

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



“tell the Israelites: *I AM* sent me to you.”

Exodus 3:14

The Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

Swoyersville, PA



REFLECT REPENT REJOICE

Events

LENT AT SETON

THE DAILY EUCHARIST

Participate a day or two, or every day in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Offered Monday—Friday at 8:00 am. The rosary is recited prior to mass each morning.

MONDAY EVENING ADORATION and CONFESSIONS

As part of the Diocesan-wide “Light On,” program, Monday evenings during Lent, beginning on Feb 15th, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation in the church from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Make plans to join us for a time of prayer and quiet reflection. Also, prepare for Easter by celebrating the sacrament of Penance one of the Monday evenings during Lent.

LENTEN FAITH-SHARING ON THURSDAY EVENINGS

Thursdays at 6:30pm, in the parish hall, join us for “Thursday Evening Faith-Sharing”, a faith sharing experience for our parishioners. Reflect on and share the upcoming Sunday Scriptures with facilitators Frank and Catherine Suraci. Carve out a little time for sharing the scripture and prayer each Thursday evening during Lent. All are welcome.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our parish will expose the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:30 pm and pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. Benediction will follow. On Friday, March 18th, a vigil mass will be celebrated after stations for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our HNS Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 12th, for our parish children ages 1-8. This is the last weekend to sign up.



PA PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Our parish is sponsoring a Pro-Life Baby Bottle Project to help support our local Pro-Life Center in Wilkes-Barre. Baby bottles are located in baskets in the back of the church. Please take a bottle home, fill it with your spare change during these days of Lent, and return the bottles by Sunday, March 13th.

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH-HALUSKI SALE. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Cost is \$2.50/pint. You may pick up your order in our school cafeteria from 12 noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm.

Final Lenten Fundraiser: **FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH-PIROHY**

SAVE THE DATE!

The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a BINGO on Sunday, April 17th, 2016. Details will follow....

REMINDER TO ALL PARISH GROUPS AND SOCIETIES:

The Parish Pastoral Council is asking that the heads of all parish groups be present at the next Council Meeting, on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

NOVENA OF ST. JOSEPH

The 9 Day Novena of St. Joseph will begin after 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, March 9th and conclude on Friday March 18th after the weekday morning masses. Prayer booklets will be made available to take home to pray in private on Saturday and Sunday.

HOLY WEEK The Sacred Triduum

The Triduum and Easter Schedule is as follows: Morning Prayer (*Lauds*) Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning at 9:00 am. Followed by the opportunity for Confessions each day at 9:30 am until all are heard. **Thursday evening’s Mass of the Lord’s Supper begins at 7:00 pm** with the church remaining open until 10:00 pm for individual prayer. Night Prayer (*Compline*) at 10:00 pm. **Good Friday, Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 2:00 pm**, Evening Prayer (*Vespers*) and closing of the church at 5:15 pm. Holy Saturday, Blessing of the Baskets at 2:00 pm in the school gym. **Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm. Easter Sunday masses at 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am and 5:30 pm.** These are days of prayer and meditation, the Highest Holy Days of the Church year and while they are not obligatory (Thursday and Friday), we encourage everyone to participate in the special masses and prayer services.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir
Phil Bosha
Maintenance
Chris Calore
Maintenance
Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician
Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
Margaret Loveless
Director of Religious Education
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

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570-287-4587
Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.



Lenten Evening of Reflection for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

As we approach the Great Easter Mysteries we would like to gather with all EM's (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) for a Lenten evening of reflection about our ministry. We ask that all EM's be present on Monday evening March 7th. There will be a period of Adoration from 5:30—7:00 with Benediction in the Church and the reflection to follow. Come anytime after 5:30 for private prayer but please be present for 7:00 pm. A Holy Week meditation will be offered as well as some important information about taking communion to those who are in Nursing Homes, Hospitals and the Homebound will be shared.

