

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."



"Go Now; and sin no more!"

John 8

March 17, 2013

Swoyersville, PA

5 Sunday of Lent

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



Today, March 17th, is St. Patrick's Day, an important day for many of us. Although the liturgical calendar does not recognize St. Patrick today because it is a Sunday of Lent, we want to bring attention to this Saint and those who have devotion to him.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH



Tuesday, March 19th, is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary. A Solemnity is the highest rank of festive days in the Church's calendar. Thus, it cancels out the Lenten Weekday. In other words, there is no fasting on March 19th, this Solemnity ranks right up there with Christmas and is celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation

in many countries. St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church as well as patron of families, fathers, workers, etc. Let's make this a special day, come to morning mass and go ahead -- have that piece of cake!

LENTEN PIROHY SALE

On Tuesday, March 19th, we will be making pirohy, and we need lots of volunteers. Come and help if you can, even if it is just for an hour or two.

Come at 7:00AM if you can help ball potatoes, and all others come at 8:30AM. Experienced or not, come and join the fun and help out. Sign-up sheets for our final Lenten Pirohy sale on March 26th are at the church entrance.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU & PENANCE SERVICE

The church doors will be open and the lights on for the next two Monday evenings for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance. Join us between 5:30 and 7:00 for the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and adore the True Presence of Christ on the altar. Benediction is at 7:00 p.m. A Lenten Penance Service *is* scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th, at 7:00pm at St Ignatius Church in Kingston.

SOUP AND SCRIPTURE



*Soup and Scripture
Continues ...*



Join us this Thursday, March 21st, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for our final evening of Soup and Scripture. This week our presenter is Pastor Phillip Wanck of Forty Fort United Methodist Church. *If you would like to bring a pot of your favorite soup to share, it would be most welcome.* Please join us!

FRIDAYS DURING LENT



Pray the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this time-honored devotion of Lent.

MEETINGS

The Confraternity of Christian Women will meet today, Sunday, March 17, at 2PM , in the church hall.

The Social Concerns Committee will meet on Monday, March 18, at 7:15PM in the church hall.



CCW ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Our Confraternity of Christian Women will be conducting their annual Spring Rummage Sale on April 8, 9, 10, and 13. Clean usable items can be left in the church hall (not on the landing, please) from 8AM-6PM, Monday, April 1st through Wednesday, April 3rd. Clean clothing, small appliances in working condition (NO TV's), household items, toys, books, magazines, CD and DVD tapes, jewelry, shoes in good condition, holiday items, etc. Set up and sorting will be done Monday, April 1 thru Thursday, April 4, all day and at 6PM if needed. Parishioners interested in helping are asked to report to the church hall during the hours mentioned. Men and high school boys are needed to set up tables: if you can give some time, please call Pat Quinn 288-6906. Clean paper bags, needed for bag day, can be dropped off at the church hall. Church members and CCW members are asked to donate baked goods, bread, homemade candy, etc, if possible.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for us!

COLLECTION MARCH 9/10

SUNDAY: \$7139.80 DUES: \$3721.50

OTHER: \$20.00 LOOSE: \$483.75

TOTAL: \$11,365.05

Care & Education: \$245.00



We are approaching THE Holiest Week of the Entire Christian Year and we invite you to join us for the Liturgies of Holy Week. This year is the 1st time we will be celebrating these days as one parish.

Holy Thursday, March 28th

Liturgy of the Hours: (**Lauds**) 8:30 a.m.
preceded by the regular morning rosary and devotions.

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.
Private Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29th

Lauds 8:30 a.m. (see above)

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified 2:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 30th

Lauds 8:30 a.m.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets—in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and (we've added) 2:00 p.m.

The Great Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

note there are no masses at 4:00 or 5:30 today

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Masses:

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Notice to all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers:

We would like you to participate by vesting for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and being in procession. We will also need additional ministers to help distribute the Most Precious Blood at the Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses. Sign-up sheets will be in the main sacristy on the bulletin board if you can help. Thank you.

REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

Regional Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trip to Almost Heaven, Habitat for Humanity "Blitz Build 2013"

Sunday, July 21st-Saturday, July 27th, 2013

80 youth & adults from across the Diocese of Scranton will join together with Regional Youth Ministry this summer for our "Blitz Build 2013". (building one house in one week) Our total donation in fundraising and family contributions to Habitat this year is \$20,000.00 to help a family have affordable housing.

