

EASTER SUNDAY  
April 12, 2020

# The SETON SENTINEL

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# Easter Blessings!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

*"This is the Day the Lord Has Made, Let us Rejoice and be Glad in It." Psalm 118*

It may be a strange day, but it is still the day the Lord has made. Despite being the most difficult time in many our lifetimes, it is still Easter Day. How do we go about celebrating this most joyous day in the face of this increasingly sad time in our history? What does this day, this year, say about Easter?

Everything.

Yes, I terribly miss seeing you at the Liturgies of this past Holy Week and today especially. Like you, I am missing my loved ones who I am separated from for safety reasons. I am bitterly saddened by the many who are sick or who have died in our community, country and world. The images on our televisions tell anything but the story of Resurrection and New Life today. But today is still Easter Day.

We continue to proclaim, in the face of the worst the world can throw at us, light against darkness, hope in our sorrow, joy in the deepest pain, new life while in the pangs of death.

This is our day! The day the Lord has made! It saw the sunrise on the face of Jesus of Nazareth when he defeated death after three days. It dropped the dew that brushed his feet, still open from the cross, that morning. This day found the disciples and Mary confused and bewildered at what "rising from the dead," actually meant at noon. The sun accompanied the stranger who approached the pair that were walking to Emmaus that afternoon. The sun set with the Breaking of the Bread and eyes opened, with the offer of Peace and Forgiveness, from not a stranger, but a friend, a best friend.

Yes, the sun rose that Easter Day and set on a world that had been re-created by the Father of Jesus early in the morning. Because of Easter, we are who we are — adopted, reborn children of our God. Because of Easter you and I will never know the separation that Christ felt on the cross between himself and the Father when he cried, *"My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?"* Psalm 22.

Even on the worst of Easter days, we cling to the word "Alleluia!", and cry with Thomas, *My Lord and My God.* (Jn 20:28) Even on this day that feels far from "the day the Lord has made," we can look at the tombs of our brothers and sisters, our mothers and fathers, and know with certitude, they, like Jesus, are not there but risen.

This truly is the day the Lord has made, this year and every year. The day of new begins not endings. Whatever we are facing today we do not do it alone, The Risen One is in our midst. Even though we cannot break bread together this day, we know, we are the promise of Easter. New Life springs from death. *"Where O, death, is your victory, where is your sting,"* (1 Cor 15:55). Yes, we stand firm in the meaning of this day in the face of disease and death and destruction.

The final victory is Christ's—and is ours in Christ. Darkness may govern this day, but the Light of Christ still blazes through the clouds and ashes to display the wonder of what this day means. Easter is not so much "a day," but rather, "a way." Jesus points out the way for us, and that way is Resurrection and New Life, despite whatever crosses we are facing.

May this "day," be yours, or rather may the Easter "way," be all our "ways," and as the earth begins to awake again from another slumber, may we awake safe in the arms of our Savior, in this life and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Happy Easter, Father Joe



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- ◆ Joseph Sabol  
Assistant Organist
- ◆ Cora Artim  
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- ◆ Scott Coates  
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**Sacristans**

- ◆ Christopher Calore
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**SACRAMENTAL POSTPONEMENTS**

**Baptism:** Shall not be celebrated while the health pandemic continues, unless it is a matter of possible death of the infant/person.

**Confessions:** Are not being offered during this time. The faithful are encouraged to follow the directives of the Holy See regarding perfect contrition. *See page 6 of this bulletin.*

**Anointing of the Sick:** Will be administered only in the most extreme circumstances with due prudence of the pastor and proper safety gear provided and all CDC regulations followed.

**First Confession and First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** will be rescheduled once we return to normal operations.

**First Friday and Visits to Homes, Nursing Homes, and Hospitals:** Visits will resume when we get the "all-clear." We do not want to put anyone in danger of getting sick. Sr. Jane and Father will be happy to speak to anyone over the telephone during this time. Please call the rectory and follow the prompts to reach either of them.

**Marriages:** All weddings scheduled in the Diocese of Scranton are to be postponed until further notice. While churches may "hold open" the date of a scheduled wedding, whether the sacrament can be celebrated on that date will depend entirely on whether the restrictions have been lifted.

**Funeral Masses:** No funeral Masses or services, inclusive of those at funeral homes, are to be conducted. Graveside services may be allowed if all of the recommendations of the CDC are followed for a very limited number of attendees.

**Church Locked**

Our Church shall remain closed temporarily until the pandemic threat passes. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. It is for your safety and all our safety.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER URBAN!**

We want to wish a very happy birthday to our very dear Father Anthony Urban, who is celebrating his birthday on Monday, April 13th. For those who would like to send him a card, his address is 635 Church St., Swoyersville, PA 18704



LIVE & GIVE  
IN GRATITUDE

**Weekly Offering**  
**March 21-22, 2020**  
**\$3,920.82**

Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment to do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Diocesan: Church in Eastern Europe: \$337.00  
Care & Education of Priests (March): \$629.00

**Church Support**

Thank you to all parishioners who have been sending in or dropping off their offerings each week or two. With no public masses being celebrated in our parish there are, of course, no collections. There is no source of income for our parish. Please, if you can help, send in your envelopes regularly or use a plain envelope and put your name on it for credit. Even with no usage bills continue to accumulate for the three buildings. Again, we are asking only if you are able to do so. Many are unemployed at this time, and we understand if you cannot help. Thank you for even considering this request. We have electronic giving on [setonpa.com](http://setonpa.com) for your convenience, it has been updated and is now more user friendly than it has been in the past. Click on [setonpa.com](http://setonpa.com) and then click:

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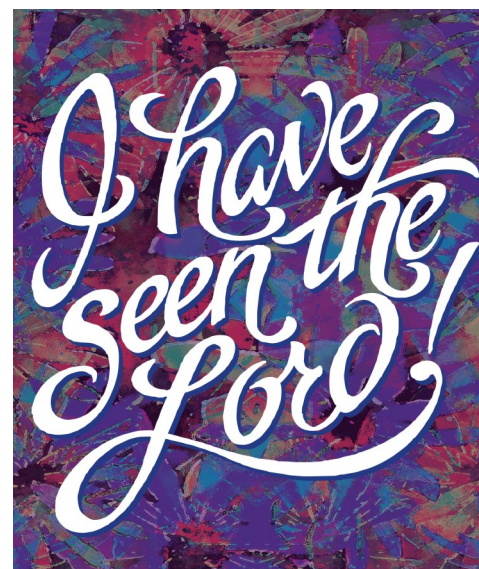
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## Remembering at Eucharist

While no public Liturgy is being celebrated in the church, we are usually satisfying two intentions privately each day. Father Urban and Father Joe both take an intention each. They are listed below:

### **Monday, April 13**

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| 1. Joseph Onzik           | Felix Wawer |
| 2. Easter Mass Intentions |             |

### **Tuesday, April 14**

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| 1. Raymond Gustave  | Prushinski Family       |
| 2. Elaine Satkowski | Seton Holy Name Society |

### **Wednesday, April 15**

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| 1. Margaret Nevolas       | Mary Ann Romanowski |
| 2. Easter Mass Intentions |                     |

### **Thursday, April 16**

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| 1. Margaret Kadish | Christina Dombroski   |
| 2. Anna Kuchemba   | Allen & Joanne Austin |

### **Friday, April 17**

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| 1. Eleanor Cheskiewicz    | Virginia & Maureen Engle |
| 2. Easter Mass Intentions |                          |

### **Saturday, April 18**

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| 1. Charles C. Snyder Jr. | Wife, Marie & sons, Victor & Carl |
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### **Sunday, April 19**

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| 1. Barbara Stach    | Mark & Sharon Nenichka |
| 2. John Meckalavage | Wife, Jean             |

By order of the Diocesan Bishop, no one is to be present at private masses of the priest except those ministers who are absolutely necessary.

## All Are Welcome in this Place!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue - You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!

## From the Holy Father and Bishop Bambera:

### PERFECT CONTRITION

With the increasing difficulty for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation due to the current health crisis, the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded that by having *perfect contrition* one can receive the forgiveness of sins, apart from going to confession.

*Perfect contrition* requires the following three things:

- A love of God above all else
- A sincere desire for the forgiveness from sin

The resolution to go to confession as soon as possible when this health crisis subsides

### PLENARY INDULGENCE

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has also granted a *plenary indulgence* under specific conditions.

The faithful who qualify for a *plenary indulgence* during the coronavirus pandemic:

- Those suffering from the coronavirus illness

Health care workers, family members, and others caring for those with the coronavirus (exposing themselves to the virus)

The faithful must do at least one of the following:

- Unite yourself spiritually through the media in the celebration of the Holy Mass
- Recite the Rosary
- Pious practice of the Way of the Cross (or other forms of devotion)

Recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a Hail Mary

The faithful must be willing to perform all of the following as soon as possible: (considered the three usual conditions for a plenary indulgence)

- Going to Confession
- Receiving Holy Communion
- Praying for the intentions of Pope Francis

Sanctuary Candles



## Sanctuary Candles This Week:

~In Memory of Raymond Gustave offered by wife, Donna, & daughters, Hilary & Ashley

~In Memory of Frank & Anna Duzen offered by daughters, Paula Matthews & Donna Gustave



## BREAD AND WINE OFFERING:

~ In Memory of Frank & Anna Duzen, & Ray Gustave, offered by Frank & Paula Matthews

