

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2014

Swoyersville, PA



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

My Dear People,

For so many reasons this year's Christmas celebrations will go down in the books as among the top 5 highlights of my life! I can't get over it all! The decorations! The music! Most importantly the wonderful people of our Parish! Truly, a Christmas to remember!

Let me acknowledge a few groups of people: First, our children. What a delight to watch and listen to such young and innocent faces and voices at our 4:00 p.m. Mass! God bless them, each and everyone of them. From the little play they did before mass, to keeping our voices lifted to God during the mass, and their excitement for the Big Day that only they can bring us. Thank you, children and your leaders Cora, Terry and Joe.

Our adult choirs never sounded finer than they did at the Midnight Mass! Simply put, it was beautiful. Thanks to Marge and Joe and all of the members for working so hard and so well together.

The Art and Environment Committee took our Christmas decorations to new heights of spectacular! Our Church is the talk of the valley this year. I had a vision, and the committee far exceeded any expectation than I ever dreamed. Thank you, Elaine Carpenter, for your leadership and thanks to Chris, Trudy and John for going deep into the forests to find our trees, setting them up and lighting them.

A special thanks to all who served the masses, lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, cantors, ushers, and volunteers- all who made our masses flow nicely. Special thanks to seminarian, Michael Derevich, for spending part of his Christmas break with us and helping us in so many ways.

I want to extend a very special thank you to all who sent cards, gifts, cookies, doggie treats for Dino, and the warm greetings you extended to me. I am very humbled and touched by your goodwill and generosity. Thank you.

Also, many, many thanks to Rich Nemetz for chairing our Fall and Advent fundraisers, and for all the wonderful volunteers who came out to share their time and talents. It takes a lot of time and hard work, and I want you to know I appreciate what you do for our parish. Thanks, Rick, and crew!

Let me not fail to mention those who work so hard in our parish each and every day: our incredible Pastoral and Office and Support Staff. I believe we have the best group of people possible working with us. You can see all their names on the last page of the bulletin. Also, where would we be without our Religious Education Instructors? Teachers for two tracks, aides, volunteers, all serving our children and parish out of love. God Bless you all.

Know that you all have my esteem and gratitude for all you do. I am very overwhelmed at everyone and all the talents they bring to our Parish. The VISION is becoming a REALITY, thanks to everyone's participation and tremendous hard work!

I can very confidently say that the three former churches of Swoyersville HAVE BECOME ONE PARISH. As Bishop Bambera wrote in his Pastoral Letter, we are the wounded, loved and re-gathered. The time for scattering has passed.

May God bless each and everyone of you, and may you have a holy, healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year!

In His Love,
Father Joe



2014 CHURCH CALENDARS

You may pick up your new Parish Calendars after Mass today located on the tables at the church entrance.

Many thanks to the generosity of *Wroblewski Funeral Home* for sponsoring our calendars. May God bless you always.

NEXT SUNDAY

We shall conclude our Christmas Celebrations next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As it took much work to put up all of the decorations it will take many hands to bring all of the decorations down. If you could help us, and we do need your help, especially strong men to help us climb ladders and take down the trees, please come to the church after the 11:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday around 1:00 p.m. Many hands make for light loads. Please help us if you can. Thank You.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING:

Wednesday, January 8th, 7:00PM in church hall. A time of praise, song, scripture reading, sharing and prayer. Please come and join us-all are welcome!!! For details, contact John Witkosky at 288-4311.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

Thursday, January 16th, 7:00PM, in our church hall



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Prayer

Lord God,
You blessed Elizabeth Seton with gifts of grace, as wife and mother, educator, and foundress, so that she might spend her life in service to your people. Through her example and prayers may we learn to express our love for you, in love for our fellow men and women. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. One God, forever and ever. Amen.

IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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 or friend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL QUESTION: In the coming months, all parishioners will be asked to respond to this question: *"Looking to the coming years, if you could imagine or transform our parish in any way you wished, what 3 things would you do to enhance its life and vitality?"*

Next Pastoral Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Our Knights of Columbus has formed a First Degree Team. The First Degree installation will take place on January 14th, from 6-9 PM in our church hall. We are looking for new members. Please call Mike Kopec at 570-714-2924 or Mark Perugino at 570-262-2896 for more information.

Collections

Due to early bulletin deadlines, collections will be listed in future editions of the *Sentinel*. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE JANUARY 11-12

4:00 p.m. Fr. Joe
5:30 p.m. Fr. Urban
8:30 a.m. Fr. Joe
10:00 a.m. Fr. Urban
11:30 a.m. Fr. Joe

CONGRATULATIONS

Father Joseph Kopaz, former assistant pastor of the former St. Mary's in Swoyersville, has been named the new Bishop of Jackson, Mississippi! We wish Bishop-Elect Kopaz all the best from all of us in Swoyersville. His ordination as Bishop and Installation will take place on February 6, 2014 in the Diocese of Jackson. There will be a Mass of Sending Forth for Father Kopaz on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 12:10 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend this mass and wish our former assistant pastor well. God Bless You, Bishop Kopaz!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

For many cancer patients, getting to and from the doctor's office or hospital for treatment is one of the toughest challenges. By volunteering to drive just a few hours a month, you can help patients traveling on the road to recovery. Having cancer is hard. Finding a ride to treatment shouldn't be. To find out how you can help, call your American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or 570-562-9749.

SOUP, BAKE, & BOOK SALE

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood, Hanover Township, is having a Soup, Bake, & Book Sale on Thursday, January 9th, from 8am to 6pm. Soup of the month is Piggie Soup. Cost is \$8.00 per quart. Take-outs only. Your pre-order is appreciated. To place an order, please call Sylvia at 825-6370 or Barry at 831-5593. Thank you.



KNOW A MARRIAGE THAT NEEDS HELP? Throw them a lifeline and tell them about *Retrouvaille*, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage, that need help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Diocese of Scranton is February 14-16 at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.retrouvaille.org for more information or to register.

DIOCESAN WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY MASS



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2014 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 22nd**. The event includes a 2:30PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. To request an invitation, please call Lori at the office, with your name and mailing address, **before February 14th**.

Holy Father's Canonization Ceremony

The Catholic Tour LLC is a 33 year old Catholic Travel Apostolate and has been able to secure just 120 air seats & hotel beds for the Holy Father's Canonization Ceremony for Popes John XXIII and John Paul II in Rome. The pilgrimage is set for April 21 and 22 to April 28 & 29, respectively. The pilgrimages start at \$2899.00. Come & see our new Holy Father Pope Francis on this historic occasion. Please call 1-877-627-4268 or email: jimadair@thecatholictour.com for further information.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
PRAY FOR US!



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6th

St. Andre Bessette

8:00 a.m. Joseph J. Gulla John & Maureen Blaski

Tuesday, January 7th

St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:00 a.m. Veronica Kotarski Charles & Mary Cheskiewicz

Wednesday, January 8th

8:00 a.m. John Saypack, Sr.

Thursday, January 9th

8:00 a.m. George & Mary Krakosky Daughter, Carol & Family

Friday, January 10th

8:00 a.m. Stephen Gaydos Wife, Helen & Children

Saturday, January 11th

Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 p.m. *Pro Populo*

5:30 p.m. Libero "Lee" Passeri M/M William Gill

Sunday, January 12th

The Baptism of the Lord, Conclusion of the Christmas Season

8:30 a.m. Bert & Bernadette Greco Daughters

10:00 a.m. Rose Kowalski Mark & Cathy Mizzer

11:30 a.m. Adolph & Mary Jarensky Children



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them...

~Stella Papciak

May her Soul, and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace. Amen.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTION

~In Memory of Charles Liguori offered by wife, Gladys

~In Memory of Bette Ann Proleika offered by Family

**PRAY
for the
SICK**

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Weekend Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

8:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Phil Boshia Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance
- Sister Jane Ellis, IHM Parish Social Minister
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- 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



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. The celebration of the Sacrament is held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated for 8th Grade Students on Thursday, March 27, 2014 by Bishop Bambera.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work.

Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact the Pastor.

Penance

Saturdays 3:15-3:45, other times by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Priest, day or night.

Direct Contacts

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane) 570-763-5160

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email:
fatherjoey@aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Monday,
for the next week at
1:00 p.m.

