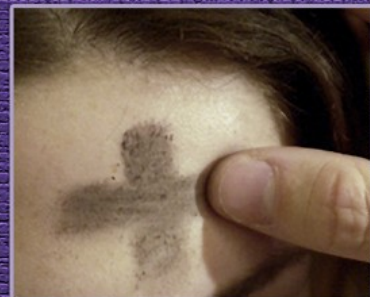


Ash Wednesday

CREATE IN ME A PURE HEART, O GOD;
AND RENEW A STEADFAST SPIRIT WITHIN ME.

PSALM 51:10





ASH WEDNESDAY

...this year falls on Valentine's Day. However, it is a day of Fast and Complete Abstinence. See details on Fast and Abstinence on page 4 of this bulletin.

You are also encouraged to attend mass or a service to receive ashes. Masses with Distribution of Ashes will be on Wednesday at

7:30 am and 12:10 pm. Service of the Word with distribution of Ashes will be at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Monday Evening, ***"The Light is Still On For You in Prime Time"***

The Church will be open from 7pm-9 pm for Individual Confessions and Private Prayer Time before the Blessed Sacrament. We're moving it to *primetime* in hopes that busy people will be able to make some time in their schedule to be with the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration. Join us, tell others The Light will *Still* be On For You at Seton.

Thursday Evening, **A Walk through the Sunday Gospel**

All are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall for Faith Sharing around the coming Sunday's Scripture. Father Joe and Deacon Jack will be the group leaders on Thursdays at 6:30 pm beginning Thursday, February 15th.

Friday Evening, **The Stations of the Cross**

We will gather to pray to the last steps of Jesus at 7:00 pm Friday evenings beginning this Friday, February 16th.

LENTEN RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



Would you like to travel a different path this year on your Lenten journey? Make someone's day a little brighter? Let's focus on performing random acts of kindness these next few weeks of Lent (and it doesn't have to end at Easter)! Perhaps performing acts of kindness can become

a personal goal for you and awaken you to endless opportunities for growth and compassion. The following examples are just a start: Hold a door open for person behind you~ Shovel neighbor's sidewalk~ Cook a meal for someone~ Babysit for free~ Send a thank you note to a soldier~ Let someone go in front of you in line~ Donate food to a shelter~ etc

You can be kind to others in endless ways. Kindness Kards have been printed and are in a basket on the tables at the church entrance. Please take one today and set off on your Lenten journey of compassion and selflessness. Let's see what happens when we act!

THE SETON SENTINEL
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Thursday 8:30 to 5:00

Friday 8:30 to 3:00

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only

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

Reconciliation Saturdays
3:45pm to 4:15pm 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





On **Sunday, March 11th**, Our Parish will host the **Catholic Choral Society's** Lenten Concert!

Make plans to join us for a special afternoon of beautiful music of the season right here in our own church. It will be yet another opportunity for some time with the Lord during this holy time of the year. The Music begins at **3:00 pm** with a light reception afterward in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday. This means the first day of Lent and the Knights of Columbus World Famous **"RED"** Clam Chowder Sale. Cost is \$7.00/quart. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church. Pick up in our school cafeteria starting after the 7:30am Mass, noon to 1pm, or 4pm to 6pm. Just a reminder, anyone wishing to join our Knights or transfer in from another Council, please call or text Mark Perugino, Grand Knight, at 570-262-2896.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE~~SAVE THE DATE!

The Social Concerns Committee will be hosting their **4th Annual Variety BINGO** on Sunday, **April 15th**. Additional details to follow in the coming weeks.

The **Holy Family Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: canned fruit, rice, instant potatoes, jelly, tuna fish, meaty canned stews, saltine crackers. Please place your donations in the box in the vestibule, near the steps.

"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else in the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need & took care of him." ~Pope Francis
Please consider joining the Social Concerns Committee and help us help others. Thank you!

Altar Guild Lenten Fundraisers:

Friday, February 16th, Pirohy. Sign-up sheets are on tables at church entrance.

Cost is \$7.00/dozen. Pick up in school cafeteria from noon-2pm or 5pm-6pm.

We need lots of help making the pirohy.

Please come at 7am on February 16th, if you can help ball the potatoes; all others come at 8:30. Bring your friends! Lunch will be served!

Friday, February 23rd, Sweet Pizza

Friday, March 2nd, Pirohy

Friday, March 9th, Haluski

Friday, March 16th, Pirohy

Friday, March 23rd, Sweet Pizza

Direct Contacts

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sisterjane@setonpa.com

Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion): 570-287-4587

sistermarion@setonpa.com

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

YOUR OFFERINGS For JANUARY 27/28

Sunday:	\$ 6402.15
Dues:	\$ 710.00
Holy Day:	\$ 18.00
Loose:	\$ 685.64
E-Giving:	\$ 236.87
TOTAL:	\$ 8052.66

Parish Groups (Altar Guild): \$687.00

**Thank you for
your generosity!**



It is normal to feel a huge hole inside us when we lose a loved one, and feeling that hole often remains long after everyone and everything around us seems to have moved on. For many, gathering with others who are experiencing the same feeling of being left behind as life moves on offers comfort, support, and encouragement. If you would like to join our parish Bereavement Group or to learn more about the group, call the parish office.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a licensed therapist on our Pastoral Staff. If you think you may benefit from this ministry, please contact Fr. Joe for a referral. All inquiries will be held in the strictest confidences.



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.

CCD NEWS

7th Grade Confirmation class:

Feb. 25th after 5:30pm Mass

There are no CCD classes on Saturday, Feb. 17th and Monday, Feb. 19th, in observance of Presidents' Day

BAPTISM CLASS

Expectant parents & new parents who are planning their baby's Baptism, and have not previously attended a Baptismal Class, are invited to attend our next Baptism class, to be held on Wednesday, February 21st at 6pm in our church hall (weather-permitting). Please call Lori, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office to register for the class.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

~**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years & older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, & all *Fridays of Lent**

~**Fasting** is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday & Good Friday** by all Catholics over the age of 18, but not yet 59. Those bound by this may 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.



Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Bosha
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

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Musician

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Director of Religious
Education

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Assisting Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon



ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT

The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. The day will begin at 9am and end at 2:30pm. Fr. Thomas P. Looney, CSC, will lead the retreat with the theme "Create a Clean Heart in Me, O God." The retreat day will include Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral with distribution of ashes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass, and lunch will be served after Mass. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch. To register, call Mary Ann Malone at the Office of Parish Life, 570-207-2213, ext. 1100.

MEALS ON WHEELS of Greater Pittston Area Meals

on Wheels is in desperate need of drivers and runners to deliver a hot meal and a light supper to area's elderly and physically handicapped. Meals on Wheels provides this service Monday through Friday with the delivery of meals starting between 8am and 8:30am. If you are an early riser and can spare an hour or two of your time each week, please contact Louise Smith at 570-655-0135. Thank you!

AMERICAN LEGION LENTEN FOOD SALES

American Legion Post 644, 259 Shoemaker St., Swoyersville, will offer Lenten Foods at the post home beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th, and continuing Fridays beginning Feb. 23rd until Good Friday, March 30th, with the exception of Friday, March 16th, as there will be no meals on that day. Serving will be from 12noon to 6pm. Menu items will include clam chowder, potato pancakes, pierogi, huluski, macaroni & cheese, and fried haddock dinners. Open to the public. Eat in or take out. For more information, call 570-287-9400.

NORTHERN TIER SYMPHONY

Bring your instrument & play along with the Northern Tier Symphony's OPEN REHEARSAL, Friday, Feb. 16th, 7:30pm, Meet & Greet at the Break. Tunkhannock Middle School, 200 Franklin Ave., Tunkhannock. All instruments invited-Strings welcome~We have percussion instruments. Click this link for sheet music for The Overture of 1812: http://imslp.org/wiki/1812_Overture, *Op.49 (Tchaikovsky, Pyotr)* Call ahead if you would like additional music in advance: 570-289-1090

St. Barbara Parish, Exeter, Lenten Food Sale

At St. Anthony's Center (Rr. Memorial St.) Ash Wed. & every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. Takeouts from 4-7pm. Cash only. **No pre-orders.** Potato pancakes: 6/\$5 or 13/\$10, Red clam chowder \$8/qt. and Halushki \$5/qt.

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS NITE AT THE RACES



The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Nite at the Races on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria, Hughes St., Swoyersville. The doors open at 6pm and post time is 7pm. Horses are \$10 and includes free admission. Without purchasing a horse, admission is \$5. There will be food, refreshments, instant bingo, a 50/50 drawing, and raffles in between races. This is a great way to beat the winter blues while supporting our organization. Proceeds benefit Youth Scholarships, St. Joseph's Center, Little League team sponsorship, Girls Softball team sponsorship, Feed a Friend, Valley Santa, and many other youth group and community projects. To purchase a horse, or for more information, contact Gene or Kathy Breznay at 570-283-1677, or any other Kiwanis member. See you at the races!!!

GIFT CARD BINGO TODAY

St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley, Sunday, February 11, Doors open at noon, Games 1:00, Admission \$10 (includes all day regular game cards), Specials sold separately, Cash Tic-Tac & Bonanza games. Regular game prizes of \$20 value. Refreshments, raffles, bake sale. Call Bonnie 570-474-1031 for more info.

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Reserved Seating

Tickets available at The Kirby Box Office, Wilkes-Barre
The Diocese of Scranton Chancery, Scranton

For more information call 570 - 207- 3808



Mass Intentions

Offered for:

Requested by:

Monday	Feb. 12	12:10 pm	Patricia R. O'Donnell	Ron & Irene Yakupcin
Tuesday	Feb. 13	12:10 pm	Alice Matukonis	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Wednesday	Feb. 14	7:30 am	Runscavage & Yekel Families	Family
Wednesday	Feb. 14	12:10 pm	Marie Vnuk	Daughter, Wanda & Family
Thursday	Feb. 15	12:10 pm	Robert Farber	Kathleen Farber & Family
Friday	Feb. 16	12:10 pm	George & Theresa Reggie	Son
Saturday	Feb. 17	4:30 pm	In Honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Doug & Patti Workman	
Sunday	Feb. 18	8:30 am	Bert & Bernadette Greco	Daughters
Sunday	Feb. 18	11:00 am	Giuseppe & Enrica Torregrossa	Steve & Maria Englot
Sunday	Feb. 18	5:30 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	



~In Memory of **Eleanor Mandycz**
 offered by sister, Gerry
 ~Special Intention

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Congratulations and God's Blessings upon ~Jack Thomas Gigliotti~ and his family. Jack will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00 am Mass today.



CONGRATULATIONS and Wedding Blessings upon ~Jesse Musto & Andrea Krakosky~ who were married on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