PRACTICE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDESS DURING LENT

Is there someone you know who could use a little boost? A little uplifting? Say something kind, drop a note in the mail or email, or make a short phone call. These are just some of the ways to help someone who needs encouragement. Try giving another preference in the store or giving someone a break in traffic. Small random acts, without expecting anything in return, can make someone's day. Be creative. BE KIND. Make this Lent a time to grow in kindness.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet today, Sunday, February 28th, at 2pm in our church hall. The Spring Rummage Sale will be the topic of discussion. Donation Days will be April 4-5-6; Sale Days are April 11-12-13. Those wishing to join the Confraternity are invited to attend this or any meeting. President Susan Bayer will preside.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Life Line Screening will be offering preventive health screenings on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016**. As part of the screening event, Life Line Screening will offer *low-cost* take-home colorectal cancer tests called FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) in recognition of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. These tests are simple, accurate, and recommended for the early detection of colorectal cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. More than 90% of cases occur in people aged 50 and older.

Other preventive screenings provided check for stroke risk, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and osteoporosis. **St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish** is pleased to make these important screenings available by hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S., yet, with preventive strategies, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings.

Screening packages start at \$139. Single tests cost around \$70.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-888-653-6441. Pre-registration is required.

VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.

SETON PRAYER CHAIN

We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests. A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

Dear Parents,

Children are at the heart of what we are all about here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We encourage children of all ages and stages to attend mass with their parents each week. We expect that smaller children will, from time to time, be fussy, wiggle and make some noise. There is no need to leave mass. Again, it is expected. If you do feel the need to get up with your child, please return as soon as you are able. Training children in church early will help establish good habits in the future. We can all stand a little noise to ensure the future of our parish.

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



2016 Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference "Be A Man: Jesus Christ, The Face of True Manhood" April 23, 2016 at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center, 149 North Main St, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 Experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring keynote presentations by Catholic biblical scholar, professor and conference speaker Dr. Scott Hahn from Steubenville, Ohio, well-known blogger Msgr. Charles Pope from the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., and former Notre Dame football player Michael McGlenn. Reconciliation opportunities with many priests available for confessions. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00am, Registration/ Continental Breakfast 7:00am, With main Conference and Mass from 8:00am to 2:45pm. Cost: \$35, \$30 early bird, \$15 for students. Register online at : www.BeAManConference.com or mail the completed conference brochure application with your check to Attn: Men's Conference, Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA. 18503 (Mark "Men's Conference" on memo line of check). Our Parish Captain is Chris Calore (570-824-5621)

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE
PRESENTED BY JONATHAN TEJERKA FOR THE FOCUS BLOG

WHEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAYS IN LENT

ABSTINENCE

WHO
CATHOLICS 14+ ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE
CATHOLICS 18-59 ARE OBLIGED TO FAST

THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

Church Finances

February 13/14, 2016

Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$6556.00 DUES: \$890.00
LOOSE: \$589.18 OTHER: \$11.00 E-GIVING: \$237.34
TOTAL: \$8283.52
ASH WEDNESDAY: \$1098.04

Diocesan: Campaign for Human Development: \$5.00

February Care & Education of Priests: \$884.00

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

February Parish Groups Envelope benefits the **Holy Name Society**

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Office Hours:

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

Friday:
8:30am to 3:00pm

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.

SETON ONLINE

Stay in touch with your parish on-line by “Liking” us on Facebook, Viewing our website setonpa.com and now with your mobile device. Download the new Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Worship Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad! Bulletins are posted each weekend to keep up with the parish happenings if you are away or just want a sneak peek at what’s coming up for our parish.



Swoyersville Kiwanis Nite at the Races

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Nite at the Races on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School cafeteria, Hughes St., Swoyersville. The doors open at 6 PM and post time is 7 PM. Horses are \$10 and includes free admission. Without purchasing a horse admission is \$5. There will be food, refreshments, instant bingo, a 50-50 drawing and raffles in between races. To purchase a horse or for more information contact Gene or Kathy at 570-283-1677 or any Kiwanis member. See you at the Races!!

LENTEN FOOD SALES

American Legion Post 644, 259 Shoemaker St., Swoyersville, is offering Lenten Food Sales on Fridays during Lent at the post home from 12noon to 6pm. Menu items include clam chowder, potato pancakes, pierogi, haluski, macaroni & cheese, fish or crab cakes with fries and cole slaw. Open to the public. Eat in or take out. For more information, call 570-287-9400.

