

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

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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.



The Holy Season of Lent begins this Wednesday
ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

Our Schedule is as follows:

7:30 am- Distribution of Ashes and Eucharist
12:10 pm-Distribution of Ashes and Liturgy of the Word Service

3:45pm -Distribution of Ashes & Liturgy of the Word Service

6:00pm– Distribution of Ashes & Liturgy of the Word Service.

Please note only one mass (**7:30 am**) will be offered on Ash Wednesday. Also, please take note of the time change to allow for workers to participate.

HOW TO MAKE LENT HOLY:

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 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

Beginning on Thursday, February 11th, 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 beginning Friday, February 12th. Benediction will follow. On Friday, March 18th, a vigil mass will be celebrated after stations for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary.

FAST/ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For Catholics, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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

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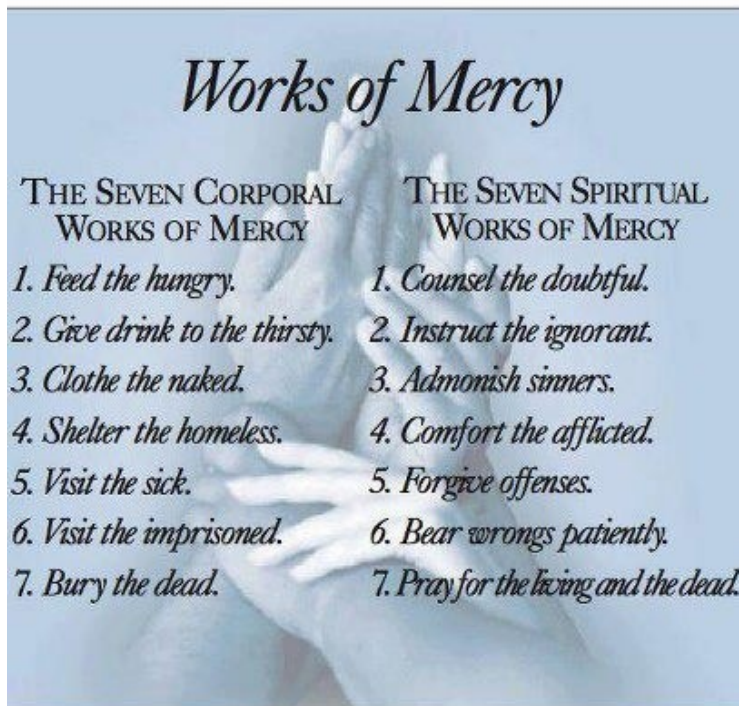
Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.

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.



THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Put into practice daily the following Works of Mercy:



Instead of that Hershey Bar consider giving up.....

Complaining.....focus on Gratitude instead
 Pessimism.....become an Optimist
 Worrying.....Trust in God
 Bitterness.....Turn to Forgiveness
 Hatred.....Return Good for evil.
 Negativity.....Be Positive
 Anger.....Be more Patient
 Pettiness.....Be Mature
 Jealousy.....Pray for Trust
 Gossiping.....Practice Self Control
 Sin.....Turn to Virtue
 Hopelessness.....Hang in there with the Lord!



PRACTICE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS 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.

MOST IMPORTANT.....SPEND MORE TIME IN PRAYER

Turn everything off! Open the Bible, read and meditate on God's Word... Find the rosary hiding in the nightstand, pray it... Sit in silence for a few minutes and listen...Have a conversation, (out loud if necessary) with God as you are driving to work, or other times when you are alone. God is always close to us. Acknowledge His presence and communicate in any way possible.

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.

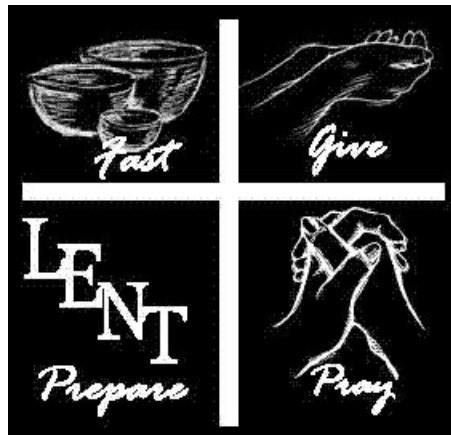
SETON PRAYER CHAIN

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Our Knights are sponsoring a **Manhattan (RED) Clam Chowder Sale** on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, February 10th. Cost is \$6.00/quart.

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Pick ups are in the school cafeteria, and pick up times are **after the 8am Mass, 11am to 1pm, and 5pm to 6pm.**

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

7:30am: Betsy Evanoski, Pat Quinn, Bob Slezak

12:10pm: Patti Workman, Brian Flannery, Frank Fosko

3:45pm: Ann Marie Aed, Frank Fosko

6:00pm: Anna Mae Venetz, Marlene Knaub

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Thursday, February 11th, is the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, also the World Day of the Sick. We will celebrate a special mass that day at 12:10 pm with the Sacrament of the Sick administered during the liturgy. We welcome all who wish to be anointed, but in particular, the sick, frail, elderly, and those who need special grace and healing.

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th—PIROHY Cost is \$7/dozen, and you may pick up in our school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. We need lots of help making the pirohy. If you can help ball the potatoes, come at 7am. All others come at 8:30am. Bring a friend along! Lunch will be served.

Upcoming fundraisers:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH-PIZZA

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH-HALUSKI

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH-PIROHY

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH-PIROHY

Church Finances

January 23/24, 2016

Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$5661.45

DUES: \$1112.00

LOOSE: \$405.93

E-GIVING: \$ 1085.26

TOTAL: \$8264.64

Building & Maintenance: \$153.00

Diocesan:

Campaign for Human Development: \$864.00

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

Holy Name Society

Our Holy Name Society will meet today, Sunday, February 9th, after the 8:30am mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.

Seton Knights of Columbus

Our Knights of Columbus will meet this Tuesday, February 9th, at 7pm in our church hall.

Social Concerns Committee

Our Social Concerns Bingo Committee will meet this Thursday, February 11th, at 6pm in our school cafeteria.

Art & Environment

Our Art & Environment Committee will meet Tuesday, February 16th, at 7pm in the church.

Seton Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain group will meet on Saturday, February 27th, at 8am in our church hall. Come join us for some coffee and fellowship. If you are not able to attend the meetings, you can still be a part of our Prayer Chain. We need everyone's prayers! Please call Gail Kimmerle if you need more information: 570-690-7520.

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR SUNDAY 5:30PM MASS

A musical group is forming for the 5:30pm Sunday Evening Contemporary Mass. We need instrumentalists and singers. If you are interested in joining, please come to the church Sunday evenings at 4:45 and see Scott Coates.

PARKING AVAILABLE

Parking is available in our vacant lots located on Sidney & Poland Streets. We will eventually pave the whole lot this summer.

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. This is a great way to beat the winter blues while supporting our organization. Proceeds benefit Youth Scholarships; St. Joseph's Center; Little League team sponsorship; Girl's Softball team sponsorship; Feed a Friend; Valley Santa and many other youth group and community projects. 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!!

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2016 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 5. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your parish office before March 7. Please call Lori with the information.

Know a Marriage That Needs Help: Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 26-Feb. 28, 2016, at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS OF WYOMING VALLEY

Meals on Wheels provides nutritionally balanced meals to those who are homebound or cannot cook. There are no income requirements & anyone over the age of 18 is eligible to receive these services. Each weekday morning, we deliver two meals per day (1 hot & 1 cold) to clients throughout 12 areas of Luzerne County, including Swoyersville, Forty Fort, Luzerne, Kingston, Trucksville. Although our service is not free, we charge \$30/week which breaks down to only \$6/day. If interested, please call Lee Ann Telencho at 570-288-1023.

Music Box Theater

GUYS and DOLLS will be playing at the Music Box, Hughes St., Swoyersville, from January 30th until February 21st. The theater has extended an incentive for parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Just mention that you are a parishioner from our church, and receive a \$2.00 discount off your ticket.

Eucharistic Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, February 8	<i>St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita</i>	
8:00 am	Health & Blessings for Ciampi Family	Bankus Family
Tuesday, February 9		
8:00 am	Gloria Reilly	Esther, Sandy, & Lisa Chiavacci
Wednesday, February 10		
7:30 am	Yekel & Runcavage Families	Ash Wednesday
		Family
Thursday, February 11	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	
12:10 pm	John Bassolino	Wife, Margaret, & Children
Friday, February 12		
8:00 am	Stephen Gaydos	Wife & Children
Saturday, February 13		<i>Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent</i>
4:00 pm	Stanley A. Polk	Sister, Ann Evans
5:30 pm	Father Joseph Banick	Cousin Theresa Yurko & Daughters
Sunday, February 14		<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>
8:30 am	Janice Burda	M/M Joe Slavoski & Mary Slavoski
10:00 am	Thomas M. Puchalsky	Ray & Barbara Ripa
11:30 am	Geraldine Margallis	Mike & Maureen Stepek
5:30 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:
 ~Sophie Smolko Konieczny~Sister Danielle (Helen) Jankoviak
 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 Brothers & Sisters of Sister Helen
 ~In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents



<u>Celebrants for the Eucharist</u>	
Feb 13	
4:00 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm	Fr. Urban
Feb 14	
8:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am	Fr. Urban
11:30 am	Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm	Fr. Pisaneschi

