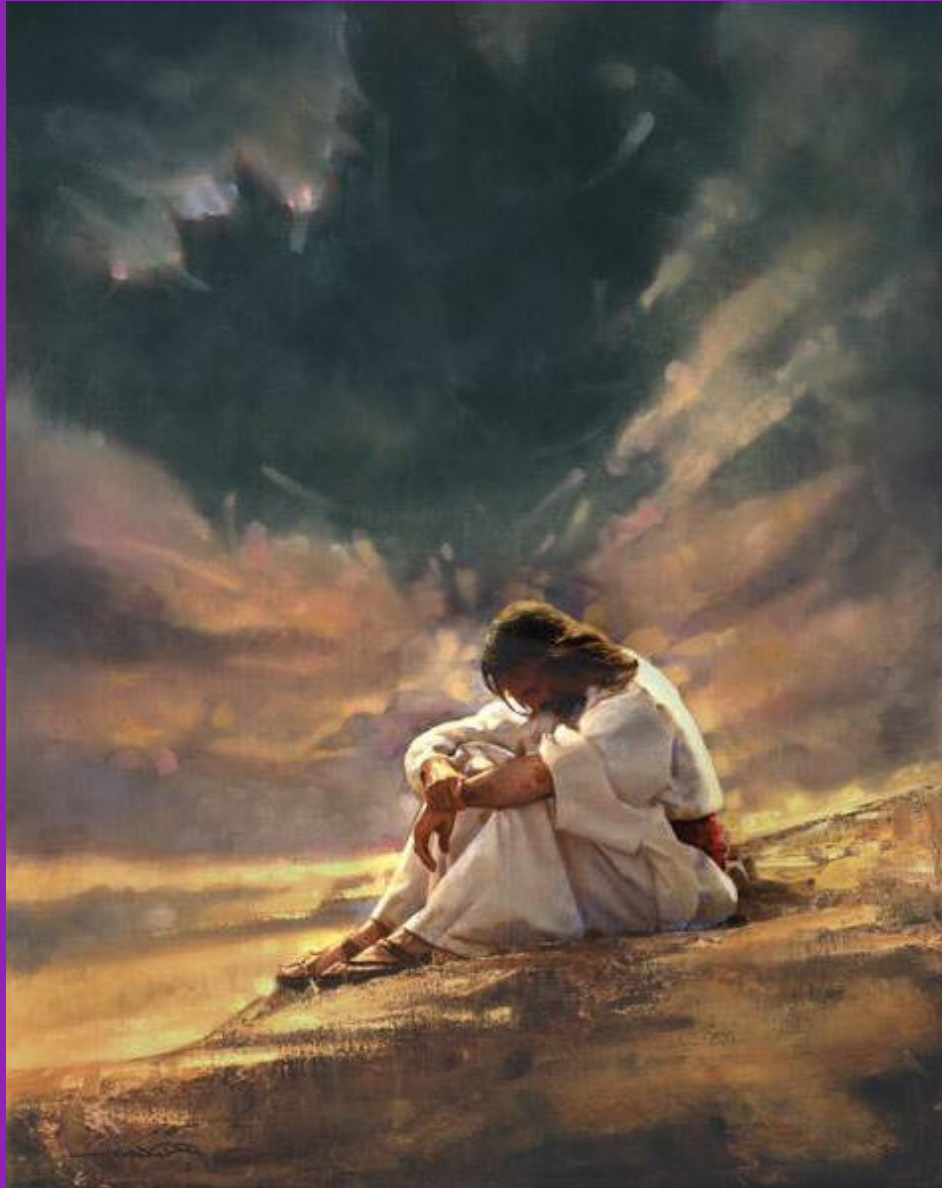


The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday:
8:30am to 3:00pm

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.

SETON ONLINE

Stay in touch with your parish on-line by "Liking" us on Facebook, Viewing our website setonpa.com and now with your mobile device. Download the new Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Worship Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad! Bulletins are posted each weekend to keep up with the parish happenings if you are away or just want a sneak peek at what's coming up for our parish.



LENT AT SETON

THE DAILY EUCHARIST

Participate a day or two, or every day in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Offered Monday—Friday at 8:00 am. The rosary is recited prior to mass each morning.

MONDAY EVENING ADORATION CONFESSIONS

As part of the Diocesan-wide "Light On," program, Monday evenings during Lent, beginning on Feb 15th, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation in the church from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Make plans to join us for a time of prayer and quiet reflection. Also, prepare for Easter by celebrating the sacrament of Penance one of the Monday evenings during Lent.

LENTEN FAITH-SHARING ON THURSDAY EVENINGS

Thursdays at 6:30pm, in the parish hall, join us for "Thursday Evening Faith-Sharing", a faith sharing experience for our parishioners. Reflect on and share the upcoming Sunday Scriptures with facilitators Frank and Catherine Suraci. Carve out a little time for sharing the scripture and prayer each Thursday evening during Lent. All are welcome.

FAST/ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For Catholics, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

PRACTICE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DURING LENT

Is there someone you know who could use a little boost? A little uplifting? Say something kind, drop a note in the mail or email, or make a short phone call. These are just some of the ways to help someone who needs encouragement. Try giving another preference in the store or giving someone a break in traffic. Small random acts, without expecting anything in return, can make someone's day. Be creative. BE KIND. Make this Lent a time to grow in kindness.

MOST IMPORTANT.....SPEND MORE TIME IN PRAYER

Turn everything off! Open the Bible, read and meditate on God's Word... Find the rosary hiding in the nightstand, pray it... Sit in silence for a few minutes and listen...Have a conversation, (out loud if necessary) with God as you are driving to work, or other times when you are alone. God is always close to us. Acknowledge His presence and communicate in any way possible.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our parish will expose the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:30 pm and pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. Benediction will follow. On Friday, March 18th, a vigil mass will be celebrated after stations for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary.

LITURGICAL NOTES FOR LENT: Lent is a penitential season. We want to highlight the Penitential Rite during Lent so we will use the "Confiteor." "Confiteor" is Latin for "I confess," and comes from the first line of the prayer. At the conclusion of the prayer, we will sing in Greek the "Kyrie Eleison," the Lord Have Mercy. Also, since Lent prepares us for Easter & Baptism, we will pray the Apostle's Creed at masses instead of the Nicene Creed, until Pentecost Sunday.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir
Phil Boshia
Maintenance
Chris Calore
Maintenance
Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician
Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
Margaret Loveless
Director of Religious Education
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.

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 SWEET PIZZA. Cost is \$10/tray of 12 cuts. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. You may pick up your order in our school cafeteria from 12 noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm.

Upcoming fundraisers:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH-PIROHY FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH-HALUSKI
FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH-PIROHY

HOLY NAME SOCIETY EASTER EGG HUNT

Next weekend sign-up sheets will be on the tables at the church entrance for our HNS Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 12th, for our parish children ages 1-8.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Our Social Concerns will meet this Thursday, February 19th, at 7pm in our school cafeteria. New members are always welcome!

Art & Environment

Our Art & Environment Committee will meet Tuesday, February 16th, at 7pm in the church. Discussions for Triduum/Easter will take place. All are welcome.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH GROUPS AND SOCIETIES:

The Parish Pastoral Council has determined that we all must do a better job communicating with the parish as a whole in the bulletin. To that end, every organization is asked to submit information about the next meeting, agenda items, upcoming events, even if months in advance, and even a synopsis of the groups focus or goals. In addition, the Parish Pastoral Council is asking that the heads of all parish groups be present at the next Council Meeting, on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 in the Parish Hall to discuss the Parish's Mission and how the Council can help our groups and societies to both contribute to the Parish's overall mission and help those groups grow in membership and strength. Your bulletin announcement should be developed at all meetings and reported at once to the office. The more information, the better for all of us. Thank You...Your Parish Pastoral Council.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS:

The Council is at work with the Diocese of Scranton, implementing Bishop Bambera's Pastoral Letter for our parish which involves examining the 4 pillars of parish life: Worship, Word, Service and Community. The goal of this work is to transform our parish to a new vision of Servant Leadership. Bishop Bambera's Pastoral Letter, "Wounded, Loved, Regathering the Scattered," is available for everyone to read on our diocesan website: dioceseofscranton.org



LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH
LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CD'S
Don't forget to check out our "rolling library" of religious books & CD's located in our vestibule. For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.



Office Closed

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, February 15th, in observance of Presidents' Day.



Religious Ed

There are no CCD classes on Saturday, Feb. 13th, or Monday, Feb. 15th, in observance of Presidents' Day. Classes resume on Saturday, Feb. 20th, and Monday, Feb. 22nd.

VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.

SETON PRAYER CHAIN

We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests.

A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

Dear Parents,

Children are at the heart of what we are all about here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We encourage children of all ages and stages to attend mass with their parents each week. We expect that smaller children will, from time to time, be fussy, wiggle and make some noise. There is no need to leave mass. Again, it is expected. If you do feel the need to get up with your child, please return as soon as you are able. Training children in church early will help establish good habits in the future. We can all stand a little noise to ensure the future of our parish.

