

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA

## HOLY WEEK



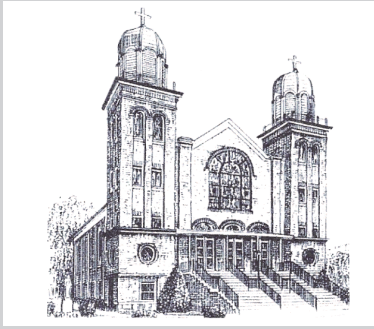
## THE SETON SENTINEL

Palm (Passion) Sunday

March 29, 2015

**THE SETON SENTINEL**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



116 Hughes Street  
Swoyersville, PA 18704  
Phone 570-287-6624  
Fax 570-287-4704  
Email: setonpa@aol.com

**setonpa.com****Office Hours:**

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

Weekends and Evenings  
by appointment only

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

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

New to the area? Just visiting? You will find a warm welcome here! To become a registered member, please call the parish office during regular business hours.

**YOU DID IT AGAIN!!!**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Festival has been voted **BEST BAZAAR** by *The Times Leader* Newspaper! The award was presented last Monday at a ceremony at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. This is tremendous! We are humbled and honored to receive this recognition. Thank you to all who have made this award possible through your hard work and dedication to our Parish Festival!

**OUR PARISH HAS SO MUCH TO BE PROUD OF BECAUSE OF OUR DEDICATED, GENEROUS, AND SELFLESS PARISHIONERS. AGAIN, THANK YOU!**

**CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE**

This bulletin was composed far in advance of your reading it. While we are writing this, there is hope to have the church completed for The Great Triduum and Easter Sunday. We expect the statuary to be returned sometime this week and the touch-up work to the paint completed as well. If you have not looked up as you entered the church recently, please do so and see the three icons above the entrance doors: The Face of Christ (replicated from the stained glass window in Holy Name of Jesus Church), The Holy Trinity (A modern depiction of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) and Our Lady of Czestochowa. These three images above the doors are a tribute to the three churches which comprise St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. No matter what door we enter through, we are all one when we come to the Lord's table.

**CHURCH EASTER PREPARATION:**

**On Saturday, April 4th**, lots of help will be needed to get the church ready for The Easter Vigil and Easter Masses. We especially need men who can climb ladders and lots of help carrying props and flowers in the church. Please come and help at 10:30 a.m. this Saturday. Also, this is a good opportunity for Confirmation students who are still in need of Confirmation Service Hours for the Church this year.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed as of noon on Thursday, April 2nd until Tuesday, April 7th at 8:30 am. No parish business will be conducted during these days. Please keep the phone lines open for emergency pastoral calls since the Holy Week Schedule is printed in this bulletin and has been sent home to our parishioners.

**MARCH 31 CHRISM MASS**

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 31st at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, at 4:00pm. All of the faithful are welcome to attend.

**THE SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism**

Expecting or new parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make the arrangements and if necessary, attend the Pre-Baptismal Session. The celebration of the Sacrament is usually held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

**Confirmation**

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. This year Bishop Dougherty will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible.

**Matrimony**

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible (no less than 6 months prior) to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work. The dates at the Church are not guaranteed until an actual meeting with the pastor takes place.

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. or anytime by request

**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. It is better to have the sacrament of the sick sooner rather than at the last minute.

**For ordinary sick calls (Non-Emergency):**

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.

**ALTAR SERVER'S PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK:**

-Practice for Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 4:15 pm on Thursday, April 2nd in the church.

-Practice for Good Friday, Mass of the Pre-Sanctified will be at 10:30 am on Friday, April 3rd in the Church.

-Practice for the Easter Vigil will be held at 1:15 pm on Saturday, April 4th in the church.

Please be present for the practices. These ceremonies are different from our weekly liturgies and preparation is required. Thank you.

**USHERS**—Please do not forget those sitting in the balcony for Holy Week and Easter Masses. Someone should take responsibility and see to it that it is taken care of at each mass.

**MONDAY RELIGIOUS ED MAKE UP DAY**

Because there were so many Monday classes missed because of bad weather, we have scheduled a make-up day on Monday, April 6th, Easter Monday. Please be advised that CCD will be held at the regular time that day. All students are encouraged to be present but we must strongly recommend that our 2nd and 8th grade students be there as they prepare for the spring sacraments.

**E-mail**

The US POST OFFICE will not accept the BULK MAIL that we wish to send out to our parishioners from time to time. As a result, as much as we can, we would like to rely on EMAIL. To help us in this effort, would you consider writing your EMAIL address on your next Sunday's Offering Envelope? This would be used to communicate important information about our parish and announcements that would be useful to you. We will not share your information with anyone else. Just print it neatly above your name and address on the envelope and we'll enter it into our system. Thank you for considering this request. You could also send us an email with your name and envelope number to [seton.swoy@aol.com](mailto:seton.swoy@aol.com) and we'll get it that way as well.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next PPC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 in the Rectory. All members are urged to attend.

**PASCHAL CANDLE DONATION**

Each Liturgical Year the church acquires a new Paschal Candle which symbolizes the Light of Christ. This candle burns throughout the 50 days of Easter at all Masses completing with the Feast of Pentecost. The Paschal Candle is also lit throughout the year at all parish Baptisms and Funerals. The Paschal Candle this Liturgical Year is in **Memory of Ann Gross offered by Brothers & Sisters.**



**PALM SUNDAY PENANCE SERVICE**

Sunday, March 29th at 7:00PM  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Kingston



**Parish Staff**

Cora Artim  
*Children's & 11:30 Choir*

Phil Bosha  
*Maintenance*

Chris Calore  
*Maintenance*

Scott Coates  
*Contemporary Mass Musician*

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM  
*Parish Social Minister*

Terry Jankoviak  
*Director of Faith Formation*

Margaret Loveless  
*Acting Dir. of Religious Ed.*

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*

**Direct Contacts**

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

Faith Formation Office:  
570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: [fatherjoey@aol.com](mailto:fatherjoey@aol.com)

Parish direct email: [setonpa@aol.com](mailto:setonpa@aol.com)

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



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
pray for us!

**CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**

The Rummage Sale **Donation Days** are Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, April 13, 14, and 15 from 8am to 6pm. **All donations are to be dropped off at the School Gymnasium. Please— no TVs.**

The Rummage Sale Days are: Monday, April 20, 9am to 6pm, Tuesday, April 21, from 9am to 3pm (\$2/bag day) and Wednesday, April 22, from 9am to 3pm (\$1/bag day). Call Susan at 763-5944 if you have any questions.

**Cemetery Clean-Up Time**

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.



## VARIETY BINGO

SPONSORED BY  
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON  
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

**Special—Cash Cover All—Instant Bingos**  
**Sunday, April 26, 2015**  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Gymnasium  
Doors open 1:00pm—Bingo starts 2:00pm  
Entrance Fee: \$5.00 Special Games Available  
Bake Sale~Door Prizes~Chinese Auction  
Lunch & Refreshments

**COLLECTION REPORT**  
**MARCH 14/15, 2015**

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| SUNDAY: \$7284.25       | DUES: \$902.00             |
| LOOSE: \$521.58         | E-giving (online) \$162.61 |
| Other : \$13.00         |                            |
| <b>TOTAL: \$8883.44</b> |                            |

**Building & Maintenance: \$1503.00**  
**Diocesan :**  
**Care & Education of Priests: \$192.92**

*May God bless you for your generosity!*

**The First Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton** will be held on April 25, 2015, at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. The event will feature 2 nationally known speakers: Fr. Larry Richards, author of **Be A Man**, and Damon Owens of the Theology of the Body Institute. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as devotional prayers. Exhibitors will present a full array of Catholic books, publications, CDs, and ministry opportunities. Save the date & plan to join Bishop Bambera, many clergy, & all faithful brothers who will participate in an effort to build up the church. Invite your friends, brothers, sons & grandsons. For more information contact Michael Kilmer, Chairman, at michaelkilmer71@gmail.com or call 746-0100.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

A Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy will be take place Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin Road, Laflin, Pa. In this year of Consecrated Life, Saint Faustina will be honored on the fifteenth anniversary of her Canonization. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 1:00 pm. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by Holy Mass. Celebrants for the Mass will be Msgr. Neil J. Van Loon, Pastor, and Father Richard J. Cirba, Homilist. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 3:00 pm, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, the Rosary, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and individual blessing with a first class relic of St. Faustina. Coordinator for the event is Cathy Mack. All are welcome.

