

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA



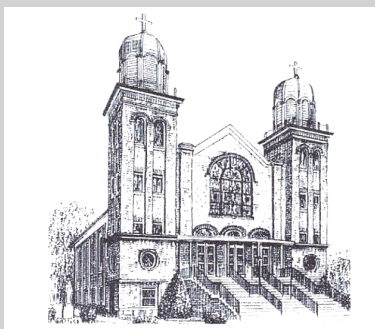
**I Will Make You
Fishers of Men**

THE SETON SENTINEL
The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 25, 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.

IMPORTANT MEETING

On Thursday, January 29th, at 7pm in the church hall, there will be an important meeting concerning **ALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES** in our parish. Heads of all organizations that sponsor any fundraising are asked to be in attendance. Guidelines for all such activities will be discussed and procedures put into action to ensure smooth sailing and no overlapping will be determined. If you cannot attend this meeting, it is suggested that you send a delegate from your committee to represent you at this meeting.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

There will be a brief but important meeting of all current and newly formed EMs on **Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church**. As there is some confusion about the procedures for mass, we will clarify the process. All are urged to attend.

LENTEN ADULT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM MEETING

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council who wish to participate, and others who may have an interest, are invited to a meeting to plan our Lenten Adult Enrichment Series for this year. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm in the rectory. This year, we will attempt to try something new, centered around the Eucharist. Tentative dates for the series will be on Thursday evenings during Lent for the participation of all of our parishioners.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

CONSTRUCTION

Daily mass will continue to be held in the parish hall this week. Please note that while the construction is going on absolutely no one is to walk in the sanctuary area of the church. This is for your own safety and protection of the work on the floor.

SANCTUARY ARRANGEMENT

The statues for the sanctuary area are undergoing a cleaning and will be touched-up and in some cases painted. When they are all complete they will be placed back in the sanctuary as they were prior to Christmas. This may take until Easter since we are on a wait list to have this done. Updates will be in the *Sentinel* as they develop.

VOTIVE CANDLES

For the time being the votive candle racks are located in the church hall. Please make a visit there if you wish to light a devotional candle. We believe we have now determined how best to fit the candles into the gathering space without obstructing the entrances and exits and walkways in that area. Stay tuned for updates.

SEAS ALTAR GUILD CHICKEN POT PIE SALE

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our **Chicken Pot Pie Sale** to be held on **Friday, February 13th**. Pick-ups are from **12noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm**.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our CCM will *not* have a meeting this month. The next meeting will be held on the last Sunday in February.

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.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!!!

Do you play an instrument? Piano, Organ, Guitar, Flute, Violin, Trumpet, Clarinet, Sax, drums, etc.? Do you want to be part of the newest music group in the parish? We need your help! Call Father Joe to sign-up for the 5:30 pm Contemporary Sunday Eucharist Group. We welcome Mr. Scott Coates who is the Director of Music at All Saints Parish in Plymouth to lead our 5:30 pm Sunday Celebrations. Oh...singers are also needed so let us know if you can sing or play. The Mass will begin on Sunday, February 15th in our parish. Practices will be before the mass. Although we are especially appealing to the youth of our parish (grades 7-college age), everyone is most welcome to attend, participate, and be part of the ministries of this mass.

Or if Traditional Music is more your style.....

Join our adult choir!!! Practices are getting started now for Lent, Easter Triduum and Confirmation. The adult choir practices on Wednesday evenings in the choir loft at 6:30 pm. The choir sings at either the 4:00 pm or 10:00 am Sunday Liturgies and for all special celebrations. Call Marge at 288-2010 or come to practice this Wednesday. Men are especially encouraged to join. All are welcome!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST TODAY

This Sunday, January 25th, our HNS is having a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast from 9am to 1pm in our school cafeteria. Cost is \$6.00/adults, \$3.00/children 4-12, and children under 3 are free. Tickets will be sold after Saturday Masses this weekend downstairs in the church hall and will also be available at the door.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MARDI GRAS DANCE

Our HNS is having a Mardi Gras Dance on Saturday, February 7th, from 7pm-11pm in our church hall. Music is by DJ Jack Bravyak. Tickets are \$6.00 each. BYOB and own munchies. Contact Anna Mae Venetz for more information: 570-287-7655.



2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST
Please, No Phone Requests
Please make your requests by filling out the form below or emailing the Parish Office at seton.swoy@aol.com by January 26. Thank you.

Envelope #: _____

Please Print
Name: _____

Phone #: _____

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.



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pray for us!**

Knights of Columbus Ash Wednesday Red Clam Chowder Sale

The Knights are sponsoring an **Ash Wednesday (February 18th) Manhattan (Red) Clam Chowder Sale**. Cost is \$6.00 per quart. Sign-up sheets are available on the tables at the church entrance. Pick ups will be in the school cafeteria after the 8am Mass, 11am-1pm, and 5pm-6pm.