The Works of Mercy



CORPORAL WORKS

- + FEED THE HUNGRY
- + GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY
- + CLOTHE THE NAKED
- + VISIT THE IMPRISONED
- + SHELTER THE HOMELESS
- + VISIT THE SICK
- + BURY THE DEAD

SPIRITUAL WORKS

- + INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT
- + COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL
- + ADMONISH SINNERS
- + COMFORT THE SORROWFUL
- + BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY
- + FORGIVE ALL INJURIES
- + PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

Instead of that Hershey Bar consider giving up.....

Complaining.....focus on Gratitude instead

Pessimism.....become an Optimist

Worrying.....Trust in God

Bitterness.....Turn to Forgiveness

Hatred.....Return Good for evil.

Negativity.....Be Positive

Anger.....Be more Patient

Pettiness.....Be Mature

Jealousy.....Pray for Trust

Gossiping.....Practice Self Control

Sin.....Turn to Virtue

Hopelessness.....Hang in there with the Lord!

Seton Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain group will meet on Saturday, February 27th, at 8am in our church hall. Come join us for some coffee and fellowship. If you are not able to attend the meetings, you can still be a part of our Prayer Chain. We need everyone's prayers! Please call Gail Kimmerle if you need more information: 570-690-7520.

Church Finances

January 30/31, 2016

Collection Report

SUNDAY: \$7967.25

LOOSE: \$758.00

E-GIVING: \$218.17

DUES: \$708.00

HOLY DAYS: \$ 151.00

TOTAL: \$9802.42

Building & Maintenance: \$168.00

Parish Groups-Altar Guild: \$802.00

Diocesan:

Campaign for Human Development: \$118.00

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR SUNDAY 5:30PM MASS

A musical group is forming for the 5:30pm Sunday Evening Contemporary Mass. We need instrumentalists and singers. If you are interested in joining, please come to the church Sunday evenings at 4:45 and see Scott Coates.

PARKING AVAILABLE

Parking is available in our vacant lots located on Sidney & Poland Streets. Enter through the entrances on Sidney and Warsaw. Park as you please until the lot is completed and paved and lined. We hope we will eventually be able to pave the whole lot this summer when all acquisitions and demolitions are completed.

PA PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Our parish is sponsoring a Pro-Life Baby Bottle Project to help support our local Pro-Life Center in Wilkes-Barre. Baby bottles are located in boxes in the back of the church. Please take a bottle home, fill it with your spare change during these days of Lent, and return the bottles by Sunday, March 13th.

Swoyersville Kiwanis Nite at the Races

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Nite at the Races on Saturday, March 5, 2016 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 or any Kiwanis member. See you at the Races!!

Music Box Theater

GUYS and DOLLS will be playing at the Music Box, Hughes St., Swoyersville, from January 30th until February 21st. The theater has extended an incentive for parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Just mention that you are a parishioner from our church, and receive a \$2.00 discount off your ticket.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 3/15/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

SWEETHEART BREAKFAST BUFFET TODAY, FEBRUARY 14TH—Knights of Columbus #3987, 59 Parry St., Luzerne, and also includes omelets made to order from 8am to 12 noon. Cost is \$12/person, children ages 4-9/\$6, and children under 4 are free.

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

The Parish of St. Barbara, Memorial St., Exeter, will host an evening entitled "Planning Your Funeral" at the **St. Anthony of Padua Center** on Thursday, February 18th, at 7pm. Don't leave this important matter to your spouse, children, or relatives; plan now for the funeral you desire. So many today are being cremated with no Mass or proper burial. Don't let this happen to you. Come and join us so you can be properly informed about the options that are yours.



HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY!



Eucharistic Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, February 15

8:00 am Carlene Chairge M/M Mark Butsavage

Tuesday, February 16

8:00 am Catherine Nemec 1958 Classmates of CCHS

Wednesday, February 17

8:00 am Josephine Charney Son-in-law, Edward Champagne

Thursday, February 18

8:00 am In Honor of Betty & Tony Leptuck Rosemarie Mattie & Family

Friday, February 19

8:00 am Joan Stefanides Husband, Bob, & daughter, Lisa

Saturday, February 20

4:00 pm Josephine & Paul Monko Ann Loyack
5:30 pm Lou Michaels Wife & Family

Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 21

8:30 am Bert & Bernadette Greco Daughters
10:00 am Andrew & Pearl Dula Pam Pisack
11:30 am In Honor of Chloe Pisack's Birthday Andy Dula
5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

2nd Sunday of Lent

Celebrants for the Eucharist

Feb 20

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

Feb 21

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

~Frances Skiendziel~

GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Sanctuary Candles

~In Thanksgiving
~In Memory of William A. Michaels offered by wife, Jean



BAPTISM SUNDAY:

CONGRATULATIONS and God's Blessings upon

~~Paisley Jane Hochella~~Alivia Grace Yanchick

and their families. They will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.

