



The Seton Sentinel
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, Pennsylvania

March 16, 2014

“See I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.”



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Sunday of Lent



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 COUNCIL QUESTION

We are ready and able to take your responses to the question we have been presenting for quite some time now. *“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. *These are not going to Father, so please answer the question positively as it is asked. The question is larger than the priest.* This is a visioning question and will help the Parish Council with its mission to envision the future of the parish. Please complete the question either online or on paper, but have it back to the parish by **March 30th**.



*Christ
Renews
His
Parish*

LENTEN FUNDRAISERS

Friday, March 21st-SWEET PIZZA SALE:

Sign-up sheets for our Sweet Pizza sale are on the tables at the church entrance. Cost is \$9.00/tray of 12 cuts.

Upcoming sales:

- Friday, March 28th-PIROHY SALE
- Friday, April 4th-SWEET PIZZA SALE
- Friday, April 11th-PIROHY SALE

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. All are invited to spend some time before our Lord, truly present in the Eucharistic Species to behold.

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.



**A VERY BLESSED ST. PATRICK’S DAY
Monday, March 17th**



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS
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 are 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, CD's, DVD's, tapes, religious items, jewelry, shoes in GOOD condition, holiday items, purses, & cosmetics, etc.

Men and boys of the parish are asked to please come on Saturday, March 22nd, at 11:00AM to help set up tables in the gym. Questions: Call 288-3073.

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!

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.**

Meetings:

~**Finance Council:** Tuesday, March 18th at 7pm in the rectory.

~**Social Concerns:** Thursday, March 20th, at 7pm in the church hall

~**Confraternity of Christian Mothers:** Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00pm in the church hall.

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

Collection Report March 1/2, 2014

Sunday: \$7772.10	Dues: \$1475.00
Holy Days: \$10.00	Other: \$84.00
Loose: \$345.95	TOTAL: \$9687.05
Care & Education of Priests: \$766.00	

Thank you for your generosity!

Recent Fundraisers: Chicken Pot Pie: \$2306.82
 Pastie Sale: \$3609.39

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.

Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name _____

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.

Oblates Novena to St. Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated this coming Wednesday, March 19th. The Oblate Fathers will offer Masses at 7:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm on the Feast in the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. The Mass at 7:00pm will be a concelebrated Liturgy with Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, Oblate Fathers and Diocesan Clergy. The Feast Day celebration will conclude the nine-day novena that is continuing every day at the seminary chapel with daily Masses at 11:00am and 7:00pm.



THE SHROUD OF TURIN

You are invited to an exhibit of an official replica of the Shroud of Turin on March 16-29, at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 70 Zerby Ave., Edwardsville. Exhibit opens Sunday, March 16th at 2pm. St. Vladimir Church will be open daily from 10am-7pm. Free admission. Photography permitted. Handicap accessible. Call 287-9718 for more information.

REGINAS OF KING'S COLLEGE

We are back better than ever!!! The Reginas of King's College will hold their annual fundraiser formerly The Penny Auction—now called "Spring Festival" on April 6, 2014 from 2pm to 4pm at the Sheehy Farmer Center at King's College. This event raises money for local King's students in the form of the Rev. Clement J. Podskoch Scholarship Fund. Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon, hopefully win some prizes, and share some light refreshments. Hope to see you there!

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 Saturdays of Lent--one in each of the Pastoral Regions of the Diocese. 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 (**no charge for workshops**)
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 15th, Most Precious Blood, Hazleton

March 22nd, St. Maria Goretti, Laflin

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. Or go online:

www.dioceseofscranton.org

Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA

Slavic Dinner, Sunday, March 30th, Take-outs at 1pm and Dinner from 2-5pm. St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston; Adults \$12 and Children \$6; Call Bernadette at 822-9843.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, is having a Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, March 30th, from noon -4pm. \$9/adults & \$4/children 10 & under. Take-outs available. Containers provided. Everyone is welcome!!!



Liturgical Schedule



Monday, March 17

St. Patrick

8:00 a.m. Rose Hermanski Latoski Family

Tuesday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Bednar Grycko Andrew, Christina, & Children

Wednesday, March 19

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

8:00 a.m. Joseph J. Gulla Walter & Patricia Cole

Thursday, March 20

8:00 a.m. Albert Baloga

Friday, March 21

8:00 a.m. Josephine & Paul Monko Sister, Ann Loyack

Saturday, March 22

(Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent)

4:00 p.m. Frieda Gurick Gurick Family

5:30 p.m. John Gibbons Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

Sunday, March 23

Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Walter Gould Wife, Marie

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. Giuseppe & Enrichetta Torregrossa Maria & Steve Englot



Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them....
~~Irene Kopetchne~~ May her soul, and all the Souls of the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace. Amen.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~ In Memory of Anita Hovanec offered by Family
~ In Thanksgiving

Celebrant's Schedule March 22-23

4:00 p.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 p.m. Fr. Urban

8:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 a.m. Fr. Urban



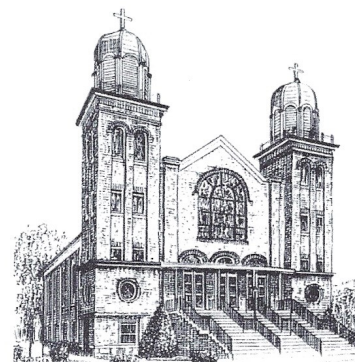
Scripture for the week of March 16, 2014

16	SUN	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
17	Mon	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
18	Tue	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
19	Wed	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
20	Thu	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
21	Fri	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
22	Sat	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
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

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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

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
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SICK

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.