Knights of Columbus #12976 Free Throw Contest

Our Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest will be held this Sunday, January 25, 2015, at Kingston Rec Center, Third Ave., Kingston. Boys and girls between the ages of 10 to 14 as of January 1, 2015, can participate. You must have either the original or a copy of the child's birth certificate to take part in the event. Practice will be from 4:15 to 4:30 pm. Event will start promptly at 4:30pm and end at 6pm. Any questions, please contact Rick Frusciante at 570-466-8810.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/Scholarship Test Result Night & Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held January 28 at 7pm in the auditorium. Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2015-2016 school year will be held from Feb. 5,9,10, 11 from 3pm to 6pm. Call the Guidance Dept. at 829-2424 to set an appointment.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, JANUARY 25-31

As families register their students for the upcoming school year, consider becoming an Academic Angel! Your contribution is an investment in a child's future. Our schools offer an instructional environment that challenges the mind, while inspiring & strengthening the spirit. Please consider supporting our students for the 2015-16 school year. You can designate the gift as a memorial or honor someone special, select a particular school to receive it, or let us put it to where it is most needed. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Ave. Scranton, PA 18503

Wyoming Area Catholic School Open House: Sunday, January 25, 2015, from 12:00pm-2:00pm. 1690 Wyoming Ave., Exeter. Come share in our *Passport to Learning* Open House and see what we have to offer! Tours will be given by students, parents, teachers, & administrators who will answer your questions & concerns. We hope you will join us! ☺

Good Shepherd Academy Open House: Sunday, January 25, 2015, from 1:30pm-3:00pm. 316 North Maple Ave., Kingston. Welcoming students from Pre-K to 8th Grade. Catch our Spirit!



COLLECTION REPORTS

JANUARY 10/11, 2015

- SUNDAY: \$6781.50; DUES: \$5699.00; HOLY DAYS: \$181.00;
 - LOOSE: \$497.27; CHRISTMAS: \$218.00
 - E-giving (online) \$381.49 **TOTAL: \$13,758.26**
 - DIOCESAN: Care & Education of Priests: \$326.75
- May God bless you for your generosity!**



WELCOME!

Rev. Joseph Sibilano, OSJ will be filling in for some of the liturgies this weekend while Fr. Joe is away. We are always indebted to the Oblates of St. Joseph who are so generous in assisting our diocesan priests whenever the need arises. Join the Oblate Fathers in praying for vocations to the religious life and to the priesthood! We gather every first Thursday of the month in the seminary chapel for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Next gathering, Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 pm at the Oblates Seminary, Route 315 in Pittston.

Feast of the Holy Spouses: The Oblates will host the annual Feast of the Holy Spouses, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, on Sunday, Jan. 25th, with a special Holy Mass at 4:00PM at the Oblates Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Everyone is invited, especially all married couples & future married couples, as a special blessing will be imparted upon them. A social will follow for all to enjoy.

Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Friday, January 23rd, at 12:10pm in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton:

There will be no 12:10pm Mass that day in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. In addition, CTV will broadcast the service live. This observance, first organized by Fr. Paul Watson, S.A., in 1908 at Graymoor in Garrison, NY, seeks to gather together diverse communities of the Christian faith to express the degree of communion which the churches have already received, and to pray together for the full visible unity of the one Church of Jesus Christ. All of the people of the Diocese of Scranton are encouraged to attend a local Ecumenical prayer service in your area, and all are invited to participate in the prayer service at St. Peter's Cathedral.

Lenten Preparation Session

The Office for Parish Life will be holding a regional Lenten Preparation Session on Tuesday, February 10th, at 6:30pm at Gate of Heaven Parish, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas, for all those involved with the preparation of liturgical sessions, especially music ministers, liturgy committees, art & environment committees, or anyone wanting to deepen their appreciation of the Lenten season & the Paschal Triduum. In an effort to help these liturgical leaders network with neighboring parishes, the Session will include faith-sharing on scripture readings, brief overview of some traditional practices of Lent, different themes & music selections that parishes are using, and sharing ideas for the liturgical environment. For more information or to register, call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

PRE-PLANNING FUNERAL LITURGIES

This is a morbid subject but one that is worth mentioning. As you know, many people pre-plan their funerals from start to finish. We would like to offer the opportunity to pre-plan your Mass of Christian Burial at church as well. Our diocesan priests do this every 3 years regardless of their age. It is such a difficult time for family and relatives trying to make Liturgical decisions. It is often a hardship to the survivors. There are decisions that you could make now that would ease the burden on everyone when your time comes. For example, selecting appropriate readings for the mass, and the hymns, which must be of Liturgical in nature and make good Liturgical sense. (*It's not just picking our favorite tunes*) Also, decisions about gift bearers and readers may be made at this time. What is not a choice is who will preside at your funeral or the musicians who will play. These are dependent on availability of the individuals and in the case of musicians, the rotation in place in the parish. Outside priests are always most welcome to celebrate or concelebrate a funeral mass, however, it can be a real imposition to ask a former pastor or other priest to return for a funeral. Remember that they have gone on to new assignments which means they have another flock's needs to tend to and it can be a difficult position for the priest.

All of these matters may be discussed in detail by setting up a meeting with our Pastoral Associate, Lori Raymond, by calling the rectory. You will be given a book with readings and the music choices and a form to fill out that will be on file at the rectory and a copy for your files and one to be sent to the funeral director of your choice. You could always make changes if the need arises. Let's hope for a long healthy life for everyone but be prepared for as scripture says: "You do not know the day or the hour"

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CHANGE

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, & the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to a diocesan **Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 7** (NB: this is a change from original date of June 21). The event includes a 2:30pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Request for an invitation should be made through Fr. Joe or Lori Raymond before March 16th

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
PRAY FOR US!**

