

THE SETON SENTINEL

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2017

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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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



St. Patrick’s Day Dispensation

Bishop Bambera has granted a dispensation from Friday Abstinence for those who wish to celebrate St. Patrick’s day on Friday, March 17th. The dispensation is only for this specific Friday and those community, civic, group and family celebrations in Honor of St. Patrick’s Day. Those who take the dispensation should perform some other act of prayer, charity or abstinence.

Daily Mass Time

The 8:00 am Daily Mass will resume on **Monday, April 3, 2017**. Hopefully by this date, Old Man Winter will have left town and we will be in the clear as far as snow and ice in the morning hours. Please make a note of the date and time change.

Easter Flower Offering: Envelopes are in your regular set. Please use them for all Easter flowers and decorations for this year. Names will be published in the *Sentinel*.

THE EASTER AND TRIDUUM SCHEDULE will be out soon. Please plan on being with us for the Great Three Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. These are the MOST IMPORTANT days of our Christian Year and the Liturgies are beautiful!

Longer Individual Confessions— If you need a little more time to speak to the priest for matters of confession or other issues, please make an appointment with Father Joe. He sets aside time each weekday to meet for this reason and you may find it helpful especially if you have been away from the Sacraments for some time. This is a less formal and more relaxed method of celebrating the sacrament. Regular Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 3:15-3:45 and Monday evenings during Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. A gentle reminder that All Catholics are called to confess their sins [to a priest] once a year between the First Sunday of Lent and the conclusion of the Easter Season.



Monday evenings “**The Light is On For You,**” in our Church. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Evenings join us for Interfaith Sharing and a light Lenten meal. “**Faith- Fellowship- Friendship,**” continues this Thursday March 16th at 6:00 pm with soup and sandwiches and then presentations by the Interfaith Community Leaders. 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 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.

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



SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns Committee will be meeting March 13th at 7:00pm in the church hall to review upcoming projects. In addition, planning is well underway for the Variety Bingo to be held in April. If you would like to learn more about Social Concerns, please feel free to stop by. New members are always welcome!

ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISERS

Upcoming Lenten fundraisers:

Friday, March 17th: Sweet Pizza

Friday, March 24th: Pirohy

Friday, March 31st: Sweet Pizza

Friday, April 7th: Pirohy

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our SWEET PIZZA SALE to be held this Friday, March 17th. Cost is \$12.00 per tray. Pick-ups are in the school cafeteria from noon to 2pm or 5-6pm.

The Entrance Steps

You may have noticed the ropes blocking off the rightmost staircase of the Church as you enter. The railing has become unstable on that side and had to be closed off to all traffic. The left railing is also coming loose. For your safety, please use the middle steps and railings as they are the most secure. We will need to address these issues as well as the reality of the steps that freeze before the solid ground before too long. All of the railings are somewhat compromised and it means not only replacing the iron, but also some of the steps as they are cracked and cannot support the railings any longer. We are working with the Finance Council to come up with a solution to all of these issues and hope to have a plan in motion soon to rectify the situation. Until then, and as always use caution on the steps.

Projects in Progress

As soon as the weather breaks the new parking lot will be scheduled to be paved and finished. We thank you for your patience in this matter. After Easter, the inside of the Church will be repaired where the water did damage in the gallery and the stairwells leading to the gallery. Light painting of the choir loft, entranceway and touch-ups of the sanctuary and repainting of the pillars will also be done. The tabernacle, as you notice, is currently out for refinishing and hopefully will be returned before Easter. We are investing resources in our structures for safety and preserving the beauty of our buildings and functionality. These important projects will also ensure us a bright future of worship, service, outreach and community for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. The structures are older and need lots of attention to keep up and preserve.

On Fridays during Lent join us for **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00pm.

Monday Evenings during Lent. The Eucharist will be exposed from 6:30 pm until Benediction after Stations.

THANK YOU FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A big THANK YOU to everyone who made our Ash Wednesday Clam Chowder Sale a huge success. Keep your eye out for our upcoming Chicken BBQ in May!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY EASTER BUNNY HUNT

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our HNS Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 1st, at 1pm, for our parish children ages 1-8.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS RUMMAGE SALE

Collection days are Monday, April 24, 9am to 5pm, and Tuesday & Wednesday, April 25 & 26, from 9am to 3pm.

