

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 4, 2013

Swoyersville, PA

A Word about the Cover

This Sunday's art on the cover of the bulletin is the famous painting of the Transfiguration of Jesus. A replica is in St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton above the Bishop's Chair. Although we mark the Transfiguration each year during the Lenten Season, it has its own Feast Day each August 6th. This year it occurs on Tuesday.



FESTIVAL WORKERS' PARTY!

All those who helped in any way with this year's festival are invited to a Thank You Party on Sunday, August 25th from 2-5 in the parish hall. We only ask that you sign your name and the number attending on the sign-up sheets at the entrance of the Church. We hope you can join us!

PARISH MISSION APPEAL

This weekend Sister Theresina Thadathil SOM, a missionary nun will make the annual Missions Appeal in our Parish. A second collection will be taken up for the missions.

Thank you in advance for your generosity towards the missions.

ALTAR SERVERS' PREPARATION

We will have altar server training on Wednesday, August 14th, at 3:00 p.m. for those who signed up to be servers, those who still wish to be servers and present servers are most welcome to come and help train the new boys and girls. If you have not signed up with Lori at the rectory, please do so now. Any boy or girl is welcome after they have received their 1st Holy Communion.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

NEXT SUNDAY OUR PARISH WILL CELEBRATE THE 60TH JUBILEE OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION OF SISTER MELITA. Sister will be honored at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to attend.



The next monthly meeting for SEAS **Knights of Columbus** will be held on Tuesday, August 13th, at 7pm, in the church hall.

CATECHIST MEETING for 2013-2014 will be held on Thursday, August 29th, at 7:00pm in the church hall. All teachers and aides for the Parish Religious Education Program are urged to attend.

CARRYING THE GIFTS

At each weekend and holy day mass, we ask two people to bring up the gifts in the offertory procession. If mass is being offered for your family member or someone you know, we ask that you sign the book at the entrance of the church so we do not go looking for someone else to carry the gifts. If, however, the ushers do ask you, please consider this humble request on behalf of the community. You are being asked to be the representative of the whole assembly for that mass for we each in our own way present the bread and wine of our hearts and souls to be consecrated at the mass. Please do not refuse if you are asked. If you are not able to because of physical limitations, it is understandable.

USHERS

Please start the procession down to the priest immediately when all are ready to go. Don't wait for the priest to get up and come down. He will meet the procession at the front.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION AUGUST 15TH

Thursday, August 15th, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 14th, at 5:30 p.m. (Vigil), and on Thursday at 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER...

Church Musician Workshop

Saturday, September 21st from 9:30 a.m. to Noon here at Seton. Dr. Ina Grapenthin from Kutztown University and Mr. Don McFarland from Cunningham Piano in Philadelphia will present topics such as Transitioning from Piano to Organ, Registration and Controlling the Sound of the Organ, Questions and Answers about the Organ you are playing now. There will be a selection of Church organ literature for sale, refreshments, and the opportunity to connect with other parish musicians from around the dioceses and the area at large. All church musicians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to attend. More details coming soon.

Adult Education (Enrichment) Series

We are pleased to announce the Fall Adult Education Series will be *Catholicism*, a series by Father Robert Barron. It has been featured on EWTN in the past, however, this is a chance to see it all and have a brief discussion about the presentations. Invite all of your friends (from our parish and other parishes) to join us Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall beginning September 19th through Thursday, December 5th. Come to all the sessions or just a few, but come and discover more about our Catholic Faith. Light refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars.

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
PRAY FOR US!**

Parish Retreat with Father Angelus Shaughnessy OFM, Capuchin, from Saturday, September 7th– until Wednesday, September 11th. These days will be a time for prayer and reflection open to the whole parish with opportunity for confessions and special talks by Father Shaughnessy. More specific details about the days will follow.



MARK THE DATES

The Social Concerns Organization will be holding a parish-wide Baby Shower for our Wilkes-Barre Right to Life on the weekends of August 17/18 and August 24/25. More information to follow.

Religious Education for Special Needs Children

Do you have a child with a learning disability especially- ADD, ADHD, autism, Asperger's Syndrome-or know a family of a child experiencing these disabilities? There is a regional religious education program for these children at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston. If you would like more information or are interested in this program, please call Carmella Faust at 287-3682 or email: religiouseducation1@yahoo.com

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 27/28

Sunday: \$7154.50	Dues: \$987.00
Loose: \$325.81	TOTAL: \$8467.31
Peter's Pence: \$25.00	Cath. Relief Services: \$1306.11

FESTIVAL REPORT 2013

GROSS: \$126,963.00
EXPENSES: \$43,085.00
NET: \$83,878.00 (so far, barring any more bills coming in & some donations still coming in)

Year of Faith Diocesan Congress

Workshops, Liturgy: Saturday, October 5, 2013,
University of Scranton campus

Concert Prelude: Friday, October 4, 2013, 7:30 – 9 p.m.,
St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton



Diocese of Scranton



REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

FAREWELL PARTY: As of August 31st, we will be saying GOOD-BYE to **Brian Williams**, & having a small gathering to celebrate our accomplishments the past 3 years with Regional Youth Ministry! Our gathering will be on Sunday, August 25th, 4:30pm-7:30pm, at St. Ignatius Church, in Conlan Hall (church basement). Call Sarah Touey @762-4858 by August 10th.

