

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA



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The First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This Sunday the Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes for the Lenten Season at the 10:00 am Mass. Children from 5 to 10 years old are invited to go in a group to the church hall during the Liturgy of the Word and participate in this activity designed especially for them. Come to mass as usual and the children will process out before the readings begin.



Monday Evening Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation will continue this Lenten season beginning on Monday, February 23rd. Join us Monday Evenings from 5:30–7:00 pm by preparing for Easter with sacramental confession and a period of silence before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Stop by anytime from 5:30 on...

Thursdays during Lent join us for something new to our parish....

AWAKENING FAITH: *Reconnecting with Your Catholic Faith.* This program will explore topics such as “Who is Jesus, Can I Accept God’s Mercy, Can Mass Make My Life More Meaningful?” It is designed for both active and non-active Catholics. So come and bring someone who is not practicing the faith with no pressure placed on anyone. Just conversation and faith-sharing. There are no right or wrong dispositions or answers. If you know someone who is away from the Church or wants to be reconnected and have always wished there were something you could do...now there is! Invite them to **Awakening Faith** in our parish. Continues this Thursday, February 26th at 6:30p.m. in the church hall.

FRIDAYS

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

LENTEN FOOD SALES:

This Friday, February 27th, it’s our world famous **Pirohy**. Place your order by signing the sheets on the tables at the entrance of the church. We can only make so many so when we reach that number the sheets will be pulled from the church entrances. Cost is \$7/dozen. **NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED DUE TO THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY.** We will need lots of help making the Pirohy. If you can ball potatoes come at 7:00 am on Friday. All others come and join us at 8:30 or a little later. No experience necessary,. We’ll show you the ropes.

Upcoming Sales (All on Fridays during Lent):

March 6th-Haluski; March 13th-Pirohy;

March 20th-Sweet Pizza; March 27th-Pirohy

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Monday, March 2nd: Art and Environment 7:00 pm in the Church

Tuesday, March 3rd: Parish Pastoral Council, 6:30 pm in the Rectory

MUSIC AT SETON

Join the 5:30 pm Sunday Contemporary Mass Musicians and Singers! Practice at 4:30 pm Sunday by the Grand Piano. Anyone who likes to sing or play instruments is most welcome to join in the music making.

The Senior Choir practices at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Preparation for the Easter Triduum and Confirmation are underway. Join us!

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Our CCM will meet today, February 22nd, at 2pm in the church hall. The Spring Rummage Sale dates are: April 20, 21, & 22. Rummage Donation Days are April 13, 14, & 15. More information to come. Hostesses for the meeting are Donna Gustave and Mary Zukosky. New members are always welcome.

A big **THANK YOU** from our **Knights of Columbus** to everyone who helped out with the Ash Wednesday Clam Chowder Sale, and also to everyone who purchased Clam Chowder. The sale was a huge success.

DONATIONS TO PA PRO-LIFE CENTER

Our Social Concerns Committee and our Knights of Columbus each donated \$250.00 to the PA Pro-Life Center in Wilkes-Barre.

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 & 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

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



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
pray for us!**

Church Work Progress:

The Sanctuary Floor is 90% complete. We are just waiting for the steps behind the main altar to be done and a few odds and ends. The microphones that were damaged during the floor work are on order as well as new mics for the choir which were not replaced when we did the sound system a few years ago.

The votive candle stands will be (are) back at the entrances of the church for your devotional use. Additional stands will be located at the 2 Marian Shrines near the confessional and elevator. Those statues along with St. Joseph, St. Anne, St. Jude, will be cleaned, repaired, touched-up and repainted where needed. Hopefully this will be done before Easter. The 2nd Stage is more involved for the artists. The large crucifix will be repaired and painted and the Trinity Sculpture above the altar will be taken out and cleaned and repainted. The total cost of repairing/repainting the statues is \$6,450.00. The proceeds from last weekend's and next month's Building and Maintenance envelopes will go to the candles and statues project. If you should wish to "adopt" one of the statues or candles stands, call the office for details. You may have it done in your name or in the name of a loved one. For example, the Immaculate Conception statue will cost \$1,000 to repaint and repair, St. Ann and St. Joe \$400 each. The office has a full list of items that are available.

FOYER ENTRANCE:

Above the main entrance doors there will be 3 icons placed. The Blessed Trinity, Our Lady of Czestochowa and the image of Christ's face which was a stained glass window from Holy Name Church. The three icons above the doors will be an additional memorial of the three former parishes. It will be symbolic because we all enter the church from different doors represented by the icons, but once inside we are all together as one!

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Pray for Us!**

COLLECTION REPORTS
FEBRUARY 7/8, 2015

SUNDAY: \$7101.50; DUES: \$4636.00; HOLY DAYS: \$25.00;
LOOSE: \$311.81; OTHER: \$10.00
E-giving (online) \$395.33 **TOTAL: \$12,479.64**

DIOCESAN:

Campaign for Human Development: \$35.00
Care & Education of Priests: \$222.00

May God bless you for your generosity!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of more altar servers. Any student who has received First Holy Communion up to Grade 12, is most welcome to become an Altar Server. We currently have 4 new students signed up and would like to get several more. Fr. Joe will have a training session after Easter. Please call Lori at the office to register.

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.

Swoyersville Kiwanis Nite at the Races

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club will hold their annual Nite at the Races on Saturday, March 7 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria, Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Doors open at 6:00 PM and post time is 7:00 PM. This is a great night out to get a break from the cold, winter doldrums. The cost of horses are \$10 and includes admission. Admission without buying a horse is \$5. Food and refreshments are included. There will be raffle drawings between all races, instant bingo and a 50-50 drawing. The money raised goes back in to the community to sponsor local sports groups, scholarships and other community projects. Horses can also be purchased the night of the races. We are also accepting "race sponsors". For \$100 a business or individual can sponsor a race. You will receive recognition before the start of the race plus have your business card in our program. Come out and help us to help the community, plus you will have a great time too. Must be 21 to attend. To purchase a horse or sponsor a race contact Gene or Kathy Breznay at 283-1677 or any Kiwanis member.

BINGO

St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, 1010 Hanover St., Nanticoke, Sunday, March 1st, Doors open: 12:30pm, Early Birds: 1:45pm, Regular Games: 2pm. Cash prizes, door prizes, refreshments available. Parking & entrance at rear of building

The First Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on April 25, 2015, at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. The event will feature 2 nationally known speakers: Fr. Larry Richards, author of **Be A Man**, and Damon Owens of the Theology of the Body Institute. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as devotional prayers. Exhibitors will present a full array of Catholic books, publications, CDs, and ministry opportunities. Save the date & plan to join Bishop Bambera, many clergy, & all faithful brothers who will participate in an effort to build up the church. Invite your friends, brothers, sons & grandsons. For more information contact Michael Kilmer, Chairman, at michaelkilmer71@gmail.com or call 746-0100.

WYOMING AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Celebrate "Read Across America" with **Dr. Seuss and the Wimpy Kid**. Save the Date! Come one, come all, come large, come small, to celebrate reading, we'll have a ball. We'll have games and refreshments-the fun never ends! Be sure to come and bring some friends! For all children in grades Pre-K to Grade 5- Sunday, March 1st, 12:00pm to 1:30pm at Wyoming Area Catholic School. RSVP 570-654-7982.

Spaghetti Dinner

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 143 West Division St., Wilkes-Barre, Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring its Annual Spaghetti Dinner today, Sunday, Feb. 22, from 12 noon to 4pm in Padden Hall (St. Al's School Cafeteria). Tickets are \$8/adults and \$4/children 6-12. Children under 6 are free. Tickets will be sold at the door.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Dinner on Sunday, March 8th from 12 to 4pm

Little Sisters of the Poor, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton, located adjacent to Marywood Univ. The menu includes ham & cabbage, potatoes & carrots, applesauce, rolls, butter, ice cream, & beverages. Entertainment by Kearns Drum & Pipe Band, E.J. the D.J. & Irish Step Dancers. Tickets for adults are \$10 in advance/ \$12 at door. Children 10 & younger cost \$6.00. Call for tickets; 570-343-4065 or online at www.littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org.

All proceeds are used to assist the Little Sisters in replacing more than 300 windows in Holy Family Residence.

Holy Eucharist Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Gerrie Kovaleski Husband, Joe

Tuesday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Josephine & Paul Monko Sister, Ann Loyack

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 a.m. For health & blessings for Terry Jankoviak Social Concerns Committee

Thursday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Albina Baron Marge Palmer

Friday, February 27

8:00 a.m. Agnes Ragle Wroblewski Funeral Home

Saturday, February 28 (vigil: Second Sunday of Lent)

4:00 p.m. Robert Frawley Family

5:30 p.m. Katherine Andrasko Sister, Marge Palmer

Sunday, March 1 **Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30 a.m. James J. Connell Frank & Alice Roccograndi

10:00 a.m. Josephine Ritondo Daughter, Josie Kandrac & Family

11:30 a.m. Gerrie Kovaleski Husband, Joe, Children & Grandchildren

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



IN MEMORIAM~~Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them~~**Gloria Reilly**~~**Richard Kormos**~~May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~ In Memory of Ronald J. Proleika Sr. offered by Julianne Astolfi ~

~In Memory of Ronald J. Proleika Sr. offered by Ed Proleika & Family

Presider's Schedule

Feb 28– Mar 1

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Urban

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