Direct Contacts

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
570-763-5160
sisterjane@setonpa.com

Faith Formation Office (Sr. Marion):
570-287-4587
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

Our Prayer Chain meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in our church hall. 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: _____



"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 25/26, 2017

SUNDAY: \$6297.04	DUES: \$ 698.00
LOOSE: \$677.82	E-GIVING: \$218.05
TOTAL: \$7890.91	

February Parish Groups (Conf. of Christian Mothers): \$694.00

May God Bless You for your Generosity!



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:

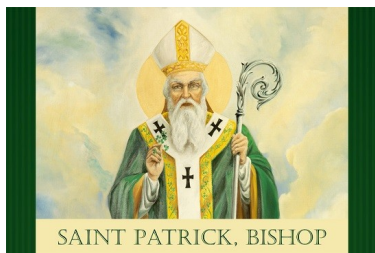


THIRD ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN ' S CONFERENCE

...entitled : "Be A Man: Mary 's Call to BATTLE ", will be held on May 6, 2017, at King 's College, Scandlon Physical Ed Center, 149 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, of the Franciscan friars of the Renewal, EWTN host, & Fatima expert, Steven Ray, a Catholic speaker, film producer & pilgrimage leader, featured on EWTN, and Matt Fradd, Catholic apologist & author. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00am, Registration/Continental Breakfast at 7am, with main Conference & Mass from 8am to 2:45pm. Cost is \$35, (\$30 early bird, \$15/students, Priests & Deacons are free. Register online at www.beamanconference.com or call Diocesan Pastoral center at 570-207-2213.

American Legion Post 644, 259 Shoemaker St., Swoyersville, will offer Lenten foods at the post home on Fridays beginning March 10, and continuing until Good Friday, April 14, with the exception of Friday, March 17. There will be no meals on that day. Serving will be from 12 noon to 6pm. Menu items will include clam chowder, potato pancakes, pierogi, haluski, macaroni & cheese, and fried haddock dinners with French Fries, cole slaw, rolls. Open to the public. Eat in or take out. All the money raised helps our veterans. For more information, call 570-287-9400.

The **Reginas of King's College** will hold their annual **Penny Auction** on Sunday, March 19th from 2-4pm, in the Snyder Room-Sheehy Farmer Center on the King's College Campus. Admission is \$2.00 which includes refreshments. Doors open at 1:30pm. Auction items include household, gift baskets, gift certificates. There will also be door prizes & 50/50. All proceeds benefit local students through the Rev. Clement J. Podskoch Scholarship. Parking is available in the Union St. parking lot. Call Maureen Finnerty for more information, 570-288-8706.



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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs



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.

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.

Daily Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Second Week of Lent

Monday, March 13

12:10 pm Mary Husovsky Dan, Betsy, & Families

Tuesday, March 14

12:10 pm John W. Gibbons Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

Wednesday, March 15

12:10 pm Carmella Uter Mary Ann & Ruth

Thursday, March 16

12:10 pm Stanley Runcavage Social Concerns Committee

Friday, March 17 St. Patrick

12:10 pm Anthony Strish Joseph & Lucille Konupka

Saturday, March 18 Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm Helen Kopetchny Marge Palmer
5:30 pm Theresa Rymer Natalie Fiore

Sunday, March 19 Third Sunday of Lent*

8:30 am *Pro Populo*
10:00 am Stanley & Olga Kopec Carol & Jim Morrissey
11:30 am Torregrossa Family Steve & Maria Englot
5:30 pm Olga Cajka John & Karen Gilligan

* Please note, The Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary is transferred to Monday, March 20th this year because it falls on a Sunday of Lent. Mass will be offered at 12:10 pm, Monday, March 20th for the Solemnity.

The Recently Departed

- *~Rose Ann Cox~Fred Yamrus Sr.* ~May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sanctuary Candles


- In Memory of Beatrice Skiengel offered by Husband & Family
- In Memory of Frank & Anna Duzen offered by Daughters, Paula Matthews & Donna Gustave



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FAITH FACTS

The reading from Genesis
Abram lived around 4,000 years ago (around 2,000 BC).
Abram's father had taken his family from a city called Ur to a city called Haran. Haran was in what is now southern Turkey. It was about six hundred miles from Ur. Abram's father died in Haran.
God called Abram to leave Haran and journey to Canaan, to the area we now call the Holy Land. The "great nation" that God promised would spring from Abram was the Jewish people.
God later changed Abram's name to "Abraham," as a sign and confirmation of his great destiny.



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Priest's Schedule

Saturday, March 18

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Urban

Sunday, March 19

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Urban

11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi



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