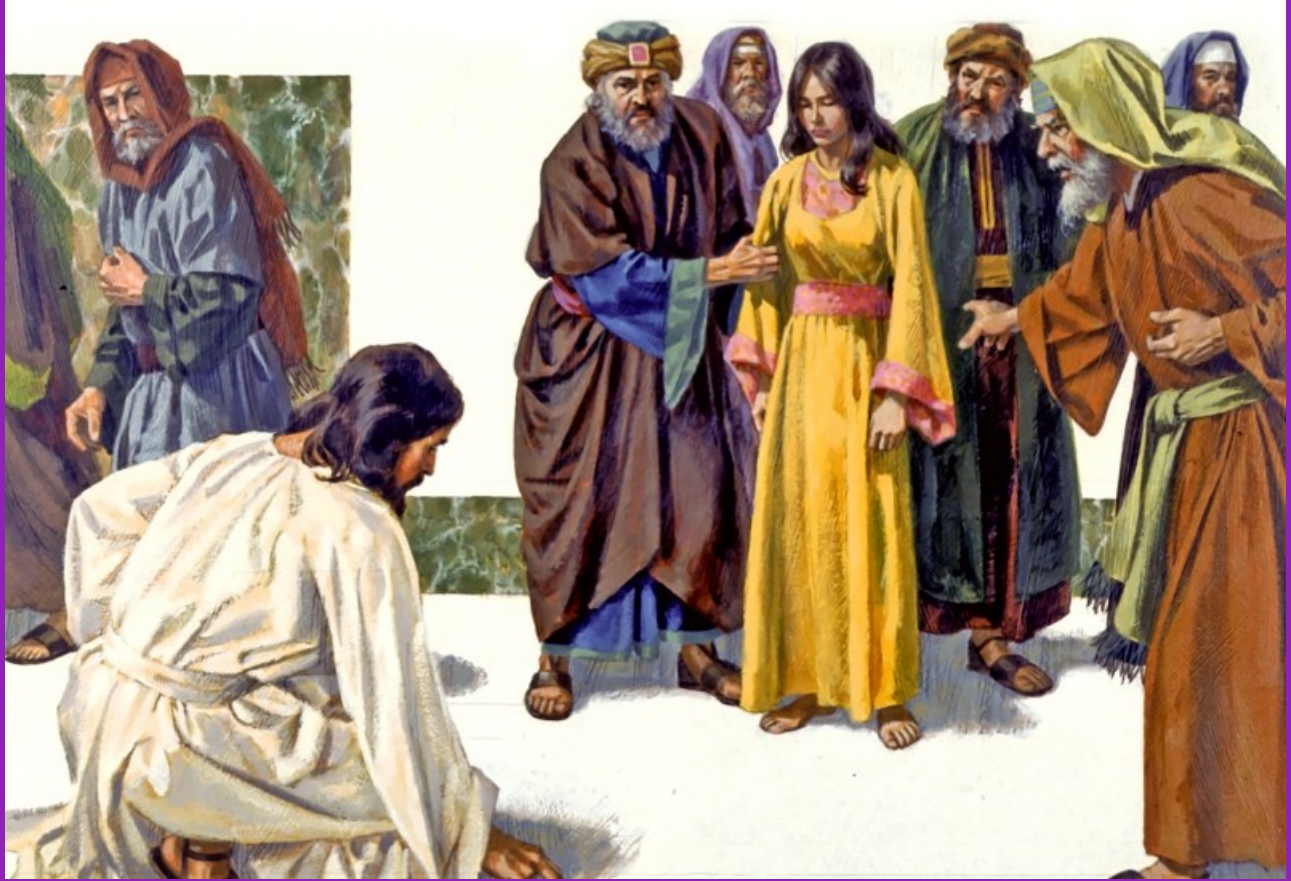


The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



“Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and sin no more.”

John 8:11

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

2016 Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday March 24th

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

9:30 am—Confessions

7:00 pm— Solemn Mass

10:00 pm Night Prayer

Good Friday, March 25th

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

9:30 am—Confessions

2:00 pm— Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

5:15 pm — Evening Prayer

Holy Saturday, March 26th

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

9:30 am—Confessions

2:00 pm—Blessing of the Baskets (gym)

8:00 pm—Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 27th Masses:

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am,
11:30 am and 5:30 pm

Please cut out the above schedule and keep it close during Holy Week as to avoid calling the rectory for service times. Schedule is also on line at setonpa.com

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISER

Final Lenten Fundraiser: **FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH-PIROHY**. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Cost is \$7.00/dozen. You may pick up your order in our school cafeteria from 12 noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. We need lots of help making the pirohy. If you can help ball the potatoes, please come at 7:30a.m. All others come at 8:30a.m. Come join in the fun and bring a friend! Lunch will be served, too!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY HOLY HOUR

Dear Parishioners and Friends: Our Holy Name Society will hold a Holy Hour from 9:00pm to 10:00pm on Holy Thursday. Won't you come join us on this solemn night and enjoy this one hour of private prayer and peacefulness with our Lord? We are looking forward to seeing you on Holy Thursday at 9:00pm.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Donation Days are April 4-5-6. Sale Days are April 11-12-13. Donations will be accepted from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners only. The following items **will not** be accepted: **NO Readers' Digests, Encyclopedias, college textbooks, or outdated magazines. NO TVs. NO pick ups or deliveries.** Also, we welcome **all women**, single or married, to join our organization. Call Susan Bayer, President, at 714-1628 for more information.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

Our Social Concerns Committee will meet this Thursday, March 17th, at 7:00pm in our school cafeteria. New members are always welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a **BINGO** on Sunday, April 17th, 2016. Details will follow....

PRAYER CHAIN MEETING and LUNCHEON

Our Prayer Chain members will meet on Wednesday, March 16th, at 12 noon, at Perugino's in Luzerne, for their monthly meeting and lunch. New members are welcome. Come join us for some Christian fellowship and bring a friend. Everyone is most welcome! Please call Gail Kimmerle at 570-690-7520 and RSVP by March 13th. (You can still become a member of our Prayer Chain even if you cannot attend the meetings.)

MONDAY EVENING ADORATION and CONFESSIONS

This Monday, March 14th is the **final night** for "Light On," program in the Diocese of Scranton due to the Christ Mass during Holy Week. There will be no confessions or adoration on Monday, March 21st in our parish. Confessions will be heard on Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45 and each morning of the Paschal Triduum at 9:30 until all are heard.

LENTEN FAITH-SHARING

It's not too late! If you haven't had a chance this Lent to join us, please come to our final Lenten Faith-Sharing this Thursday at 6:30pm in our church hall.

THIS FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Friday, March 18th at 7:00 pm, our parish will gather for the final Stations of the Cross devotion for this Lent. At 7:30 this Friday we will then celebrate a special vigil mass in for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary. Join us for stations and/or mass this Friday.

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

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.



NOVENA OF ST. JOSEPH

The 9 Day Novena of St. Joseph will begin after 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, March 9th and conclude on Friday March 18th after the weekday morning masses. Prayer booklets will be made available to take home to pray in private on Saturday and Sunday.

THE PASCHAL TRIDIUM

The Triduum and Easter Schedule is as follows: Morning Prayer (*Lauds*) Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning at 9:00 am. Followed by the opportunity for Confessions each day at 9:30 am until all are heard. **Thursday evening's Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 7:00 pm** with the church remaining open until 10:00 pm for individual prayer. Night Prayer (*Compline*) at 10:00 pm. **Good Friday, Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 2:00 pm**, Evening Prayer (*Vespers*) and closing of the church at 5:15 pm. Holy Saturday, Blessing of the Baskets at 2:00 pm in the school gym. **Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm. Easter Sunday masses at 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am and 5:30 pm.** These are days of prayer and meditation, the Highest Holy Days of the Church year and while they are not obligatory (Thursday and Friday), we encourage everyone to participate in the special masses and prayer services.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Social Concerns Committee is currently planning their 2nd Annual Prize Bingo, to be held on Sunday, April 17th in the school gymnasium. The proceeds from our fundraisers, including our fall pasta dinner and holiday craft show, allow us to financially help both parishioners and the local community, including clothing donations for school children, grocery store gift cards for those in need, and financial gifts to individuals experiencing health concerns. Later this month the Committee will also continue the holiday tradition of purchasing Easter flowers to be delivered to parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes.

Our monthly meetings are normally scheduled for the third Thursday of the month, with our next meeting to be held on March 17th at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. New members are always welcome.

Come and join us to learn what the Social Concerns Committee is all about!

WORK DONE...AND TO BE DONE....

Our parish buildings are in constant need of care and repair. You may have noticed that we recently replaced the last step of the main stairway to the church. We are also working on getting all of the restrooms in the gym up and running, and with the help of parish volunteers, painting those restrooms. We have discovered a leak in one of the domes at the top of the church which will need to be repaired as it is leaking in the choir loft and stairway. We are most grateful for your continued use and generosity in the Building and Maintenance Envelope each month.

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO
LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE
PRESENTED BY JOACHIM TEJERA FOR THE FOODS BOOK

WHEN
FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

ABSTINENCE

WHO

CATHOLICS 14+
ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE

CATHOLICS 18-59
ARE OBLIGED TO FAST

THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

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!**

2016 Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference "Be A Man: Jesus Christ, The Face of True Manhood" April 23, 2016 at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center, 149 North Main St, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 Experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring keynote presentations by Catholic biblical scholar, professor and conference speaker Dr. Scott Hahn from Steubenville, Ohio, well-known blogger Msgr. Charles Pope from the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., and former Notre Dame football player Michael McGlenn. Reconciliation opportunities with many priests available for confessions. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00am, Registration/ Continental Breakfast 7:00am, With main Conference and Mass from 8:00am to 2:45pm. Cost: \$35, \$30 early bird, \$15 for students. Register online at : www.BeAManConference.com or mail the completed conference brochure application with your check to Attn: Men's Conference, Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA. 18503 (Mark "Men's Conference" on memo line of check). Our Parish Captain is Chris Calore (570-824-5621)

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY TO BE CELEBRATED ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016, IN THE GREATER PITTSTON AREA

St. Maria Goretti Church in Laflin will host the 10th annual celebration of Divine Mercy on April 3rd. This year's theme is "Mercy" based on the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy 2016, declared by Pope Francis. This year's principal celebrant and homilist is Fr. Pio Mandato, FMHJ, a Franciscan priest living as a missionary hermit in The Diocese of Scranton. Fr. Pio & his parents are from Pietrelcina, Italy, where St. "Padre" Pio lived, and he also received his 1st Holy Communion from St. "Padre" Pio.

Itinerary for the celebration is as follows:

1:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

2:00PM Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy, followed by Holy Mass

3:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, recitation of the Holy Rosary, benediction, and individual blessing with first class relics of St. Faustina.

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 the canonization of St. Faustina, it is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on the second Sunday of Easter which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday".

Church Finances

February 27/28, 2016

Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$7892.00

DUES: \$1035.00

LOOSE: \$729.50 OTHER (Ash Wed.) \$126.00

E-GIVING: \$210.09

TOTAL: \$9992.59

February Parish Groups-Holy Name Society: \$794.00

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

MARCH Parish Groups Envelope benefits the ALTAR GUILD

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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.

 Like us on Facebook



Novena and Feast of Saint Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, will be celebrated on Saturday, March 19th. The Oblate Fathers will offer Holy Masses at 8:00am at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laffin. A Solemn high Mass will be celebrated at **10:30am**. Serving as principal celebrant and homilist will be Bishop John M. Dougherty, auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton. Concelebrants will be local Oblate Fathers & Diocesan Clergy. The Feast day celebration will conclude the nine-day novena currently being held at the seminary chapel with daily holy Masses at 11:00am and 7:00pm. Come and offer your prayers to Saint Joseph for our families, our country, and the Universal Church Family.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS

Liturgy and Becoming the Church of Mercy, Tuesday, April 19th at 6:00PM at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. Pope Francis has declared this year as an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in-viting everyone to reconsider both spiritually and practically the importance of mercy in our lives. Rev. Eric Schimmel, C.S.C. and Robert Yenkowski, both from King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, will provide insight into how our participation in the sacred liturgy helps us become more merciful in our lives.

