

THE SETON SENTINEL

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2017

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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,

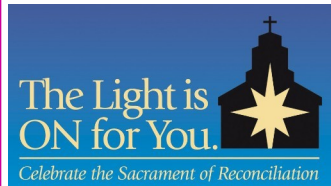
To love Tenderly,

To Serve One Another,

To Walk Humbly with God"

Paraphrased from Micah 6:8 by David Haas

On Fridays during Lent join us for **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:30 pm until Benediction after Stations.



MONDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT:

"**The Light is On For You,**" in our Church. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Evenings join us for something new: Interfaith Sharing and a light Lenten meal. "**Faith- Fellowship- Friendship,**" begins this Thursday March 9th at 6:00 pm with soup and sandwiches and then presentations by the Interfaith Community Leaders. Faith-Fellowship-Friendship is to promote understanding and cooperation with other religions. We hope to have presenters from Islam, Judaism, Christian and Orthodox. We have a lot to learn from one another and we may even find we have more in common than we thought (schedule of presenters to follow.) We will have a simple meal of Soup and Sandwiches and then listen to our featured presenter with time for questions at the end. We will rely on our Parish Organizations to provide the Soup and Sandwiches and Set-up and Clean-up for these Thursday sessions.

The Schedule is as follows:

March 9th: **Social Concerns** both Soup & Set-up and Sandwiches and Clean-up.
 March 16: **Christian Mothers** Soup & Set-up, **Holy Name** Sandwiches and Clean-up.
 March 23: **Choir** Soup and Set-up, **Eucharistic Ministers,** Sandwiches and Clean-up.
 March 30: **Knights** Soup and Set-up **Lectors** Sandwiches and Clean-up.
 April 6: **Prayer Chain** Soup & Set-up and **Parish Council** Sandwiches & Clean-up.
 Group leaders should coordinate the efforts of your assigned days. Thank you for your participation. Hopefully we will have lots of participation from our parish.

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 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 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.

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

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



Tabernacle Restoration

During Lent our priceless Tabernacle will be professionally cleaned and restored to its original shine and luster. Recent photographs found revealed that it is even more magnificent in its original condition. We hope to have it back before the Easter Celebrations.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Each month the Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne issues a request for food that is in short supply. If you are able, please consider supporting the Pantry. This month's list includes canned fruit, saltine style crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, chunky soup with meat, and small boxes or bags of rice. Our drop-off boxes are located in the church vestibule.

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS *Upcoming Lenten fundraisers:*

Friday, March 10th: Haluski. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Cost is \$2.50/pint. Pick up in the school cafeteria from noon-2pm and 5pm to 6pm.

Friday, March 17th: Sweet Pizza

Friday, March 24th: Pirohy

Friday, March 31st: Sweet Pizza

Friday, April 7th: Pirohy

On the Pirohy-making Fridays, we need lots of help. Mark your calendars and bring a friend!

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Start saving your household items, clothing, jewelry, books, religious articles, etc. for our **Annual Spring Rummage Sale.** Collection days are Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, April 24th to 26th. More details to follow.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our HNS will meet today, Sunday, March 5th, after the 8:30am Mass in our church hall. New members are most welcome!

ART & ENVIRONMENT

The Art & Environment Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 14th, at 7pm in the Church proper to discuss Easter plans. All members are asked to attend and new members are always welcome.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

On Ash Wednesday the Social Concerns Committee, in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus, purchased and delivered clam chowder to over 40 of our home-bound parishioners. These projects would not be possible without your continuing support. Please watch the Seton Sentinel for upcoming announcements of our Variety Bingo in April...thank you!

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS HERE NEXT WEEKEND

Little Bethlehem Christians is a group that represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem, the Holy Land, and make their living as wood carvers. Next weekend in our church hall, after all masses, the group represented by Alshouri Family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items, as they are also for sale. The profit goes to support the Christianity in the land of Christ. Please look at them. Please visit our website:

www.little-bethlehem.org

Direct Contacts

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sisterjane@setonpa.com

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Father Joe's email:
fatherjoey@aol.com

Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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

Prayer Chain

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Dear Catholic Men and their families,
We would like to invite you to join our parish council of the Knights of Columbus to a very informal and non-committal Meet-and-Greet. We will be gathering on Saturday and Sunday, March 18th and 19th, in our church hall after all masses for coffee and Danish. We are hoping you and your family will join us to meet with members of our Knights to find out about our great organization. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support our parish, give back to our community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. Hope to see you there!
Thank you, Mark Perugino, Grand Knight, Phone 570-262-2896

↓↓Please fill out the form below, clip, and drop in collection basket. ↓↓

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE MAN WHO STANDS WITH US NEVER STANDS ALONE.

- I wish to become a member of the KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS.
- I desire some information regarding membership in the Knights of Columbus.
- I am a former member interested in rejoining the Knights of Columbus.

NAME: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Parish: _____
 Email: _____
 Best time to contact: _____



"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

February 18/19, 2017

SUNDAY: \$ 7241.81	DUES: \$ 746.00
LOOSE: \$540.70	E-GIVING: \$288.43
HOLY Days: \$11.00	TOTAL: \$8827.94

February Building & Maintenance: \$1369.00

May God Bless You for your Generosity!



Log on to setonpa.com and sign-up for electronic giving. It's a fast, easy way to remember your offerings. You can chose to give weekly, monthly, pay dues, etc. Look for and click:



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes: Saturday: March 11, 18, 25

Monday: March 6, 13, 20, 27

First Penance: Saturday, March 18th at 10:00am followed by small reception in church hall

7th Grade Confirmation Class: Sunday, March 19, after 5:30pm mass

8th Grade Confirmation Class: All paperwork due

First Holy Communion Retreat: Sunday, March 26, 11:30am mass followed by Retreat in church hall

Stations of the Cross for Students: (Come to CCD at regular time)

Saturday, March 25, 9:45 am in church. Dismissal from Church

Monday, March 27, 6:45pm in church. Dismissal from Church.

OBLATES TO HOST ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

The Annual Solemn Novena to St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church, will begin on Friday, March 10, at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Masses are celebrated daily at 11:00am and 7:00pm., followed by Novena prayers and individual blessing with the first-class relic of St. Joseph Marello, founder of the St. Joseph Oblates Congregation. Each Novena Mass is preceded by Confessions and recitation of the Holy rosary. This year, the Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Monday, March 20th, with a solemn Mass at 11am with His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, as principal celebrant and homilist. The Oblate priests and Diocesan clergy will concelebrate. At the conclusion of the Holy Mass, St. Joseph's Bookmarks will be blessed and distributed. There also will be a Holy Mass at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to participate in the St. Joseph Novena and Feast Day Celebration. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary office at 570-654-7542.

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AT GEISINGER WYOMING VALLEY

Weekdays: Evenings from 3-7pm & Weekends: Mornings between 8am to 1pm
All new Junior Volunteers must attend an orientation. It is not mandatory to attend every day. We are flexible to your schedule. Ages 14-18 are welcome to apply. The required Id Badge & Volunteer shirt are provided at no charge. Meals are provided to all volunteers. Want to join? Email: GWV_Volunteer_Services@Geisinger.edu with the subject line: Junior Program Registration, or call GWV Volunteer office at 570-808-3435 for information about how to apply for the program.

Hospital Visitation

A reminder to all parishioners: If you or a family or friend is admitted to the Hospital, Physical Rehab, or a Nursing Home, please contact Sister Jane at 570-763-5160 to inform the parish. We try to visit everyone we know is hospitalized or in a facility for any length of time but we need your help. Hospitals do not release patient information to the parish any longer due to privacy regulations. For emergency Anointing of the Sick, call anytime, day or night the main rectory number for assistance. Note that priests are assigned to hospital emergency calls on a rotating basis so ask the nurses station to call the priest on duty in the event of an emergency.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs



Did you check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CDs located in our vestibule? For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions for the First Week of Lent

Monday, March 6

12:10 pm Josephine Jagozinski Mary Ann Maguschak

Tuesday, March 7

Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

12:10 pm Health & Blessings for Ciampi Family Bankus Family

Wednesday, March 8

St. John of God

12:10 pm Joseph Yankay M/M Ronald Austin

Thursday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome

12:10 pm Dorothy Shedlarski Grycko M/M Larry Gazdick

Friday, March 10

12:10 pm John R. Shaner Wife, Mary Catherine

Saturday, March 11 Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm Jean Sarneski Deacon Jack & Karen Ziegler

5:30 pm Patrick Mazzaccaro Felix

Sunday, March 12 Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Florence Reilly Tony & Louise Kondracki

10:00 am Anna & Stanley Kazamski Daughter, Beverly

11:30 am Helen Krosowski Carl & Marianne Swinski

5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

The Recently Departed

- *John Saypack Jr.* --May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Beatrice Skiengel offered by Husband & Family
- In Memory of Elaine Smith offered by Loving Husband, Richard

EASTER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Each Easter we ask for a new Paschal Candle that is blessed at the Easter Vigil and lit at all the Easter Season Masses (50 Days until Pentecost). It is also lit for all the baptisms and funerals during the year. **This year the Paschal Candle has been donated by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers of the parish. We are very grateful for their gift.** We have other opportunities to donate something for not only this Easter Season, but for many years to come. The full-length Altar Cloth has recently been donated, but there are other items you can donate in memory or in honor of someone. A list of donors will be published in a future bulletin. Please call Lori at the office if you are interested in sponsoring this project.



Priest's Schedule

Saturday, March 11

4:00 pm Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

Sunday, March 12

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi



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