

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 26, 2020

The SETON SENTINEL

A publication of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I hope I am wrong. I think that social distancing is going to take a bit longer than anyone anticipated before running the course.

That being said we have a challenge to rise to if indeed we cannot gather together for some time to come. All of us, although separated by space are united in spirit and still must keep our mission alive.



Some things that are still happening while the church is empty is that we are taking our Liturgy to the masses by live-streaming each week. Complete with Seton's beautiful music. Watch us live on Saturday's at 4:00 pm at [Facebook.com/setonpa](https://www.facebook.com/setonpa) or catch stream cast anytime on Sunday at [setonpa.com](https://www.setonpa.com). This is one important way we can connect during this crisis.

With the Social Distancing being respected at every turn, our Social Concerns Ministry and Altar Guild have been active with the homebound. They have, for the last several weeks, been providing home cooked meals to those parishioners who are on our First Friday list.

We are praying for all of our sick parishioners every day. If you, or someone you know needs prayers, please call me personally as this is one more way of keeping tabs on many in the parish. I would be happy to speak with you and pray with you on the phone at anytime.

I have been very touched by all of the notes, emails, cards, and messages I receive from our parishioners and friends. They really do keep my spirits up during this mess. The funny thing is I am supposed to be lifting you up. But nonetheless, keeping in touch is very important so keep them coming, if only to let me know how you are fairing in these days.

As I have told you before: Even though the doors of our church are closed for a time, the doors of your domestic church are open. That the door you share with your family and those closest to you. You need to be the minister to others and yourself in the home or "domestic church." While the physical sacraments cannot be celebrated there, the Works of Mercy must continue in each heart and life if we are to survive this together as a community.

When we are finally united at the altar here we can offer our prayers of gratitude because the Spirit has kept us together as a Parish Family even in this darkest time.

Hold on to your faith, Keep the Mission Alive, In Christ's Peace,

Father Joe

All Are Welcome at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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!

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- ◆ Rev. Joseph Pisaneschi, V.F.
Pastor
- ◆ Rev. Anthony Urban
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- ◆ Deacon John Ziegler
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- ◆ Cora Artim
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- ◆ Michael Perhach



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Spend a little time getting to know where things are. We shall be adding lots of new features as we go along. Also, like our page on Facebook so as to not miss anything that is going on in our parish. Facebook.com/setonpa

Email Addresses are still being collected, send your address to setonpa@aol.com to receive our bulletin each week in your mail box.

Thank you.



The American Red Cross is so grateful for partners that continue to stand with us throughout the coronavirus pandemic. While we have been able to meet immediate patient needs, your upcoming blood drive is essential to ensure a stable blood supply in the weeks to come.

Donating blood products is essential to community health and the need for blood products is constant. As part of our nation's critical infrastructure, healthy individuals can still donate in areas that have issued shelter in place declarations. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.

There is no known end date in this fight against coronavirus and the Red Cross needs the help of blood and platelet donors and blood drive hosts to maintain a sufficient blood supply for weeks to come. In times of crisis, the Red Cross is fortunate to witness the best of humanity as people roll up a sleeve to help those in need. [We greatly appreciate the generosity of the public to keep hospital shelves stocked during this uncertain time.](#)

An American Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be held on Friday, May 15 in our Church Hall from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and use the Sponsor code SEASP. Streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Life's a Gift. Give More of It. [Please Donate Blood. Now more than ever!](#)

Church Support

Thank you to all parishioners who have made the above offering possible by your generosity. While we had a few weeks of very good collections, we are in need of consistent weekly offerings. With no public masses being celebrated in our parish and no fundraising scheduled, we are entirely dependent on your cooperation in continuing the running, upkeep and mission of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Please, if you can help, send in your envelopes regularly or use a plain envelope and put your name on it for credit. You may also use the 'my offering' feature on our homepage, setonpa.com Follow the link and instructions provided there. Look for and click :



