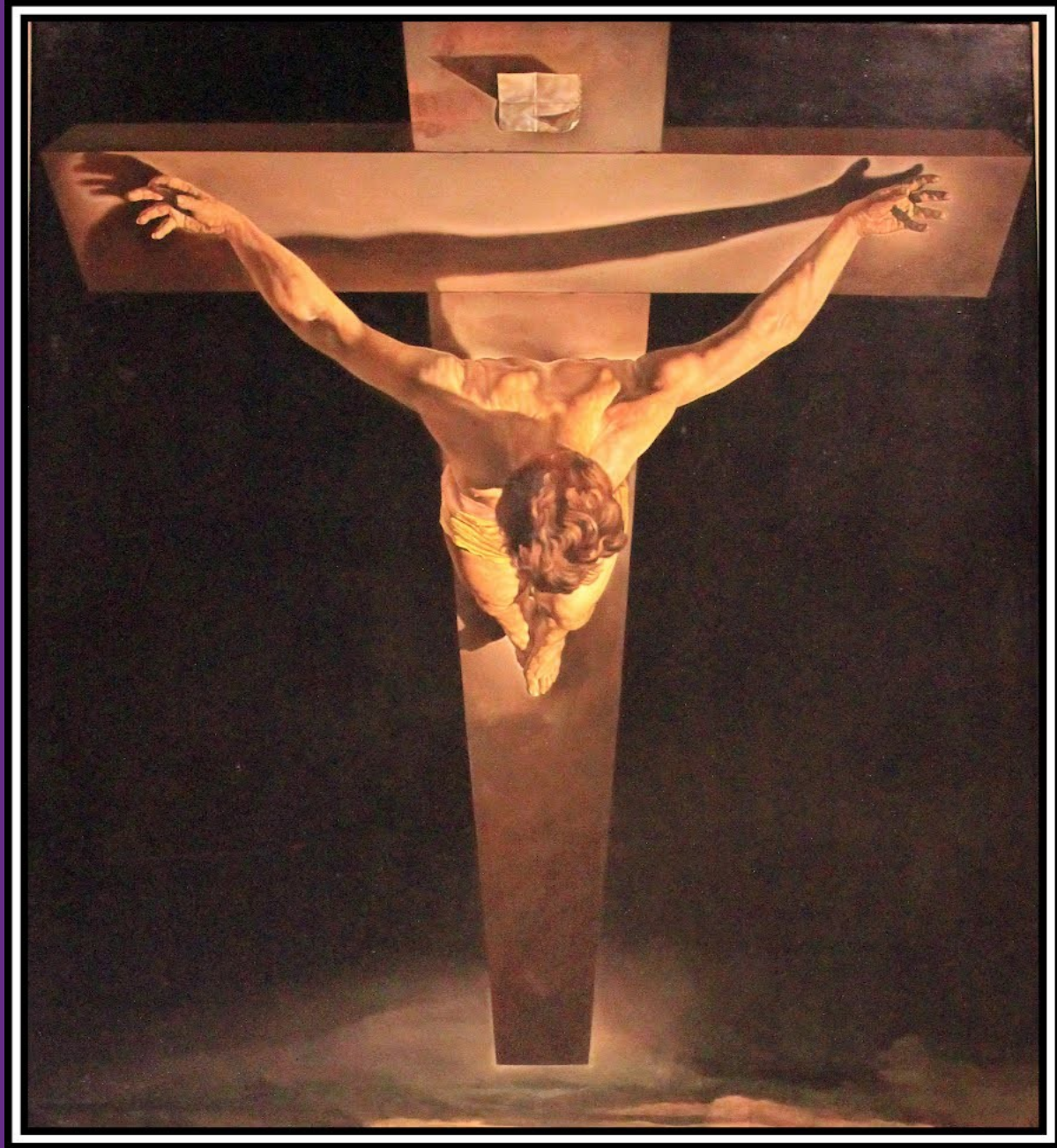


The Seton Sentinel



“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.”

John 3:14

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018

LENTEN Schedule

Monday Evening, "The Light is Still On For You in Prime Time"

The Church will be open from **7pm-8:30 pm** for Individual Confessions and Private Prayer Time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday Evening, A Walk through the Sunday Gospel

All are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall for Faith Sharing around the coming Sunday's Scripture. Father Joe and Deacon Jack will be the group leaders on Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

Friday Evening, The Stations of the Cross

We will gather to pray to the last steps of Jesus at 7:00 pm Friday evenings. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:30 pm.



Thursday, March 29th HOLY THURSDAY AM Prayer 9:00, Confessions 9:30, Evening Mass 7:00, Visitation until 10:00, Night Prayer 10:00.

Friday, March 30th GOOD FRIDAY AM Prayer 9:00, Confessions 9:30, 2:00 Afternoon Service, Visitation until sundown.

Saturday, March 31st HOLY SATURDAY AM Prayer 9:00, Confessions 9:30, Blessing of the Baskets 2:00, and The Great Easter Vigil 8:00 with Sacraments of Initiation. (note: No 4:30 Mass today or afternoon confessions)

Sunday, April 1st EASTER SUNDAY Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM.



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Altar Guild Lenten Fundraisers:

Friday, March 16th, Pirohy

Cost is \$7.00/dozen Pick up times are noon to 2pm or 5-6pm, in the school cafeteria. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. **We need LOTS OF HELP making the pirohy. Please come to the school cafeteria at 7:30am If you can help ball potatoes; all others come at 8:30.** Bring a friend! Lunch will be served.

Final Lenten fundraiser:

Friday, March 23rd, Sweet Pizza

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Office Hours: Monday–
Thursday 8:30 to 5:00

Friday 8:30 to 3:00

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all
Holy Days of Obligation and
Federal Holidays.

Reconciliation Saturdays
3:45pm to 4:15pm or by
appointment

Mission Statement:

*"We are Called... To act with
Justice, To love Tenderly, To
Serve One Another, To Walk
Humbly with God"*

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David
Haas



Fourth Sunday of Lent



HOLY NAME SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT ON MARCH 17TH

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our **Holy Name Society's Easter Egg Hunt** to be held in our church hall and grounds on **Saturday, March 17th**, at 1:00pm for our parish children ages 1 to 8. **This is the last week to sign up.** The Hunt will take place rain, snow, or shine!

USHERS ' MEETING

Fr. Joe will meet with all ushers this Tuesday, **March 13th**, in **the church** from 6:30pm-7pm. Please try to attend this brief but important meeting.

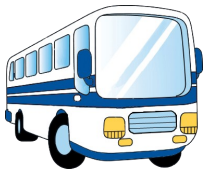


SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE 4TH ANNUAL VARIETY BINGO

The Social Concerns Committee will be hosting their 4th Annual **VARIETY BINGO** on **Sunday, April 15th**, in our school gymnasium. Doors open at 12:00pm and Bingo begins at 1:00pm. Admission is \$10, which includes 3 cards for each of 15 regular games and 10 Specials. Lunch, Bake Sale, Instant Bingo, Door Prizes, and Basket Raffles will be available. All are welcome!!

The **Social Concerns Bingo Planning Committee** will meet this **Monday, March 12th, at 7pm**, in our church hall.

The **Social Concerns Committee** will meet on **Monday, March 19th, at 7pm** in our church hall. New members are welcome!



BUS TRIP TO EMMITSBURG, MD

A bus trip is **tentatively scheduled** to Lourdes Grotto/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton National Shrine, Emmitsburg, MD, on Wednesday, April 18th. The cost of the bus trip is \$45. Please make checks payable to : Chris Calore. You may drop the checks off at the parish office.

For more information, please call Chris Calore at 570-824-5621



BAPTISM CLASS

Expectant parents & new parents who are planning their baby's baptism, and have not previously attended a Baptism class, are invited to attend our next Baptism class, to be held on Wednesday, March 21st, at 6:30pm in our church hall. Please call Lori, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office to register for the class.

Direct Contacts

Office of Pastoral Care (Sr. Jane): 570-763-5160

sisterjane@setonpa.com

Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion): 570-287-4587

sistermarion@setonpa.com

Father Joe's email: fatherjoe@aol.com



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

WEEKLY OFFERING —\$ 8086.40

Feb. Parish Groups (Christian Mothers): \$658.15

Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment to do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish offered on the Weekend of February 24 & 25, 2018.

CCD NEWS

Monday, March 12th: Mon. CCD regular time, but will go over to the church at 6:40pm for Stations of the Cross. Dismissal from church

Saturday, March 17th: First Penance 10:30am

Sunday, March 18: 7th Grade Confirmation class in church hall after 5:30pm Mass



LENTEN BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Baby Bottles are located at the church entrance for our **Lenten PA for Human Life Baby Bottle Project**. Please take a bottle home with you, and fill with your spare change during Lent. Please return all bottles on or before Sunday, March 25th. All donations benefit the PA for Human Life, Wilkes-Barre. ***The Babies thank you!!!***

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' RUMMAGE SALE & OTHER NEWS

Spring is right around the corner. Get ready to do some spring cleaning and bring your unwanted items to our school gymnasium on the following dates:

COLLECTION DATES: **Monday, April 16th, 9-5 and Tuesday, April 17th, 9-5**

We accept clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, household items, glassware, sports items, books, holiday decorations, toys, tools, DVDs, CDs, etc., etc., but please no TVs, outdated magazines, encyclopedias, or college textbooks. (Sorry, no pick-ups or deliveries.) The Rummage Sale will be held on Monday, April 23, 9-5 & Tuesday, April 24, 9-3. We will have a bake sale & lunch will be available, with homemade haluski & wimpies. More details to follow.

Our **next CCM meeting** will be held on **Sunday, March 25th, at 2pm** in our church hall. New members are welcome.

Reservations are now being taken for our **Mothers' Day Dinner**, to be held on **Sunday, May 20th**, at the Avenue Diner, Wyoming. Cost is free for paid-up members, and \$15 for guests. For reservations, contact Sue Bayer, 570-714-1628.

Also, on **May 6th, at 1pm**, in our church hall, we will sponsor a presentation given by the State Attorney. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Bosha
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass
Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Pastoral Care Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi V.F.
Pastor

Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate

Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist

Monica Salis
Business Manager

Marge Semanek
Director of Music

Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious
Education

Rev. Anthony Urban
Assisting Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon

The Catholic Choral Society of Scranton

A Lenten Journey

Sunday: March 11, 2018 at 3PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

*116 Hughes St.
Swoyersville, PA 18704*

Snow Date Tuesday: March 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM



March 11, 2018



ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The nearly 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus form the largest Catholic fraternal group in existence. As

Knights, we serve our parish & community while working each day to create a better world through charity. If you are looking to live out your faith in the spirit of charity by helping others, our Knights of Columbus council welcomes you to join us. As a member of our council, you will strengthen your faith & become a better Catholic, husband, & father.

Through your support of our parish & community, you will form friendships with fellow Knights that can last a lifetime. We will be conducting an Installation Ceremony on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 6pm here in our church hall.

If you are currently a member at another council and wish to transfer here to our council, you can do so by just filling out one of our forms. To sign up or for more information, call or text Mark Perugino, Grand Knight, at 570-262-2896. Thank you!

Our Knights of Columbus will meet this Tuesday, March 13th, at 7pm in our church hall.

CHRIST IS HERE! COME AND SEE!

THE 4TH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SCRANTON "BE A MAN: CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE"

Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 8am to 3pm in the King's College gym on North Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Three nationally-known presenters will highlight various aspects of the **Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist**: Tom Peterson-founder of *Catholics Come Home, Inc.*, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC—Divine Mercy priest & author of *33 Days to Morning Glory*, and Jesse Romero—a fiery **Catholic Lay Evangelist**, radio host & author. Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass.

Cost: \$35 (\$30 early bird by April 16); \$15/students. Register online at www.BeAManConference.com or call 570-207-2213 (Diocesan Pastoral Center) or mail the completed conference brochure application with your check to: Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503 Attn: Men's Conference

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Captain: Chris Calore 570-824-5621

SPRING INTO ACTION WITH SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS

March is the month for changes—the time to change our clocks along with changing weather & flowers that will be in bloom. It is also time to spring into action to help & serve others. Come & have some fun by becoming part of the Kiwanis Family. Residents from all local communities are invited to be our guest at a dinner meeting on March 14th or March 28th and learn all you need to know about becoming a Kiwanian. A little of your time goes a long way. Come be with us when we offer assistance to Feed a Friend, local food pantries, local children's sports organizations, St. Joseph's Center & many more. Not all work—enjoy our Family Picnic, Family Bowling, & Christmas Party. For reservations, call 570-283-1677 or email: swoyk1951@comcast.net

The Annual Solemn Novena to St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, will begin on Saturday, March 10, at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Rt. 315, Laflin. Masses are celebrated daily at 11am and 7pm, followed by Novena prayers. The Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Monday, March 19, with a solemn Mass at 11am with Bishop Joseph Bambera, principal celebrant & homilist. There also will be a Mass at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to participate & offer prayers to St. Joseph for personal intentions, for our families, & for our country. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary office at 570-654-7542.

