

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA

“And they were amazed because he taught them as one having authority.”

Mk 1:22



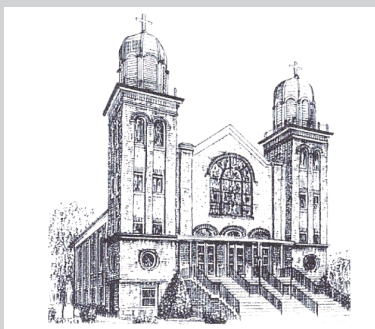
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The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 1, 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.

CANDLEMASS

Monday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is the day in which we bless the candles used in the church for the coming year. It is also the day we bless candles for home devotional use. We will bless the candles at the 8:00 am Mass and have blessed candles available for the faithful for devotional use after the mass.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

The memorial of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, is celebrated on Tuesday, February 3rd. This is the day when the blessing of the throats is offered. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am with the blessing of the throats following the mass. We will offer the blessing, celebrated within a brief celebration of the Liturgy of the Word at 5:30 pm, as well. However, it should be noted that this is the day in which throats are blessed in direct connection with St. Blaise. We will not offer the blessing after any weekend masses because this blessing is not a sacrament and not associated with any Sunday act of worship.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Wednesday, February 11th, is the World Day of the Sick and the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. We know that many faithful travel to Lourdes, France, at the site of Our Blessed Mother's appearance and miraculous springs to pray for healing of mind, body, and spirit. To mark this feast day of Our Lady, and as we continually pray for healing for ourselves and others, we will celebrate a special mass next Wednesday at 12:10 pm in our parish. This will be an opportunity for communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick for all who are elderly, frail, or suffering in any way of mind, body or spirit. All are welcome to attend. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

AHEAD in FEBRUARY...

Sunday, February 15th, the 5:30 pm Sunday Contemporary Eucharist begins. Please note this addition to our weekly mass schedule.

Wednesday, February 18th, is Ash Wednesday. Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 8:00 am. Additional Times for Ash Distribution and Service of the Word will be at 3:45 pm, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm.

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. with Eucharistic Benediction beginning Friday February 20th. All are welcome.

Monday Evening Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation will continue this Lenten season beginning on Monday, February 23rd. More information to follow.

Please pray for our 2nd Grade Students who will make their 1st Confessions on Sunday, February 8th.

Knights of Columbus Ash Wednesday Red Clam Chowder Sale

The Knights are sponsoring an **Ash Wednesday (February 18th) Manhattan (Red) Clam Chowder Sale**. Cost is \$6.00 per quart. Sign-up sheets are available on the tables at the church entrance. Pick ups will be in the school cafeteria after the 8am Mass, 11am-1pm, and 5pm-6pm.

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MARDI GRAS DANCE

Our HNS is having a Mardi Gras Dance on Saturday, February 7th, from 7pm-11pm in our church hall. Music is by DJ Jack Bravyak. BYOB and own munchies. Tickets are \$6.00 each and will be sold after all Masses this weekend downstairs in the church hall. Contact Anna Mae Venetz for more information: 570-287-7655.

HNS meeting: Our HNS will meet in the church hall this Sunday, Feb. 1st, after the 8:30am Mass. New members welcome.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

There will be a brief but important meeting of all current and newly formed EMs on **Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.** As there is some confusion about the procedures for mass, we will clarify the process. All are urged to attend.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

SEAS ALTAR GUILD CHICKEN POT PIE SALE

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our **Chicken Pot Pie Sale** to be held on **Friday, February 13th.** Pick-ups are from **12noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm.** Cost is \$6.00 each.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!!!

Do you play an instrument? Piano, Organ, Guitar, Flute, Violin, Trumpet, Clarinet, Sax, drums, etc.? Do you want to be part of the newest music group in the parish? We need your help! Call Father Joe to sign-up for the 5:30 pm Contemporary Sunday Eucharist Group. We welcome Mr. Scott Coates who is the Director of Music at All Saints Parish in Plymouth to lead our 5:30 pm Sunday Celebrations. Oh...singers are also needed so let us know if you can sing or play. The Mass will begin on Sunday, February 15th in our parish. Practices will be before the mass. 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.

Or if Traditional Music is more your style.....

Join our adult choir!!! Practices are getting started now for Lent, Easter Triduum and Confirmation. The adult choir practices on Wednesday evenings in the choir loft at 6:30 pm. The choir sings at either the 4:00 pm or 10:00 am Sunday Liturgies and for all special celebrations. Call Marge at 288-2010 or come to practice this Wednesday. Men are especially encouraged to join. All are welcome!

**DAILY MASS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL
UNTIL THE SANCTUARY FLOOR IS COMPLETED**

Parish Staff

- Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir
- Phil Bosha
Maintenance
- Chris Calore
Maintenance
- Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
- Terry Jankoviak
Director of Faith Formation
- Margaret Loveless
Acting Dir. of Religious Ed.
- 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!**

FORWARD IN FAITH

WHY?

Why should we move Forward in Faith? Why should we spend all our time and energy on this thing we call Evangelization?

There's no question there's a new wind blowing in our Catholic World these days. Some say it is in large part due to our Holy Father, Pope Francis. While that may be true to some extent, this wind has been blowing for quite some time in our Church. It has its roots in the Second Vatican Council, and let's take it one step further and give credit where credit is due...It's the Holy Spirit ultimately. Putting theoretical theology aside for the practical for just a moment, "to go out and preach the gospel," originated with the early Church and Jesus himself with the commission before his Ascension to "go out to all the earth and spread the Good News!" The very reason we gather for mass each week is to hear those words which conclude every celebration of Eucharist: "Go, you are sent!" We gather together to be sent out. But why? The truth of the matter is that if we really and truly believe what we have just celebrated, God's unfathomable love for us in Eucharist, we had better put that love into action. Our words and deeds must be formed and fashioned by our celebration of Eucharist. If God's love is real then it must be real in us. Jesus' pouring out of himself in total self-giving love through the sacraments must find expression in the world through us. Our preaching of the Gospel by our actions and words is a necessary response to what we have celebrated and received. St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Preach the Gospel at all times, use words if necessary!" He understood why Evangelization is at the core of discipleship. It asks the question: What is transformed at mass? Bread and Wine, yes, we know that. But more than that, our very selves are offered with Jesus on the altar, and our lives are transformed and changed by the act of ultimate worship. We should not walk out of mass the same people we were as we entered. We are constantly being changed, transformed, broken, restored, healed by what we celebrate. (This is why our worship space is constantly changing and evolving. It needs to speak to us of "newness" each time we are engaged by the mystery. Church must never be a stale or predictable experience. If it is, we have failed!)

Evangelization is not a command or a "must do, or else." It is a free response given by us out of the change that has taken place in our souls. The only way that change can be expressed is by our taking the next step Forward in Faith, Spreading the Gospel by our every step, our every action, our every breath. This free response is what enlivens the Church, helps build the Church, and confirms the Holy Spirit's action in the world.

--- Father Joe

COLLECTION REPORTS

JANUARY 17/18, 2015

SUNDAY: \$6917.86; DUES: \$2348.00; HOLY DAYS: \$23.00;
 LOOSE: \$598.15; OTHER: \$35.00
 E-giving (online) \$222.07 **TOTAL: \$10,144.08**

May God bless you for your generosity!

Lenten Preparation Session

The Office for Parish Life will be holding a regional Lenten Preparation Session on Tuesday, February 10th, at 6:30pm at Gate of Heaven Parish, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas, for all those involved with the preparation of liturgical sessions, especially music ministers, liturgy committees, art & environment committees, or anyone wanting to deepen their appreciation of the Lenten season & the Paschal Triduum. In an effort to help these liturgical leaders network with neighboring parishes, the Session will include faith-sharing on scripture readings, brief overview of some traditional practices of Lent, different themes & music selections that parishes are using, and sharing ideas for the liturgical environment. For more information or to register, call the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

SCOUT SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, February 7th and 8th is Scout Sunday. We ask all Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to wear their uniforms to the Mass they are attending, in honor of Scout Sunday.

Evening of Reflection

St. Monica's Parish, West Wyoming, will have an Evening of Reflection on Sunday, February 22nd, at 6pm with Sung Evening Prayer, Exposition, & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (followed by a social), and ending with Sung Night Prayer.

All are most welcome.

RETRouvaille

Know a Marriage that needs help? If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no 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 is Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2015, at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit. 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.



PRE-PLANNING FUNERAL LITURGIES

This is a morbid subject but one that is worth mentioning. As you know, many people pre-plan their funerals from start to finish. We would like to offer the opportunity to pre-plan your Mass of Christian Burial at church as well. Our diocesan priests do this every 3 years regardless of their age. It is such a difficult time for family and relatives trying to make Liturgical decisions. It is often a hardship to the survivors. There are decisions that you could make now that would ease the burden on everyone when your time comes. For example, selecting appropriate readings for the mass, and the hymns, which must be of Liturgical in nature and make good Liturgical sense. (*It's not just picking our favorite tunes*) Also, decisions about gift bearers and readers may be made at this time. What is not a choice is who will preside at your funeral or the musicians who will play. These are dependent on availability of the individuals and in the case of musicians, the rotation in place in the parish. Outside priests are always most welcome to celebrate or concelebrate a funeral mass, however, it can be a real imposition to ask a former pastor or other priest to return for a funeral. Remember that they have gone on to new assignments which means they have another flock's needs to tend to and it can be a difficult position for the priest.

All of these matters may be discussed in detail by setting up a meeting with our Pastoral Associate, Lori Raymond, by calling the rectory. You will be given a book with readings and the music choices and a form to fill out that will be on file at the rectory and a copy for your files and one to be sent to the funeral director of your choice. You could always make changes if the need arises. Let's hope for a long healthy life for everyone but be prepared for as scripture says: "You do not know the day or the hour"

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CHANGE

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, & 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 7** (NB: this is a change from original date of June 21). The event includes a 2:30pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Request for an invitation should be made through Fr. Joe or Lori Raymond before March 16th

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

Holy Eucharist Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Luzetsky Sister, Kate

Tuesday, February 3

Saint Blaise

8:00 a.m. Andrew & Anna Berda Daughter, Dolores

Wednesday, February 4

8:00 a.m. David Banik Nick Alapack & Family

Thursday, February 5

Saint Agatha

8:00 a.m. Carlene Chairge Mary Ann & Frank Martinsky

Friday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Adam Mihalek Felix Wawer

Saturday, February 7

(vigil: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

4:00 p.m. Aloysius Mikina Yanchick Family

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

Sunday, February 8

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. George & Mary Krakosky Daughter, Carol & Family

10:00 a.m. Frank Krakosky Wife, Mildred & Children

11:30 a.m. Joseph C. Rollman Wife, Jeanne & Children



IN MEMORIAM~Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her~~**Marguerite Silvent** ~~May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~ Special Intention

~ In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents



BAPTISM SUNDAY Congratulations and God's Blessings upon **Jordan Christopher Tonte** and his family. He will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.

Presider's Schedule

Feb 7-8

4:00 pm Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Urban

11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