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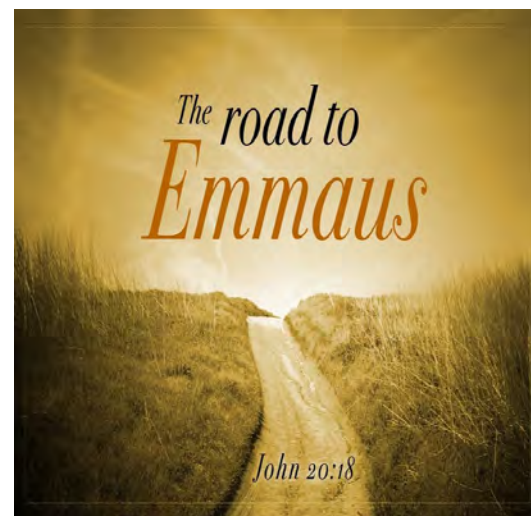
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Remembering at Eucharist

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 27

1. Nicholas Barto
2. Madeleine Barush

Jack & Sue Carr
Theresa Yurko & Susan Bayer

Tuesday, April 28

1. Joseph Yaskus
2. Easter Mass Intentions

Rosemary Chimock

Wednesday, April 29

1. Charles & Helen Snyder
2. Kyle Yadrnak

Grandchildren
Kopicki Family

Thursday, April 30

1. Rita Morrissey
2. Corinne DeMinico

Jim & Carol Morrissey
Steve & Maria Englot

Friday, May 1

1. John & Margaret Mandell
2. Michael J. McClernon

Son, John, Jr.
Wife, Gena

Saturday, May 2

1. Carl Zukosky

Chet & Bernadine Stachniewicz

Sunday, May 3

1. John J. Dushanko Jr.
2. Helen Saren

Mary Ann Romanowski
Family

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.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TIME FROM THE SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

We are happy to offer our Swoyersville Kiwanis Scholarship Awards to graduating high school seniors. In addition to our 3 awards there will once again be an award given in memory of long time Swoyersville residents Gene and Eleanor Breznay. These awards are for \$1000 each and are given to assist in furthering the education of our high school seniors. To be eligible graduating students must reside in Swoyersville, Luzerne or Forty Fort. Applications are available by contacting S. Urzen at 570-606-1153 (call or text) or email k-swoyer@comcast.net. Return applications must be postmarked by May 18th. Letters will be sent to the winners by mail on May 27th. Winners are judged on financial need, community service, school involvement and studies.

We wish the best to all high school senior in their future endeavors.

In WORD & DEED

3rd Sunday of Easter

The experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus differs from that of Thomas. He had spent time alone, away from the Apostles and found himself doubting the Resurrection of Jesus. The disciples spent time together, discussing the events of the day as they struggled to understand what had happened. When Jesus joins them, they are open and willing to hear His words and are led to a deeper faith.

Jesus once said that where two or three are gathered in His Name, He is present with them. His Presence leads them to trust and faith as they share their experiences and insights into God's grace and work in their lives. Faith is strengthened when the Church, the Body of Christ, is called together.

We sometimes are critical of our local parish. People may not always get along, and some might be more difficult to get along with than others. But it is our community; each person is there to witness to God's love and grace in their life. There is much to be learned, and discussed and experienced together. In that parish, in that person and in our life, the Lord dwells. Recognize and know Him.

~James Gaffney, © 2008 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing

Sanctuary Candles

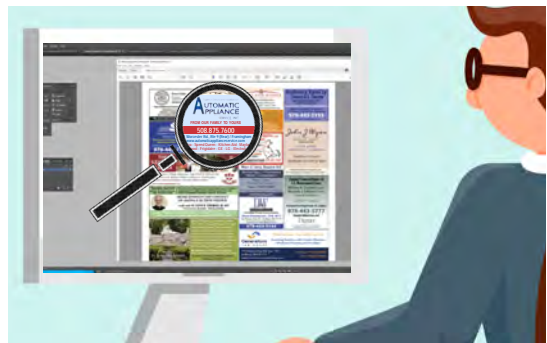


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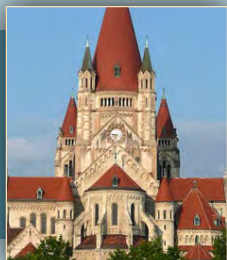


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