A TASTE OF ITALY at CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

Today, Saturday, March 10th, 5-8pm, at Corpus Christi Parish, 605 Luzerne Ave., West Pittston. Delicious Pasta & Meatball dinner. Eat-in or Take-out. Adults: \$12, Children: \$6 (age 12 & under). BYOB. Limited number of tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds benefit Social Concerns.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Holy Family Parish, 574 Bennett St., Luzerne, is having a Spaghetti Supper next Sunday, March 18th, from 12 noon to 4pm. Tickets are \$10.00/adults and \$4/children under 10. Take-outs are available, and containers will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

PASSION PLAY 2018

New Easter Play: **RELICS OF THE PASSION**. St. John the Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville. Friday, March 23rd at 7:30pm. Inspired by true story of St. Helena finding Jesus' Cross. The Rev. Gerald J. Gurka directs his new original script. Open to the Public. Refreshments & Fellowship in church hall after Play.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REGIONAL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—APRIL 8, 2018

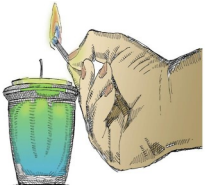
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, will host the 12th Annual Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 8th. This year's principal celebrant & homilist is Rev. Pio Mandato, F.M.H.J., a Franciscan Hermit of the Scranton Diocese. Rev. Leo J. McKernan, pastor of St. Ignatius, will concelebrate. The Feast Day coordinator is Cathy Mack, EADM Cenacle Leader. Itinerary is as follows: 1:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation & Holy Rosary, 2:00pm Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy followed by Holy Mass, 3:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, & Benediction & Blessing with the First Class Relics of St. Faustina. This year's theme is "Prayer for Peace and Conversion of the Whole World." Jesus stated in 14 revelations to St. Faustina that the Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy. St. John Paul II announced on April 30, 2000, at St. Faustina's Canonization, "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes from the word of God on the Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. All are welcome to attend! Contact Cathy Mack at 570-654-6063 for more information.

Mass Intentions

Offered for:

Requested by:

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| Monday | March 12 | 12:10 pm | John W. Gibbons | Sister, Pat Quinn & Family |
| Tuesday | March 13 | 12:10 pm | Natalie Zyla | Slezak Family |
| Wednesday | March 14 | 12:10 pm | Edward Harkins III | M/M Anthony Kondracki |
| Thursday | March 15 | 12:10 pm | Donna Baloga | PHL, Wyoming Valley Chapter |
| Friday | March 16 | 12:10 pm | Robert Mey | Marlene Lukacinsky |
| Saturday | March 17 | 4:30 pm | Elaine Yurko Satkowski | Mother, Theresa & sister, Sue |
| Sunday | March 18 | 8:30 am | Thomas & Marilyn Semanek | Marge & Tom |
| Sunday | March 18 | 11:00 am | Torregrossa Family | Steve & Maria Englot |
| Sunday | March 18 | 5:30 pm | <i>Pro Populo</i> | |



Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of **Josephine Ritondo** offered by daughter, Josie Kandrak & Family

~In Memory of **Joseph Yankay** offered by Mother



BAPTISM

Congratulations and God's Blessings upon ~~**Everett Francis Meehan**~~and his family. Everett will be baptized this week by his uncle from South Carolina, Father Michael.



LENTEN RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Would you like to travel a different path this year on your Lenten journey? Make someone's day a little brighter? Let's focus on performing random acts of kindness these next few weeks of Lent (and it doesn't have to end at Easter)!

You can be kind to others in endless ways. *Kindness Kards* have been printed and are in a basket on the tables at the church entrance. Please take one today and set off on your Lenten journey of compassion and selflessness. Let's see what happens when we act!