

THE SETON SENTINEL

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 19, 2017

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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Office Hours:

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

Friday
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all
Holy Days of Obligation and
Federal Holidays.

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm
or by appointment



Mission Statement:

"We are Called....

To act with Justice,

To love Tenderly,

To Serve One Another,

To Walk Humbly with God"

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David Haas

Daily Mass Time

The 8:00 am Daily Mass will resume on **Monday, April 3, 2017**. Hopefully by this date, Old Man Winter will have left town and we will be in the clear as far as snow and ice in the morning hours. Please make a note of the date and time change.

Easter Flower Offering: Envelopes are in your regular set. Please use them for all Easter flowers and decorations for this year. If for some reason you do not get envelopes and would still like to contribute to our Easter decorations, please print your name clearly on a plain white envelope with your donation enclosed. Names will be published in the *Sentinel*.



Monday evenings "**The Light is On For You,**" in our Church. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Evenings join us for Interfaith Sharing and a light Lenten meal. "**Faith- Fellowship- Friendship,**" continues this Thursday March 23rd at 6:00 pm with soup and sandwiches and then presentations by the Interfaith Community Leaders. We will have a simple meal of Soup and Sandwiches and then listen to our featured presenter with time for questions at the end. We will rely on our Parish Organizations to provide the Soup and Sandwiches and Set-up and Clean-up for these Thursday sessions.

The Schedule is as follows:

March 23: **Choir** Soup and Set-up, **Eucharistic Ministers,** Sandwiches and Clean-up.

March 30: **Knights** Soup and Set-up **Lectors** Sandwiches and Clean-up.

April 6: **Prayer Chain** Soup and Set-up and **Parish Council** Sandwiches and Clean-up. Group leaders should coordinate the efforts of your assigned days. Thank you for your participation. Hopefully we will have lots of participation from our parish.

On Fridays during Lent join us for **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00pm. The Eucharist will be exposed from 6:30 pm until Benediction after Stations.

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

Upcoming Lenten fundraisers:

Friday, March 24th: Pirohy **Friday, March 31st:** Sweet Pizza

Friday, April 7th: Pirohy

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our **PIROHY SALE** to be held this Friday, March 24th. Cost is \$7.00 /dozen. Pick-ups are in the school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5-6pm. We need **LOTS OF HELP** making the pirohy. If you can help ball the potatoes, please come at 7:00am. All others can come as early as 8:00am, being that there is no 8:30am mass at this time. Come at 8:30 if you can't make it for 8:00am. **Bring a friend! Lunch will be served!**

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

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
Pastor

Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate

Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist

Monica Salis
Business Manager

Marge Semanek
Director of Music

Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious Education

Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

Our Knights of Columbus cordially invite all Catholic men & their families to a very informal and non-committal Meet-and-Greet after all masses this weekend downstairs in our church hall. Stop in for coffee & Danish and meet with members of our Knights to find out about our great organization.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our HNS Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 1st, at 1pm, for our parish children ages 1-8.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

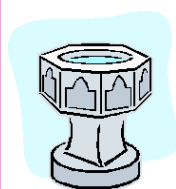
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every 2 hours and 11 minutes, someone in the United States under the age of 25 commits suicide. This year alone, 1 in 7 teenagers will consider suicide and 1 in 14 will actually attempt it. In fact, suicides are the third leading cause of death, behind accidents and homicide, among young people aged 15 - 24. And although depression is a common factor among those who commit suicide (approx. 75%), several other contributing factors may be influential. Among these are the divorce of parents, violence in the home, an inability to find success at school, feelings of worthlessness or rejection by friends or peers, substance abuse, the death of someone close to the teen, or the suicide of someone he or she "knows" online.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING

Our CCM will meet today, Sunday, March 19th, at 2pm in our church hall to finalize plans for the Rummage Sale. Also, dues are now due and can be paid at the meeting or drop in the collection basket (mark envelope: CCM DUES) New members are always welcome. **Collection days** for the Spring Rummage Sale are Monday, April 24, 9am to 5pm, and Tuesday & Wednesday, April 25 & 26, from 9am to 3pm .

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the students of our First Reconciliation classes. They received their First Penance on Saturday, March 18th. Please pray for these children as they continue to study and prepare for their First Holy Communion, which will take place on Saturday, May 6th, at 10:00am.



Next Baptism Class

Our next Baptism Class will be held this Tuesday, March 21st, at 6:30pm in our church hall. New or expectant parents who have not already attended a class, are asked to call Lori at the parish office to register for the class.

Direct Contacts

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
570-763-5160
sisterjane@setonpa.com

Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion):
570-287-4587
sistermarion@setonpa.com

Father Joe's email:
fatherjoey@aol.com

Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.

Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in our church hall. Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confidential.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY: Regular Mass Schedule for the Weekend

HOLY THURSDAY:
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 pm Confessions

7:00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Church open for prayer until 10:00 pm for private silent prayer and devotion. Night Prayer at 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY: 9:00 am Morning Prayer, 9:30 am Confessions
2:00 pm MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED church open until sunset for private silent prayer and devotion.

