

Third Sunday of Lent
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Seton Sentinel

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The Third Sunday of Lent (cycle C)
 Readings can be found in the *Gather Books* at number 1024
 Psalter week III



Mondays during Lent, “The Light is On For You,” in our church. Confessions will be heard from 5:30 to 7:00 pm and there is an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration at that time. Come, be refreshed by the Sacrament of Penance and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

Weekday Masses

During Lent it is a good practice to attend daily mass if you are able. Monday—Friday Schedule for Daily Mass will remain at 12:10 pm for the duration of Lent. Join us when you can. The rosary is prayed before mass each weekday.



Eucharistic Adoration
 At 6:20 pm
Stations of the Cross
 At 7:00 pm
Benediction
 Following Stations

Catholic Men’s Conference

The 5th Annual Catholic Men’s Conference will be held on Saturday, April 27th, from 7am to 3pm, at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, speakers known from Catholic TV, concluding with Mass by Bishop Bambera. Men may register by calling Chris Calore at the parish office: 570-287-6624 ext. 133

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

	FASTING	ABSTINENCE
WHEN?	Ash Wednesday and Good Friday	Ash Wednesday & all Fridays
WHO?	For those Catholics from age 18-59 (<i>Who are in good enough health to fast</i>)	For those Catholics age 14 and beyond
WHAT?	1 Full Meal + 2 smaller meals may be taken with no snacking in between meals permitted. Water does not break fast.	No meat may be eaten

MEET THE STAFF

Pastoral Ministry

- ◆ Rev. Joseph Pisaneschi, V.F. Pastor
- ◆ Rev. Anthony Urban Assisting Celebrant
- ◆ Deacon John Ziegler Permanent Deacon
- ◆ Lorraine Raymond Pastoral Associate
- ◆ Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Pastoral Care Minister

Finance Office

- ◆ Monica Salis Business Manager

Religious Education

- ◆ Sister Marion Tarone, IHM Director of Religious Education

Music Ministry

- ◆ Margaret Semanek Director of Liturgical Music
- ◆ Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- ◆ Cora Artim Youth Choir Director
- ◆ Scott Coates 5:30 PM Mass Musician

Sacristans

- ◆ Christopher Calore
- ◆ Patricia Quinn
- ◆ Betsy Evanoski

Maintenance and Cleaning

- ◆ Christopher Calore Director of Maintenance
- ◆ David Quinn
- ◆ Gertrude Brown
- ◆ Carol Hrobaski
- ◆ Phil Bosha St. Mary’s Cemetery Maintenance

Pastoral Council, Chair

- ◆ Ann Marie Aed

Finance Council, Chair

- ◆ Michael Perhach

"Road to Resurrection"

The Miracles of Jesus

Join us on the "Road to Resurrection" on Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

The schedule of masses is as follows:

Wednesday, March 27 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville.

Guest Homilist: Reverend Ryan Glenn
Associate Pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Scranton.

Wednesday, April 3 – Holy Family Church
574 Bennett Street, Luzerne.

Guest Homilist: Reverend Daniel Issing, CSC
Holy Cross Father, Kings College in Wilkes-Barre.

Wednesday, April 10 – St. Faustina Church
520 South Hanover Street, Nanticoke.

Guest Homilist: Reverend Brian Van Fossen
Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Williamsport.

A Social will follow each evenings mass.

For information relative to cancellations due to inclement weather, call St. Therese's Parish at 570-696-1144 (Ext. 13), or St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at 570-287-6624 (Ext. 124) on the day of the mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Congratulations to the students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 23rd: Lucas Bolin, Cassandra Bunk, Mia Carpenter, Robert Chipego, Payton Coyne, Samuel Favata, Jacob Fine, Lucy Gibson, Liam Gill, Addison Gimble, Gianna Jancouskas, Jacob Jaskulka, Gwen Johns, David Kovaleski, Aaron Kuzma, Nathan Long, Keleigh Longfoot, Kristen Lucas, Taylor Lucas, Kaya

Lynott, Morgan Madar, Adam McCarthy, Nicholas McCarthy, Joseph Piccirilli, Brianna Quinn, John Ranieli, Madalyn Szafran, Hailee Viola, Caitlyn Wagner, Sydney Wandel, Michela Welby, and Ryan Yuhas. Please keep these children in your prayers, as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4th at 10:00am.



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Fruits of the Fig

Third Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today's First Reading.

Mindful of His covenant with Abraham (see [Exodus 2:24](#)), God came down to rescue His people from the slave-drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant (see [Luke 1:54-55, 72-73](#)), He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today's Psalm tells us.

Paul says in today's Epistle that God's saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink.

Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a "warning" - that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation.

At any moment, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, we could perish - not as God's punishment for being "greater sinners" - but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits.

Jesus calls us today to "repentance" - not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We're called to live the life we sing about in today's Psalm - blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy.

The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel (see [Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1-10](#)). As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance (see [Luke 3:8](#)).

Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let "the gardener," Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.

A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
www.SalvationHistory.com

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS *must attend* the Confirmation Retreat on April 6, 2019, 11:00am to after the 4pm Mass at St. Ignatius, Kingston. Paperwork is due in February for all 8th graders being confirmed. (Registration, service hours, Saint report, Confirmation record sheet—orange paper, letter to the Pastor and Baptismal Certificate, if not baptized at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton).

Sacrament Dates for 2019

R.C.I.A. Sacraments: Holy Saturday, April 20th, 8pm, Easter Vigil

First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 4th, 10:00am

Confirmation: Sunday, June 9th 11:00 am

ALL 7th GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES in the first year of preparation of our Confirmation Program are expected to attend one more additional class during the 2018-2019 school year.

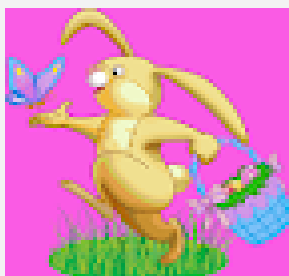
March 24th (after the 5:30pm Mass).

MARCH CCD

CLASSES:

SATURDAYS: Classes are on March 30

MONDAYS: Classes on March 25



HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our Holy Name Society's Easter Egg Hunt, to be held in our **church hall and grounds on Saturday, April 6th, at 1:00pm for the children of our parish ages 1 to 8.** The hunt will take place rain, snow, or shine! Any students

who need service hours for Confirmation & would like to help at the Easter Egg Hunt, please contact Anna Mae Venetz at 570-287-7655

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will meet on Sunday, March 31st, at 2pm in our church hall. New members welcome!

Let's Keep In-Touch

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Extension Numbers:

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Ext. 130 Deacon Jack

Ext. 133 Chris Calore

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



LENTEN PIROHY SALE MARCH 29TH

Friday, March 29th

***Sign-up Sheets are on the tables at the church entrance
while supplies last.***

Help is needed making the Pirohy!!! Come Friday morning, **March 29th**, at 7:00 am to help ball potatoes, others come at 8:30 for pinching, bagging, boiling, etc., No experience is necessary. We'll show you what to do. Refreshments, lunch and lots of camaraderie and fun!!! Even if you just have an hour or so to give, we'll gladly take it — Bring a friend along too.

Cost for one dozen pirohy is \$8.00/dozen. Pick-up times are noon to 2pm or 5pm-6pm, in our school cafeteria.



March 17, 2019

Lenten Altar Guild Fundraisers

Friday, March 29th, Pirohy

Friday, April 5th, Haluski and Sweet Pizza

Friday, April 12th, Pirohy

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

COLLECTION DATES for the Rummage Sale are **Monday, March 25th from 8am to 5pm and Tuesday, March 26th from 8am to 12:00noon.** Bring all items to the side door of the school gym. (New St. side) We accept clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, household items, glassware, sports items, books, holiday decorations, toys, tools, DVDs, CDs, etc., etc., but please no TVs, outdated magazines, encyclopedias, or college textbooks.

Also, NO pick-ups or deliveries. Our Rummage Sale will be held on Monday, April 1st, 9am-6pm Tuesday, April 2nd, 9am-5pm (\$2/ bag day)

There will be refreshments, home-made haluski & wimpies, and a Bake Sale. More details to follow on the Bake Sale.

Social Concerns Committee BINGO

The Social Concerns Committee of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will host a VARIETY BINGO on Sunday, April 7th in the school gymnasium, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Cost is \$10 and includes 20 games with a \$200 Cash Coverall. Daubers are needed & can be purchased at the event. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1pm. Extra cards, basket raffle, and instant bingo will be available. Lunch & a Bake Sale are also featured. Seating is limited to 250. Proceeds will be used to benefit all those in need in our parish & community. This is a great opportunity for students to get service hours. Call Dottie at 570-288-8396 for information on Service Hours or more information on Bingo.

Holy Redeemer High School

Art Show, Spring Concert, & Senior Waltz, Friday & Saturday, March 29 & 30, in McCarthy Auditorium. Art Show begins at 6pm & Concert/Waltz at 7pm. Tickets: \$5/adults \$3/Senior Citizens & students

Gorzkie Zale, a traditional Polish Bitter Lamentations, Sunday, April 7 at 3pm at both Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, and also, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Twp. A light reception will follow in the church halls.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on **5/9/2019**. 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/ communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

CORPUS CHRISTI TWILIGHT BINGO

Saturday, March 30, 7pm. Doors open at 6pm, at Immaculate Conception Hall, 601 Luzerne Ave., West Pittston. Tickets: \$20 in advance/\$25 at door (if not sold out). Tickets include 14 Free games, special not included. For tickets, call the Rectory at 570-654-2753. Food available.



Weekly Offering for the Weekend of March 9/10, 2019

\$ 13,153.88

Love and generosity start here at home. We are grateful for your faithful stewardship which sustains the life of our parish, supports our outreach and ministries, as well as maintains the level of staffing needed to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift of treasure and commitment do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

DAA 2018 Goal:	\$47,000.00
Total Raised:	\$37,352.00
Under:	\$9,648.00

OTHER COLLECTIONS:

ASH WEDNESDAY: \$1351.16

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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Eucharistic Schedule and Intentions

Intention

Requested By

Monday March 25

12:10 pm John Elick

Vincent Savoca

Tuesday, March 26

12:10 pm Spc. Mason James Guckavan

Patricia Krubitzer

Wednesday, March 27

12:10 pm **Pro Populo**

Thursday, March 28

12:10 pm Maureen Loughney

Matt & Sara Michaels

Friday, March 29

12:10 pm Jean & John Gaiteri

Laura, Gina, & Janelle Gaiteri

3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 30

4:30 pm Bill Schaeffer

Dick & Eleanor Belsito

Sunday, March 31

8:30 am Deborah Mastrini

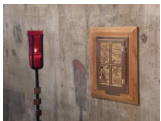
Family

11:00 am Eugene Kane

Ann Manganaro

5:30 pm **Pro Populo**

CONFESSIONS are held on Saturdays from 3:45pm to 4:15pm or you may call Fr. Joe for an appointment.



Sanctuary Candles

-In Memory of Carol Laskaris offered by M/M Robert Asklar

-In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family



Thank you to Evans Floral, Forty Fort, for donating the flowers for the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

