

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA

April 6, 2014



“To the tombs I went to mourn,
the hope I thought was gone;
Here among you I awoke to
unexpected dawn.”

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Sunday of Lent

HOLY WEEK AT SETON

**Palm Sunday:
Regular Mass Schedule**



**Holy Thursday:
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Confessions
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Church open for Adoration until 11:00 pm**

**Good Friday
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Confessions
2:00 pm Passion Service**



**Holy Saturday:
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Confessions
2:00 pm Blessing of Baskets
8:00 pm The Great Easter Vigil**

**Easter Sunday Masses:
7:00 am, 8:30am, 10:00 am
& 11:30 am**



**Worship with Us,
And Bring a Friend!**

Easter Flower Donations will be listed in a future edition of the *Sentinel*. Thank you for all you do for your parish!

Cemetery Clean-Up

It's that time of year to clean-up the cemeteries and prepare for spring and grass cutting season. We ask that you please remove all items (this includes wreaths, any artificial flowers, statues of any kind, candle or solar vigil lights and theme flags) from the grave sites by April 30th. This does not include the American flag. This is not only a Diocesan Cemetery Rule, but a safety issue. All Diocesan Rules are posted at each cemetery. After this date all items will be removed and discarded. Please note, we are not responsible for any items left at the grave sites after April 30th. Thank you for your cooperation.

LENTEN FUNDRAISERS

Friday, April 11th- our final Lenten Pirohy Sale of the season!!! Cost is \$6.00/dozen. Sign-up sheets are available at the Church entrance. Pick ups are in the school cafeteria. We **need lots of help** in making the pirohy. Please come at 7am if you can help ball potatoes, and 8:30 for everything else. Come at 10am if you can't come earlier. Lunch will be served, too!

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

Next Sunday, **Palm Sunday**, please take your palm as you enter the Church. It will be blessed at the start of each mass. If you take palm between the masses, that Palm will not be blessed.

Meetings and Events

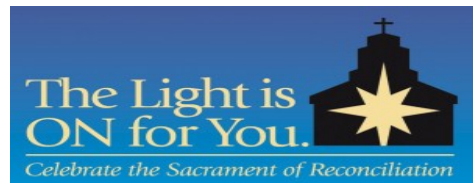
- **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**—Today, Sunday, April 6th, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Present & new members (women and men) are welcome to attend. Plans for the Good Friday Potato Pancake Sale will be finalized.
- **FESTIVAL 2014** meeting, Monday, April 7, at 7pm, in church hall
- **Parish Pastoral Council** Tuesday, April 8th, 6:30 p.m. in the rectory
- Friday, April 18th, Good Friday: **HNS Potato Pancake Sale**

Our **Knights of Columbus** meet every second Tuesday of the month at **7pm in the church hall**. The next meeting is **April 8th**. New members are always welcome.

Our **Social Concerns Committee** will meet on **Thursday, April 24th, at 7pm in the church hall**.

USHERS PLEASE NOTE:

The Collection Basket should be passed at every 4:00 pm Mass in the balcony. It should also be there for all of the Holy Week Masses including Easter Sunday. Also, please send the persons who are carrying the gifts as soon as possible to the altar. There should not be a long delay at that part of the Mass. Even if the collection basket is not ready, the bread and the wine should be sent as soon as possible. You may bring the basket down, separately, after and place it on the side of the altar. Thank you.

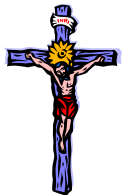


Monday evening, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their "lights on" from **5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for confession** so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God's grace, mercy, and healing. All are welcome to take advantage of this time of reconciliation before Easter. Make your Easter Duty now.

Also, we will continue to Expose the Blessed Sacrament from 5:30—7:00 pm this Monday evening. 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.

Stations of the Cross

Our parish gathers for Friday Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Make these remaining days of Lent extra special by praying with us.



And Before Stations of the Cross....

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. it's a simple Lenten Friday meatless meal and a sharing 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! Please sign the sheets at the entrance of the church or call the rectory to let us know if you will be with us for supper. All are welcome!

