

Wed Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 1st

Mass with Distribution of Ashes:

7:30 am, 12:10 pm

Service of the Word

with Distribution of Ashes:

4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Lent Begins

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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

On Fridays during Lent join us for **Stations of the Cross**, beginning March 3rd at 7:00pm. This year we shall use a variety of different booklets to help keep the stations from becoming routine.



Monday Evenings during Lent, "**The Light is On For You,**" in our Church. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions beginning Monday, March 6th 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 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 and Set-up and Sandwiches and Clean-up.
 March 16: **Christian Mothers** Soup and Set-up, **Holy Name** Sand 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 and Set-up and **Parish Council** Sandwiches and 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. Until then the Most Blessed Sacrament will be kept under lock and key in the sacristy.

SOMEONE IS NEEDED

We are in need of someone who can straighten out our Altar Servers' closet each week and examine the cassocks and determine if they need a quick wash. This will not be that challenging once the initial cleaning is over. If you are interested, please contact Lori in the office. If we get more than one volunteer, it could be a team effort or once a month for a turn. Thank you for considering this request to help our younger members look good on the altar.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Last weekend, the Social Concerns Committee purchased and delivered over 40 chicken pot pies to our homebound and elderly parishioners. This would not have been possible without your support. Thank you!

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.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our CCM will meet next Sunday, February 26th, at 2pm in our church hall. Dues for 2017 can be paid at this meeting, or you can put dues in an envelope, mark "CCM DUES" and drop in the Sunday collection. Start saving your religious articles, household items, clothing, etc for our Flea Market. Collection dates are not until April 23, 24, & 25.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASH WEDNESDAY CLAM CHOWDER SALE

Our Knights of Columbus will have a Manhattan (Red) Clam Chowder Sale on March 1st, Ash Wednesday, in our school cafeteria. Cost is \$7.00 per quart. You may pick up your order *after the 7:30am Mass*, from *11am to 1pm, or 4pm to 6pm*. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

Upcoming Lenten fundraisers:

Friday, March 3rd: Pirohy~~Cost is \$7.00/dozen. Pick up your order in the school cafeteria from 12 noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. We need **LOTS OF HELP** making the pirohy. If you can help ball the potatoes, please come at 7:00am. All others can come as early as 8:00am, being that there is no 8:30am mass at this time. Come at 8:30 if you can't make it for 8:00am. Bring a friend. Lunch will be served. **Friday, March 10th: Haluski** **Friday, March 17th: Sweet Pizza**
Friday, March 24th: Pirohy **Friday, March 31st: Sweet Pizza**
Friday, April 7th: Pirohy

Direct Contacts

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sisterjane@setonpa.com

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sistermarion@setonpa.com

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: _____



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



"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 11/12, 2017

SUNDAY: \$ 6570.00
LOOSE: \$508.75
TOTAL: \$8775.80

DUES: \$ 1492.00
E-GIVING: \$205.05

Diocesan: February Care & Education of Priests: \$842.20

May God Bless You for your Generosity!

Kiwanis Key Leader Camp

The Swoyersville Kiwanis is looking to sponsor a student to attend the PA District of Kiwanis Key Leader Camp. This camp is held each year and helps students gain the skills, knowledge and inspiration to serve as leaders in our communities and to help make the world a better place. Camp will be held April 28-30, 2017 at Camp Conrad Weiser in Wernersville, PA and is offered to students in grades 8 through 12. Space is limited. Students or families do not need to be part of the Kiwanis Organization. The cost for your student is \$50, however, this will be refunded upon completion of the camp. Students and their families are responsible for transportation. Interested students must reside in Swoyersville, Forty Fort or Luzerne. To learn more about the Key Leader Program visit www.key-leader.org. To be considered for this camp contact Kathy at 570-283-1677 or email swoyk1951@comcast.net. Deadline is February 28th.

Swoyersville Kiwanis Nite at the Races

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Nite at the Races on Saturday, March 4, 2017, 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, any Kiwanis member, or e-mail us at swoyk1951@comcast.net. See you at the Races!!

Registration Open for UNC's Camp Kelly (Formerly Camp St. Andrew)

Registration is now open for 2017 summer camp programs at United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA's Camp Kelly (formerly Camp St. Andrew). Week long Girls Resident, Girls Basketball, Boys Resident, and Boys Basketball camps are all available, as well as a Father/Son Weekend and Women's weekend. For more information, or to register online, visit www.uncnepa.org/campkelly or call 570-346-0759.

Homemade Pasta & Sausage Dinner: St. Maria Goretti Banquet Center, Laflin, on Sunday, March 12th, noon to 5pm. Take outs are noon to 4pm (containers will be provided). Tickets available at the door: \$10. Children 5 years and younger are FREE for eat-in only.

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).

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.

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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.

Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions for the 8th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, February 27

12:10 pm Connie Bartoli Husband, Jack

Tuesday, February 28

12:10 pm Health & Blessings for Karen Ziegler Social Concerns Committee

Wednesday, March 1

7:30 am Runscavage & Yekel Families
12:10 pm Bernard Swetts

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Ruth & Harry
M/M John Matthey

Thursday, March 2

12:10 pm Donald Petty Joe & Marie Stefanides

Friday, March 3

12:10 pm Dr. Bernard L. Holleran Dorothea French & Family

Saturday, March 4

4:00 pm Alex Beretski Doug & Patti Workman
5:30 pm Maribeth Henry Pierce & Judy Hooper

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 5

8:30 am Donna Biga Hrobaski, Suda, & Weiss Families
10:00 am **Pro Populo**
11:30 am Steffie Rhiel Daughter, Mary Ann
5:30 pm Pauline Smolko Joseph Belinka Jr. & Margie

First Sunday of Lent

Sanctuary Candles

- In Memory of Robert Rish offered by wife, Gerry
- In Memory of Joseph Yankay offered by Mother

BAPTISM SUNDAY



Congratulations and God's Blessings upon ~~Samantha Lucille Morgan~~and her family. Samantha will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.

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 another opportunity to donate something for not only this Easter Season, but for many years to come, the full-length Altar Cloth. Please call Lori at the office if you are interested in sponsoring this project.



Priest's Schedule

Saturday, March 4

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30 pm Fr. Urban

Sunday, March 5

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



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