

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

LENT AT SETON

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 and-CONFESSIONS

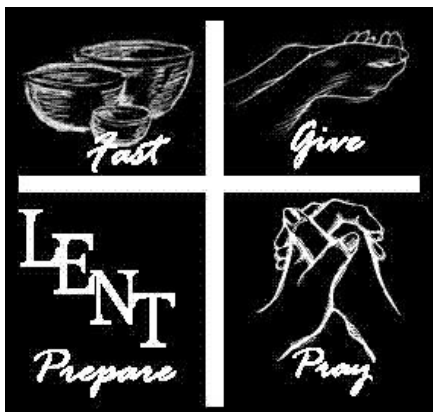
As part of the Diocesan-wide “Light On,” program, Monday evenings during Lent, beginning on Feb 15th, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation in the church from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Make plans to join us for a time of prayer and quiet reflection. Also, prepare for Easter by celebrating the sacrament of Penance one of the Monday evenings during Lent.

LENTEN FAITH-SHARING ON THURSDAY EVENINGS

Thursdays 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. Benediction will follow. On Friday, March 18th, a vigil mass will be celebrated after stations for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary.



2nd Sunday of Lent: The Transfiguration

On this second Sunday of Lent we get a glimpse of the resurrection. Jesus is transfigured before the eyes of the three disciples who will later be present for his agony in the garden. His glory is shown on the mountain. Later, his glory will be shown on a hill, Calvary. Let us remember during our own Calvary that God’s glory is never far from us. Victory follows suffering for those who trust in Him.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our HNS Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 12th, for our parish children ages 1-8.

PA PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Our parish is sponsoring a Pro-Life Baby Bottle Project to help support our local Pro-Life Center in Wilkes-Barre. Baby bottles are located in boxes in the back of the church. Please take a bottle home, fill it with your spare change during these days of Lent, and return the bottles by Sunday, March 13th.

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH-PIROHY

Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. You may pick up your order in our school cafeteria from 12 noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Give us a hand making the Pirohy! A great community spirit builder for Lent! Come at 7:00 am if you could ball potatoes, and at 8:30 am for everything else! We need your help and it’s a good time with great people. Get out of the house for a few hours and help a great cause. Lunch is served. We’ll see you there!

Upcoming fundraisers:

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH-HALUSKI and FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH-PIROHY



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the students in our First Reconciliation classes as they have been preparing diligently to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The students in our Saturday morning CCD class and those who attend Catholic Schools will receive on Saturday, February 27th at 10:30am. The students who attend Monday evening CCD class will receive on Sunday, February 28th at 3:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a BINGO on Sunday, April 17th, 2016. Details will follow....

Thank You!

A big thank you from our Knights of Columbus to everyone who purchased their clam chowder on Ash Wednesday. The sale was a huge success!

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.

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

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
570-763-5160

Faith Formation Office:
570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

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



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
pray for us!

ATTENTION ALL PARISH GROUPS AND SOCIETIES:

The Parish Pastoral Council has determined that we all must do a better job communicating with the parish as a whole in the bulletin. To that end, every organization is asked to submit information about the next meeting, agenda items, upcoming events, even if months in advance, and even a synopsis of the groups focus or goals. In addition, the Parish Pastoral Council is asking that the heads of all parish groups be present at the next Council Meeting, on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 in the Parish Hall to discuss the Parish's Mission and how the Council can help our groups and societies to both contribute to the Parish's overall mission and help those groups grow in membership and strength. Your bulletin announcement should be developed at all meetings and reported at once to the office. The more information, the better for all of us. Thank You...Your Parish Pastoral Council.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS:

The Council is at work with the Diocese of Scranton, implementing Bishop Bambera's Pastoral Letter for our parish which involves examining the 4 pillars of parish life: Worship, Word, Service and Community. The goal of this work is to transform our parish to a new vision of Servant Leadership. Bishop Bambera's Pastoral Letter, "Wounded and Loved, Regathering the Scattered," is available for everyone to read on our diocesan website: dioceseofscranton.org



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. **Check out the new materials on the rack!**

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.

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.

WHEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- ASH WEDNESDAY
- GOOD FRIDAY
- FRIDAYS IN LENT

ABSTINENCE

WHO

- CATHOLICS 14+** ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE
- CATHOLICS 18-59** ARE OBLIGED TO FAST

THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

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.

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
PRAY FOR US!**

CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERTS

In a 67 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present Lenten Concerts on March 6th in Plains and on March 13th in Scranton.

The first concert on Sunday, March 6th will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Church, 13 Hudson Road, Plains, PA at 3 PM. The pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church is Rev. John C. Lambert.

The second concert will be presented at St. Paul's Church, 1510 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA on Sunday, March 13th 3:00PM. The pastor of St. Paul's Church is Msgr. Neil Van Loon.

Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse and Brenda Grunza are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Jean Shields is accompanist. The group, marking its 67th season, is composed of 60 members from both Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Advent tradition at the March concerts. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, is having a Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, March 13, 2016, from Noon-4pm. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$4/children under 10, and are available by calling the parish office at 570-287-6600, or at the door. Take-outs available; containers provided. All are welcome!

HAM BINGO

The parishioners of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church are sponsoring their annual HAM BINGO on March 13, 2016, at 1pm. The event will be held in the church hall at 320 Vine St., Old Forge. Theme baskets, door prizes, and various bingo specials will be available. Kitchen opens at 11am for food and refreshments. There is also a bake sale. Admission is \$3.00.

2016 Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference "Be A Man: Jesus Christ, The Face of True Manhood" April 23, 2016 at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center, 149 North Main St, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 Experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring keynote presentations by Catholic biblical scholar, professor and conference speaker Dr. Scott Hahn from Steubenville, Ohio, well-known blogger Msgr. Charles Pope from the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., and former Notre Dame football player Michael McGlenn. Reconciliation opportunities with many priests available for confessions. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00am, Registration/Continental Breakfast 7:00am, With main Conference and Mass from 8:00am to 2:45pm. Cost: \$35, \$30 early bird, \$15 for students, Priests and Deacons free. Register online at : www.BeAManConference.com or mail the completed conference brochure application with your check to Attn: Men's Conference, Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA. 18503 (Mark "Men's Conference" on memo line of check). Our Parish Captain is Chris Calore (570-824-5621)

Church Finances

February 6/7, 2016

Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$7443.00

DUES: \$4495.00

LOOSE: \$665.20

E-GIVING: \$158.33

TOTAL: \$12,761.53

Diocesan: Campaign for Human Development: \$15.00

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

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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.



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!!

GORZKIE ZALE

Gorzkie Zale, a traditional Polish Bitter Lamentations, will be held Sunday March 6 at 3pm at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Township. The parish community invites everyone to this Lenten Service which will be conducted by Father John Albosta, Father Richard Cirba, Father James McGahagan, Father Richard Zavacki (priests from the Diocese of Scranton). A light reception will follow in the church hall. Anyone wishing to join the choir to sing at the service, a practice will be held Saturday March 5 at 1pm in the church. Questions concerning the practice, please call (570-706-6951). For further information or directions, please call 570-823-6242.

The Works of Mercy



CORPORAL WORKS

- + FEED THE HUNGRY
- + GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY
- + CLOTHE THE NAKED
- + VISIT THE IMPRISONED
- + SHELTER THE HOMELESS
- + VISIT THE SICK
- + BURY THE DEAD

SPIRITUAL WORKS

- + INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT
- + COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL
- + ADMONISH SINNERS
- + COMFORT THE SORROWFUL
- + BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY
- + FORGIVE ALL INJURIES
- + PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

LIFE LINE SCREENING

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 3/15/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

Eucharistic Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, February 22

8:00 am William Lewis Jr. McGough Family

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 am Edward & Marguerite Silvent Rosemarie Mattie

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 am Stanley and Gerrie Kovaleski Family

Thursday, February 25

8:00 am Daniel Grycko Ed, Gloria, & Adam Bilder

Friday, February 26

8:00 am John Wisniewski Tom & Diane Mucha

Saturday, February 27

4:00 pm Francis Via
5:30 pm Norman Latoski

Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent
Caroline Czarnecki Magistro
Stanley & Joyce Latoski

Sunday, February 28

8:30 am George & Mary Krakosky
10:00 am Leona Huk
11:30 am John J. Smith
5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

3rd Sunday of Lent
Daughter & Family
Daughter, Mary Ann Huk
PHL, Northeast Region

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:



~Charlotte Romanowski~

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 Lou Michaels offered by Wife & Family
~In Memory of Stanley & Gerrie Kovaleski offered by Family



Celebrants for the Eucharist

Feb 27
4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm Fr. Urban
Feb 28
8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am Fr. Urban
11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

