

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



May, the Month of Mary
Queen of Heaven rejoice, Alleluia!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday:

8:30am to 3:00pm

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.

SETON ONLINE

Stay in touch with your parish on-line by “Liking” us on Facebook, Viewing our website setonpa.com and now with your mobile device. Download the new Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Worship Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad! Bulletins are posted each weekend to keep up with the parish happenings if you are away or just want a sneak peek at what’s coming up for our parish.



MISSIONARY WEEKEND

Each year the Diocese of Scranton sends a missionary to each parish of the diocese. This weekend, we will have a special guest, Rev. Michael Davitti, s.x., a priest from the Xaverian Missionary Fathers, Wayne, N.J. who will preach at all the masses. We will have a second collection for the missions. Please be generous.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, May 5th, is the **Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses are on Wednesday, May 4th, 5:30pm (vigil), and on Thursday at 8:00am, 12:10pm, and 5:30pm. *Also, our parish office will be closed in observance of the Holy Day.*

Vacation Bible School 2016


It's back... so get ready to dive into *Deep Sea Discovery*. Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Friday, June 27 - July 1. Kids aged preschool (4 years) through 4th grade are invited to join us. Through Bible stories, games, snack, arts and crafts and music, students will discover that **God is with me wherever I go**. Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more details.

It takes many volunteers, both adults and students, to make this week long adventure in faith and fun take place. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Margaret Loveless at 570-855-5118.

MOTHER’S DAY CARDS

During the month of May, seven masses will be said for the living & deceased mothers whose names are submitted on the Mother’s Day envelopes found on the tables at the church entrance. If you are submitting the names of mothers who are living, please take the large envelope which has a card enclosed that you can give to your mother; for mothers who are deceased, please take the small envelope without the card. These can be returned in the collection basket.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BARBEQUE

 **SUNDAY, MAY 22ND, 11AM TO 3PM, EAT IN OR TAKE-OUT, \$9.00/DINNER**, held in our school cafeteria. Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, butter, & dessert. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Tickets will also be available at the door.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Christian Mothers are taking reservations for their Annual Communion Luncheon to be held in our church hall, Sunday, May 15th, after the 11:30am Mass. Call Fran Krajnak 570-288-1708 or Theresa Yurko 570-714-1628 by May 6th. Cost for guests is \$15.00. Also, many items that were donated to the Christian Mothers annual spring rummage sale have been donated to charitable organizations. The McAuley House, Domestic Violence Center, and St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen have all been helped. Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir
 Phil Bosha
Maintenance
 Chris Calore
Maintenance
 Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician
 Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
 Margaret Loveless
Director of Religious Education
 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

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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.



FESTIVAL HELP NEEDED

Our 2016 Festival will be held on July 14-15-16. Each year we struggle with getting our grounds prepared. We need able-bodied people to help guide our crews. We will be setting up the week of June 27th, from 9am to 3pm, and taking down the week of July 18th, from 9am to 3pm. Lunch will be served. For more information, call Kathy Breznay, 570-283-1677.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The inherent dignity of the human person is the basis for all of the church's social teaching, and is the first theme commonly recognized as the foundation of her Social Doctrine. Come & join the Social Concerns Committee & learn more about Catholic social teaching & how it can be practically applied in our community. New members welcome!

MILITARY SALUTE



We would like to pay tribute to those individuals from our parish who are presently on Active Military Duty. If you would like to include your relative in this tribute—your husband, wife, son, daughter, grandchild—please submit the following information by Sunday, May 22nd:

~**Photograph** of the soldier/sailor (no larger than 8"x10") preferably in uniform,
 ~**Name**~**Branch of the Military**~**Duty Location**~**Relationship** to you
 Please submit the information in an envelope labeled "MILITARY SALUTE" or drop it in the collection basket. This activity is being sponsored by our Social Concerns Committee.

BAPTISM CLASS

Expectant parents & new parents who are planning their baby's baptism, and have not previously attended a Baptismal Class, are invited to attend our next Baptism class, to be held on **Monday, May 9th, at 6:30pm** in our church hall. Please call Lori, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office to register for the class and to schedule the baby's baptism.



We extend our congratulations to the 30 children who received Jesus for the first time on Saturday, April 30th. May God bless them & their families on this special day and always.

Nathan Baggett
William Bell
Blake Bohn
Wesley Brennan
Jacob Carlsson
Mia Correa
Brandon DelBalso
Kacie Emmert
John Fredericks
Mikayla Gagatek
Jack Galushka
Briana Greco
Kayden Kammerer
Madilyn Keating
Megan Kuzma

Evan Lee
Brandon Longfoot
Eric Orlando
Nathan Orlando
Hannah Pitcavage
Kaitlyn Sadowski
Raeann Sherrill
Rosemarie Smith
Daniel Stavish
Jameson Stavish
Shawn Wandel
Hunter Warke
Gianna Welby
Isabel Williams
Tyler Zambito

VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.

