

The Second Sunday of Lent
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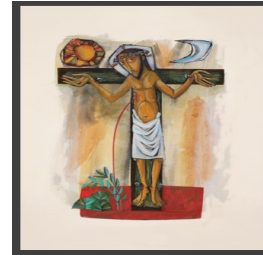
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration

On Monday's From 5:30 to 7:00 pm there will be the opportunity for Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. Please use this opportunity to get ready for Easter

with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year no confessions are scheduled Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday so please make your confession early. **Please note:** Monday, March 30th there will not be Confessions or Adoration due to a scheduling conflict with CCD.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00 pm

Adoration at 6:15

Benediction following the Stations.

Fridays remain a Day of Abstinence during Lent. Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

The Road to Resurrection Continues

The final step of the series will take place here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Swoyersville, this Wednesday, March 18. Mass begins at 7:00 pm with a light reception in the hall afterwards. All are welcome to join us on the "Road to Resurrection".

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES: AT ST. IGNATIUS, KINGSTON

Sunday, April 5th, at 5:00pm. All are welcome.

Happy St. Patrick's Day this Tuesday, March 17th to all our Irish Parishioners and Friends. Patrick is the patron of Ireland

Happy St. Joseph's Day to all this Thursday, March 19. St. Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church, that means you and me. Joseph is also the patron of: children, (especially unborn children), fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants, and a happy death. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton had great devotion to St. Joseph.

A prayer for protection

St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O Glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ and the Glory of His Name, Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Amen.

GATHER

Readings at
1022

3rd Sunday of Lent Cycle A

HYMNS	4, 8:30 & 11	5:30 pm Sun
Gathering	G 910	S 480
Preparation	S 21	S 151
Communion	G 777	G 777
Sending Forth	S 25	G 492 v 3

PARISH 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
- ◆ Mr. John Bankus Sr. Deacon Candidate

Finance Office

- ◆ Monica Salis Business Manager

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- ◆ 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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday:

8:30am-5:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-3:00pm

Weekend and evenings by appointment

The parish offices are closed on all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays

3:30 to 3:50pm or by appointment



Important Message for those parishioners who were chosen to attend the *Vision 2020 Blueprint Regional Session* at St. Ignatius in Kingston on Monday, March 30th: **Please arrive before 6:00 pm** that evening, some light nourishment will be available for you if you miss your supper. Father will meet you there and your name tags will be given to you in order to get in the event.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday, Mass at 7:00 pm Adoration until 10

Good Friday, Passion Service w/Holy Communion at 2 p.m.

Holy Saturday, Blessing of the Baskets 2:00 pm Parish Gym.

Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 (*choral*) and 11:00 (*youth choir*) am, and 5:30 pm

NOTE: There will be no morning prayer or Confessions Thurs, Fri, or Sat.

UPCOMING LENTEN SALES

THURSDAY, March 19th—PIROHY— Cost is \$8/dozen. Again, there are no sign up sheets. Pick up times are 5pm to 7pm in the school cafeteria on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. We will need lots of help making the pirohy. Please come at 7:00am if you can help ball potatoes and all others come at 8:30am. Bring your friends. Lunch will be served.

FRIDAY, March 27th—SWEET PIZZA SALE-Cost is \$12/box of 12 cuts. Sign up sheets are out on the tables at the church entrance. Pick up in the school cafeteria from noon-2pm or 5-6pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd—PIROHY (Same Pirohy message as above)

CCD SCHEDULE

Classes in March:

Mondays: 16,23,30

Saturdays: 21,28

2nd Grade Retreat: NEXT Sunday, March 22nd—11:00am Mass then proceed to church hall for the retreat workshop ending at 3pm

7th Grade Confirmation Class—Extra class for all 7th grade Confirmation students in the church hall after 5:30pm Mass on March 29, 2020.

Stations of the Cross: Regular CCD class, but will go over to the church for this service:

Saturday, March 28th @ 9:45 in church Dismissal from Church

Monday, March 30th @6:45 in Church Dismissal from Church

All paperwork for 8th Grade Confirmation due MARCH 28, 2020, and 2nd Grade Reconciliation/Eucharist class past due.

REMINDER: 8th Graders **MANDATORY** Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, April 4, 2020, 11:30 to after the 4pm Mass @ St. Ignatius, Kingston

From the Pastor:

Dear Parishioners, A few weeks ago I asked for your help with making our parish goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal for 2019. **YOU CAME THROUGH!!!** Here are the latest figures from the Diocese: **Goal: \$47,000.00 Total Raised: \$50,239.00 Over the Goal: \$3,239.00!!!!**

I cannot thank you enough for your outpouring of generosity. This is a tremendous sign of our unity and strength as a parish family. AND, our parish will receive a 75% rebate of the amount we went over our goal. Once again, Thank You for all your generosity week in and week out to our parish, our organization, fundraisers, our community and our Diocese. The Magic continues..... God's Blessings on you and on our parish — Fr. Joe.

The faithful are strongly encouraged at this time to receive the Body of Christ (via the Sacred Host) in the hand. However, no one will be refused for receiving in the mouth. The faithful should refrain from the use of holy water upon entering & exiting our churches. Elderly parishioners who are not sick, but are concerned about being in crowded spaces are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. The Sign of Peace will now be exchanged without physical contact. Priests, deacons, & extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should practice good hygiene, washing their hands before Mass begins or even using an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before & after distributing Holy Communion.

Parishioners are also reminded that if they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, June 14th, 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, with the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2020. Call Lori in our parish office (287-6624) to request an invitation by March 16th.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Students from Good Shepherd Academy will present the Living Stations of the Cross **here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** on Friday, March 27th, at 7:00pm. These Living Stations will replace our Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH...The Annual Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on **THURSDAY, March 19th**, with a solemn Mass at 11am, at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Rte. 315, Laflin, with His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, as principal celebrant. The Oblate priests & Diocesan clergy will concelebrate. At the conclusion of Mass, St. Joseph bookmarks will be blessed & distributed. There will also be a Holy Mass at 7pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 14th: Luke Adzema, Alexis Brown, Carlee Coates, Jack Dadurka, Harlan Derby, Grace Dempsey, Kylee Edwards, Sophie Hoover, Skyler Lamoreaux, Matthew Leary, Aria Lispi, Robert Manfre, Daniel Morgan, Frank Pacelli, Liam Prebish, Brady Roberts, Ava Shrader, Brayden Tkaczyk, and Drew Whitling.

Please keep these children in your prayers, as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00am.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our Holy Name Society's Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our parish, ages 1 to 8. The Hunt will take place in our church hall and grounds on Saturday, March 28th at 1:00pm. Rain, Snow, or Sunshine!!! 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.



SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, April 26th

The Social Concerns Committee is planning their 6th Annual Variety Bingo which will be held on Sunday, April 26th, in the school gym. Admission is \$10.00. Doors open at 12pm and Bingo starts at 1pm. There are no tickets sold in advance and seating is limited to 250 players. Your entrance includes 4 cards for 15 regular games. Additional cards for regular games & specials will be available for purchase. A final cover all game is for a \$200 cash prize. Daubers are required to play & will be available for purchase. A variety of foods will be available to purchase for lunch in addition to a bake sale, basket raffle, & 50/50 chances. The Social Concerns is a program that tends to the needs of the parish community as well as the community at large. All proceeds will help those in the community during difficult times.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

One of our Eucharistic Ministers, Kathy Plucas, and owner of "**Let's Party & More Florist**", Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre, is celebrating her 25th year in business by celebrating this milestone with a **float** in the Wilkes-Barre St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 15th, at 2:00pm. She will be passing out a few goodies during the parade.

JMJ CATHOLIC RADIO

Having begun Lent, why not listen to JMJ Catholic Radio? Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at 98.9 FM & 750AM, Hazleton at 1490AM & 100.1FM, and Dushore at 91.7FM. Reflect with us on the "Journey Home" with host, Marcus Grodi. It features the conversion stories of extraordinary men & women who have entered into full communion with the Catholic Church. On Fridays throughout the year at 7pm, pray with us a moving version of the Stations of the Cross.

TWILIGHT BINGO

All Cash Prizes

Corpus Christi Parish, Saturday, March 28th, Doors open at 5pm.

Bingo starts at 6pm. Immaculate Conception Hall, 601 Luzerne Ave., West Pittston. Tickets: \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door, includes 15 regular games with \$150 each.

Food will be available. BYOB. For tickets or reserved seating, call the rectory at 570-654-2753. There are 5 Special games \$5/bingo board.

Prizes for Specials are all cash: \$500, \$500, \$750, \$1000, \$1000 !!!



Weekly Offering
FEBRUARY 29/MARCH 1, 2020
\$11,956.30

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 to do God's work here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Other Collections: Ash Wednesday—\$1638.75

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Remembering



This week's Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of Joseph J. Romanofski Jr. offered by Ralph & Barbara Romanowski Sr.

~In Memory of John Ludwikowski offered by Mark & Jane

Monday, March 16

8:30 am Dorothy Yurkowski Gloria & Tara Cywinski

Tuesday, March 17

8:30am Byczek & Hanadel Families Ed Byczek & Family

Wednesday, March 18

8:30am Joseph J. Romanofski Jr. Ralph & Barbara Romanowski Sr.

Thursday, March 19

8:30 am Intention of Presider

Friday, March 20

8:30 am Helen Gowisnok Jim & Mary Beth Siracuse

Saturday, March 21

4:00 pm Marie Shampack Husband

Sunday, March 22

8:30 am Jennifer Durako Grandfather, Michael Shampack

11:00 am Nora & Joe Pisack Family

5:30 pm **Pro Populo**



In Dying that We Are Born to Eternal Life...

~~Charlene Kircher~~

~~Deloras Asklar~~

May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest.



BAPTISM SUNDAY



This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptism of:

~~Diane Kate Sherrill~~

Diane will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00am Mass today.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.