HOLY SATURDAY: 9:00 am Morning prayer
9:30 am Confessions and Church decorating
2:00 pm Blessing of the Baskets (gym)

8:00 PM THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY: Mass of the Resurrection at 7, 8:30, 10 & 11:30 am and 5:30 pm.



Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up for electronic giving. It's a fast, easy way to remember your offerings. You can chose to give weekly, monthly, pay dues, etc. Look for and click:



"Give to the Most High God, as God has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and God will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35: 9-10

March 4/5, 2017

SUNDAY: \$9306.00
LOOSE: \$734.17
TOTAL: \$14,273.01

DUES: \$ 3857.00
E-GIVING: \$375.84

Ash Wednesday: \$1092.22

May God Bless You for your Generosity!

THIRD ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN ' S CONFERENCE

...entitled : "Be A Man: Mary's Call to BATTLE", will be held on May 6, 2017, at King's College, Scandlon Physical Ed Center, 149 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, of the Franciscan friars of the Renewal, EWTN host, & Fatima expert, Steven Ray, a Catholic speaker, film producer & pilgrimage leader, featured on EWTN, and Matt Fradd, Catholic apologist & author. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00am, Registration/Continental Breakfast at 7am, with main Conference & Mass from 8am to 2:45pm. Cost is \$35, (\$30 early bird, \$15/students, Priests & Deacons are free. Register online at www.beamanconference.com or call Diocesan Pastoral center at 570-207-2213.

The Knights of Columbus, 59 Parry St., Luzerne, is sponsoring a Fish Dinner from 5pm to 8pm every Friday during Lent. Cost is \$10/adults and \$6/children 4 to 9. Take-outs are available during the same hours for \$10. Call 570-287-2826 for more information.

Wyoming Area Catholic School is still enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year in Pre-K through Grade 8. Tuition Assistance is available. Please call the school (570-654-7982) for more information and to set up a tour. You can also visit our website (wachs.com). We look forward to meeting you.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, Luzerne, is having a Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, March 26th, from 12noon to 4pm. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$4/children under 10. Take-outs will be available. Containers will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

Gorzkie Zale, a traditional Polish Bitter Lamentations, will be held Sunday, March 26th, at 3pm at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Hanover Twp. This Lenten service will be conducted by Fr. John Albosta, Fr. James McGahagan, & Fr. Richard Zavacki. A light reception will follow. Anyone wishing to join the choir to sing at the service, please call 570-706-6951.

Gorzkie zale, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotions known as the "Bitter Lamentations", will be held in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Sunday, April 2nd, at 3pm. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. A light reception will follow. The public is invited to attend.

Traditional Stations of the Cross in Slovak

Sunday, April 2nd, 2pm, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, at St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, 134 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre. Come join us in singing the beautiful Slovak Lenten hymns. Church is handicap accessible via elevator. Call Magdalen Benish at 570-823-1222 for more information.

Hospital Visitation

A reminder to all parishioners: If you or a family or friend is admitted to the Hospital, Physical Rehab, or a Nursing Home, please contact Sister Jane at 570-763-5160 to inform the parish. We try to visit everyone we know is hospitalized or in a facility for any length of time but we need your help. Hospitals do not release patient information to the parish any longer due to privacy regulations. For emergency Anointing of the Sick, call anytime, day or night the main rectory number for assistance. Note that priests are assigned to hospital emergency calls on a rotating basis so ask the nurses station to call the priest on duty in the event of an emergency.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHHOUSE BOOKS/CDs



Did you check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CDs located in our vestibule? For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

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 may be 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.

Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Third Week of Lent

Monday, March 20

12:10 pm Rene Ann Childers

Solemnity of St. Joseph (celebrated)

Aunt El

Tuesday, March 21

12:10 pm Walter Gould

Wife

Wednesday, March 22

12:10 pm Frieda Gurick

Daughter, Regina

Thursday, March 23

12:10 pm Helen Kopetchny

Jennifer, Robert, & Evelyn Saltz

Friday, March 24

12:10 pm Bernadine Hrivnak

Beverly Kazamski

Saturday, March 25

4:00 pm Marie Shampack

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Husband, Michael

5:30 pm Brian Powers

Bankus Family

Sunday, March 26

8:30 am Jessica Krzywicki

Fourth Sunday of Lent *Laetare Sunday*

Don & Judy Dane

10:00 am Bernadine Smith

Daughters, Pam & Sheila

11:30 am Raymond & Elizabeth Vanyo

Jim & Mary Beth Siracuse

5:30 pm *Pro Populo*



Priest's Schedule

Saturday, March 25

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Urban

Sunday, March 26

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

The Recently Departed

- ~-George David Nenichka~-May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family
- In Memory of Warner & Mary Williams & Family offered by daughter, Judy



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