments included. There will be raffle drawings between all races, instant bingo and a 50-50 drawing. To purchase a horse, contact Kathy Breznay at 283-1677. Horses can also be purchased the night of the races. Must be 21 to attend.



INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

The **Diocesan Office for Parish Life** is preparing a series of **Regional Days of Renewal in Lent 2014**. The format for this day, which will be repeated on **4 consecutive Saturdays in each of the Pastoral Regions of the Diocese**, integrates the elements of Word, Worship, Service, & Community for all who participate. The General Format is:

12:30pm-Gathering Prayer

12:45 to 3:45 Intensive Skills Workshops

(no charge for workshops) Choose one: Catechists, Liturgy Planners, Social Concerns Planners, Community Builders, Pastoral Care Volunteers

4:00pm Mass

5:30pm Community Meal (**free will offering**)

7:30pm **Godspell** by Sweet Charity Players (tickets \$15)

Host sites are:

March 15th, Most Precious Blood, Hazleton

March 22nd, St. Maria Goretti, Laflin

March 29th St. Boniface, Williamsport

April 5th, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Dunmore

You can participate in all of the renewal, or just a part of it. Pamphlets with Registration forms and more details are located on the tables at the church entrance or call Lori at the parish office: 287-6624. Or go online: www.dioceseofscranton.org

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY—Coordinator of delivery volunteers & meal recipients. **MEALS ON WHEELS** of Wyoming Valley (Kingston) seeks a personable self-starter who will coordinate deliverers & billing/collections for clients. Some computer knowledge helpful. Hours are 7:30am to 12:30pm, Mon-Fri, \$10/hour. Call 288-1023 if interested.



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel

8:00 a.m. Della Polinsky Husband, Richard

Tuesday, March 4

St. Casimir

8:00 a.m. Catherine Stach Barbara & Larry Puchalsky

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Yekel & Runscavage Families

Thursday, March 6

8:00 a.m. Marguerite Krogulski Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Friday, March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity

8:00 a.m. Pauline Tobin Joan & Bill Abrams

Saturday, March 8

(Vigil: First Sunday of Lent)

4:00 p.m. Fr. Ed Sokolowski Stanishefski Family

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*

Sunday, March 9

First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. John R. Shaner Wife & Children

10:00 a.m. Josephine Ritondo Daughter, Josie, & Family

11:30 a.m. For the Health of Steve & Sonia



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~ In Memory of Leonard Kolojejchick offered by Wife & Family

~ In Memory of Robert Rish offered by wife, Gerry



PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE March 8-9

4:00 p.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 p.m. Fr. Urban

8:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 a.m. Fr. Urban

11:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

Scripture for the week of March 2, 2014

- 2 **SUN** Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
- 3 **Mon** 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
- 4 **Tue** 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
- 5 **Wed** Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- 6 **Thu** Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- 7 **Fri** Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15
- 8 **Sat** Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32
- 9 **SUN** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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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.

Parish Staff

- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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.

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 on Thursday, March 27, 2014 by Bishop Bambera.

Matrimony

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.

Penance

Saturdays 3:15-3:45, other times by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Priest, day or night.

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 week's publication.

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SICK