

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA



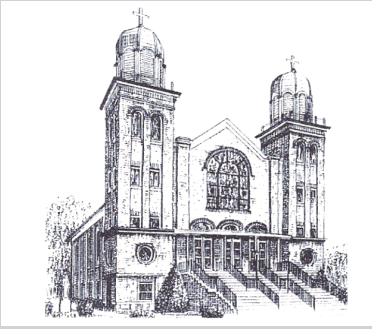
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Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2015

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Monday– Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON DAY

Because the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord occurs today, January 4th, and it is a movable feast, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day is not celebrated this year. Feast of the Lord and Sundays always outrank Saints' Feast Days. Sometimes Saints Feasts which are Solemnities are celebrated on the Sunday itself if they occur in Ordinary Time. This is not the case today. We still may hold a special prayer in our hearts for our patroness today as we celebrate this wonderful Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next weekend we shall close the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. With that in mind, we shall remove all of the remaining Christmas Decorations to transition back to Ordinary Time next Monday. It will also provide the workers a chance to begin working on the sanctuary in the church and continue with the projects that began before Christmas. We will need help taking things down after the 11:30 am Mass next Sunday. Please help us if you can.

THANK YOU!

Father Joe wishes to express his sincere thanks to all who have shared food, cookies, candy and cards with the rectory this Christmas. You are so considerate and kind to share with your parish priest! God's Blessings!

While we are handing out "Thank You's:"

- To our Youth and Senior Choirs for providing our celebrations with a beautiful soundtrack!
- To all who helped decorate the Church for these celebrations!
- To all who helped in anyway with the Christmas preparations and celebrations!
- The ministries, don't forget your party today!
- All who sent cards, cookies and food to the rectory!
- And last but certainly not least, the Pirohy-Making Crew!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Any young person who has received 1st Holy Communion or older and would like to serve at mass is asked to have a parent/guardian call Lori at the office and give their name. We will train a new class of Altar Servers in the New Year.

2014 Church Calendars

Many thanks to the generosity of **WROBLEWSKI FUNERAL HOME** for sponsoring our 2015 calendars. May God bless you always!

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Expecting or new parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make the arrangements and if necessary, attend the Pre-Baptismal Session. The celebration of the Sacrament is usually held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. This year Bishop Dougherty will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible (no less than 6 months prior) to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work. The dates at the Church are not guaranteed until an actual meeting with the pastor takes place.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. or anytime by request

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish Priest, day or night. When someone is very ill please do not wait to call the priest. It is better to have the sacrament of the sick sooner rather than at the last minute.

For ordinary sick calls (Non-Emergency):

Please notify the Parish Social Ministry Office at (570) 763-5160 if you would like a parish representative to visit a family member who is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home. In compliance with HIPAA regulations (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), health care facilities are required to protect the confidentiality and security of health data. Therefore, the only way that the parish can be informed of someone needing assistance is through notification by a family member or friend.

5:30 pm Contemporary Sunday Eucharist

Beginning Sunday, February 15, 2015 our parish will offer a 5:30 pm Sunday afternoon mass each week. Although we are especially appealing to the youth of our parish (grades 7-college age), everyone is most welcome to attend, participate, and be part of the ministries of this mass. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

ONLINE GIVING TO ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH

Many people find it easier to do all or most of their financial business online. Our parish accepts your contributions online now. Go to setonpa.com and follow the E-offering link. There you can set-up your online support for our parish. It is easy to do and you can chose how much you would like to give and how often. Everyone's support of our parish is becoming more and more critical to our ability to continue our many ministries and meeting our weekly expenses. Thank you for your continued support either via the collection basket or your online giving!

Due to the Holidays, the Collection Reports will be posted in next week's bulletin.



Epiphany

People can come into our lives, sometimes for a very short time, and make a big impression. The power of the encounter can change our life, renew our hope, or strengthen our resolve. It can even set us on a new course, leading us to places, causes and people we never imagined meeting.

The Magi, or astrologers as Matthew calls them, arrive to pay homage to the newborn Jesus. A star had guided them on their quest and when they left, they avoided Herod and went on their way. Their gifts represented the kingship of Christ (gold), His divinity (incense) and his redemptive suffering (myrrh). The story of the Magi reminds us that the whole world has come to recognize and worship a Savior, and the impact of this short visit would reverberate through the ages.

Like the Magi, our life is a journey of faith. We encounter Christ in hundreds of ways. Each momentary encounter has the potential of changing lives, healing wounds, easing suffering and restoring faith. Those we meet along the way are fellow pilgrims who also search for grace and life. Follow the star of faith and offer your gifts of love. Christ will surely lead you.

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**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
pray for us!**



ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

**By Dr. Scott Hahn
Newborn King**

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews.

As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, he is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see Micah 5:1-3; 2 Samuel 5:2).

Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see 1 Kings 2:19). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25).

His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see Numbers 22:21; 23:7; 24:7, 17).

This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too, refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign - that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle.

We too, must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see Revelation 22:16), and the light of the world (see Isaiah 42:6; John 8:12).

As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts - our intentions and talents - on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

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www.SalvationHistory.com*

LIFELINE SCREENING AT SEAS... St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is pleased to offer a preventive health event. LifeLine Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive & painless health screenings on 1/8/2015. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests & osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event & to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

The **First Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton** will be held on April 25, 2015, at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. The event will feature 2 nationally known speakers: Fr. Larry Richards, author of "Be a Man", and Damon Owens of the Theology of the Body Institute. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, as well as devotional prayers. Please save the date & plan to join Bishop Joseph Bambera, many clergy, & all faithful brothers who will be participating in an effort to build up the Church. For more information, contact Men's Conference co-chairs: Glenn Yanik, at gmyanik@epix.net or 570-362-0417, or Michael Kilmer at michaelkilmer71@gmail.com or 570-746-0100.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS & CELEBRATION

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 2015 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 21, 2015. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation should be made before March 16th, by contacting Father Joe or Lori Raymond , Pastoral Associate , at the rectory. 287-6624

Music Ministry Christmas Concert

The music ministry of Our Lady of Fatima Parish at St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, 134 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, will present their annual Christmas Concert today, January 4th, at 3:00pm in the Church. The choirs and instrumentalists will perform Christmas Carol arrangements along with singing by all in attendance. This event is free and all are welcome to attend.

BINGO

Today, Sunday, January 4th, at St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, St. Mary's School Hall, 1010 Hanover St., Nanticoke, Doors open at 12:30pm, Early Bird Games at 1:45, Regular Games at 2pm. Parking & entrance at rear of building.

RETROUVAILLE

Know a marriage that needs help? If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille Program can help. Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be February 27-March 1, 2015, at the Ramada in Clarks Summit, PA. Registration required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.retrouvaille.org for more information or to register.

Holy Eucharist Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, Jan 5

St. John Neumann

8:00 a.m. Helen Saxon Donna Sherrill

Tuesday, January 6

St. Andrew Bessette

8:00 a.m. Mary Bebey Felix Wawer Jr.

Wednesday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:00 a.m. Ted Skrainy Robert & Sophie Pointon

Thursday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Rosalie McGough Patti & Eric Shymanski

Friday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Thomas Lazar Cousin, Sharon Bender

Saturday, January 10

(vigil: Baptism of the Lord)

4:00 p.m. Stephen Gaydos Wife & Children

5:30 p.m. **Pro Populo**

Sunday, January 11

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Holy Name Society

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Swoyersville Kiwanis

11:30 a.m. Eleanor Wojnarski Children



BAPTISM SUNDAY-Congratulations & God's Blessings upon ***Elijah Tucker Zenda*** and his family. He will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~For Health and Blessings for the Remakus Family

~In Memory of Bette Proleika offered by Family

Presider's Schedule

January 10-11

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Urban

8:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Urban

11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