### Fr. Joseph Sibilano, 50 Year Jubilee Celebration of the Priesthood

Sunday, April 19th, 4:00pm Mass at St. Anthony's Church of the parish of St. Barbara, Exeter. Dinner reception at 5:30pm at St. Anthony's Center, Exeter. Reservations are \$35.00 per person. Mail reservations to: Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Attn: Denise Adams, 1880 Highway 315, Pittston, PA 18640. Make checks payable to: Oblates of St. Joseph. **Reservations are due by April 7th.** Questions? Call Ann Marie Ofcharsky 821-5789 or Ann Alfano 905-5225. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

### Wyoming Area Catholic School

Join us for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday, March 29th, 10:30am to 12:00pm at Wyoming Area Catholic School, 1690 Wyoming Ave., Exeter. Event is free and open to all children 3 years old through 2nd grade. RSVP 654-7982.

Also, on March 29th at 3:00pm, our 8th Grade students will present **The Living Stations** at St. Cecilia's Church (St. Barbara Parish). We invite everyone to attend and experience this beautiful re-enactment of our Lord's Passion and Death.

### Swoyersville Kiwanis Annual Blood Analysis Wellness Program

Each year the Kiwanis Club of Swoyersville arranges to help local residents obtain the AMBA Panel Blood Analysis. Testing will take place on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Swoyersville American Legion, Shoemaker Street, Swoyersville from 6 am - 10:00 am. By taking part in this program over 35 tests will be done to assists in the early detection of conditions such as coronary, kidney or liver diseases, anemia and diabetes. Early detection to any health issue is the key to treatments and a quick recovery. A complete panel is done for the low cost of \$40. Additional tests are also available for an additional fee. Checks or money orders only will be accepted for testing and made payable to AMBA Wellness Program. A \$5 handling/processing fee is payable to Swoyersville Kiwanis Club. Appointments and personal physician authorization are required. For an appointment and more information call 1-800-234-8888, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am 5:00 pm.

### Swoyersville Kiwanis 2015 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 [swoyK1951@comcast.net](mailto:swoyK1951@comcast.net). Return applications must be post marked by May 6<sup>th</sup>. Letters will be sent to the winners by mail on May 16th and will be invited to be our guests along with their families at a Scholarship Awards Dinner Meeting. Winners will be judged on financial need, community service, school involvement and studies. All residents from our local communities are invited to make a difference and become part of the Kiwanis family. Call Kathy for details. : 283-1677.

### 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.

**Holy Eucharist Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week**

**Monday, March 30**

8:00 a.m. Helen Wentz Marge Yadrnak & Daughters

**Tuesday, March 31**

8:00 a.m. Andrew & Margaret Chorba Daughter, Anna Mae Venetz

**Wednesday, April 1**

8:00 a.m. Irene Delescavage M/M Vince Krajnak & Family

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Thursday, April 2**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

9:00 a.m. Lauds

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

7:00 p.m. William Lewis, Jr. Rich, Betsy, & Michael Evanoski

**Friday, April 3**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

9:00 a.m. Lauds

2:00 p.m. Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

**Saturday, April 4**

**HOLY SATURDAY**

9:00 a.m. Lauds

2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Easter Baskets in School Gym

8:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil (Nightwatch for the Lord's Resurrection) Easter Intentions

**Sunday, April 5**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

7:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

8:30 a.m. Easter Intentions

10:00 a.m. Intention of the Presider

11:30 a.m. Easter Intentions

5:30 p.m. Easter Intentions



**SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS**

~ In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents

~ Special Intention

**Presider's Schedule  
Holy Week**

Easter Triduum - Fr. Joseph Pisaneschi

**Easter Sunday Masses:**

7:00 a.m. - Fr. Joseph Sibilano, OSJ

8:30 a.m. - Fr. Joe Pisaneschi

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Anthony Urban

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Joseph Pisaneschi

5:30 p.m. - Fr. Joseph Pisaneschi