Year of Mercy Day

Year of Mercy Day of Reflection with Deacon Gary Pstrak will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 143 Division St., Wilkes-Barre, today, Sunday, February 28th, from 12 noon to 4pm. 12noon-Eucharistic Adoration, 1pm-Rosary, 2pm short prayer service with music and homily, 2:45 to 3:30pm-confessions, 3pm Rosary, 3:30pm Benediction and homily

Read Across America

Wyoming Area Catholic School invites all children Grades Pre-K to 6th to “Come Celebrate Read Across America”! There will be a variety of activities and fun on Wednesday, March 2nd from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at 1690 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter. Please RSVP to the school office: 570-654-7982.

GORZKIE ZALE

Gorzkie Zale, a traditional Polish Bitter Lamentations, will be held Sunday March 6 at 3pm at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Township. The parish community invites everyone to this Lenten Service. A light reception will follow in the church hall. Anyone wishing to join the choir to sing at the service, a practice will be held Saturday March 5 at 1pm in the church. Questions concerning the practice, please call (570-706-6951). For further information or directions, please call 570-823-6242.

CHURCH BREAKFAST

St. Robert Bellarmine, 143 W. Division St., Wilkes-Barre, Church Breakfast, Sunday, March 6th in the school cafeteria, 8am to 1pm. \$8/adults, \$4/children under 12, and Free/children under 4. Breakfast includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, sausage gravy, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea, & hot chocolate.

CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERTS

The Catholic Choral Society will present Lenten Concerts on March 6th in Plains and on March 13th in Scranton. The concert on Sunday, March 6th will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Church, 13 Hudson Road, Plains, PA at 3 PM. The second concert will be presented at St. Paul’s Church, 1510 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA on Sunday, March 13th 3:00PM. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, is having a Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, March 13, 2016, from Noon-4pm. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$4/children under 10, and are available by calling the parish office at 570-287-6600, or at the door. Take-outs available; containers provided. All are welcome!

HAM BINGO

The parishioners of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church are sponsoring their annual HAM BINGO on March 13, 2016, at 1pm. The event will be held in the church hall at 320 Vine St., Old Forge. Theme baskets, door prizes, and various bingo specials will be available. Kitchen opens at 11am for food and refreshments and bake sale. **Admission is \$3.00.**

Eucharistic Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, February 29

8:00 am Hudak & Nemetz Families Family

Tuesday, March 1

8:00 am Joseph Murray Dr. & Mrs. Chin Lee

Wednesday, March 2

8:00 am Elizabeth Krysinski Bob Cebrick

Thursday, March 3 *St. Katharine Drexel*

8:00 am Edmund Pieczynski M/M Harry Meadows

Friday, March 4 *St. Casimir*

8:00 am Thomas Runcavage Sr. Bev Kazanski

Saturday, March 5 *Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent*

4:00 pm Eugene "Bud" Burgess Joe & Terri Burgess

5:30 pm Leonard Kolojejchick Wife & Family

Sunday, March 6 *4th Sunday of Lent*

8:30 am Joan Leonard Family

10:00 am *Pro Populo*

11:30 am Josephine Ritondo Daughter, Josie & Family

5:30 pm In Honor of WAC Girls' Basketball Team



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

~John F. O'Connell~

GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



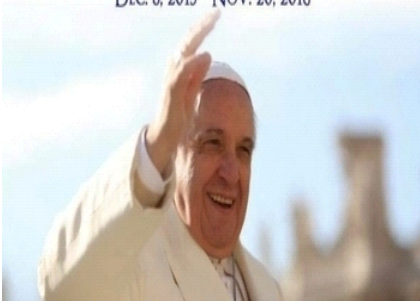
Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents

~In Memory of Sister Helen Jankoviak offered by a Friend

**EXTRAORDINARY
JUBILEE OF MERCY**

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Celebrants for the Eucharist

MARCH 5

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Urban

MARCH 6

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi