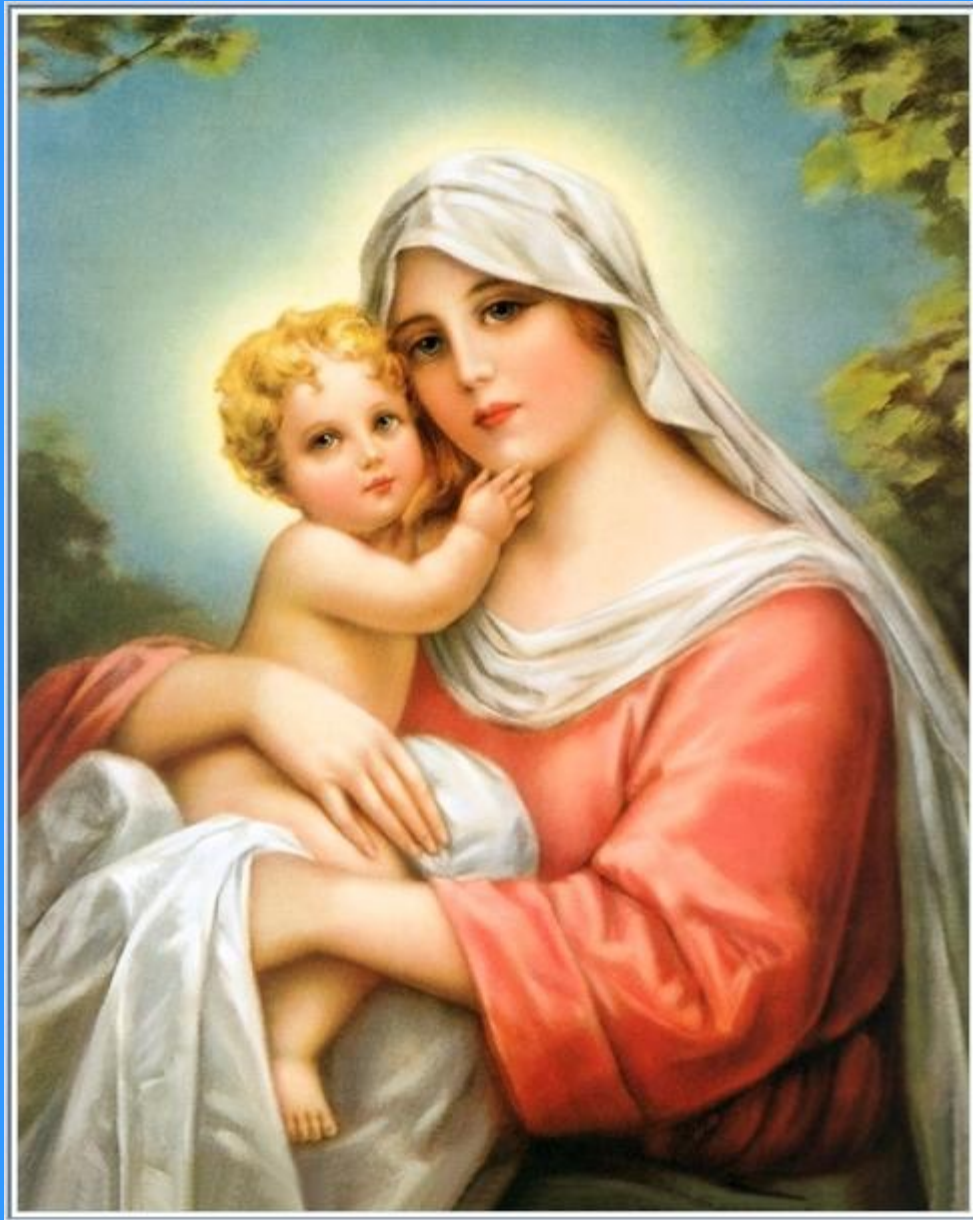


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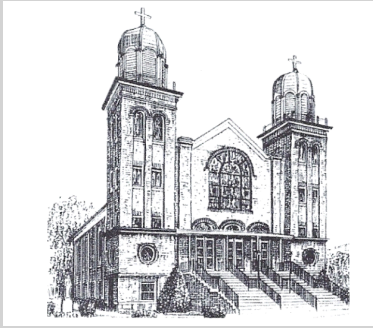
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

May 10, 2015
Swoyersville, PA

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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.

HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

Happy Mother's Day!

God's Blessings on all Mothers, Grandmothers, and all women who play a motherly role in our lives.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This Thursday marks 40 Days since Easter Sunday, the day we hold that Jesus Ascended to the Father. This is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Diocese of Scranton. Our Masses will be on Wednesday (vigil) at 5:30 pm, Thursday at 8:00 am, 12:10 pm and 5:30 pm.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Beginning on Friday, May 15th, nine days before Pentecost Sunday, we pray in a special way to the Holy Spirit as the disciples of Jesus did as they waited in Jerusalem for the first Pentecost. Please pray a simple prayer as a 9 Day Novena to the Holy Spirit for these nine days until Pentecost Sunday. It can be as simple as saying "Come Holy Spirit, Come" or the Holy Spirit Prayer: *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His Consolation. Amen.*

Make the novena for yourselves and make it for our parish and our Church that miracles will happen through the Holy Spirit's intercession. This is especially important as we face the challenges of the modern day in our Catholic Church. Pray that the Spirit will lead and guide our leaders and our hearts to a new awakening and understanding of God's Love for us through the Church.



PRO-LIFE CARNATION SALE

This weekend we are supporting the Wilkes-Barre Pro-Life Center with the Mother's Day Carnation Sale in the church vestibule. Carnations are \$1.00 each. You may leave the carnation in a vase placed by Our Blessed Mother statue in honor or in memory of a loved one. The Pro-Life Center ministers to mothers and babies every day of the year.

Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers are taking reservations for their Annual Communion Luncheon to be held in our church hall, Sunday, May 17, after the 11:30am Mass. Christian Mothers are asked to meet in our church hall at 11:15 to process upstairs to attend mass in a body & are reminded to bring a package of diapers from Newborn to size 2 if possible. Call Teresa at 714-1628 or Rose at 287-6839. Reservations close May 10th Fee for guests is \$15.00.

OFFICE CLOSED

Our office will be closed on Thursday, May 14th, in observance of the Holy Day, Ascension of the Lord. Emergency calls only. Thank you.

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 of friend.

CONFIRMATION 2015

Congratulations & God's Blessings upon our 2015 Confirmation class:

CONFIRMANDI

*Steven Anthony Kevin Bonomo III
Anthony Albert Robert Bottaro
Travis Richard Matthew Dohl
McKenna Elizabeth Irelynn Dolan
Michael Robert Joseph Featherstone
Emily Rose Clare Feifer
Donald Joseph Gardner
Valerie Ann Gerchak
Daniel Joseph Luke Gibbons
Alyssa Autumn Rose Gushka
Jacqueline Blaise Kalinosky
Nicholas Joseph Katulka
Emily Jane Nicole Latoski
Charles Saverio Francis Lombardo
Colby Elizabeth Judith Michaels
Austin Michael Benno Miller
Noah Adam Patrick Miller
Skylar Marie Veronica Osensarski
Ryan Michael Joseph Pavidus
Abigail Lorraine Grace Pero
Ethan Benjamin Andrew Rash
Christopher Frank Francis Stoodley
Matthew Randolph Paul Stoodley
Natalie Rebecca Zasada
Abigail Noelle Elizabeth Zim*

MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOU ALWAYS!

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015—July 9, 10, & 11

We are accepting donations of: 9" Styrofoam plates, one-section styrofoam containers 9"x9" and the 6"x6" sizes, vegetable oil, butter and margarine, bottles of whiskey, wine, brandy & other spirits, small toys for the children's game stand prizes (inexpensive, but must be new!) Drop off at rectory office door from 8:30 to 5pm. Thanks so much!!!!

PIROHY-MAKING DATES: JUNE 15-16-17 (18th if necessary)

PIGGIE-MAKING & VEGGIE CUTTING: JULY 6 & 7



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BARBEQUE
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015, 11AM TO 3PM, EAT IN OR
TAKE-OUT, \$9.00/DINNER, held in our school cafeteria.

Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, butter, & dessert. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. For more information, call Mark at 570-262-2896.

Our Knights will meet this Tuesday, May 12th, at 7pm in our church hall. New members are welcome!

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir
 Phil Boshia
Maintenance
 Chris Calore
Maintenance
 Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician
 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!**

Offertory Special Envelopes this Month

Please use the *Building and Maintenance Envelope* this month for the many projects we need for our parish including the repairs needed to the front steps of the church and our coming parking lot project. This is a particularly expensive undertaking, as it involves the demolition of homes and excavating of land and paving of the parking lot. Your help is greatly appreciated in next weekend's Building and Maintenance Envelope.

The Parish Groups Envelope this month will benefit the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. The CCM does many good works for the parish including helping us pay our winter heating bills and providing assistance with other expenses throughout the year.

SOCIAL CONCERNS BINGO CHINESE AUCTION WINNERS

Yoga Mat & class at Yoga Studio—Irene Muldoon; **Wine Basket**—Sandy Yeager; **Spa Basket**—T. Fraley; **Spring Wreath by Natalie Rutt**—Carolyn Mishkel; **Floral Designs Basket**—I Kaschak; **Chocolate Lover's Basket**—B. Peggs; **Breaker Brewing Basket w/gift cards from Subway& Back Road Ale House**—Don Black; **Gift Card Basket: Chuck's Diner, Ollie's, Pizza Bella**—S. Gavlick; **Tea for Two Basket**—Matinas

LENTEN/SPRING FUNDRAISING PROFIT RESULTS:

SWEET PIZZA SALES: \$2483.45
 PIROHY SALES: \$9718.96
 HALUSKI: \$450.53
 PASTIE SALE: \$2224.66

Thank you to everyone who donated their time & talent to make these fundraisers successful!!! May God bless you always!

Forward in Faith reflects a grateful heart that wants to give back to God a portion of what He has given us. It is our opportunity to show God that He is first in our lives. It is our faith response that tells us as we are generous with God, He will return His blessings to us one hundredfold. Take the step Forward in Faith to respond to the many needs of our Parish community as we try to meet the many financial challenges of doing ministry in His name.

COLLECTIONS: April 25/26, 2015

SUNDAY: \$6964.00 DUES: \$783.00 EASTER: \$378.00
 LOOSE: \$486.18 E-GIVING: \$972.40 BUILDING & MAINT.: \$176.00
 PARISH GROUP (HNS): \$691.00
TOTAL: \$10,450.58

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Holy Thursday (Soup Kitchen): \$20.00
 Good Friday (Holy Land): \$8.00
 Catholic Home Missions: \$893.00

COMMUNITY NEWS

Swoyersville Kiwanis Annual Blood Analysis Wellness Program

Each year the Kiwanis Club of Swoyersville arranges to help local residents obtain the AMBA Panel Blood Analysis. Testing will take place on Saturday, May 30th at the Swoyersville American Legion, Shoemaker Street, Swoyersville from 6 am - 10:00 am. By taking part in this program over 35 tests will be done to assist in the early detection of conditions such as coronary, kidney or liver diseases, anemia and diabetes. Early detection to any health issue is the key to treatments and a quick recovery. A complete panel is done for the low cost of \$40. Additional tests are also available for an additional fee. Checks or money orders only will be accepted for testing and made payable to AMBA Wellness Program. A \$5 handling/processing fee is payable to Swoyersville Kiwanis Club. Appointments and personal physician authorization are required. For an appointment and more information call 1-800-234-8888, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am 5:00 pm.

FATIMA GROTTO MAY CROWNING

Our Lady of Fatima Grotto outdoor shrine, North St., Wilkes-Barre, Sunday, May 17th, at 6:30pm. We will honor the Blessed Mother with sung hymns and a wreath of flowers made by member Carmen Steve. All present will be given a rose to present before Our Lady's statue. A fifteen decade rosary will be prayed for those wishing to remain. The Grotto is open at any time for people of good will who wish to offer prayers.

2016 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Travel with Fr. Thomas Petro, Pastor, Our Lady of the Abingtons Church, Abington, and St. Patrick's, Nicholson, on a Holy Land Pilgrimage. Where: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Ein Karem, Jordan River, Capernaum, Cana. Trip dates: April 6-16, 2016. cost is \$3999.00 Airfare & ALL-inclusive. To register, call 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France

Only a few seats remain. August 23-Sept 1, 2015. Join Bishop Bambera for visits to the shrines of St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Catherine Laboure, & St. Vincent DePaul in Paris. Celebrate Mass at the American Cemetery in Normandy & spend 2 nights in Lourdes, where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. Call TravelWorld at 570-342-5790.

CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY

The annual spring concert of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton will be presented on Friday, May 15th, at 7:30pm at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. The guest performers for this concert will be the Forest City Regional High School Choir. A second performance will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 7pm at St. Ignatius Church, Kingston, with the Wyoming Valley West Concert Choir directed by Bernie Gargalla. Director of the Choral Society is Ann Manganiello, Exeter. Call 570-587-2753 for tickets and they are also available at the door. Cost is \$10/adults, under 12 free, and seniors & students are \$8.

SPRING INTO ACTION—A VOLUNTEER FAIR

St. Therese's Stewardship Committee will host an evening of information for those interested in volunteering opportunities at 9 local organizations: American Cancer Society, Back Mountain Food Bank, Back Mountain Library, Back Mtn. Trail, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Blue Chip, Geisinger Hospital, McGlynn Learning Center, and Wyoming Valley Children's Association. The event will take place Wednesday, May 20th, at 7pm in the basement hall at St. Thereses's Church, 64 Davis Street, Shavertown. For more information, contact Terri at 570-696-1144.

Wyoming Area Catholic School

WAC Inaugural Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 23, at Blue Ridge Golf Course in Mountain Top. Registration begins at 11am. Further info. On sponsorship & participation is available at www.wacsh.com or call the school at 654-7982.

Memorial Day Picnic at St. Frances X. Cabrini

Monday, May 25, from 10am to 2pm on the church grounds at 585 Mt. Olivet Rd., Carverton. A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at 10am. A Flea Market, craft vendors, homemade food, bake sale, basket raffle, 50/50 drawing will also be open on Sunday May 24, from 8am to 12:30pm.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,

As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, May 11

8:00 a.m. Robert Prushinski Wife & Family

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 a.m. Benjamin & Wanda Czarnecki Daughter, Caroline Magistro & Family

Wednesday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima/vigil Ascension

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Intentions

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*

Thursday, May 14 Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Joseph P.V. Calore Family

12:10 p.m. Patricia Kane Betty & Ken Carpenter

5:30 p.m. Frank Duzen Gene & Lori Raymond

Friday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Bernard Podcasy John & Georgia Hogen

Saturday, May 16 (Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter)

4:00 p.m. Louis Hovanec Family

5:30 p.m. Martha Dorman Husband, Fred, & daughter, MaryAnn & Family

Sunday, May 17 Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Intentions

10:00 a.m. Harry Jacobs Michael & Cathy Kolessar

11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Confraternity of Christian Mothers

5:30 p.m. *Pro Populo*

Celebrants

Saturday 16

4:00—Fr. Urban

5:30—Fr. Joe

Sunday 5/17

8:30 Fr. Joe

10:00- Fr. Urban

11:30—Fr. Joe

5:30—Fr. Joe



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED:

~Christal Jacobs~

GIVE HER ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY HER SOUL AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH GOD'S MERCY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Scripture for the week of May 10, 2015

- 10 SUN Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- 11 Mon Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
- 12 Tue Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
- 13 Wed Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- 14 Thu Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- 15 Fri Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
- 16 Sat Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
- 17 SUN Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19



Sanctuary Candles:

~In Memory of Louis Singer offered by Family
 ~In Memory of Frank & Anna Duzen offered by daughters, Paula Matthews & Donna Gustave

To arrange a Sanctuary Candle offering for the week, flower donations, or the Host and Wine for the weekend, contact Lori in the rectory