

PASSION (Palm) SUNDAY

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The Seton Sentinel



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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Weekends and Evenings *by appointment only*

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

Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm
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

Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY:

9:00 am Morning Prayer followed by 9:30 **am** Confessions

7:00 pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Church open for prayer until 10:00 pm for private silent prayer and devotion. Night Prayer at 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY:

9:00 am Morning Prayer, followed by 9:30 am Confessions

2:00 pm MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED

church open until sunset for private silent prayer and devotion.

HOLY SATURDAY:

9:00 am Morning prayer, followed by 9:30 am Confessions and Church decorating

2:00 pm Blessing of the Baskets (gym)

8:00 PM THE GREAT VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY: Mass of the Resurrection at

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

Please save this schedule and refer to it or go to setonpa.com

Please do not call the rectory for the schedule.

Holy Week Office Hours

Our Parish Office will be closed this week from Thursday, April 13th at 12 Noon until Tuesday, April 18th at 8:30 am. No parish business will be conducted during this time. Hold all calls until Tuesday, April 18th.

For urgent needs such as the Sacrament of the Sick or to arrange funerals, please call (570) 287-6624 and follow the prompt to leave a message for Father Joe. He will return your call as soon as possible for these emergencies.

The Light Is On For You



This Monday evening is our final **THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU.**

Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Join us. Please refer to the schedule on page 3 of this bulletin for additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter.

Help Needed...Preparing for Worship

We will need a little help getting the Church ready for our Easter Celebrations. If you can lend a hand, come to the Church after 9:30 am on Saturday, April 15th to help us decorate. As always, there will be a lot to do.

LECTORS FOR EASTER VIGIL

Lectors who are scheduled to read at the Easter Vigil, please stop in the sacristy today or call the rectory before Wednesday to pick up your assigned readings for that Mass. Thank you.



Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Boshia
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
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
Weekend Celebrant

Deacon Jack Ziegler
Permanent Deacon

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



The Social Concerns Committee has nearly completed their planning for their 3rd Annual Variety Bingo, the largest fundraiser which the group sponsors. As always, any revenue raised from this event will be donated to those in need throughout the community. Please come and join us on April 23rd in the school gym for an afternoon of fun, food, and friendship. Please watch the bulletin for further details. Thank you!

THANK YOU HOLY NAME SOCIETY!

We thank our Holy Name Society for the wonderful Easter Egg Hunt they hosted for 58 children of our parish. This annual event brought much joy and many smiles to these children. The HNS wishes to thank all who attended & all who assisted with the Easter Egg Hunt. The Society is grateful for everyone who provided prizes & treats. Wonderful weather blessed the day. An "EGG"cellent time was had by all! This is just one of the many activities the Society provides for our parish. Please join us—be active with us!!!

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS RUMMAGE SALE



Collection days for the Spring Rummage Sale are Monday, April 24, 9am to 5pm, and Tuesday & Wednesday, April 25 & 26, from 9am to 3pm. Our Rummage Sale dates are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 1, 2, & 3rd. More details to follow.....

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus' meeting on this Tuesday, April 11th, will be preceded by the Induction Ceremony of new members. All new members and current members are to report to the church by **6:00pm**.

Holy Week Special Collections

Holy Thursday's Collection will be taken-up for the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen (Catholic Social Services) in Wilkes-Barre.

Good Friday's Collection will be taken for the Holy Land, as recommended by our Holy Father.

Regular Easter Collection for our parish. Please include all envelopes and offerings in the first collection since there will be only one collection on Easter Sunday. If you do not have an envelope set, and would still like to receive credit for your contribution, include your name telephone number and address on a plain envelope for the collection.

Penance Services in the Area

St. Ignatius, Kingston - Sunday, April 9th at 7:00 PM.

St. John the Evangelist, Pittston, Monday, April 10th at 7:00PM



Direct Contacts

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Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week
prior to the publication week.

Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am 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.

Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up



for Electronic Giving. It is the easy, safe, fast way to remember your offerings. You may chose to give weekly or monthly, pay dues, or other offerings.

Look for the link and click:



Religious Education News

APRIL CCD Classes: Saturday, April 22, & 29 (no class April 15)

Monday, April 10, 24, & May 1 (No class April 17)

7th Grade Confirmation class: Rescheduled to April 9th after 5:30pm mass

First Penance: Rescheduled to April 22 at 10:00am

Confirmation Practice: April 25, 6:30pm at St. Ignatius

Confirmation Practice: April 30, 4:00pm Sts.. Peter & Paul with sponsor

MAY:

May 1st, Last CCD class

May 2nd: **Practice for 1st Communion** @6pm & May 4th @6pm (if needed)

May 6th: **1st Holy Communion** at 10:00am

May 7th: **Confirmation** @ Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Plains, 4pm

May 11th: Practice for 2nd grade May Crowning at 7pm

May 14th: May Crowning @10:00am Mass

From the Pastor

Dear Friends, we are now celebrating the Holiest Week of our Christian year. This is a special invitation to be with us these days for prayer and reflection on the events of our salvation. Join us for Holy Thursday's Mass, Good Friday's Passion Service, The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. The Liturgies are very powerful and meaningful. To all who are struggling in life at this time, an even more serious invitation to be part of these celebrations. Life is full of challenges and sufferings, but there is always New Life that follows. That is the promise of Easter. Be with us. Bring a friend or family member. Let's celebrate this week together not as saints, but as loved, redeemed sinners. Asking Almighty God for his mercy. May God Bless You and Happy Holy Week!

