

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



Passion (Palm) Sunday

March 20, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

2016 Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday March 24th

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

9:30 am—Confessions

7:00 pm— Solemn Mass

10:00 pm Night Prayer

Good Friday, March 25th

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

9:30 am—Confessions

2:00 pm— Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

5:15 pm — Evening Prayer

Holy Saturday, March 26th

9:00 am—Morning Prayer

9:30 am—Confessions

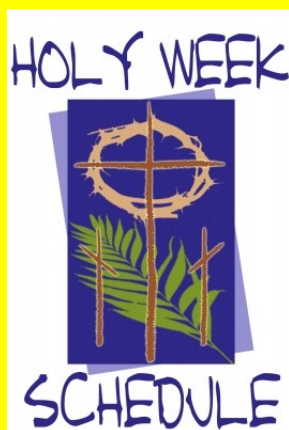
2:00 pm—Blessing of the Baskets (gym)

8:00 pm—Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 27th Masses:

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am,
11:30 am and 5:30 pm

Please cut out the above schedule and keep it close during Holy Week as to avoid calling the rectory for service times. Schedule is also on line at setonpa.com



“Hosanna in the Highest”

Today, we commemorate our Lord Jesus Christ's entrance into His city, “Jerusalem.” Our liturgy begins with shouts of “hosanna,” but soon those shouts turn to “Crucify Him,” by the crowds. This week we are invited with the disciples to travel with Jesus from the streets of Zion, where he is hailed as “King of the Jews” to the hill outside of the holy city where a sentence will be placed

above his crucified head “King of the Jews.” Our remembrance of Christ's Passion and Death will find us gathered back here next week to sing “Alleluia, He Is Risen from the Dead.” Join us this week as we mark Jesus final footsteps on earth, his final meal and his triumphant resurrection. Psalm 24 says it best: “Open wide your doors and let the King of Glory enter!”

Church Decorating:

IF your schedule permits, please come to the church Easter Saturday morning at 10:00 am to help us prepare it for the Great Easter Celebrations. There will be lots of work to do as always. Many hands make for light loads. Thank you.

Altar Server Practices:

Altar Servers should report at the following time if you are scheduled for one of the Triduum Masses:

Holy Thursday (practice at 4:00 pm)

Good Friday (practice at 11:30 am)

Holy Saturday (practice at 12:30 pm)

HOLY NAME SOCIETY HOLY HOUR

Dear Parishioners and Friends: Our Holy Name Society will hold a Holy Hour from 9:00pm to 10:00pm on Holy Thursday. Won't you come join us on this solemn night and enjoy this one hour of private prayer and peacefulness with our Lord? We are looking forward to seeing you on Holy Thursday at 9:00pm.

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. The Paschal Candle this year has been donated in memory of the Marcin and Olenik Families. Thank you and may God bless you!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Holy Days and Easter, our parish office will be closed at 12noon on Holy Thursday and will reopen on Tuesday, March 29th. For the Holy Week and Easter Mass schedule, please refer to the bulletin, the Easter Schedule that was mailed to you, or go to setonpa.com. Please hold all *non-emergency* calls until the office reopens.



As Jesus rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen.

Luke 19:36-37

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
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Director of Music
Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

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



LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CD'S

Don't forget to check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CD's located in our vestibule. For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life. **Check out the new materials on the rack!**

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Social Concerns Committee is a group of parish men and women who meet monthly to discuss and practice the Church's corporal works of mercy, either through direct outreach or as an advocate of social justice. Its primary focus is to listen and respond to individual needs within our parish and community, particularly where prayers or assistance are required.

If you would like to share your time and talent while helping others, please consider joining us at one of our meetings!

Please see the bulletin for future meeting times and dates.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Donation Days are April 4-5-6. Sale Days are April 11-12-13. Donations will be accepted from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners only. All donations are to be brought to the gymnasium. The following items **will not** be accepted: **NO Readers' Digests, Encyclopedias, college textbooks, or outdated magazines. NO TVs. NO pick ups or deliveries.** Also, we welcome **all women**, single or married, to join our organization. Call Susan Bayer, President, at 714-1628 for more information.

HELP NEEDED! Mark your calendar

HELP IS REQUESTED AS WE NEED MANY STRONG HANDS to set up tables in the Gym for the Rummage Sale and upcoming Bingo, on **SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd**, at **10:00am**. We will dismantle these tables on Sunday, April 17th, approximately 4:30PM. Thank you!!!

THANK YOU FROM HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish wishes to thank all who attended and all who assisted with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Society is grateful for everyone who provided prizes and treats.

Wonderful weather blessed the day. An "EGG"cellent time was had by all!

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO
LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE
PRESENTED BY JOACHIM TEJERA FOR THE FOODS BOOK

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.