Swoyersville Kiwanis Golf Tournament

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring its 14th Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, August 11, at 1pm at Four Seasons Golf Course, Exeter. The format is captain & crew with 1pm shotgun start. Cost is \$65/golfer and includes green fees, cart, dinner, prizes, & refreshments. There will be a longest drive hole and 50-50 hole. Proceeds benefit ongoing community & youth group projects. To register, call Gene at 283-1677 or Barb at 287-8783. Deadline is August 7th.

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS: Wyoming Area Catholic School, Wyoming Ave., Exeter, is accepting registrations for the 2013-2014 school year. All classes from Pre-K through 8th grade have openings. Please do not hesitate to call the school for more information and/or a tour at 654-7982. Summer hours are 8am-3pm. Ask for Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, Principal.

JOB OPENING

Wyoming Area Catholic School has a FULL TIME afternoon/evening janitorial position available. Duties include basic janitorial duties, along with some light maintenance work. Clearances will be needed before hiring. Send letter of interest to: Mrs. Eileen Rishcoff, Principal, Wyoming Area Catholic School, 1690 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, PA 18643

BAZAAR

*Fr. Jerry Gurka & the parish family of St. John the Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville, invite everyone to their Annual Summer Bazaar on **August 9-10-11**. Gigantic Flea Market, 50+ Theme Baskets, Bingo, Delicious Homemade food, live entertainment*

Swoyersville Senior Citizens will meet on Wednesday, August 7th, at 1pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We had a very successful & exciting VBS this past week. We want to thank all the children who participated, and all the teachers, parents, & students who volunteered their time & talent. We couldn't have done it without you! May God bless you abundantly!

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### St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen

**We are in need of SUMMER clothes!** Men-Jeans, t-shirts, shorts, socks & sneakers. Women-pants, shirts, socks, sandals, sneakers. Children-all gently used summer clothes. Clothes may be dropped off at **St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre—7 days a week from 8am-1pm.** Volunteers needed to sort clothes & serve shoppers. Call **829-7796** & leave a message with **Mike**. Our Free Clothing Store is open: Mon.& Wed. 1pm -3pm and Tues. & Thurs. 9am-11am

**SCHOOL IS OUT!** St. Vincent de Paul is collecting **backpacks, notebooks, markers, pens, pencils, crayons, & 3-hole paper.**

All supplies may be **dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen,, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre.** Volunteers are needed to pack & distribute the backpacks at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Packing will take place on Mon.-Thurs., August 12-15, from 9am-1:30pm. Distribution will take place Mon, Aug.19, 9-11am and 1-3pm, and on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9-11am and 4-6pm. For more info., call Mike at 829-7796 or email: [mcianciotta@csswb.org](mailto:mcianciotta@csswb.org)



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BINGO

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LUZERNE. SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2PM, DOORS OPEN AT NOON, \$2.00 ADMISSION, BAKE SALE, FOOD & REFRESHMENTS, DOOR PRIZES, BASKET RAFFLE

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St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Kingston, is holding its **"GRANDMA'S ATTIC" Sale** in Conlan Hall (church basement) on Thursday, Aug 15, from 8am-1pm & 6pm-8pm, Friday, Aug. 16 from 8am-1pm, & Saturday (Bag Day) Aug. 17 from 8am-Noon. Household, dishes, books, CDs, games, small appliances, jewelry & more. Bake Sale & food items available for lunch.

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"With free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, along with diapers, parenting classes, & even temporary housing,

pregnancy centers are playing an increasingly influential role in the anti-abortion movement. While most attention has focused on scores of new state laws, restricting abortion, the centers have been growing in numbers and gaining state financing & support." The New York Times (1/5/13) noticed...finally!



THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, August 5

Our Lady of the Snows

8:00 a.m. Walter Palmer Holy Name-St. Mary's Christian Mothers

Tuesday, August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Helen Nervitt Bob Gorda

Wednesday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Kachmar

Thursday, August 8

St. Dominick

8:00 a.m. Daniel Mesaros, Sr. Wife, Children, & Grandchildren

Friday, August 9

8:00 a.m. Florence Kazokas Ray & Barbara Ripa

Saturday, August 10 (Vigil: NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME)

4:00 p.m. Robert J. Prushinski Wife & Family

5:30 p.m. Al Mikina Jack Tobias

Sunday, August 11

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. *Pro Populo*

10:00 a.m. James W. Gibbons Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

11:30 a.m. Elizabeth M. Vanyo Jim, Mary Beth, & Sam Siracuse

IN MEMORIAM Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord...Michael Kurilla



CONGRATULATIONS and Wedding Blessings upon *Thomas J. Semanek III* and *Jessica Fraser* who were married on Saturday, August 3rd.

Upcoming Wedding: August 10, 2013, 1:00PM—Joseph Casey & Brooke Polachek



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

~In Memory of our deceased Military

~In Honor of our Military

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE AUGUST 10-11

4:00 p.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 p.m. Fr. Urban

8:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 a.m. Fr. Urban

11:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

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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

- Rev. Joe Pisaneschi Pastor
- Rev. Anthony Urban Weekend Celebrant
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Brian Williams Regional Youth Minister
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The celebration of the Sacrament is held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated in the spring of 2014 by Bishop Bambera. Children must be consecutively registered in our Religious Education Program to be eligible to receive.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the paper work necessary.

Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact one of the Priests or the Deacon.

Penance

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 Office.

If you or a relative or friend is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or is homebound. Please contact the Parish Office for a Pastoral Visit. Holy Communion is brought to those who request it on First Fridays.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30-4:00

Closed Holidays and Holy Days

Direct Contacts

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684

Regional Youth Ministry Office: 570-288-6446

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

Youth Ministry email: SJBrian2aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 p.m.