

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 19, 2020

# The SETON SENTINEL

A publication of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



## Devotion to Jesus, the Divine Mercy

**"As I have loved you so also should you love one another."** (John 13:34)

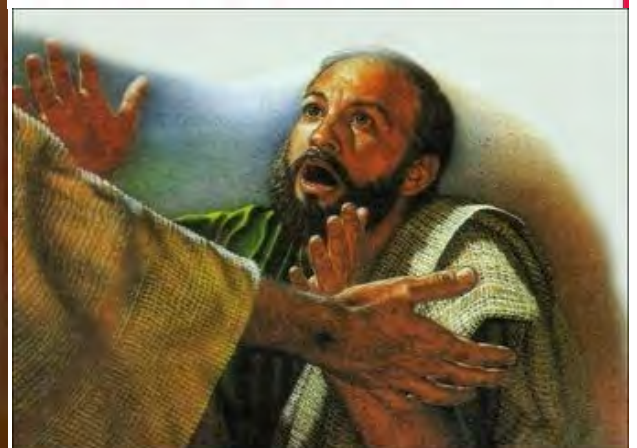
The Image of the pierced side of Christ pouring out blood and water reminds us that the Cross, love in action, is the price of mercy.

The message is as simple as **ABC**:

**A — Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. **"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us"** (Matt 6:12)

**B — Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others as He does to us. **"The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you"** (Matt 7:2)

**C — Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. **"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy"** (Matt 5:7)







Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Ordinarily, today is the day that I kid with you that this is called , *Low Sunday*, because the attendance is low after the great Easter crowds. However, this year, our *Quasimodo Sunday* celebration continues with silence in our churches.

This day we also know as Divine Mercy Sunday holds special significance for so many who are familiar with the story of St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other devotions. Pope St.

John Paul II gave this Mercy Sunday to us in 2000 A.D. as an annual Feast.

Perhaps this year more than any other time in memory has us praying for the mercy of God to be with us; on our families, our community, church and country. There has been a definite crying out to and for God by a great number of people who perhaps usually can't be bothered with the Divine. I notice the number of people who watch our livestreamed masses have exploded in recent weeks, as many as 4500 hits to Easter Sundays mass alone. And visits to our website has increased dramatically during this crisis.

I have spoken to a number of you who "Just miss Holy Communion," and there is a real 'hunger' for it like nothing I've seen in my 49 years by people. That 'hunger' for the Sacraments, for the Church for God is profound during this crisis. I would love to help God feed you with all these things but we are told we have to wait a little longer before we can gather for Eucharist again.

But let me suggest to sit with that hunger: For God's intervention, for his mercy, for our families, for communion, the sacraments and for a closer relationship with his Son. Can you even imagine how God 'hungers' for each one of us? Especially those who are missing a real relationship with the Holy One. In today's reading, Jesus hungers for Thomas' faith so he returns to the disciples a second time, just for Thomas, just for you... and me and all who struggle with our faith and relationship with him on almost a daily basis.

Christ satisfies Thomas' hunger for proof, he satisfies us even now, even without physically being able to see him or receive him in Eucharist. How does he feed us in these days? The answer: With our very hunger for God. Yes. Our desire, our hunger, is God's way of sustaining us in this most difficult time. That we experience a need, a want a desire for the Holy One, is itself satisfaction. It's God's own doing, he put the hunger in us.

St. Augustine said that our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O God. The more we need, want, thirst for the Divine, the closer God comes to us to satisfy us. Look for him in these days. Not in the physical, but in the quietness of your homes and hearts. Feast with joy in the Easter Mystery we celebrate and let your hunger be satisfied.

Until we can eat the Bread of Life together again, May the Risen Lord bless you and keep you, In that Divine Love and Mercy,

Father Joe

**Pastoral Ministry**

- ◆ Rev. Joseph Pisaneschi, V.F.  
Pastor
- ◆ Rev. Anthony Urban  
Assisting Celebrant
- ◆ Deacon John Ziegler  
Permanent Deacon
- ◆ Lorraine Raymond  
Pastoral Associate
- ◆ Sister Jane Ellis, IHM  
Pastoral Care Minister
- ◆ Mr. John Bankus Sr.  
Deacon Candidate

**Finance Office**

- ◆ Monica Salis  
Business Manager

**Religious Education**

- ◆ Sister Marion Tarone, IHM  
Director of Religious Education

**Music Ministry**

- ◆ Margaret Semanek  
Director of Liturgical Music
- ◆ Joseph Sabol  
Assistant Organist
- ◆ Cora Artim  
Youth Choir Director
- ◆ Scott Coates  
5:30 PM Mass Musician

**Sacristans**

- ◆ Christopher Calore
- ◆ Patricia Quinn
- ◆ Betsy Evanoski

**Maintenance and Cleaning**

- ◆ Christopher Calore  
Director of Maintenance
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ John Sartin
- ◆ Salvatore Piccillo  
Weekend Maintenance
- ◆ Phil Boshia  
St. Mary's Cemetery Maintenance

**Pastoral Council, Chair**

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

**Finance Council, Chair**

- ◆ Michael Perhach

**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.

**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](mailto:k-swoyer@comcast.net). Return applications must be postmarked by May 18th. Letters will be sent to the winners by mail on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Winners are judged on financial need, community service, school involvement and studies.

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



**Weekly Offering  
March 28/29, 2020**

**\$4519.89**

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.

**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 for your convenience, it has been updated and is now more user friendly than it has been in the past. Click on setonpa.com and then click:



**SETON VITALS:**

116 Hughes Street  
Swoyersville, PA 18704

Phone: 570-287-6624

Fax: 570-287-4704

Web: setonpa.com

**Extension Numbers:**

Ext. 2 Mass Schedule

Ext. 3 Religious Ed

Ext. 100 Lori Raymond  
setonpa@aol.com

Ext. 105 Fr. Joe  
fatherjoey@aol.com

Ext. 113 Monica Salis  
seton.swoy@aol.com

Ext. 116 Sister Marion  
sistermarion@setonpa.com

Ext. 117 Sister Jane  
sisterjane@setonpa.com

Ext. 130 Deacon Jack

Ext. 133 Chris Calore





## 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 20

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Vivian Palmentere Williams | Jim & Mary Beth Siracuse |
| 2. Easter Mass Intentions     |                          |

### Tuesday, April 21

- |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Joseph & Anna Barnoski | Daughter & Family |
| 2. Rose Mistretta         | Felix Wawer       |

### Wednesday, April 22

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Stephen & Jule Pacovsky | Jerry & Marion Pacovsky |
| 2. James & Lenore Parini   | Family                  |

### Thursday, April 23

- |                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Robert Wallace   | Wife, Bonnie & son, Robert |
| 2. Joseph F. Pisano | Joseph A. Mayerski         |

### Friday, April 24

- |                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Stephen & Helen Gaydos | Son, Robert & daughter, Ann Marie |
| 2. Thomas J. Shea         | Sam & Barb Alba                   |

### Saturday, April 25

- |                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Bill Schaeffer | Wife, Theresa |
|-------------------|---------------|

### Sunday, April 26

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Christina McKenzie | Husband & Daughters |
| 2. Joseph June Jr.    | Donna Yaglowski     |

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 Joseph & Anna Barnoski offered by Daughter & Family

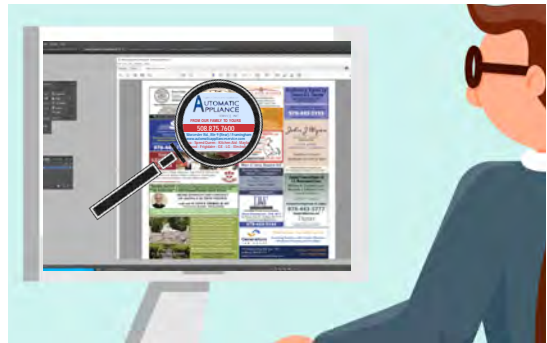
~In Memory of Louis Michaels offered by Family



## BREAD AND WINE OFFERING:

~ In Memory of Frank & Geri Witt offered by Donna Gustave





**DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK,  
BUSINESSES AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOR  
ARE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE  
SPONSORS ON THE BACK PAGES TO HELP  
KEEP THE LOCAL ECONOMY STRONG.**



**ALSO, VISIT THEIR WEBSITES TO SEE HOW THEY  
CAN ASSIST YOU WITH ANY OF THEIR SERVICES  
YOU MAY NEED THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.**



*Catholic Cruises and Tours*

Take your  
**FAITH ON A  
JOURNEY**

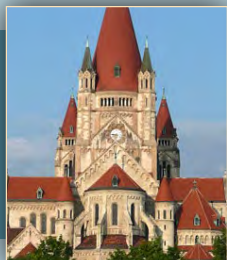


**Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship of The Sea of the United States of America**

***Mass is included with all of our tours!***

**Catholic Cruises and Tours to Worldwide Destinations**

- Holy Land Discovery • Fatima, Lourdes and Shrines of Spain • Grand Catholic Italy • Footsteps of Apostle Paul • Shrines of Alpine Europe • Pilgrimage to Lourdes • Scottish Highlands
- Camino, A walking journey for the soul



**Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email [Janet@CatholicCruisesandTours.com](mailto:Janet@CatholicCruisesandTours.com)  
[www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com](http://www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com)**





Aaron W. Pietryka, *Licensed Supervisor - Parishioner*  
 Thomas B. Wiedlich, *Licensed Director - Parishioner*

570-287-8541 | 1442 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, PA  
[www.wroblewskifuneralhome.com](http://www.wroblewskifuneralhome.com)

**BONNER**  
  
**FIND NEW ROADS™**  
 NEW 287-2117  
 USED 288-0319  
 694 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA  
[www.bonnerchevrolet.com](http://www.bonnerchevrolet.com)

*Holy Trinity*  
 Off of Warsaw Street  
 &  
*St. Mary's*  
 Off of Brook Street  
*Cemeteries*  
 †  
 Lots Available  
 Interest Free  
 payment plans




Please call the Parish Office for more information at 287-6624

**B** *Bednarski*  
*Funeral Home*  
 168 Wyoming Ave.  
 Wyoming, PA  
**570-693-3851**  
*Funeral Directors*  
 Joseph Bednarski  
 Jacqueline Bednarski

Remember to say  
**“Thank You”**  
 — to our —  
**WONDERFUL Sponsors**

We extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsors, without whom this bulletin would not be possible.

**First Catholic Slovak Union**  
*FCSU Financial®*  
 Annuities • Life Insurance • IRAs  
 Final Expense • Education Savings  
 Wealth Transfer  
**Get \$10,000 term life insurance for \$14**  
*(annually until age 25)*  
 Annuity interest rates as high as 3.85%...  
 • 6/8 Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity  
 • 6 Year Fixed Rate Annuity  
[www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com)  
 Martha Zavada: (570) 954-3771

**FORTY FORT**  
  
**LUBE & SERVICE**  
 FORTY FORT KINGSTON  
 570-718-1501 570-283-1504

“Jesus Wept.” *John 11:35*

*Frank*  
**Grontkowski**  
**Monuments Inc.**  
 Established in 1942  
 Family owned & operated



DEDICATED TO MEETING YOUR MONUMENT NEEDS  
 570-822-5574  
[grontkowskimonuments.com](http://grontkowskimonuments.com)

*Andy*  
**Peruginos**  
  
**FINE ITALIAN CUISINE**  
 Lunch Specials Daily!  
 Mon-Fri 11am-2pm  
**Dinner**  
 Mon-Thurs 4pm-9pm  
 Fri-Sat 4pm-10pm

- Family Atmosphere  
 - Made from Scratch Menu  
 - Reasonable Prices  
 - Large Portions!

258 Charles St. Luzerne, PA  
[www.andyperuginos.com](http://www.andyperuginos.com)  
**570-288-5337**

**PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS**




When patronizing our Sponsors let them know you saw them in the Church Bulletin.  
**THEY MAKE THIS BULLETIN POSSIBLE**

  
 841 Main Street  
 Tewksbury, MA 01876  
 (978) 851-9103

**Rosaries from Flowers**  
*“Handmade from the Flowers of your Loved One”*  
[www.rosariesfromflowers.com](http://www.rosariesfromflowers.com)

**AD SPACE AVAILABLE**  
 617-779-3771

**HUGH B. HUGHES & SON, INC.**  
*Funeral Home*  
 Michael W. Harrison, Supervisor / President  
 Daniel R. Harrison, Funeral Director  
**Traditional, Cremation & Pre-arranged Funerals**  
 570-288-9341  
 1044 Wyoming Ave. Forty Fort, PA  
 Visit our website at [hughbhughes.com](http://hughbhughes.com) • Online condolences now available

 **Lincoln Heritage**  
 LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

**Whole Life Insurance - NO MEDICAL EXAM**

24-hour Payout | Free Funeral Planning | Ages 0 to 85  
 98 % coverage | Plans as low as \$15 a month | Rates never increase

**Steve Urbanski - Licensed Underwriter - 570.899.7058**



*Memorial Ads Available* **617-779-3771**

