

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday:

8:30am to 3:00pm

Weekends and Evenings
by appointment only

Parish Office is closed for all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area? Just visiting? You will find a warm welcome here! To become a registered member, please call the parish office during regular business hours.

SETON ONLINE

Stay in touch with your parish on-line by “Liking” us on Facebook, Viewing our website setonpa.com and now with your mobile device. Download the new Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Worship Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad! Bulletins are posted each weekend to keep up with the parish happenings if you are away or just want a sneak peek at what’s coming up for our parish.



ALTAR GUILD FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH—PASTIE SALE , WITH OR WITHOUT ONIONS

COST IS \$6.00 EACH. Sign up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Pick up times are Noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm. This is the last weekend to sign up! Stock up! They freeze well.:

ARIMATHEA MINISTRY

As times continue to change and the role of the priest becomes more and more challenged because of the shortage, our parish is beginning Arimathea Ministry for Wake Services and Funerals. The Rite of Christian Burial is designed in such a way that it allows for a lay person to lead the prayers for the rituals at the visiting at the Funeral Home and cemetery. While Father tries to make it to the Funeral Home and Cemetery, it is becoming more and more difficult with the regular mass schedule, inordinate number of funerals at our parish, and calendar of meetings that Father must be in attendance. It is necessary to recruit a handful of volunteers to assist in this ministry. If you might be interested in becoming part of the Arimathea Ministry please contact Lori at the rectory for more information. You will be properly trained for your mission.

MISSIONARY WEEKEND

Each year the Diocese of Scranton sends a missionary to each parish of the diocese. Next weekend, we will have a special guest, Rev. Michael Davitti, s.x., a priest from the Xaverian Missionary Fathers, Wayne, N.J. who will preach at all the masses. We will have a second collection for the missions. Please be generous..

Vacation Bible School 2016

It's back... so get ready to dive into *Deep Sea Discovery*. Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Friday, June 27 - July 1. Kids aged preschool (4 years) through 4th grade are invited to join us. Through Bible stories, games, snack, arts and crafts and music, students will discover that **God is with me wherever I go**. Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more details.

It takes many volunteers, both adults and students, to make this week long adventure in faith and fun take place. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Margaret Loveless at 570-855-5118.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

During the month of May, seven masses will be said for the living & deceased mothers whose names are submitted on the Mother's Day envelopes found on the tables at the church entrance. If you are submitting the names of mothers who are living, please take the large envelope which has a card enclosed that you can give to your mother; for mothers who are deceased, please take the small envelope without the card. These can be returned in the collection basket.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BARBEQUE

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND, 11AM TO 3PM, EAT IN OR TAKE-OUT, \$9.00/DINNER, held in our school cafeteria. Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, butter, & dessert. Sign-up sheets will be out on the tables at the church entrance **next weekend**. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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
Margaret Loveless
Director of Religious Education
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

Direct Contacts

Office of Social Ministry (Sr. Jane):
570-763-5160
Faith Formation Office:
570-287-4587
Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week prior to the publication week.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Saturday, April 30th, at 10:00am, the students in our First Holy Communion class will receive Jesus for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP TIME

It's that time of year to clean-up the cemeteries and prepare for spring and grass-cutting season. We ask that you please remove all items (this includes wreaths, any artificial flowers, statues of any kind, candles, or solar vigil lights, and theme flags) from the grave sites by April 30th. This does not include the American flag. This is not only a Diocesan Cemetery rule, but a safety issue. All Diocesan rules are posted at each cemetery. After this date all items will be removed and discarded. Please note, we are not responsible for any items left at the grave sites after April 30th. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our CCM will meet today, Sunday, April 24th, at 2pm in our church hall. New members are welcome! Also, the Christian Mothers are taking reservations for their Annual Communion Luncheon to be held in our church hall, Sunday, May 15th, after the 11:30am Mass. Call Fran Krajnak 570-288-1708 or Theresa Yurko 570-714-1628 by May 6th.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 29TH

A Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be held on Friday, April 29th, in our church hall from 1pm to 6pm. You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Schedule your appointment today.