COLLECTION REPORT

March 22/23 , 2014

SUNDAY: \$6035.78	DUES: \$586.00
ASH WED.: \$22.55	LOOSE: \$240.32
HOLY DAYS: \$1.00	TOTAL: \$6885.65

May God bless you for your generosity!

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.



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!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

The Ministry Schedules have been sent out for the next 2 months. Included in this schedule is Holy Week and Easter. Please review the schedule carefully. Call Lori at the rectory with any conflicts or problems as soon as possible. If you did not get your schedule let Lori know. Please return the availability form for the next schedule as soon as possible. Thank You for your dedicated service to our parish.

Northern Tier Symphony Orchestra

Presents "SCHEHERAZADE"

Sat. April 12 Tunkhannock M.S.

Sat. April 26, Wallenpaupack H.S.

Tickets: \$10adult /5 student

At the door or visit: www.NorthernTierSymphony.org

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

Swoyersville Kiwanis

2014 Scholarship Award Program

The Swoyersville Kiwanis once again are offering 3 scholarship awards in the amount of \$1000 each to local high school seniors. Seniors who reside in Swoyersville, Luzerne and Forty Fort are eligible. Applications are available by contacting K Breznay at 283-1677 or kbrez01@comcast.net. Return applications must be post marked by May 10th. Letters will be sent to the winners by mail by May 21st and invited to be our guests along with their families at a Scholarship Awards Dinner Meeting on June 11th. Winners will be judged on financial need, community service, school involvement and studies.

SPRING TEA

SS. Peter and Paul Parish, 13 Hudson Road, Plains, will hold their Spring Tea, sponsored by the Women Society on May 18th at 1pm in the School Auditorium. The Tea is a social event that helps bring families and friends in the community together for an afternoon of fun and relaxation. Tables are individually themed. Prizes will be awarded for hats and a raffle with prizes will be featured. Cost of admission is \$10 per person. Anyone wishing to host a table or for more information are asked to contact Joanne Nixon at 570-823-8968 or Connie Setkoski at 570-735-8825. Profit from the Tea will go to the School Scholarship Fund.

Ladies of Charity

The Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Scranton invites you to make a very special investment of your time and talent. Join the Ladies of Charity and actively be a part of making our world a better one! More than likely, you are already presently active in works of charity and/or volunteerism during your daily life. The rewards, blessings, and spiritual indulgences are numerous and the commitment is small. We hold a one-day "mini retreat" in the Fall in order to renew and enrich our faith. In the Spring, we have our annual "Day of Enrollment/annual meeting". Mass is celebrated at both events by our Moderator, Msgr. Joseph P. Kelly. Our ladies truly do enjoy this fellowship and the satisfaction of doing God's will! Everyone is invited to join, and we would be more than happy to welcome you into our association. Please contact Christine Palmiter, President, at 868-3959 for more information. Our 61st Annual Day of Enrollment is scheduled for May 3, 2014.

“It’s Not About Me. It’s About Jesus!”

Dear Parishioners,

On the weekend before Lent began, I gave a homily entitled, *“It’s Not About Me...It’s About Jesus!”* Because I believe that this is such an important statement, that I wish was my original idea, however, I cannot take credit for it since it has been a topic of spiritual writers for some time now, I want to share it with you once again.

If we could remember this simple truth, our lives would be fuller, Our families would be happier, and our parish would be more fruitful.

Contrary to what our society demands and our culture promotes, the, “What about Me? Society,” that we have all grown-up with, “It’s not about me,” asks us to step outside of ourselves and put someone else first. That person is Jesus who is justice, peace, reconciliation, second chances, and who always points us to the Father. To be able to surrender our personal wishes, desires, wants, etc., to Jesus is not always easy. However, true love always seeks to the other ahead of self-interests. Simply put, a disciple’s love for Christ must be stronger than his/her love of self.

With the approach of Holy Week, a time to reflect on the Grand Mystery of our Salvation through Jesus, I have a question to propose to you for your consideration and mediation during these Most Holy Days. “What is Jesus asking of me?” More specifically, What does Jesus want from me during this period of my life? In this time of my family’s history? At this time in our parish’s life? At this time of the Church’s renewal?

Could it be that Jesus wants us to be more spiritual? To give up a bad habit or sinful behavior? To be more cooperative? Less critical? A more caring and loving spouse or parent or grandparent, or aunt? A more involved parishioner, giving more time to our parish? Perhaps it is to be more open to the message of Pope Francis, who is challenging us all to look at things in a new way that may be uncomfortable for some?

My prayer for each member of our parish and myself is that we will take seriously the message of “It’s not about me...It’s about Jesus!” We need to write this statement in our hearts, in our minds and in our souls. We need to write it across our lives, our families, our place of work, school, and across our church. And that we will be brave enough to ask the question: “What is Jesus asking of me?” during this Holy time of the year.

These two things will bear great fruit in our spiritual lives, our social lives and our lives as a parish. Take some time for a little mediation on them and may Christ’s Passion Strengthen Us, Renew Us, Forgive Us, and Bring us to New Life!

May God Bless You,

Father Joe

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH
The Roman Catholic Community of Swoyersville

April 5, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

For many months now, your Parish Finance Council has been charged with the duties of winding down the Parish's ownership of the former Holy Name/St. Mary's properties in and around Shoemaker Street in Swoyersville. These duties have included the demolition of the former church structure; the subdivision of the land to better reflect the usage of each property; and the appraisal of each parcel to reflect the fair market value of each.

I am writing this letter to communicate to you, the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, and to any other interested parties, that the Parish is seeking bids from any party with an interest in purchasing any of the parcels available for sale at the former Holy Name/St. Mary's campus. The Finance Council has identified the parcels for sale as follows:

1. Former Rectory Building – 283 Shoemaker Street
Map #F9SE2 Block 011 Lot 016
Minimum Bid - \$160,000.00
2. Religious Education Center – 14 Barber Street
Map #F9SE2 Block 010 Lot 019
Minimum Bid - \$46,000.00
3. Abandoned House – 301-307 Shoemaker Street
Map #F9SE2 Block 011 Lots 013 and 014
Minimum Bid - \$26,000.00
4. Vacant Lot – 66 feet fronting Shoemaker Street
Map #F9SE2 Block 011 Lot 015
Minimum Bid - \$30,000.00
5. Vacant Lot – 66 feet fronting Shoemaker Street
Map #F9SE2 Block 011 Lot 015
Minimum Bid - \$30,000.00

All properties are being offered for sale "AS IS/WHERE IS".

116 Hughes Street
Swoyersville, PA 18704

570-287-6624 or 570-287-2139
570-287-4704
website: setonpa.com

If you or anyone you know has an interest in purchasing any or all of these parcels of land and improvements, please contact Monica Salis at the Rectory for additional information and to arrange a convenient time to inspect the properties more thoroughly.

Bids for each property for sale must be submitted to the offices of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville, PA 18704 by 3:00 PM, Monday, May 5, 2014 and must be accompanied by a Certified or Cashier's Check for ten (10%) percent of the bid amount. All bids must be sealed and marked with the address for the property.

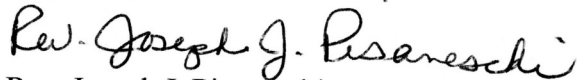
Thereafter, the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Finance Council Meeting to be held at the Rectory on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

The successful bidder must make payment and take possession of the Property within thirty (30) days from the date of the bid award pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in the proposed Agreement of Sale with the Diocese of Scranton. The Diocese of Scranton reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to approve of the successful bidder's intended use of the Premises.

The Parish Finance Council has given this method of sale a tremendous amount of thought and it believes by offering the properties for sale to the members of the Parish Community and to the general public in this manner is the most cost effective manner in which to do so.

Please feel free to contact Monica Salis at the Rectory if you have any questions or would like to make arrangements to inspect the properties prior to submitting a bid.

Very Truly Yours,



Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
Pastor

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.

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.

Palm Sunday Penance Service

Sunday, April 13th at 4:00 pm
St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Kingston

April 15 Chrim Mass

The Chrim Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15th at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 4:00 p.m. All of the faithful are welcome to attend.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IN THE PITSTON AREA

The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin Road, Laflin, on Sunday, April 27, 2014. We are honored to have as this year's Celebrant, Rev. Msgr. Neil J. Van Loon, Pastor of St. Maria Goretti, and Concelebrant and homilist, Fr. Pio Mandato, FMHJ. Fr. Pio, a Franciscan priest, is a missionary hermit in the Scranton Diocese. He has been dedicating his priesthood giving retreats and offering occasional healing Masses. His family came from Pietrelcina, Italy, where Father Pio received his First Holy Communion with St. Padre Pio. This year's theme is focused on the Canonizations of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II. Cathy Mack is coordinator and Cenacle Leader of Divine Mercy. Prior to the service, remarks will be made from excerpts of the Popes' and St. Faustina's writings by Miss Mack. The itinerary includes:
1:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation (6 Priests)
2:00 Veneration of the Image followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
3:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, Holy Rosary, Benediction, individual blessing of the First Class Relic of St. Faustina. Questions: Call Cathy Mack at 654-6063.

CAMP ST. ANDREW A RESIDENT CAMP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Girls' Basketball (entering grades 5-10)...July 6-11
Girls' Basketball (entering grades 5-10)...July 13-18
Girls' Traditional Camp (entering grades 3-10)...July 6-11
Girls' Traditional Camp (entering grades 3-10)...July 13-18
Boys' Basketball (entering grades 4-9)...July 20-24
Father/Son Weekend (sons age 6-14)...July 18-20
Women's Weekend (21 & older)..... July 11-13

Visit www.dioceseofscranton.org, click on Camp St. Andrew under Social Services or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/campstandrew or call 570-342-5556 ext 4

**PRAY
for the
SICK**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 7

8:00 a.m. Andrew & Marie France Daughter, Marie

Tuesday, April 8

8:00 a.m. Mary Martha Kopec Eleanor Seneski & son, Dave

Wednesday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Andrew & Anna Kurovsky John & Rita Sabadish

Thursday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Margaret Mandell Husband, John G. Mandell, Sr., and Son

Friday, April 11

8:00 a.m. Frank Josulevicz Ann Marie Columbo

Saturday, April 12 (Vigil: Palm Sunday)

4:00 p.m. Erwin C. Sudol John & Joan Newman

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Thomas & Marilyn Semanek Margie & Tom Semanek & Family

10:00 a.m. Connie Bartoli Husband, John

11:30 a.m. J. Eugene Zim Wife, Joan, & son, Christopher & Family



*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them~ **William Emmert**~ May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.*



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~ In Memory of Anna Duzen offered by daughters, Paula Matthews and Donna Gustave
~ Special Intention

Scripture for the week of April 6, 2014

- 6 SUN** Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- 7 Mon** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
- 8 Tue** Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
- 9 Wed** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
- 10 Thu** Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
- 11 Fri** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- 12 Sat** Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
- 13 SUN** Mt 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

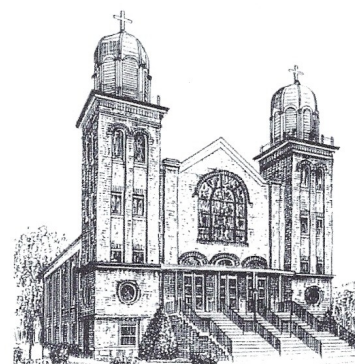
Celebrant's Schedule April 12-13

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

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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.

Reconciliation

Mondays: 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
Paschal Triduum: 9:30 a.m.
or anytime by request.

Parish Staff

- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Phil Boshia 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

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 next spring.

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.

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. With the priest shortage there is no guarantee that a priest will be available at the last minute, even in the hospitals.

Direct Contacts

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

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

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

Welcome to our Parish!

Actual Parish Membership begins by contacting the parish office.