

The Seton Sentinel
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, Pennsylvania

March 23, 2014

*"In my thirst you let me drink the water of your
life, Here among you I have met the
Savior Jesus Christ."*



Sunday of Lent



CCM ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE IN SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Monday, March 31: 9am-3pm and 6pm-9pm
 Tuesday, April 1: 9am-3pm \$2/bag day
 Wednesday, April 2: 9am-3pm \$1/bag day
 BAKE SALE & LIGHT LUNCH
There is no Saturday sale this year.

COLLECTION DAYS: Mon., Tues., & Wed.,
March 24th, 25th, and 26th from 8am –6pm.
 You may drop off your items
 in the **SCHOOL GYM**
(Use side door. Signs will be posted).

Clean, usable clothing, small appliances in working condition (**NO TV'S, please**), household items, toys, books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, tapes, religious items, jewelry, shoes in GOOD condition, holiday items, purses, & cosmetics, etc.
 Questions: call 288-3073

Holy Name Society EASTER EGG HUNT



Sign-up sheets for the children of SEAS Parish, ages 1 thru 8, are on the tables at the entrance of the church for the Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by our **Holy Name Society**, on **April 5th**, in the **church hall at 1:00pm, Rain or Shine**. This is the **last weekend** to sign up.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish 2014 Confirmation



Our Parish Community welcomes our Bishop, Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. This is the first Confirmation class of the new parish. We are very proud of our *Confirmandi*, and we share in the joy of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them. All are welcome to attend the Mass on

Thursday at 5.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COOKBOOK

The parish cookbooks will soon be shipped to the publisher for printing. **The committee needs help in determining the number of books that are needed.** If you have not already reserved your books, please submit your name and quantity of books requested on the form below. Place in the collection basket next week. The cost is \$10.00 each, and payment is due when you receive the book. Return by March 30th.

Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name _____

LENTEN FUNDRAISERS



This Friday, March 28th it's Pirohy! Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the Church entrance.
HELP NEEDED!

*Please note: Due to the large number of orders we have been receiving for Pirohy, we need lots of help in the kitchen this Friday. If you can lend a hand, even for an hour or two, please come out and help! If you can ball potatoes, come at 7:00 a.m. Everyone else please come around 8:30. If you can't come at 8:30, come at 10:00. We also need a **PACKAGING CREW** for 10:00am TO 2:00pm. Give it a try and join the fun!*

Lunch will be served, too!

Upcoming Sales:

Friday, April 4th-SWEET PIZZA SALE

Friday, April 11th-PIROHY SALE





PLEASE NOTE:

We are making all of the spaces in the new driveway Handicap Parking Only. This has been requested by a number of parishioners.

It is also requested that those who do park there should park closer to the church building, so the driveway can remain open and passable to other vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL QUESTION



“Looking to the coming years, if you could imagine or transform our parish in anyway you wished, what three things would you do to enhance its life and vitality?”

You may link on to our website and answer the question there: setonpa.com then click on the Parish Question Link. Or you may also write (clearly) your responses on a regular sheet of paper and turn it in to the parish in a plain envelope marked, “Parish Council Question.” The responses will be processed by a team of Parish Council members. Please complete the question either online or on paper, but have it back to the parish by **March 30th**.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2014

Our festival dates for this year are **July 10, 11, & 12**. Just a reminder that we are accepting donations of paper towels, napkins, paper plates, ketchup, 9x9 and 3-section Styrofoam containers. It is not too early to buy these items when you see a great sale going on. We appreciate whatever you can do!

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Next weekend is “Kickoff Weekend” for an exciting new resource available in our parish to help deepen our faith. Please check out the display of books, CDs, and pamphlets located in the church vestibule. A representative from Lighthouse will speak briefly at all Masses next weekend, and he will bring with him many more items to offer. There are “suggested” donations for the items.

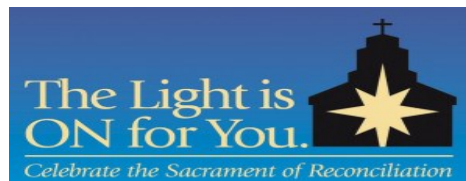


Stations of the Cross

Join our parish family Fridays at 7:00pm to recount Jesus’ steps to Calvary.

And Before Stations of the Cross...

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. it’s a simple Lenten Friday meatless meal and a brief reflection, before heading up for the Stations of the Cross Devotions. We’ll handle the main course, but feel free to bring a pot of meatless soup along to share, a salad, jell-o, or anything else meatless for folks to grab a fork or spoonful and enjoy!



Every Monday evening during Lent, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their “lights on” from **5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for confession** so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God’s grace, mercy, and healing. At Seton Parish, we will continue to Expose the Blessed Sacrament from 5:30—7:00 pm Monday evenings. It is a time of silent prayer and meditation before our Sacred Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass will be on **Sunday, April 6th**, at **10:00AM**. The social held in the church hall after mass will be hosted by our 3rd Grade students and their families.

COLLECTION REPORT March 8/9, 2014

SUNDAY: \$7515.00	DUES: \$4251.00
HOLY DAYS: \$5.00	LOOSE: \$300.10
TOTAL: \$12,071.10	
ASH WEDNESDAY: \$973.25	
CARE & EDUCATION: \$213.00	

HOLY NAME SOCIETY POTATO PANCAKE SALE

On Good Friday, our Holy Name Society will have a Potato Pancake Sale. More details to follow....

CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICE

The Children’s Choir practice on Sunday, March 30th, will be held in the school cafeteria from 8:45 to 9:45am.

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 only 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 are 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.

Meetings:

~Confraternity of Christian Mothers:

Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00pm in the church hall.

- **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**—Sunday, April 6th, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Present and new members (both women and men) are welcome to attend. Plans for the Good Friday, Potato Pancake Sale will be finalized.

~Parish Pastoral Council Tuesday, April 8th, 6:30 p.m. in the rectory

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS



Prayer request cards have been placed on a table near the confessional. All of the parish community groups will pray for your intentions.

Take a moment to fill out a prayer card for you and your loved ones, and trust in the power of prayer.

SATAN'S LOSS: PASSION PLAY 2014

Friday, April 11th, 7:30PM at St. John the Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville: The 7 Deadly Sins & Jesus' Passion are examined through a contest between Satan & God the Father. Rev. Gerald J. Gurka directs his new original script. Open to the public. Refreshments & fellowship to follow. Questions: Call 779-9620.

CHORAL SOCIETY LENTEN CONCERTS

The Catholic Choral Society will present a Lenten Concert today, Sunday, March 23, at 3pm at our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, 535 N. Main St., Pittston. The 2nd Concert will be on Sunday, April 6, at 3pm at St. Ann Parish, 1250 St. Ann St., Scranton. Both concerts are free of charge.

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP



Looking for a way to renew your spirit and put your faith into action during this Lenten season? Consider participating in one or more of the Intentional Discipleship Lent 2014 Saturday programs provided through the Office for Parish Life. The program is offered on 4 Satur-

days of Lent--one in each of the Pastoral Regions of the Diocese. Two Saturday programs remain. Feel free to choose the date & location which best serves your needs.

The General Format is:

12:30pm-Gathering Prayer

12:45 to 3:45 Workshops on various topics for adult faith formation & ministry skills

4:00pm or 4:30pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in Host parish

5:30pm Community Meal (*free will offering*)

7:30pm ***Godspell*** by Sweet Charity Players (tickets \$15-advance purchases or will be sold at the door)

Host sites are:

March 29th St. Boniface, Williamsport

April 5th, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Dunmore

You can participate in all of the renewal, or just a part of it.

Pamphlets with Registration forms and more details are located on the tables at the church entrance or call Lori at the parish office: 287-6624. Online: www.dioceseofscranton.org

ESSENTIAL ESTATE PLANNING

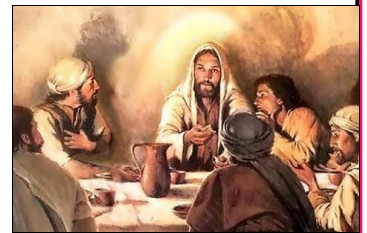
A GUIDE FOR SENIORS & CAREGIVERS

Presented by the Social Justice Committee of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown. Coffee & Conversation Series. Let's talk about wills, powers of attorney, end of life directives, and more. Thursday, April 3rd, 7pm-8pm in the church basement.

Spring Fling BINGO

Sunday, April 6, 1pm-5pm, Wyoming Area High School Cafeteria. Doors open at 12. Tickets: \$20/person for 20 three-card games. Food, great prizes, Proceeds benefit WA Music program. Questions: Call Judey 654-7961.

Liturgical Schedule



Monday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Lottie Chipego Chipego/Singer Great Grandchildren

Tuesday, March 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Matthew Gaiteri Wife, Mary and daughter, Andrea

Wednesday, March 26

8:00 a.m. Marie Shampack Joe & Barbara Shampack

Thursday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Karen O'Neill Andrew Ulichney & Family

5:00 p.m. *Confirmation Liturgy*

Friday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Anita S. Hovanec Daniel & Lottie Chipego

Saturday, March 29 (Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent)

4:00 p.m. Robert J. Prushinski Family

5:30 p.m. Stephen Kutz Barbara Stanishefski

Sunday, March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Andrew & Margaret Chorba Daughter, Anna Mae Venetz

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. Catherine & Frank Mucha Family



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS



~ In Memory of Marie Shampack, offered by Husband

~ Spiritual Blessings for our 2014 Confirmation Class

Celebrant's Schedule March 29-30

4:00 p.m. Fr. Urban

5:30 p.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

8:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 a.m. Fr. Urban

11:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi



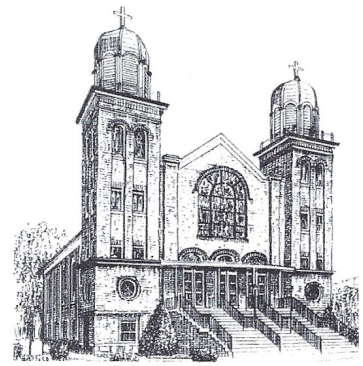
Scripture for the week of March 23, 2014

23	SUN	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
24	Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
25	Tue	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
26	Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
27	Thu	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
28	Fri	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
29	Sat	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
30	SUN	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for Us!

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Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance
- Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Parish Social Minister
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. The celebration of the Sacrament is held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated for 8th Grade Students on Thursday, March 27, 2014 by Bishop Bambera.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work.

Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact the Pastor.

Penance

Mondays: 5:30-7:00 p.m. during Lent
Saturdays 3:15-3:45, other times by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Priest, day or night.

Direct Contacts

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane) 570-763-5160

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoe@aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Friday, for the next week's publication.

PRAY
for the
SICK