SETON PRAYER CHAIN

We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests. A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

Dear Parents,

Children are at the heart of what we are all about here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We encourage children of all ages and stages to attend mass with their parents each week. We expect that smaller children will, from time to time, be fussy, wiggle and make some noise. There is no need to leave mass. Again, it is expected. If you do feel the need to get up with your child, please return as soon as you are able. Training children in church early will help establish good habits in the future. We can all stand a little noise to ensure the future of our parish.

*SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
PRAY FOR US!*

COME AND "SEA" DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

May 20-22, 2016, 5pm on Friday until 2pm on Sunday. Curious about religious life? Wondering if God is calling you to a vowed life of service? Asking what difference would this life choice make for me? Come & join other women & men, ages 21-45, who are exploring these questions. At Saint Mary-by-the-sea Retreat House in Cape May Point, NJ, you will have the opportunity to walk with others who have similar feelings in their hearts. Vocation directors from the Delaware Valley will lead the group in prayer & guided reflection to help each person discern God's call....no stress or pressure, just God's grace & invitation & the sea. "Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!" Pope Francis Offering for the weekend: \$60/per person (\$30.00 deposit) For registration or more information: comeandsea2016@gmail.com

MARY: SOMETHING DANGEROUSLY NEW!

Traditionally, May is the month of Mary when we celebrate her unique place in salvation history. Because of God's initiative, through a young girl answering "Yes" to the unforeseen, the presence of God becomes vulnerable in human flesh. In the days of God's Old Testament people it was the Ark of the Covenant that marked the presence of God. Now something new is happening: Mary of Nazareth is the tabernacle of God.

Like all mothers, Mary gives over her body and soul so that new life may be born. All mothers must wait for the gradual process that is happening within them; they must learn to let go of the child within them; they must not only nurture and protect the presence of the life within them but also foster its leaving. The act of childbirth is the painful act of letting go, so that the life within can take its own separate place in the life of the world. Mary's vocation is not only to hold Jesus within her, but also to let him go, to let him become the person he must be.

Mary assists the struggle of God to be one like us. There is something dangerously new about Mary, the woman at the centre of the Christian story. It is this woman, not a man, who brings God's real presence into the world. And through her the presence of the Redeemer will be known and celebrated.



Church Finances

COLLECTION REPORT April 16/17, 2016

EASTER: \$55.00	SUNDAY: \$6352.00	DUES: \$646.00
LOOSE: \$491.46	OTHER: \$10.00	E-GIVING: \$275.32
TOTAL: \$7829.78		
Building & Maintenance: \$1063.00		

Diocesan:

April Care & Education of Priests: \$64.00

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron # 644 Swoyersville will be sponsoring a Mothers Day Breakfast Sunday May 8, 2016 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Post home on Shoemaker St. in Swoyersville. We will be featuring made to order pancakes with topping that you choose, and a buffet line that includes scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, creamed chip beef, pancakes, toast, etc... and various desserts. Coffee, tea and juice included. Donations of \$ 8.00 for adults and \$ 4.00 for children age 6 to 12. Under 6 are free. All funds raised help support veterans in our communities. Tickets available at the Post and also the day of the breakfast. General public is welcome.

Luzerne Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Buffet

Knights of Columbus in Luzerne is sponsoring a very special Mother's Day Buffet on May 8th from Noon until 6 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Children 10 and under are half price. Reservations are required. There will be a carving station with Prime Rib and Baked Ham, a Pasta Station with tomato, alfredo, and vodka sauces, a Salad Bar, the Buffet with Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Salmon, Roast Pork Loin and several other items, along with a dessert table and an ice cream bar. Please call [570-287-2826](tel:570-287-2826) for questions and reservations.



INTERFAITH TEA—Tuesday, May 10th, at 1:00pm, at Temple B'nai Brith, 408 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. Guest speaker is Howard Grossman speaking on "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren". A full program is planned with a dessert reception following the program. Please join us! The event is FREE and no reservations required!

INVITATION TO ALL

Fr. Joseph Adonizio invites all to a Solemn Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Date: Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 2:00pm. Place: St. Joseph Marelo Parish, 237 William St., Pittston. You are invited to a reception, without a program, which will follow the Mass in the adjoining parish hall. You are kindly asked to call Lori at our parish rectory (570-287-6624) if you plan to attend. RSVP by May 28th.

