

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA

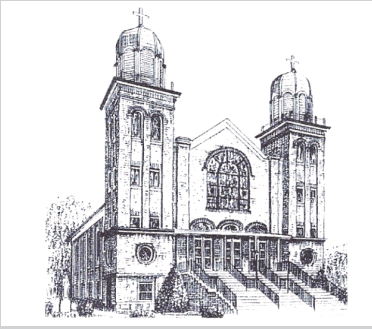


The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 15, 2015

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



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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.

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 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.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 8:00 am. Additional times for Ash Distribution and Service of the Word will be at 3:45 pm, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm.



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

AWAKENING FAITH: Reconnecting with Your Catholic Faith.

This six week 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. Begins Thursday, February 19th at 6:30p.m. in the church hall.

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.



Make **THIS** Lent Count!

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. with Eucharistic Benediction beginning Friday February 20th. All are welcome.

Monday Evening Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation will continue this Lenten season beginning on Monday, February 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...

Church Work Progress:

This bulletin was written earlier this week, so perhaps some of the projects are completed or near completion when you read this. We are waiting for the altar floor to be stained and polished and finished this week. We will then wait for the votive candle stands that are being made for the church entrances that will be for your devotional use. We are also awaiting the company to pick-up some of the statuary and repair and clean the statues. This will be done in two stages. First, repairing St. Joseph, St. Anne, St. Jude, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and repainting Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. This along with the cleaning of the additional statues we hope to have accomplished by Easter. The 2nd Stage is more involved for the artists. The large crucifix will be repaired and painted and the Trinity Sculpture above the altar will be taken out and cleaned and repainted. The total cost of repairing/repainting the statues is \$6,450.00. The proceeds from this weekend and next month's Building and Maintenance envelopes will go to the candles and statues project. If you should wish to "adopt" one of the statues or candle stands, call the office for details. You may have it done in your name or in the name of a loved one. For example, the Immaculate Conception statue will cost \$1,000 to repaint and repair, St. Ann and St. Joe \$400 each, the most expensive piece is the Trinity sculpture which is estimated at \$2000.00

FOYER ENTRANCE

Above the main entrance doors there will be 3 icons placed. The Blessed Trinity, Our Lady of Czestochowa and the image of Christ's face which was a stained glass window from Holy Name Church. The three icons above the doors will be an additional memorial of the three former parishes. It will be symbolic because we all enter the church from different doors represented by the icons, but once inside we are all together as one!

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):
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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!**

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 4 new students signed up and would like to get several more. Fr. Joe will have a training session after Easter. Please call Lori at the office to register.

ALBS FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please contact Lori at the office by February 25th, if you would like to place an order for your own alb. You will need to know your size, & payment will be due when the order comes in.

Knights of Columbus Ash Wednesday Red Clam Chowder Sale

Our Knights are sponsoring an Ash Wed. Manhattan (RED) Clam Chowder Sale. Cost is \$6.00/quart. Sign up sheets are available on the tables at the church entrance. Pick ups are in the school cafeteria after the 8am Mass, 11am to 1pm, and 5pm to 6pm.

Our **Social Concerns Committee** will meet this Wednesday, at 7pm in the church hall.

SEAS ALTAR GUILD SWEET PIZZA SALE

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our **Sweet Pizza Sale to be held this Friday, Feb. 20th.** Cost is \$10/tray of 12 cuts. Pick-ups are in the school cafeteria from 12noon to 2pm or 5pm-6pm.

Future Sales (All on Fridays during Lent):

Feb. 27th-Pirohy; March 6th-Haluski; March 13th-Pirohy;
March 20th-Sweet Pizza; March 27th-Pirohy

Our **Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 16th,** in observance of Presidents' Day Holiday. (Emergency calls only).

Our **CCD classes** will resume next weekend, Saturday, Feb. 21st, and Monday, Feb. 23rd.



**COLLECTION REPORTS
JANUARY 31/FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

SUNDAY: \$7355.05; DUES: \$1186.00; HOLY DAYS: \$15.00;
LOOSE: \$433.47; E-giving (online) \$156.93 **TOTAL: \$9146.45**

DIOCESAN:

Campaign for Human Development: \$49.00

Care & Education of Priests: \$926.00

May God bless you for your generosity!



SECURITY MEASURES

Our parish is now using the latest technology to secure the church building and the rectory. We have installed various security measures including cameras which will record all activity in the church and rectory. In the past there were a few issues with candle money missing, envelopes taken off the altar for All Souls Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, etc., and other small amounts of money taken from the sacristy. This will record everything that goes on and will identify the person or persons responsible. While all the doors of the rectory will be secured and monitored, we ask that **everyone use the side office door exclusively to gain access to the rectory**, even on the weekends and after hours, as this will be the only door attended. Please note: At no time will any sums of money be kept in the rectory. Father and the parish staff will not even know how to access the collection as it will be secured immediately following each mass and deposited in the bank. These measures have been taken for everyone's security, safety and peace of mind.

St. Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville will hold a Special Lenten Program presented by Sister Chris Koellhoffer, IHM on Sat., March 7th

Theme: Fasting and Feasting—This day will invite us to explore what we need to fast from or let go of, and also how we can be nourished by the deep desires of our heart that are part of God’s dream for our world. The day will include prayer and ritual, input from the presenter, time for quiet reflection, & conversation. Arrival: 9:30am with coffee & muffins, Program: 10am to 3pm, Confession at 3pm, and Evening Mass at 4pm. Offering: \$45-\$50, full turkey dinner included, Paid in full by deadline Feb. 20th. Register by calling 570-275-0910 or online : www.sscm.org (click “current events”).

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Our CCM will meet next Sunday, February 22nd, at 2pm in the church hall. New members are welcome.



RETROUVAILLE

Know a Marriage that needs help? If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the ***Retrouvaille*** program can help. ***Retrouvaille*** is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program is Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2015, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit. Registration required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.retrouvaille.org/ for more information or to register.

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.

St. Ignatius Church, Kingston, Ash Wed. Fish Dinner Dinner will include baked fish, pierogi, or mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes, cole slaw, dessert, & beverage all for \$10.00/Adults, \$5.00/children. There will be 2 settings: after 12:10pm Mass until 2pm, and again from 4pm to 6pm. Take-outs available during time of settings. For reservations, call the rectory at 288-6446, or Joan 287-6554, or Nancy at 899-1867. Tickets will also be available at the door. This is a community church event, and help is greatly appreciated.

***Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Pray for us!***

Holy Eucharist Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, February 16

8:00 a.m. William Galletti Dan & Jean Miller

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Mochin Sister & Family

Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

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

Thursday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Joan Stefanides Husband, Bob, & Daughter, Lisa

Friday, February 20

8:00 a.m. Jean Manderson Gene & Lori Raymond

Saturday, February 21 (vigil: First Sunday of Lent)

4:00 p.m. Benjamin & Wanda Czarnecki Daughter, Caroline Magistro & Family

5:30 p.m. In Honor of Chloe Pisack's Birthday Uncle Andy

Sunday, February 22 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Bert & Bernie Greco Daughters

10:00 a.m. J. Eugene Zim M/M Art Baird

11:30 a.m. Joseph T. Pellegrini Raymond & Barbara Ripa & Family

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



BAPTISM SUNDAY Congratulations and God's Blessings upon ~~**James Francis Conmy**~~

Lucas Michael Janov~~ and their families. They will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~ In Memory of William Galletti offered by Wife & Family

~In Memory of Mary Ann Timek offered by cousin, Gerry Rish

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Presider's Schedule

Feb 21-22

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

