

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Luke 16:11-32

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 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.



Parish Events



HOLY NAME SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by our Holy Name Society will be held this Saturday, March 12th, rain or shine! If you signed your child/children up, please come to the church hall at 1pm.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

Our HNS will meet today, Sunday, March 6th, after the 8:30am Mass, in our church hall to finalize plans for the Easter Egg Hunt.

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

Final Lenten Fundraiser: **FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH-PIROHY**. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Cost is \$7.00/dozen. You may pick up your order in our school cafeteria from 12 noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. We need lots of help making the pirohy. If you can help ball the potatoes, please come at 7:30a.m. All others come at 8:30a.m. Come join in the fun and bring a friend! Lunch will be served, too!

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Spring Rummage Sale: Donation Days are April 4-5-6; Sale Days are April 11-12-13.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS

There will be a meeting for the **BINGO Planning Committee** on Tuesday, March 8th at 6pm in our school cafeteria.

PRAYER CHAIN MEETING and LUNCHEON

Our Prayer Chain members will meet on Wednesday, March 16th, at 12 noon, at Perugino's in Luzerne, for their monthly meeting and lunch. New members are welcome. Come join us for some Christian fellowship and bring a friend. Everyone is most welcome! Please call Gail Kimmerle at 570-690-7520 and RSVP before March 13th.

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.

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

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.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last weekend. Please keep them in your daily prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion, which will take place on Saturday, April 30th.

Chris Calore

Many of you are aware that our Chris Calore will be off for the month of March to deal with a health issue. Please keep him in your prayers. Phil Bosha will be filling in for him during the next month. We all depend on Chris' presence to keep everything running smoothly around the campus. He always goes above and beyond the call of duty to make sure everyone has what they need when they need it. It seems as if before something is out of our mouths, it is already done. Keep in mind that it may take a little more effort on all our parts to plan ahead for what is needed and to let Phil know and make arrangements to get it done. If there are any issues, please bring them to the attention of the rectory immediately. Your patience and cooperation will be appreciated over the coming month. God bless you, Chris, and God speed!

PARKING LOT UPDATE:

The final property we had intended to purchase for the parking lot has fallen through. The yellow house on the corner of Sidney will remain. That leaves three properties that we have secured for the new lot. Temporary parking is available there now, and we will begin to take bids for paving the lot as soon as possible.

CONFESSIONS

Easter is quickly approaching. Please take advantage of the opportunities for Confessions on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons. (Times are listed in the bulletin). Avoid longer lines during Holy Week.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 9th, 7p.m., Holy Family Parish, Luzerne

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.

THE PASCHAL 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.



Give us, O God, the needs of the body,
Give us, O God, the needs of the soul;
Give us, O God, the healing balsam of the body,
Give us, O God, the healing balsam of the soul.

—CELTIC PRAYER



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!**

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.

Wyoming Area Catholic School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team advances to the PA STATE CYO Basketball Tournament

The PA State CYO Basketball Tournaments have 2 divisions, grade school girls and boys. The tournament is made up with one team from each Diocese in our state. In 2016, the Girls' State CYO Tournament will be held at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School in Cranberry Twp. Wyoming Area Catholic will represent the Diocese of Scranton as they won the diocesan championship by defeating St. Clare/St. Paul School of Scranton, 41-26 on Feb. 20th at Holy Cross High School. The State Tournament will take place March 11, 12, and 13. Wyoming Area Catholic is the 1st Luzerne County team to win the Diocesan Championship since St. Nicholas-St. Mary School, Wilkes-Barre, won in 2005. WAC last won the championship in 1976. WAC will be seeking the Diocese's 3rd Girls State Championship. For more information about the tournament, call Chris Tigue, diocesan CYO Director at 570-823-8089. For more information about the team, call school principal, Eileen Rishcoff at 570-654-7982. Any support is greatly appreciated. We ask for your support by going to GoFundMe.com/52qystch Thank you!

Church Finances

February 20/21, 2016

Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$8051.58

DUES: \$483.00

LOOSE: \$36.00

E-GIVING: \$119.22

TOTAL: \$8689.80

ASH WEDNESDAY: \$593.82

Building & Maintenance: \$1082.00

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

MARCH Parish Groups Envelope benefits the ALTAR GUILD

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Monday– Thursday
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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.



Novena and Feast of Saint Joseph

The Oblates of St. Joseph Fathers will hold their annual Novena in honor of Saint Joseph beginning Thursday, March 10th and continuing until the Feast Day, March 19th. Holy Masses will be celebrated every day at 11:00AM and 7:00PM at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Following the Holy Masses, novena prayers will be offered to Saint Joseph with the blessing of the first class relic of St. Joseph Marelo, Founder of the Oblates Congregation. Confessions and the Holy Rosary will precede the Holy Masses. The Feast Day will be celebrated on Saturday, March 19th with the Holy Mass at 10:30AM. Come and present to Saint Joseph your special needs.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton. Please join us in prayer on Friday, March 11 as we ask the Lord for a favorable hearing at the Supreme Court on March 23 regarding the constitutionality of the HHS Mandate that employers offer birth control and abortion -inducing medications in their employee health plans even though it forces religious ministries to violate their faith. *There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 11 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m. Every half-hour, we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet except from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. when we will have a meditated Rosary and Evening Prayer. We will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.*

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS

Evening of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers, Monday, March 7th at 6:00PM at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 220 Church Street, Moscow. *Given the many preparations and rehearsals leading up to the Paschal Triduum, parish musicians, ministers of liturgical environment, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion may not be able to set aside time to embrace fully the gift of the Lenten season. Our presenter, Rev. Robert Simon, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow, will provide liturgical ministers an opportunity to reflect on the season and their important role in helping the community to enter more deeply into the sacred liturgy.*

Liturgy and Becoming the Church of Mercy, Tuesday, April 19th at 6:00PM at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. *Pope Francis has declared this year as an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in-viting everyone to reconsider both spiritually and practically the importance of mercy in our lives. Rev. Eric Schimmel, C.S.C. and Robert Yenkowski, both from King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, will provide insight into how our participation in the sacred liturgy helps us become more merciful in our lives.*

For more information or to register for either of these events, please contact David Baloga, NPM Scranton Chapter Program Director, at 570-207-2213, ext 1158, or David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.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

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)

Eucharistic Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, March 7	<i>Ss. Perpetua & Felicity</i>	
8:00 am	Frances Skiendziel	Sister, Alberta & Andrew Kolojechick
Tuesday, March 8	<i>St. John of God</i>	
8:00 am	Jamie Kearney	Craig & Jamie Wasley
Wednesday, March 9	<i>St. Frances of Rome</i>	
8:00 am	Joe Zannetti	Joe Laskowski
Thursday, March 10		
8:00 am	Sophie Konieczny	Sister, Emily DeAngelis
Friday, March 11		
8:00 am	Sister Helen Jankoviak	Jennie Alfano
Saturday, March 12	<i>Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent</i>	
4:00 pm	In Honor of the 100th Birthday of Helen Kopetchny	Children
5:30 pm	Gerri Vinsko	Felix Wawer Jr.
Sunday, March 13	<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	
8:30 am	Mary Husovsky	Dan & Betsy
10:00 am	John R. Shaner	Wife & Family
11:30 am	John W. Gibbons	Sister, Pat Quinn & Family
5:30 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

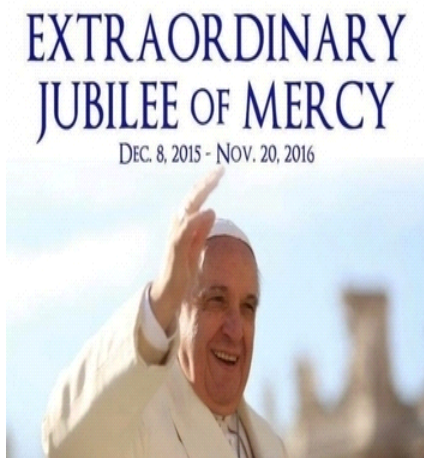


PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:
 ~Michael Butchko~William Kravits~Mary LaBar~Ray Ripa~Carol Popeck~
 GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF
 THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of Robert Rish offered by Wife, Gerry
 ~In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents



Celebrants for the Eucharist

MARCH 12	
4:00 pm	Fr. Urban
5:30 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi
MARCH 13	
8:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am	Fr. Urban
11:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi