



SETON SENTINEL

Fifth Sunday
of Easter



MAY 10, 2020
MOTHER'S DAY EDITION

Dear Friends in Christ and His Blessed Mother,

As we continue to journey in these "stay at home days," away from our family and parish community I want you to know that you are not alone. I am keeping you close in my heart and my prayers each day.

It is in that same spirit that I wish to extend an invitation to you to not be distant from your church. If I could help with anything for anyone, please let me know. Whether it is prayers for the sick, helping you find resources for help, or just someone to talk with **do not hesitate to contact me.**

I have been receiving your notes and messages in the mail, through email, online, and on the phone and believe me it is always refreshing to hear from you no matter what this issue.

Just because the doors of the church and rectory are closed, our church and mission continue. *"And the gates of hell shall not prevail against her."* - Mt. 16:18 Those words were meant for times such as these. The Church is more than a physical structure, it is a people. We are the church and we are charged with continuing Christ's mission of love even in toughest times.

I know that there is great deal of uncertainty about a great number of

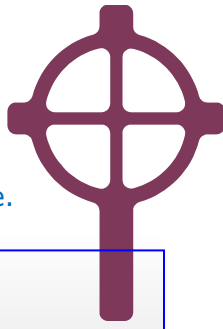
things, our physical health, our social lives, our financial situations, wondering when we are going to get back to "normal," just to name a few. I have the same questions and worries as you as I think about family, you and all our precious people, physical buildings and more.

I find myself going to our Blessed Mother more and more in these days for assistance. There are so many ways to ask for Mary's prayers for us, novenas, rosary, simple and profound prayers, etc., I invite you this month of May to deepen your relationship with our Heavenly Mother as Jesus gave her to us on the cross. *"Behold your mother."* Jn 19:25

This issue of the Sentinel is dedicated to Our Lady with the hope its prayers and information will be helpful to you in this time. The prayer card is blessed and comes along with my special prayers and blessings for each one of you.

Please keep our parish and its people in your own prayers and if you will, whisper a "Hail Mary" for me once in a while. For those of you who have the capability, please continue to keep an eye on the Weekend Eucharist on Facebook and setonpa.com. For others, let this bulletin serve as a blessed reminder of our love and desire to be with you.

Father Joe Pisaneschi



All CCD Students:

Your teachers miss you and are praying for you every day. We hope to be back as soon as possible.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TIME FROM THE SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

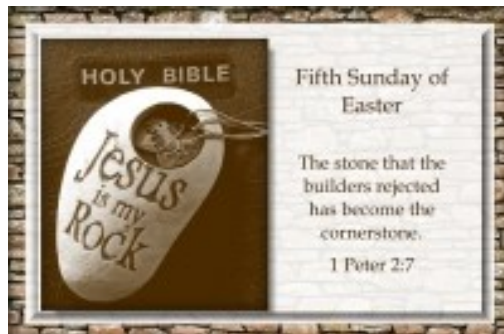
We are happy to offer our Swoyersville Kiwanis Scholarship Awards to graduating high school seniors. In addition to our 3 awards there will once again be an award given in memory of long time Swoyersville residents Gene and Eleanor Breznay. These awards are for \$1000 each and are given to assist in furthering the education of our high school seniors. To be eligible graduating students must reside in Swoyersville, Luzerne or Forty Fort. Applications are available by contacting S. Urzen at 570-606-1153 (call or text) or email k-swoyer@comcast.net. Return applications must be postmarked by May 18th. Letters will be sent to the winners by mail on May 27th. Winners are judged on financial need, community service, school involvement and studies. We wish the best to all high school seniors in their future endeavors.

GFT Scholarships - Attention High School Seniors!

Two scholarships will be offered by the GFT Foundation to members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish who are looking to continue their education whether it be college, technical or vocational school. The scholarships will be awarded based on merit and need. Guidelines for the scholarship and the application are on our website or can be requested by email at seton.swoy@aol.com. The deadline is June 30, 2020 for the 2020 fall semester.