Swoyersville Kiwanis 2016 Scholarship Award Program

The Swoyersville Kiwanis once again is offering 3 scholarship awards in the amount of \$1000 each to local high school seniors. In addition to the three Kiwanis \$1,000.00 Scholarships for the year 2016, there will be two additional scholarships awarded. The first is a \$1,000.00 Scholarship from the family of Ann Grozalis, and the second is a \$250.00 Scholarship from the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the 37. High School seniors who reside in Swoyersville, Luzerne and Forty Fort are eligible. Applications are available by contacting S Williams at 570-606-1153 or swoyK1951@comcast.net. Return applications must be post marked by May 18th. Letters will be sent to the winners by mail on May 25th and will be invited to be our guests along with their families at a Scholarship Awards Dinner Meeting. Winners will be judged on financial need, community service, school involvement and studies.



CASH BINGO—AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, Friday May 13th, held here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Basement, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Food/ Refreshments. Doors open at 4pm, Bingo 6pm. \$5/admission. Call Kevin for tickets: 570-885-9986.

Adult Volleyball League—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Co-Ed Volleyball League is planning its 2nd annual fundraising marathon to benefit Candy's Place, a Cancer Wellness Center. The event will be held at the Parish Gym, Hughes St., Swoyersville, on Saturday, May 7th, when 2 teams will play non-stop for 7 hours from 8am to 3pm. If you would like to help, please send a tax deductible donation to Candy's Place & reference on your check "Volleyball Marathon", or drop it off at the gym on May 7th and watch us play. Call Jerry Hook, Event Coordinator, gerardhook@comcast.net, or 570-498-9015, for more info.

NEPA Warriors Athletic Association will be conducting a **Summer Activity Camp** here at our gym. The camp, under the direction of Mr. David Coassolo, will run four times: Camp 1 (June 20-24), Camp 2 (July 25-29), Camp 3 (August 1-5) and Camp 4 (August 8-12). Each camp will have 2 sessions per day: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon for Grades 3 & 4 and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for Grades 5 & 6. Mr. Coassolo is a P.E. Teacher at Good Shepherd Academy. Cost for the camp is \$125.00 per week or one pre-payment of \$400.00 for all 4 weeks. For more information contact Mr. David Coassolo at (570) 677-8129 or gsagym@gsa.org. Applications are available on the tables in the back of the Church.



A Butterfly to Remember—AseraCare Hospice invites you, your family and friends to a memorial event. May 22, 2016 – 3:00 PM St. Gabriel's Monastery, S. Abington Township, PA Reflections, Refreshments, Music and Butterfly Release For more information, call 570-586-4573

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 N. Main St., Pittston, is having a "TRUNK SALE" on June 4th in the church parking lot. Clear your garage & sell your stuff without strangers at your house. We will open from 8am to 3pm. Pre-paid spots are \$10 each. Limited space available. 1st come-1st served. No refunds. Call 570-905-7387 to reserve your spot. Email: lindahando@hotmail.com

Eucharistic Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, May 2 *St. Anathanasius*
 8:00 am Joseph Tarreto Mother, Marie

Tuesday, May 3 *Saints Philip & James*
 8:00 am Christal Jacobs Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Wednesday, May 4
 8:00 am Edward M. Volack Family
 5:30pm Vigil *Pro Populo*

Thursday, May 5 *The Ascension of the Lord*
 8:00am David Check Wife, Gayle
 12:10pm John Tobias Madeleine Barush
 5:30pm Gregory Walker Phil & Mary Lou Bosha


Friday, May 6
 8:00am James S. Gibbons Daughter, Pat & Family

Saturday, May 7 *Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter*
 4:00pm Mothers' Day Intentions
 5:30pm Mothers' Day Intentions

Sunday, May 8 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
 8:30 am Mothers' Day Intentions
 10:00 am Mothers' Day Intentions
 11:30 am Mothers' Day Intentions
 5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

REST IN PEACE PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:
 ~~*Helen Gaydos*~~~*Raymond J. Pechal Sr.*~~~
 GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

 **Sanctuary Candles**
 ~Special Intention
 ~In Honor of our 2016 1st Holy Communion Class

 **BAPTISM SUNDAY**
 CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON
 ~~*Alexander Casimiro Conmy*~~~*Michael Joseph Pacelli*~~~*Lucille Nicole Stewart*~~~
 AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY WILL BE REBORN BY WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS TODAY.



Celebrants for the Eucharist

MAY 7	
4:00 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm	Fr. Urban
MAY 8	
8:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
11:30 am	Fr. Urban
5:30 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi