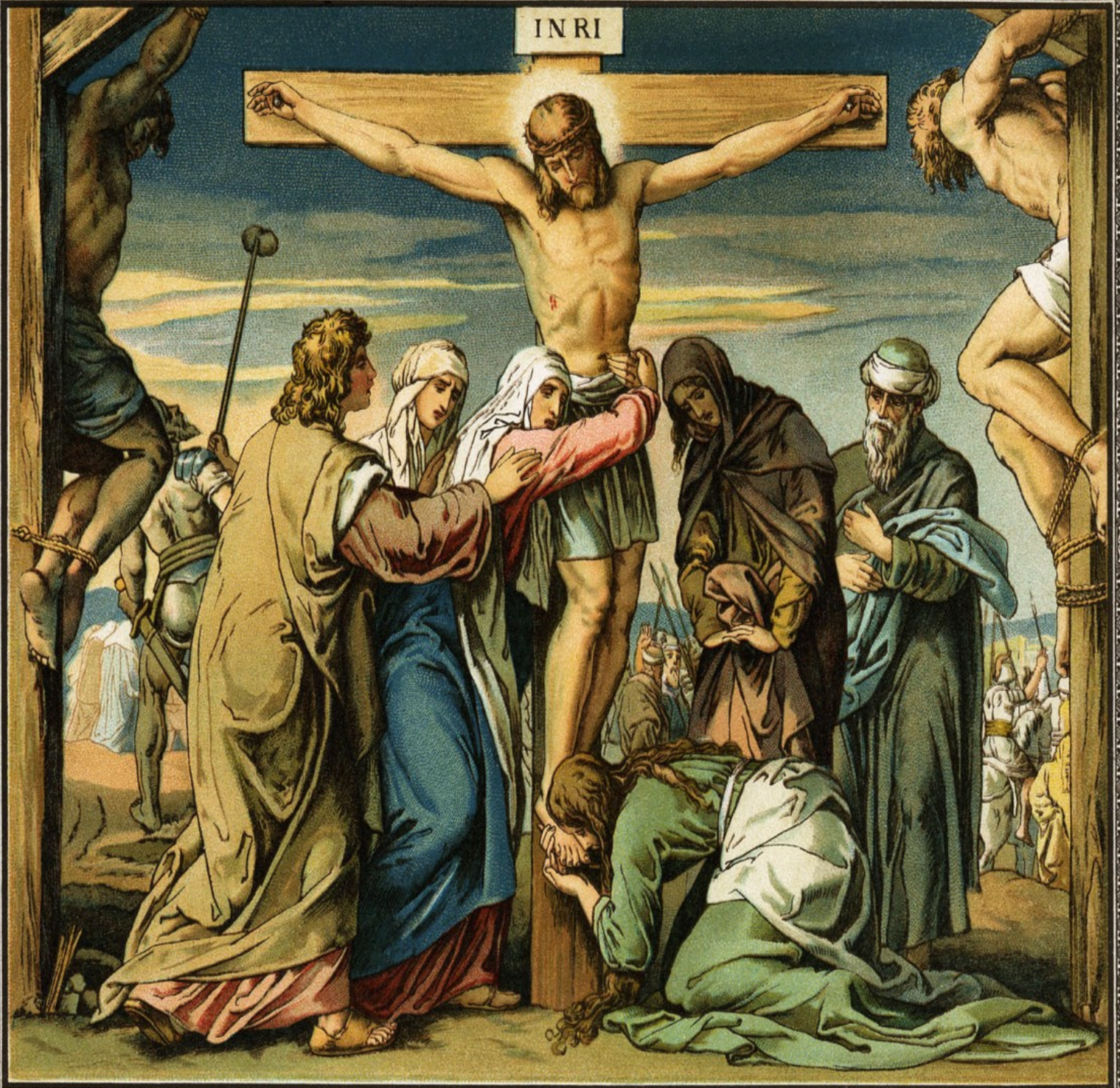


The Seton Sentinel



First Sunday of Lent

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Monday Evening, ***"The Light is Still On For You in Prime Time"***

The Church will be open from 7pm-9 pm for Individual Confessions and Private Prayer Time before the Blessed Sacrament. We're moving it to *primetime* in hopes that busy people will be able to make some time in their schedule to be with the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration. Join us, tell others The Light will *Still* be On For You at Seton.

Thursday Evening, **A Walk through the Sunday Gospel**

All are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall for Faith Sharing around the coming Sunday's Scripture. Father Joe and Deacon Jack will be the group leaders on Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

Friday Evening, **The Stations of the Cross**

We will gather to pray to the last steps of Jesus at 7:00 pm Friday evenings. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:30 pm.

LENTEN RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Would you like to travel a different path this year on your Lenten journey? Make someone's day a little brighter? Let's focus on performing random acts of kindness these next few weeks of Lent (and it doesn't have to end at Easter)! Perhaps performing acts of kindness can become a personal goal for you and awaken you to endless opportunities for growth and compassion. The following examples are just a start: Hold a door open for person behind you~ Shovel neighbor's sidewalk~ Cook a meal for someone~ Babysit for free~ Send a thank you note to a soldier~ Let someone go in front of you in line~ Donate food to a shelter~ etc

You can be kind to others in endless ways. Kindness Kards have been printed and are in a basket on the tables at the church entrance. Please take one today and set off on your Lenten journey of compassion and selflessness. Let's see what happens when we act!

From the Diocese of Scranton concerning the Flu Season:

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Parishioners are reminded that:

- If they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others.
- If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.
- Parishioners are urged, but not required, to receive Holy Communion on the hand instead of the mouth
- Offering the Precious Blood to the faithful at Mass will be suspended.

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Parish

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Swoyersville, PA 18704

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Office Hours: Monday–
Thursday 8:30 to 5:00

Friday 8:30 to 3:00

Weekends and Evenings by
appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all
Holy Days of Obligation and
Federal Holidays.

Reconciliation Saturdays
3:45pm to 4:15pm or by
appointment

Mission Statement:

*"We are Called.... To act with
Justice, To love Tenderly, To
Serve One Another, To Walk
Humbly with God"*

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David
Haas





On **Sunday, March 11th**, Our Parish will host the **Catholic Choral Society's** Lenten Concert!

Make plans to join us for a special afternoon of beautiful music of the season right here in our own church. It will be yet another opportunity for some time with the Lord during this holy time of the year. The Music begins at **3:00 pm** with a light reception afterward in the parish hall.



OFFICE CLOSED

Our parish office will be **closed on Monday, February 19th**, in observance of Presidents' Day.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE~~SAVE THE DATE!

The Social Concerns Committee will be hosting their **4th Annual Variety BINGO** on Sunday, **April 15th**. Additional details to follow in the coming weeks.

The **Social Concerns Bingo Planning Committee** meeting has been changed to **Monday, March 12th**, at 7pm, in our church hall. The **Social Concerns Committee** will meet on **Monday, March 19th**, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome!

The **Holy Family Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: canned fruit, rice, instant potatoes, jelly, tuna fish, meaty canned stews, saltine crackers. Please place your donations in the box in the vestibule, near the steps.

"Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience."-Pope Francis

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our CCM will meet on **Sunday, February 25th**, at 2pm in our church hall. New members are welcome!

Altar Guild Lenten Fundraisers:

Friday, February 23rd, Sweet Pizza

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Cost is \$12.00/tray of 12 cuts. Pick-ups are noon to 2pm, or 5-6pm. When you sign up, please write down the date & time of pick up, as many people are forgetting to pick up their orders.

Upcoming fundraisers:

Friday, March 2nd, Pirohy

Friday, March 9th, Haluski

Friday, March 16th, Pirohy

Friday, March 23rd, Sweet Pizza

Direct Contacts

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sisterjane@setonpa.com

Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion): 570-287-4587

sistermarion@setonpa.com

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

YOUR OFFERINGS For FEBRUARY 3/4, 2018

Sunday:	\$ 6371.00
Dues:	\$ 4292.10
Holy Day:	\$ 20.00
Other	\$ 160.00
Loose:	\$ 494.40
E-Giving:	\$ 365.27
TOTAL:	\$11,702.77

Thank you for your generosity!



It is normal to feel a huge hole inside us when we lose a loved one, and feeling that hole often remains long after everyone and everything around us seems to have moved on. For many, gathering with others who are experiencing the same feeling of being left behind as life moves on offers comfort, support, and encouragement. If you would like to join our parish Bereavement Group or to learn more about the group, call the parish office.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a licensed therapist on our Pastoral Staff. If you think you may benefit from this ministry, please contact Fr. Joe for a referral. All inquiries will be held in the strictest confidences.



Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at gam in our church hall. Volunteers are needed to join in the Seton Prayer Chain. To become one of our prayer partners contact Gail at 570-690-7520. If anyone is in need of prayer, contact Gail at that number or call Lori in the parish office. All calls are confidential.

CCD NEWS

7th Grade Confirmation class:
Feb. 25th after 5:30pm Mass

There are no CCD classes on Saturday, Feb. 17th and Monday, Feb. 19th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

BAPTISM CLASS

Expectant parents & new parents who are planning their baby's Baptism, and have not previously attended a Baptismal Class, are invited to attend our next Baptism class, to be held on Wednesday, February 21st at 6pm in our church hall (weather-permitting). Please call Lori, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office to register for the class.

EVENING OF REFLECTION ON THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will be holding an Evening of Reflection on the Paschal Triduum on Tuesday, March 6th, from 6pm to 8:30pm at St. Ann's Basilica Parish, 1233 St. Ann Street, Scranton. The Evening of Reflection will be facilitated by Sr. Catherine Luxner, IHM, Director of Campus Ministry at Marywood University. The evening begins with dinner, followed by the presentation and then Night Prayer. There is no fee, but a free-will offering will be taken up to help offset the cost of dinner. For more information or to register, please contact David Baloga, Scranton NPM Program Director at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158, or visit *Scranton NPM.com* by Thursday, March 1, 2018.

LENTEN BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Baby Bottles are located at the church entrance for our **Lenten PA for Human Life Baby Bottle Project**. Please take a bottle home with you, and fill with your spare change during Lent. Please return all bottles on or before Sunday, March 25th. All donations benefit the PA for Human Life, Wilkes-Barre. ***The Babies thank you!!!***



**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
PRAY FOR US!**



Parish Staff

- Cora Artim
Children's Choir
- Phil Boshia
Maintenance
- Chris Calore
Maintenance
- Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass
Musician
- Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Pastoral Care Minister
- Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi V.F.
Pastor
- Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate
- Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist
- Monica Salis
Business Manager
- Marge Semanek
Director of Music
- Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious
Education
- Rev. Anthony Urban
Assisting Celebrant
- Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon



AMERICAN LEGION LENTEN FOOD SALES

American Legion Post 644, 259 Shoemaker St., Swoyersville, will offer Lenten Foods at the post home beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th, and continuing Fridays beginning Feb. 23rd until Good Friday, March 30th, with the exception of Friday, March 16th, as there will be no meals on that day. Serving will be from 12noon to 6pm. Menu items will include clam chowder, potato pancakes, pierogi, huluski, macaroni & cheese, and fried haddock dinners. Open to the public. Eat in or take out. For more information, call 570-287-9400.

NORTHERN TIER SYMPHONY

Bring your instrument & play along with the Northern Tier Symphony's OPEN REHEARSAL, Friday, Feb. 16th, 7:30pm, Meet & Greet at the Break. Tunkhannock Middle School, 200 Franklin Ave., Tunkhannock. All instruments invited-Strings welcome~We have percussion instruments. Click this link for sheet music for The Overture of 1812: [http://jimsplp.org/wiki/1812_Overture,Op.49_\(Tchaikovsky,Pyotr\)](http://jimsplp.org/wiki/1812_Overture,Op.49_(Tchaikovsky,Pyotr)) Call ahead if you would like additional music in advance: 570-289-1090

St. Barbara Parish, Exeter, Lenten Food Sale

At St. Anthony's Center (Rr. Memorial St.) Ash Wed. & every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. Takeouts from 4-7pm. Cash only. **No pre-orders.** Potato pancakes: 6/ \$5 or 13/\$10, Red clam chowder \$8/qt. & Halushki \$5/qt.

KINGSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 1968

The Kingston Central Catholic High School Class of 1968 is planning a 50th Class Reunion to be held July 21, 2018. The Committee needs contact information for several class members. If you or someone you know has not been contacted, please call John Gildea at 570-287-0168, or Patty Kondrak Kopec at 570-709-7203.

BINGO

The Holy Name Society of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley, will hold its Ham & Kielbasi Bingo on Sunday, March 18, in the church hall. Doors open at noon, games at 1pm. Admission is \$5 & includes baby cards. Specials & door prizes. Kitchen will be open with soups, haluski, hot dogs, & more!

JOB FAIR-ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER

Wednesday, March 7th, 10am to 2pm
St. Joseph's Center DeNaples Building, 320 S. Blakely St., Dunmore. Are you looking for a rewarding career where you can make a difference in people's lives?
Full Time~Part Time~ Weekend shifts~ with guaranteed hours & a steady schedule. To speed up the interview process, go to: www.stjosephscenter.org/employment/application

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS NITE AT THE RACES



The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Nite at the Races on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria, Hughes St., Swoyersville. The doors open at 6pm and post time is 7pm. 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, Girls 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 Breznay at 570-283-1677, or any other Kiwanis member. See you at the races!!!

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

The Oblates of St. Joseph will be hosting a pilgrimage to Italy from September 17-28, 2018, entitled, "In the Footsteps of St. Joseph Marelllo", founder of the Oblates. The tour will include the cities of Turin, Asti, Acqui, Genoa, Savona, Florence, Siena, Orvieto, Assisi, & Rome. Spiritual Director will be Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ, Provincial Superior of USA Province. Cost is \$4699.00. For a complete itinerary & to register, visit :www.pilgrimages.com/marelllo or call 570-498-0590.

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For more information call 570 - 207- 3808



Mass Intentions

Offered for:

Requested by:

Monday	Feb. 19	12:10 pm	Joan Stefanides	Husband, Bob & daughter, Lisa
Tuesday	Feb.20	12:10 pm	John G. Tressa	Romaine Lubash & Family
Wednesday	Feb. 21	12:10 pm	Catherine Petty	Joan Brunges
Thursday	Feb. 22	12:10 pm	Stanley, Victoria, & Gerrie Kovaleski	Family
Friday	Feb. 23	12:10 pm	Carol Popeck	Husband, Bob
Saturday	Feb. 24	4:30 pm	Michael Butchko	Wife, Jean & Family
Sunday	Feb.25	8:30 am	Narcey Zmijewski	Dr. & Mrs. Charles Carpenter
Sunday	Feb.25	11:00 am	Raymond Ripa	Sister-in-law, Irene Puchalsky
Sunday	Feb.25	5:30 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	



~In Memory of **Lou Michaels** offered by Family
 ~In Memory of **Eileen Suchanek** offered by Family



LENTEN REGULATIONS

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

~**Fasting** is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday & Good Friday** by all Catholics over the age of 18, but not yet 59. Those bound by this may 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)

*In the United States, the bishops have asked Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.