Weekend Eucharist Live from Seton
**Saturdays at 4:00 pm Live-streaming at Facebook.com/
setonpa**

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setonpa.com beginning Sunday morning**





ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE

The American Red Cross will hold a Community Blood Drive in our parish hall on Friday, May 15th from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling **1-800-RED-CROSS** or visit redcrossblood.org Use the Sponsor Code: SEASP. Streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Life's a Gift. Give more of it.

There is an urgent need for blood in our area.

Please Donate Blood, Now More than Ever!



*"I am the way and the truth and the life."
John 14:6*

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL

Regretfully, we need to make the following announcement concerning this Year's Summer Festival: As you know not only is the Festival a tremendous fundraiser for our parish each year but just as important it is a very spirit-filled collaboration effort. However, due to the pandemic and the timing of the Festival in early July, with social distancing practicing not ending before fall, sadly, we must cancel this year's Summer Festival. We realize this is a disappointment to a good deal of people not only in our parish but our community as well. It just doesn't seem possible to bring together that many people to work together so closely and to patronize the event without violating the recommendations of the CDC and the government rules. The most important aspect of our parish life is of course, our worship together. That too, may take longer than expected to resume given our situation in the nation and our county. Pray that this pandemic comes to an end soon so we can get back to our work as God's People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

CEMETERY NEWS

While it has been taking a while, the weather is starting to suggest that grass cutting season is here, To enable our cemetery grass cutters to do their jobs we must have all artificial flowers and decorations removed from the cemeteries by Friday, May 14th. Because these pose a hazard to our workers this is something that has to be done in order to ensure safety. We will begin to remove the decorations and flowers ourselves after May 14th. Sorry for any inconvenience this poses especially during the ongoing corona virus threat. Again, we thank you for your cooperation in this matter.





Thank You to all parishioners who have been sending in your offerings on a regular basis. We are truly grateful for your generosity especially during this difficult time.

We invite you to use the enclosed envelope to send in an offering if you are able to. We are in need of consistent offerings to maintain our three buildings and five properties entrusted to us. There are also insurances, salaries, assessments, and the regular bills that continue to pile up so that we can continue our mission and serve you our parishioners, friends and community. There are no scheduled fundraisers for the foreseeable future so we are entirely dependent on your kindness. Please include your name on the envelope and your envelope number if you have it so as to ensure proper credit. You may also log on to setonpa.com and use the electronic giving option. Scroll down and look for this link and follow the instructions:



Thank you for your past kindness and consideration of this request.



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Building His House Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)

Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12 (see also "Exodus and Easter")

By His death, Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9,16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices" - all our prayer, work and intentions - to God.

This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 12:1).

In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up, as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word."

The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled, but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father.

His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20), and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).

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

Monday, May 11

- 1. Thomas Fender Mary Ann Martinsky & Ruth Yekel
- 2. Mother's Day Intentions

Tuesday, May 12

- 1. For the Poor Souls in Purgatory Maria & Louis Fratarcangeli
- 2. Mother's Day Intentions

Wednesday, May 13

- 1. Connie Chajko Joseph & Karen Barnoski
- 2. Mother's Day Intentions

Thursday, May 14

- 1. Catherine & Joseph Calore Son, Chris
- 2. Mother's Day Intentions

Friday, May 15

- 1. Neil Powers Joe & Terri Burgess
- 2. In Honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary Family
of Rudy & Arlene Adamchak

Saturday, May 16

- 1. Bob Hovan Family
- 2. Pro Populo

Sunday, May 17

- 1. Sylvester Nenichka Mark & Sharon Nenichka
- 2. Living & Deceased Members of Confraternity of Christian Mothers



This Week's Sanctuary Candles

- 1. In Memory of Victoria Selensky Ondish offered by daughter, Gerry
- 2. In Memory of Louis Singer offered by Family

ALTAR FLOWERS

Due to the current situation, all Flower Intentions will be rescheduled to a date when we re-open. Thank you for your understanding.



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All Are Welcome in this Place!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue - You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!



Happy Mother's Day!

Pray for Us, Dear Mother Mary!



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