— Father Joe—

Sacrificial Offerings March 25/26

*"Give to the Most High God, as God has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and God will give back to you sevenfold."
Sirach 35: 9-10*

SUNDAY: \$8254.03

ASH WED: \$12.00

E-GIVING: \$248.74

TOTAL: \$9822.20

DUES: \$ 609.00

LOOSE: \$698.43

March Parish Groups (Altar Guild): \$808.00

May God bless you for your generosity!



THIRD ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

...entitled : "Be A Man: Mary's Call to BATTLE", will be held on May 6, 2017, at King's College, Scandlon Physical Ed Center, 149 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00am, Registration/Continental Breakfast at 7am, with main Conference & Mass from 8am to 2:45pm. Cost is \$35, (\$30 early bird, \$15/students.) Register online at www.beamanconference.com or call Diocesan Pastoral center at 570-207-2213.

Twin Oaks Wednesday Golf League Forming



We are looking for teams, men and women, captain & mate format. We will have an organizational meeting on April 10th. League will be held every Wednesday at Twin Oaks Golf Course in Orange. Please call Rick Nemetz at 570-881-2921 for more details.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY —APRIL 23



St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin, will host the 11th Annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. The principal celebrant is Rev. Thomas Petro, JCL, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupont. Concelebrants are Rev. Daniel Toomey & Rev. Anthony Urban. Itinerary is as follows: 1:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2:00pm Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy followed by Holy Mass. 3:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, Benediction & blessing with first class relics of St. Faustina.



A Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be held on Friday, April 28th, in our church hall from 1pm to 6pm. You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org/ **RapidPass** RapidPass is a new tool that allows blood donors to help save lives in less time. Using RapidPass can save you 15 minutes at the Blood Drive. Schedule your appointment today.

LIVING STATIONS AT WYOMING AREA CATHOLIC

Today, Palm Sunday, at 3:00pm at St. Cecelia's Church in Exeter, Wyoming Area Catholic School 8th grade students will present the Living Stations. The Living Stations also known as the Way of the Cross represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus Christ made with the Cross. The community is cordially invited to attend this solemn presentation.

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS AMBA BLOOD TESTING PROGRAM

Testing will take place on Saturday, April 29th, at the Swoyersville American Legion, Shoemaker St., from 6am to 10am. Over 35 tests will be done to assist in early detection of conditions such as coronary, kidney, liver diseases, anemia, & diabetes. A complete panel is done for \$40. Checks or money orders will be accepted for testing & made payable to AMBA Wellness Program. A \$5 handling fee is payable to Swoyersville Kiwanis. For an appointment & more information, call 1-800-234-8888, M-F, 8:30am to 5pm.

Lenten Regulation

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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 but not yet 59. 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 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) * In the United States, the bishops have asked Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

Hospital, Rehab, and Long Term Care Facilities:

Please be aware that if you are admitted to the hospital, a rehab facility or other Long term care home, your parish will only know if you call Sister Jane's Office at 570-763-5160, or the parish office. Parishes are no longer entitled to any information including admission status on patients. We try to get to see anyone who is having an extended stay but only when we know their whereabouts. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.





Intentions for This Coming Week

Monday, April 10 *Monday of Holy Week*

8:00 am Margaret Mandell Husband & Son
12:10 pm Edmund Pieczynski M/M Harry Meadows

Tuesday, April 11 *Tuesday of Holy Week*

8:00 am Anna Janicki A Friend
12:10 pm John W. Gibbons Sister, Pat Quinn, & Family

Wednesday, April 12 *Wednesday of Holy Week*

8:00 am Michael Kayrish Wife, Rose, & Family
12:10 pm Carmella Uter Mary Ann & Ruth

Thursday, April 13 **Holy Thursday**

7:00 pm Andrew, Margaret, & Sister Maureen Chorba Anna Mae Venetz

Friday, April 14 **Good Friday**

2:00 pm **MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED**

Saturday, April 15 **The Great Easter Vigil**

8:00 pm Easter Intentions

Sunday, April 16 **Easter Sunday**

7:00 am *Pro Populo*
8:30 am Easter Intentions
10:00 am Easter Intentions
11:30 am *Intention of Fr. Urban*
5:30 pm Easter Intentions

Next Weekend's Celebrants

Easter Triduum

Fr. Pisaneschi and Concelebrants

Easter Sunday, April 16h

7:00 am Fr. Zavacki
8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi
11:30 am Fr. Urban
5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi



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Vigil Lights for This Week

- In Memory of Frank & Anna Duzen offered by daughters, Paula Matthews & Donna Gustave
- In Memory of Michael Cywinski Jr. offered by daughter, Tara

Altar Server Holy Week Practices

If you are scheduled to serve one of the Holy Week Liturgies, please come to practice at the following times.

For Holy Thursday, Thursday, April 13th practice at 3:30 pm

For Good Friday, Friday, April 14th practice at 11:30 am

For Holy Saturday, Saturday, April 15th practice at 1:00 pm

These Masses are very different and you must be prepared for your duty as altar servers for them. If you cannot make the practice time, call Lori at the rectory before Thursday so we can make other arrangements.