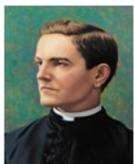
DONATIONS REQUESTED:

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| Cases of water | powdered drink mix | snack packs |
| cookies | boxed brownie mix | pierogies |
| frozen meatballs | syrup | cereal |

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR GOLF RAFFLE

Tickets are available for the Little Sisters of the Poor's Exclusive Weekend Getaway for Two Raffle at the Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, in June. Chances are \$100.00 each, and the drawing is May 1st. All proceeds will benefit the Little Sisters in their mission to the elderly poor, & provide for their needs so they can live their last years with respect, dignity, and love. For tickets, call Mrs. Jackie Galvin at 343-4065 or email:

www.littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org



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PA Knights of Columbus

Membership Campaign



The Knights of Columbus was founded 131 years ago to protect the well-being of Catholic families. The Members of Council 12976 are united in faith to nearly 2 million Catholic men from nearly 15,000 councils worldwide, with the same principles of long ago. There's no time more important than right now for men of faith to come together and be involved in the well-being of God's families.

Find out more about joining the Knights, Sat. & Sun. April 13th and 14th after all Masses or call 714-2189.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all *Fridays of Lent

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics over the age of 18 to their 60th year. Those bound by this may only take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal practices.

(Those who are ill, pregnant, on medication or special diets for health concerns, or those who work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations)

CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ON APRIL 7th IN THE PITTSTON AREA

The 7th annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Laflin Road, Laflin. We are honored to have as our principal celebrant, **Rev. Richard Cirba**. This year's theme centers on the 75th anniversary of St. Faustina's entering into Eternal Life. The itinerary includes:

1:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (5 Priests)

2:00pm Veneration of the Image, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

3:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Benediction, Blessing of St.Faustina Relic

SETON BUS TRIP~~~~~SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

A bus trip is planned for parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, to visit the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. We will visit the Basilica, the tomb of Mother Seton, historical sites, museum, see a film on her life, visit the gift shop, prayer walkway and chapel. There will be a buffet dinner (on your own) in nearby Thurmont, Maryland. **Bus registration is \$40.00 and can be placed in the collection basket, or bring it or mail it to the rectory.** Please include your phone number. **Checks should be made out to Chris Calore.** Join us in this pilgrimage during the **YEAR OF FAITH!**

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18th

8:00 a.m. Rose and Leo Wiliszewski Family

Tuesday, March 19th

SOLEMNITY: JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

8:00 a.m. Joseph Gulla Wife, Irene

Wednesday, March 20th

8:00 a.m. Joseph Ritsick Card Club

Thursday, March 21st

8:00 a.m. Frank Madden

Friday, March 22nd

8:00 a.m. Nellie Bebey

Saturday, March 23rd

Vigil: Passion (Palm) Sunday

4:00 p.m. Robert F. Covert M/M Allan Ontko

5:30 p.m. Charles & Edna Romanoski Children

Sunday, March 24th

Passion (Palm) Sunday

8:30 a.m. Frieda Gurick Confraternity of Christian Mothers & Quilters

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. Raymond C. Vanyo Jim, Mary Beth, & Sam Siracuse



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

~ In Memory of Joseph Gulla by Wife, Irene
~ in Memory of Carol Townsend

PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE MARCH 23-24

4:00 p.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 p.m. Fr. Urban

8:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 a.m. Fr. Urban

11:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

Scripture for the week of March 17, 2013

17 SUN Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 /Jn 11:1-45
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

18 Mon Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Jn 8:12-20

19 Tue 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

20 Wed Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

21 Thu Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

22 Fri Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

23 Sat Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

24 SUN Lk 19:28-40 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-
23:56 or 23:1-49

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Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

- Rev. Joe Pisaneschi Pastor
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Brian Williams Regional Youth Minister
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance

Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The next celebration of the Sacrament will be after Easter at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated in 2014 by one of the Diocesan Bishops. Children must be consecutively registered in our Religious Education Program to be eligible to receive.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the paper work necessary.

Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact one of the Priests or the Deacon.

Penance

Saturday from 3:15 p.m.-3:50 p.m. During Lent, Monday's 5:30-7:00 p.m. Other times by request.

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

If you or a relative or friend is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or is homebound. Please contact the Parish Office for a Pastoral Visit. Holy Communion is brought to those who request it on First Fridays.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30-4:00
Closed Holidays and Holy Days

Direct Contacts

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684
Regional Youth Ministry Office: 570-288-6446
Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587
Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
Youth Ministry email: SJBrian2aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 p.m.