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!**



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

A documentary about local veterans featured interviews with soldiers from World War II through the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. They were patriotic, wanted to serve their country and were proud of their service. They answered all kinds of questions about their experiences, and their memories of serving. When asked why they served, there was one answer they all seemed to have in common. Each veteran indicated that he had served for the sake of freedom and so someone else would not have to go to war.

Jesus is an example of selfless service. He is the suffering servant who bears our sins and dies for our sake. When we cannot help ourselves, Jesus steps in, giving His life for ours. Service for the sake of others is a selfless act of generosity. People are often in need and have nowhere to turn. Those who are blessed with abundance have the opportunity to make a difference, to serve the needs of people who are not so fortunate. It is not always about money or physical needs. Sometimes we are overwhelmed by confusion, fear, loneliness, anger, and loss. A helping hand can come in the form of a few words of encouragement, a listening ear, a hug, some time spent together or sharing a meal. The power to make a difference is in your hands. Use it for the sake of others.

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HOLY WEEK SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Holy Thursday: special collection for St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre.

Good Friday: special collection for the Holy Land

Easter 2nd Collection: to defray the higher costs of Holy Week Liturgies. The Holy Week and Easter Liturgies are the pinnacle of the Church year. Naturally, we incur higher costs at these liturgies for items such as palm branches, candles, music programs, extra hosts and wine, special vessels, vesture, paraments, etc.

Church Finances

March 5/6, 2016

Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$7978.95

DUES: \$3391.00

LOOSE: \$571.25 OTHER (Ash Wed.) \$60.00

E-GIVING: \$139.85

TOTAL: \$12,140.97

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

MARCH Parish Groups Envelope benefits the ALTAR GUILD

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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.
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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.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS

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



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 McGlinn. 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)

Registration Open for United Neighborhood Center Camps

United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania (UNC) is leasing Camp St. Andrew from the Diocese of Scranton for the 2016 summer camping season. UNC will operate a Girls Traditional Camp and Girls and Boys Basketball Camps there in July. To obtain a registration form, visit www.uncnepa.org or call UNC at 570-346-0759.

Homemade Pasta & Sausage Dinner

St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin, will sponsor a Homemade Pasta & Sausage Dinner on Sunday, April 10th, from noon to 5pm. Dinner includes salad, rolls/butter, beverage, and dessert. Take outs: noon to 4pm (containers provided). Tickets available at the door: \$11.00, children 5 years and under are free for “Eat in Only”. Handicap accessible, and ample free parking.

Night at the Races

St. Andre Bessette Parish will sponsor a Night at the Races on Saturday, April 9th, at St. Mary’s Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., Wilkes-Barre. Doors open at 6pm. Post time is 7pm. Admission is \$5.00. Food and beverages will be served. If you wish to purchase a horse, call 570-823-4988 for further details. Persons must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

LADIES OF CHARITY

We invite the ladies of this parish to join The Ladies of Charity as they serve those in need of material & spiritual assistance. Just one hour a month can make a big difference in the lives of so many & you will find great satisfaction in doing God’s Will. Please join with us & enjoy the fellowship & many spiritual blessings throughout the year. Our Day of Enrollment is April 2nd. For more information, call Evelyn at 570-474-5192.

Eucharistic Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, March 21	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	
8:00 am	Health & Blessings for Chris Calore	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Tuesday, March 22	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	
8:00 am	Rosalie Orlandini	Beth & Lori Bentel
Wednesday, March 23	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	
8:00 am	Walter Gould	Wife, Marie
Thursday, March 24	<i>Holy Thursday</i>	
7:00 pm	Andrew & Margaret Chorba	Daughter, Anna Mae Venetz
Friday, March 25	<i>Good Friday</i>	
2:00 pm	MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED	
Saturday, March 26	<i>The Great Easter Vigil</i>	
8:00 pm	Presider's Intention (Easter Mass Remembrances)	
Sunday, March 27	Easter Sunday	
7:00 am	Presider's Intention	
8:30 am	Presider's Intention (Easter Mass Remembrances)	
10:00 am	Presider's Intention (Easter Mass Remembrances)	
11:30 am	Pro Populo	
5:30 pm	Presider's Intention (Easter Mass Remembrances)	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

~~Joseph J. Yankay~~



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.

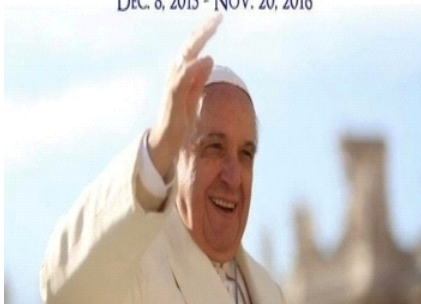
Sanctuary Candles



~In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Wife & Family
~Health and Blessings for Chris Calore offered by a Friend

**EXTRAORDINARY
JUBILEE OF MERCY**

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Celebrants for the Eucharist

MARCH 26

8:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

MARCH 27

7:00 am Guest

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi