

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA



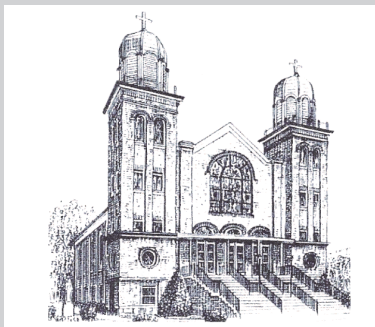
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The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 8, 2015

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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.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Wednesday, February 11th, is the World Day of the Sick and the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. We know that many faithful travel to Lourdes, France, at the site of Our Blessed Mother's appearance and miraculous springs to pray for healing of mind, body, and spirit. To mark this feast day of Our Lady, and as we continually pray for healing for ourselves and others, we will celebrate a special mass next Wednesday at 12:10 pm in our parish. This will be an opportunity for communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick for all who are elderly, frail, or suffering in any way of mind, body or spirit. All are welcome to attend. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Sunday, February 15th, the 5:30 pm Sunday Contemporary Eucharist begins. Please note this addition to our weekly mass schedule.

Knights of Columbus Ash Wednesday Red Clam Chowder Sale

The Knights are sponsoring an **Ash Wednesday (February 18th) Manhattan (Red) Clam Chowder Sale**. Cost is \$6.00 per quart. Sign-up sheets are available on the tables at the church entrance. Pick ups will be in the school cafeteria after the 8am Mass, 11am-1pm, and 5pm-6pm.

Meeting: Our Knights will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 7pm in the church hall.

SEAS ALTAR GUILD CHICKEN POT PIE SALE

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our **Chicken Pot Pie Sale** to be held this **Friday, February 13th**. Pick-ups are in the school cafeteria from **12noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm**. Cost is \$6.00 each.

First Reconciliation Today, Sunday, February 8th

Please continue to pray for our 2nd Grade students who will make their First

Reconciliation this afternoon: Christina Alesson, Matthew Baggett, Oliver Bolin, Davyn Bonvie, Cole Bradley, Adrianna Carnese, Raymond Chimock, Devyn Dane, Raina Deiter, Daniel Dempsey, Kaden Dittus, Jake Dubaskas, Sarah Feifer, Aaron Girvan, Benjamin Hollister, Emma Janis, Zachary Jaskulka, Brady Jones, Trevor Klem, Adyson Kosakowski, Jacob Libus, Joey Lipinski, Andrew Long, Addison Marcin, Melody McGlynn, Conner Novakowski, Mitchell Nowroski, Michael Oncay, Kyle Perlucke, John Roberts, Tyler Ruddy, Zachary Schultz, Lily Shymanski, Abigail Singer, Emma Stambaugh, Samuel Stiles, Elijah Stroud, and Lola Wojciechowski. Congratulations & God's blessings upon these children.

5:30 pm Contemporary Sunday Eucharist

Beginning next Sunday, February 15, 2015, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will offer the 5:30 pm Contemporary Sunday Eucharist. Although this mass will be more or less geared for younger parishioners all are invited to participate and attend. It may be helpful to those who have difficult work and other schedules on the weekends. We are hoping it will also be an outreach tool as well for those who feel out of place at traditional masses. Let all your friends know about it!

If you would like to sing or play at the mass next Sunday, please come to the music warm-up at 4:45 pm, just before the mass next Sunday. Meet near the Grand Piano.

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.

SECURITY MEASURES

Our parish is now using the latest technology to secure the church building and the rectory. We have installed various security measures including cameras which will record all activity in the church and rectory. In the past there were a few issues with candle money missing, envelopes taken off the altar for All Souls Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc., and other small amounts of money taken from the sacristy. This will record everything that goes on and will identify the person or persons responsible. While all the doors of the rectory will be secured and monitored, we ask that **everyone use the side office door exclusively to gain access to the rectory**, even on the weekends and after hours, as this will be the only door attended. Please note: At no time will any sums of money be kept in the rectory. Father and the parish staff will not even know how to access the collection as it will be secured immediately following each mass and deposited in the bank. These measures have been taken for everyone's security, safety and peace of mind.

LENT BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18th, is Ash Wednesday. Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 8:00 am. Additional Times for Ash Distribution and Service of the Word will be at 3:45 pm, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm.

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. with Eucharistic Benediction beginning Friday February 20th. All are welcome.

Monday Evening Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation will continue this Lenten season beginning on Monday, February 23rd. Join us Monday Evenings from 5:30—7:00 pm by preparing for Easter with sacramental confession and a period of silence before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Stop by anytime from 5:30 on...

Thursdays during Lent join us for something new to our parish....



AWAKENING FAITH: Reconnecting with Your Catholic Faith. This six week program will explore topics such as “Who is Jesus, Can I Accept God’s Mercy, Can Mass Make My Life More Meaningful?” It is designed for both active and non-active Catholics. So come and bring someone who is not practicing the faith with no pressure placed on anyone. Just conversation and faith-sharing. There are no right or wrong dispositions or answers.

If you know someone who is away from the Church or wants to be reconnected and have always wished there were something you could do...now there is! Invite them to ***Awakening Faith*** in our parish. Begins Thursday, February 19th at 6:30p.m. in the church hall.

Parish Staff

- Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir
- Phil Bosha
Maintenance
- Chris Calore
Maintenance
- 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
- Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
pray for us!**

NEW FUNDRAISING POLICY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

After discussion with those who do fundraising in our parish, the following will be our policy for all such activities:

- There shall be no selling tickets of any kind before or after masses on the weekends.
- Any goods that are offered for a donation will be done in the Parish Hall.
- Food sale sign-ups may continue at the entrance of the church.
- There will be no solicitation of any sort at the entrances of the church or the sidewalks.
- The need for "Fun" Fundraisers is respectfully recognized. Those activities which provide social interactions between parishioners. These will continue and hopefully be supported as they have been in the past.
- Envelopes will be provided in the sets sent home if you wish to use them to help fund these parish organizations: Social Concerns, Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Confraternity of Christian Mothers and the Altar Guild. One group will benefit each month and will be announced in the bulletin before hand.

I do hope these measures will save manpower for the societies and stop the constant presence of people looking for sales before and after our sacred celebrations of the Eucharist. While these organizations do great work for our parish and community and are necessary for the benefit of all of us, I believe that the Church is not a place to be doing fundraising. Our doors are open to all - poor and rich alike. No one should feel less than because they either can't or do not wish to contribute.

I welcome any questions or concerns on this matter.
God's Blessings on you and our parish!

—Father Joe

DIOCESAN PARISH FINANCIAL AUDIT

Our parish participated in the Diocesan Financial Audit recently and we are pleased to report to you that there were no irregularities found in our book-keeping. We have already put into place added security measures that were recommended by the audit. The Finance Council has reviewed the other findings of the report and we have corrected the minor administrative practices which needed updating.



**COLLECTION REPORTS
JANUARY 24/25, 2015**

SUNDAY: \$5757.02; DUES: \$680.00; HOLY DAYS: \$2.00;
 LOOSE: \$297.50; CHRISTMAS: \$15.00
 E-giving (online) \$184.45 **TOTAL: \$6935.97**

DIOCESAN:
 Campaign for Human Development: \$810.75

May God bless you for your generosity!



THE WIND KNOCKED OUT OF MY SAIL

Dear Parishioners and Friends,
 The weekend of January 15 and 16 many of you noticed that I was not myself at the weekend masses. I was on call for the hospital and received several emergency calls in a row late at night and did not sleep for a few days. This, in addition to the ordinary schedule of a pastor and the anticipation of the work that was to be done in the church just came to a crescendo and knocked the wind out of my sail. If I could have found another priest to take those masses I would have. But it is very difficult to find priests for a planned weekend let alone at the last minute. Fortunately, I was able to get away for a few days and recovered. I write this not for your sympathy, but as an explanation for some worried hearts that expressed themselves to me. These are challenging days for all priests as there are fewer and fewer of us to go around. Let me state unequivocally, I would choose the priesthood over and over again as my vocation. It may be a little more of a challenge these days as compared to the past, but what about all of you? Your lives are not easy either. We all have responsibilities that wear us down from time to time but all in all when we find the deep joy and peace that comes from God alone in living out our chosen path, religious, or secular, there is nothing that could take it away from us. Please pray for Fr. Urban and myself that we will have the health and stamina to continue to serve you for a long, long time to come.
 God's Blessings

— Father Joe

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. If you would like to purchase this candle for our parish, please call Lori at the rectory office to make arrangements for your donation.

ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS AVAILABLE

There are still some weekends available for Flower Offerings, to offer in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please call Lori to make arrangements.



RETROUVAILLE

Know a Marriage that needs help? If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the **Retrouvaille** program can help. **Retrouvaille** is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program is Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2015, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit. Registration required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.retrouvaille.org/ for more information or to register.

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.

Learning Luke for Lent-St. Ignatius Scripture Study

Looking for something new to do this Lent? Instead of giving up chocolate, try attending a Bible study at St. Ignatius, Kingston. We will focus on the greatest story ever told: the life, death & resurrection of Jesus according to St. Luke. We will begin our 12 week study of the Gospel of Luke on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 6:30pm or Friday, Feb. 20th at 8:15am. You have the choice each week between a Tuesday evening or a Friday morning session. The sessions run 1 1/2 hours and the cost is \$15 for materials. Please call Fr. Alex Roche or Tony Butel at 288-6446 to reserve a spot by Feb. 13th.

Knights of Columbus in Luzerne is under new management & have a chef on board in our kitchen & are having Lenten specials from fish to pizza in Feb & March, with a St. Paddy's Day Ham & Cabbage Dinner. Please call for reservations, sit in, or take-outs. Limited to 100 meals. Please call 287-2826 or email; kofchall3987@gmail.com

**Holy Eucharist Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week
Fifth Week of Ordinary Time**

Monday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Martin Breha Post 644 SALS

Tuesday, February 10 St. Scholastica

8:00 a.m. Andrew & Anna Mattie Daughters, Margie & Anna

Wednesday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

12:10 p.m. Bill Quinn Wife & Family

Thursday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Stephen Gaydos Wife & Children

Friday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Paul Sterowski Eleanor Casey

Saturday, February 14 (vigil: 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

4:00 p.m. Jerry Meighan Family

5:30 p.m. Walter Palmer Wife & Family

Sunday, February 15 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. John & Josephine Hrobaski Son, John, & Family

10:00 a.m. Joe & Elda Pisaneschi Family

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

5:30 p.m. **Pro Populo**



IN MEMORIAM~Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them~~
Adele Demchak~~**Ronald Proleika Sr.**~~May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~ In Memory of Ronald Proleika Sr. offered by Fred & Shirley Proleika & Family
~ In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~In Memory of Stephen Gaydos offered by Wife & Children

Presider's Schedule

Feb 14-15

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm Fr. Urban
8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi
11:30 am Fr. Urban
5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