For more information or to register for either of these events, please contact David Baloga, NPM Scranton Chapter Program Director, at 570-207-2213, ext 1158, or David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org

Wyoming Area Catholic School

Wyoming Area Catholic School Girls’ Varsity Basketball Team is going to the Catholic Youth Organization State Championship Game. We ask for your support by going to GoFundMe.com/52qystcg **Thank you!**

LIVING STATIONS

For the season of Lent and preparing for Holy Week, the Wyoming Area Catholic School community will present two performances of “The Living Stations”. Also known as the Way of the Cross, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week, and especially Good Friday. Eighth grade students will enact, with solemnity, the Entrance into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the Arrest and finally, the Stations of the Cross. Both presentations will take place at St. Cecilia’s Church (St. Barbara’s Parish) on Wyoming Ave. in Exeter, on the following dates: Friday, March 18th at 1:00pm and Sunday, March 20th at 3:00pm. All are welcome!

LENTEN SLOVAK HYMN-SING

The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern PA presents a Lenten Slovak Hymn-sing and Kri-zova Cesta Pana Naseho Jezisa Krista. Traditional Stations of the Cross in Slovak, Sunday, March 13th, at 2pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, at St. Mary’s Church of the Immaculate Conception, 134 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre. Come join us in singing the beautiful Slovak Lenten hymns. The words and a translation of this rich hymnology will be provided. The church is handicap accessible via elevator. For information contact Magdalen Benish at 570-823-1222.

Designer Bingo

The Music Box Players are proud to present Designer Bingo at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville, on Sunday, March 13th. Doors open at 12:30pm and bingo begins at 2:00pm. Tickets available at the door: \$20.00. Food, chances, and a cash bar.

“When we are really honest with ourselves, we must admit that our lives are all that really belong to us. So it is how we use our lives that determines what kind of people we are.”

Cesar Chavez

Eucharistic Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, March 14

8:00 am Edward Silvent Patricia Krubitzer

Tuesday, March 15

8:00 am Tillie Kader Family

Wednesday, March 16

8:00 am Charlotte Romanowski Sister, Alberta & Andrew Kolojechick

Thursday, March 17 *St. Patrick*

8:00 am Dorothy Bednar Grycko Grycko Family

Friday, March 18 *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*


8:00 am Albert Baloga & Agnes Mesaros Niece, Susan Bayer
 7:30 pm Joseph & Dolores Chorba Sister, Anna Mae Venetz

Saturday, March 19 Vigil of *Passion (Palm) Sunday*


4:00 pm Marie Shampack Denise Waters & Family
 5:30 pm Eleanor & Martin Sheedy Daughter, Donna

Sunday, March 20 Passion (Palm) Sunday

8:30 am James J. Connell Holy Name-St. Mary's Christian Mothers
 10:00 am Gerald Meighan Family
 11:30 am Eric Rogers Friends
 5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

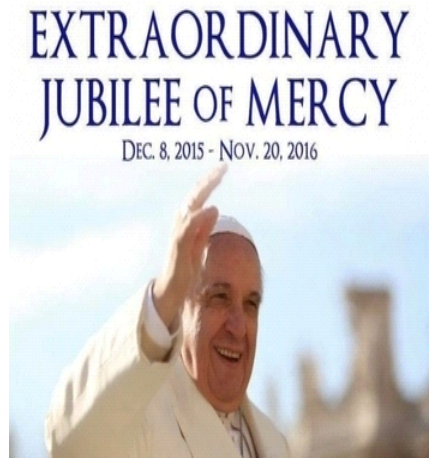


PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY.
 GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF
 THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of Frank & Anna Duzen offered by daughters, Paula Matthews & Donna Gustave
 ~In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents



<u>Celebrants for the Eucharist</u>	
MARCH 19	
4:00 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm	Fr. Urban
MARCH 20	
8:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
11:30 am	Fr. Urban
5:30 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi