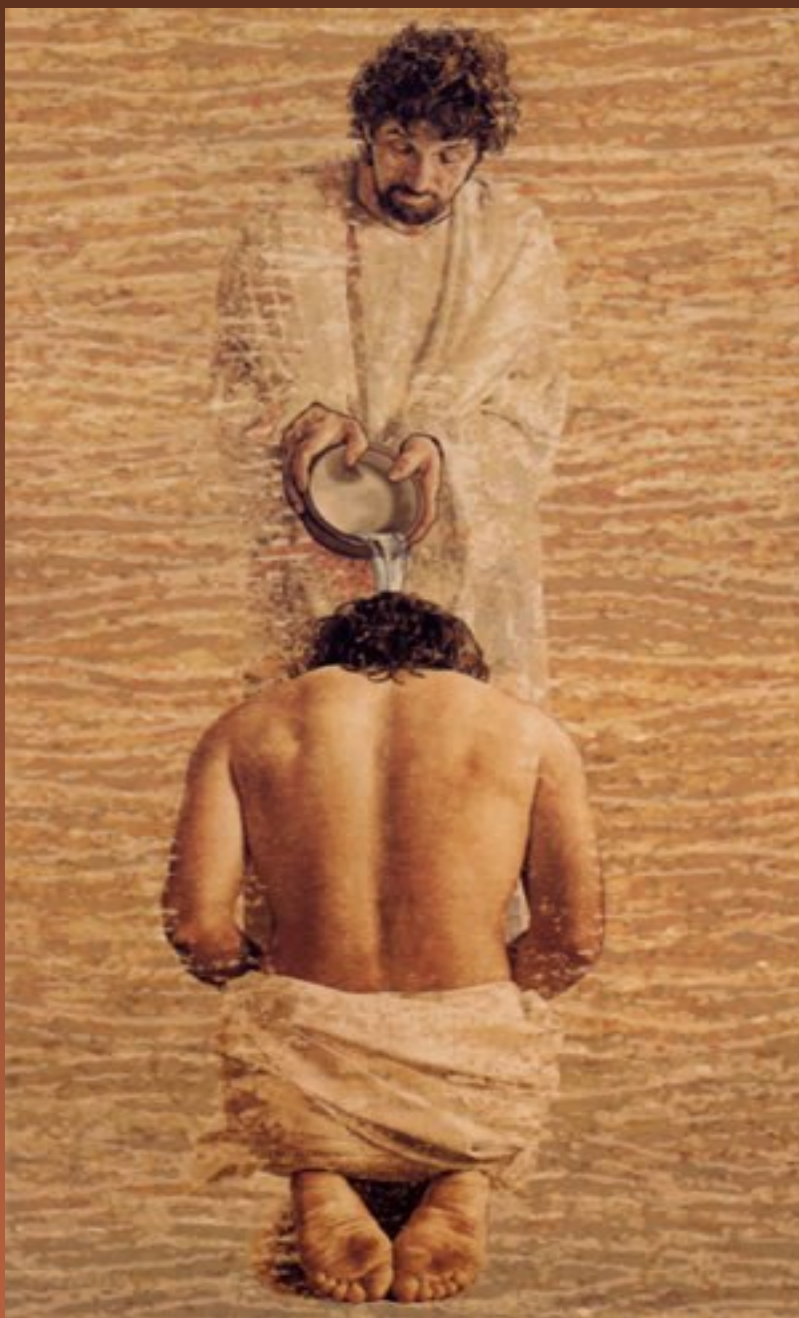


St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Seton Sentinel

THE BAPTISM of THE LORD

January 13, 2013

Swoyersville, PA

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Today, our Christmas Celebrations come to an end with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, or as it is sometimes called, the 2nd Manifestation or 2nd Epiphany of the Lord. After the 11:30 a.m. mass today our Christmas decorations must come down for Ordinary Time which begins on Monday. We need some volunteers (strong guys especially) to help take the trees and manger down, remove most of the flowers, replace the statues and altar appointments and general clean-up. If you can help, please come back around 12:30 to begin the project. Thank you in advance for your help.

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW...

If I heard it once, I heard it a thousand times this season, from visitors and parishioners alike: *“The Church looks beautiful!”* and *“the choir was heavenly!”* [from Midnight Mass] It is a special gift to be in a parish with so many people who have talents that they share with the community. Keep up the good work in 2013!

Once again, a heartfelt **“thank you,”** to all who are involved in our parish activities. If you did not make the appreciation party last weekend, we missed you and want to thank you now for all of your hard work.

Fr. Joe

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

There will be a Holy Name Society Meeting for all members, past, present and new members (always welcome) on **Sunday, January 20, 2013** following the 8:30 am mass in the Parish School Cafeteria.

2013 FESTIVAL MEETING

It is time to begin thinking about our summer Festival. This year it will be held Thursday, July 11th through Saturday, July 13th on the Parish Grounds. The first meeting for this year’s festival will be **Thursday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please come out and show your support for our major fundraiser of the year.

THIS WEEK’S MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council— Tuesday, January 15th
Meeting at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

Social Concerns Committee – Thursday,
January 17th Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall,
new members welcome.

BULLETIN ADS***A Special Request from the Pastor***

We are in need of local businesses to step forward to cover the cost of printing our weekly bulletin publication. Thank you to those who are already advertising with Pilot Bulletins on behalf of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. However, we are not meeting our quota of spaces required to cover the expenses each week. Ads are very inexpensive and are in full color. Call Paul at Pilot, (617) 799-3771 to find out more about getting your spot in the *Seton Sentinel*. Please help us with this need if you are able.

NEW RECONCILIATION ROOM

The new reconciliation room is complete with the exception of some art work to be added later. Thanks to Somerville Construction Services, Inc. and the hard work of Joe Lipinski and Joe Lipinski Jr., it was ready for Christmas Confessions. Please feel free to look inside and see it for yourselves. If you have not used it for confession yet, know that you have the option of kneeling behind the screen (as you did in the old confessional box) and remain anonymous or you may be seated in the chair across from the priest for face to face confession. The option is yours. The room is spacious and comfortable so you need not worry if you are claustrophobic. The reason for constructing the room was to give you the option of face to face or behind the screen confession that the Church wants you to have. It is also to help make the sacrament more personal, conversational and a positive sacramental experience. Remember, if you have been away for a long time, just come in and talk. You need not have anything memorized or feel embarrassed or afraid.

Applicants Sought For A New Permanent Deacon Class

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L, Bishop of Scranton, has approved the formation of a new permanent deacon aspirant class. Those who are accepted for diaconal formation will begin the five-year program in September 2013 with an anticipated ordination date of June 2017.

A permanent deacon is a Catholic man (married or single) who, after receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders at the hands of the Bishop, enters into the clerical state and is empowered, through the grace of ordination, to serve the people of God.

To be considered for the program, the candidate must be nominated by his pastor. Nominations for the class being formed are to be submitted no later than February 15. Any man in our parish who would like to learn more about the program is asked to speak with Deacon George Mochin or Father Joe as soon as possible.

A permanent deacon is not a substitute for a priest, nor an approximation of a priest in a time when more vocations to the ordained priesthood are needed. They are ordained, Vatican II tells us, "not unto the priesthood, but unto a ministry of service... they serve the People of God in the ministry of the liturgy, of the word, and of charity"

Men who feel called to serve God and the Church by following in the footsteps of Christ the Servant as a permanent deacon, must be baptized, practicing Catholics, who are at least 31 years of age and no more than 60 at the time of application. They may be married or single. If married, they must be in a valid, stable marriage for at least five years. If single, they will be expected to remain celibate.

Applicants preferably already possess an undergraduate or college-level degree. Graduation from high school or its equivalent, however, is required along with the evident ability to complete the necessary studies during the formation period. A complete list of the requirements for acceptance along with a description of the admissions process and the entire five-year formation program may be found on the Diocese of Scranton's website: www.dioceseofscranton.org (click on "Diocesan Offices" and then go down to "Office for Permanent Diaconate Formation.")

STEWARDSHIP

Contribution Statements from 2012

Beginning this year, everyone will be mailed a statement of their contribution for the past year. This is not only for tax purposes but it will give everyone the opportunity to reflect on the practice of stewardship.

Have I contributed what I was able to?

Was it too much? or

Was it too little? or

Was it just right?

Tithing is a practice that some denominations use as a scale to measure the proper amount to give to the church. A *tithe*, literally means to give, or set apart, a tenth for God. This for Catholics, however, is an ideal, not a law. In other words, we no longer measure out a tenth strictly speaking, but our care for the church and the poor should reflect this as a value. Remember too, that giving time to a particular ministry or organization in the church is a valued contribution of talent and time so we tithe with these too not only our treasure. If you are doing taxes early and need your statement as soon as possible please contact Monica in the business office for assistance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Collection Reports:

December 16th: Sunday: \$7889.25; Dues: \$2184.00;

Holy Days: \$73.00; Flowers: \$144.00; Loose: \$254.29;

TOTAL: \$10,544.54

December 23rd: Sunday: \$8,420.00; Dues: \$1,121.00; Holy Days: \$125.00; Flowers: \$104.00; Loose: \$533.50; TOTAL: \$10,303.50

December 25th: Christmas: \$20,841.50; Sunday: \$2528.00

Dues; \$345.00; Flowers: \$34.00; Holy Days: \$32.00; Loose: \$1482.86; TOTAL: \$25,263.36

December 30th: Sunday: \$5634.60; Dues: \$851.00; Holy Days: \$64.00; Christmas: \$1762.00; Loose: \$363.51; TOTAL: \$8675.11

January 1: Holy Day: \$2627.00; Christmas: \$5.00; Loose: \$306.29; TOTAL: \$2938.29

CHRISTMAS TOTAL: \$22,609.50

CHRISTMAS WAFERS: \$2194.20

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: \$2174.00



Thank you!!! We surpassed our goal! This is showing those who are in need in our diocese that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish cares. Here is the latest report:

32.37% (436 out of 1,347) gave/pledged

DAA 2012 Goal: \$45,000.00

Total Raised: **\$47,025.00**

Over: \$2,025.00

REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, January 27th

Regional Rec Room OPEN & INFO NIGHT hosted by St. Ignatius Leadership Team. 6:00 pm –7:00 pm 6th, 7th & 8th graders AND 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (High School)

Sunday, February 10th

5pm, Regional Teen Mass, Social & Speaker Series
(St. Ignatius)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS HELP NEEDED

John Heinz Rehab Hospital, Mundy St., Wilkes-Barre, is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring Holy Communion to patients on Sunday mornings between 7:30-11:00AM. If you are able to volunteer about once every six weeks, please contact Marianne Sailus at 830-2039.

FREE THROW CONTEST on January 13th

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus is holding a Free Throw Contest for 10 to 14 year olds today, Sunday, January 13th, at the Kingston Rec Center, Third Ave., Kingston. Registration begins at 4PM and proof of age is required. Call Rick Fruscianta at 466-8810 for more information.

SETON BUS TRIP

A bus trip is being planned for parishioners and friends of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, to visit the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. We would visit the Basilica, the tomb of St. Elizabeth, historical sites, museum, see a brief film on her life, visit the gift shop, prayer walkway and chapel. (Hopefully we can celebrate mass there.) There will be a buffet dinner nearby in Thurmont, Maryland. You can register for the trip by enclosing \$40.00 in a plain envelope, c/o Chris Calore, trip coordinator. You can drop it in the collection basket, or bring or mail it to the rectory by February 15, 2013. Please include your phone number. **Checks should be made out to Chris Calore.** Join us for this spiritual spring trip!

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, & the Office for Parish Life invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2013 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 16. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Please call Lori at the office to request an invitation, with your mailing address, before Feb. 8th.

RETRouvaille

Know a marriage that needs help? Tell them about Retrouvaille, a program that helps couples who are having marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program begins Feb. 15-17, at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website at

www.retrouvaille.org for more information.

Annual Piggie Dinner

Altar & Rosary Society of St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley, Annual Piggie Dinner, Sunday, January 20, from noon to 4pm. Cost is \$8/adults and \$4/children. Call 824-9741 for tickets.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 14th**

8:00 a.m. Betty Husovsky Children, Andy, Dan, & Betsy

Tuesday, January 15th

8:00 a.m. Paul Oravec M/M Nick Frank

Wednesday, January 16th

8:00 a.m. George Prehadin Andrew & Janet Marko

Thursday, January 17th **St. Anthony, abbot**

8:00 a.m. Kathy Mochin John & Pat Ondish & Family

Friday, January 18th

8:00 a.m. Andrew Husovsky Chris Tigue & Wyoming Area Catholic Family

Saturday, January 19th **(Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

4:00 p.m. Aniela & Stanislaw Kielan Daughter, Steffie

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo***Sunday, January 20th** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. Raymond Podskoch, Sr. Wife, Bernadine & Children

10:00 a.m. Bert & Bernie Greco Daughters

11:30 a.m. Edward & Margaret Mizenko Grandchildren

IN MEMORIAM Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord.....~Michael S.Kaschak, Sr. ~Frieda Gurick ~Cynthia Bogdon
~East Joseph Berti ~Reverend Harry Lewis

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

~In Memory of Louis & Agnes Stofko

PRESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE JANUARY 19-20

4:00 p.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 p.m. Fr. Urban

8:30 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 a.m. Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 a.m. Fr. Urban

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Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

- Rev. Joe Pisaneschi Pastor
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Brian Williams Regional Youth Minister
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance

Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The Sacrament is celebrated bi-monthly after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated in 2014 by one of the Diocesan Bishops. Children must be consecutively registered in our Religious Education Program to be eligible to receive.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the paper work necessary.

Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact one of the Priests or the Deacon.

Penance

Is celebrated Saturday from 3:15 p.m.-3:50 p.m.
Other times by request.

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

If you or a relative or friend is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or is homebound. Please contact the Parish Office for a Pastoral Visit. Holy Communion is brought to those who request it on First Fridays.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30-4:00

Closed Holidays and Holy Days

Direct Contacts

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Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

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Youth Ministry email: SJBrian@aol.com