FESTIVAL HELP NEEDED

Our 2016 Festival will be held on July 14-15-16. Each year we struggle with getting our grounds prepared. We need able-bodied people to help guide our crews. We will be setting up the week of June 27th, from 9am to 3pm, and taking down the week of July 18th, from 9am to 3pm. Lunch will be served. For more information, call Kathy Breznay, 570-283-1677.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Our Social Concerns Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our Variety Bingo last week. We appreciate all of your support in making this event a great success! If you like helping others, won't you consider joining us? New members are always welcome!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR ASCENSION THURSDAY

Ascension Thursday Vigil (May 4th) 5:30PM A/S: Anthony Favata, Mackenzie Bowling; EMs: Carolyn Mishkel, Joanne Baker, LECTOR: Ann Marie Aed

Ascension Thursday (May 5th) 12:10pm: EMs: Marie Gould, Frank Fosko, Brian Flannery, LECTOR: Karen Krakosky

5:30PM: A/S: Matt Pitcavage, EMs: Anna Mae Venetz, John Witkosky, JoAnn Prushinski LECTOR: Pat Reynolds

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 7/8

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH: 4:00pm: A/S: Daniel Drost, Matt Pitcavage, EMs: Maureen Sambo, Ed Kudey, J.P. Kopicki, Alberta Kolojchick, LECTOR: Mike Stofko

5:30PM: A/S: Louis Michaels, Anthony Favata, EMs: Susan Bayer, Bob Slezak, Patti & Doug Workman, LECTOR: Betsy Evanoski

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH: 8:30AM: A/S: Hana & Nora St. Clair, EMs: Marie Gould, Anna Mae Venetz, Michael Fender, LECTOR: Frances Krajnak

10:00AM A/S: Matthew Butchko, Michael Dubaskas, EMs: Jayne Ruger, Alida Matusek, Ann Savinski, Teresa Featherstone LECTOR: Mark Mizzer

11:30AM: A/S: Abigail & Zachary Schultz, EMs: Pat Quinn, Richard Adamchik, Maria Englot, Laura Prushinski LECTOR: Steve Englot

5:30PM: A/S: Nathan Coates, EMs: JoAnn Prushinski, Brian Flannery, LECTOR: Patty Temple

VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.

SETON PRAYER CHAIN

We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests. A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

Dear Parents,

Children are at the heart of what we are all about here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We encourage children of all ages and stages to attend mass with their parents each week. We expect that smaller children will, from time to time, be fussy, wiggle and make some noise. There is no need to leave mass. Again, it is expected. If you do feel the need to get up with your child, please return as soon as you are able. Training children in church early will help establish good habits in the future. We can all stand a little noise to ensure the future of our parish.

*SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
PRAY FOR US!*



Congratulations & God's Blessings upon our 2016 Confirmation class:

Confirmandi

*Morgan Sophia Bobkowski
Keira Nicole Genevieve Budzyn
Elizabeth Marie Christina Cherinka
Charles Robert John Cook
Matthew Michael Grula
Jacob Joseph Francis Janosky
Chloe Margaret Elizabeth Kelly
Lauren Ashley Rose Koval
Carmen Enzo Anthony Lombardo
James Dylan Aloysius Mickulik
Daniela Faith Nalmy
Hannah Rose Novakowski
Chloe Elizabeth Rose Pisack
Amy Erin Elizabeth Reese
Nora Rose St. Clair
Angela Rose Sofia Sapack
Julie Anne Schwartz
Kayla Ann Elizabeth Serafin
Justus Tyvonne Christopher Simpson
Rachel Aurea Swaback
Olivia Anne Hermione Wagner
Matthew Jon Michael Zasada
Brett Michael Joseph Millard*

MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOU ALWAYS!



COLLECTION REPORT April 9/10, 2016

EASTER: \$180.00 SUNDAY: \$7245.00 DUES: \$1231.00
LOOSE: \$649.94 E-GIVING: \$334.12
TOTAL: \$9640.06

Diocesan:

Good Friday (Holy Land): \$5.00
April Care & Education of Priests: \$824.00

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

BOY SCOUT AD ALTARE DEI RELIGIOUS AWARD

Classes for the Ad Altare Dei Religious Awards will begin on Wed., June 22nd, at 7pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 410 S. River St. Wilkes-Barre. Roman Catholic Boy Scouts enrolled in grades 7-9(Fall 2016) are eligible for the Award. For more info., call Mr. Ky Lazzari at 570-825-2648, or Mary Ann Malone at 570-207-2213.

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron # 644 Swoyersville will be sponsoring a Mothers Day Breakfast Sunday May 8, 2016 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Post home on Shoemaker St. in Swoyersville. We will be featuring made to order pancakes with topping that you choose, and a buffet line that includes scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, creamed chip beef, pancakes, toast, etc... and various desserts. Coffee, tea and juice included. Donations of \$ 8.00 for adults and \$ 4.00 for children age 6 to 12. Under 6 are free. All funds raised help support veterans in our communities. Tickets available at the Post and also the day of the breakfast. General public is welcome.

Youth for Life Art and Essay Contest

Pennsylvanians for Human Life announces its 14th annual pro-life art and essay contest. Students may choose one of two themes. 1. "Why I'm Thankful My Mom Chose Life" or 2. "How has the pro-life movement (or a pro-life individual or leader) shown love and respect for unborn babies, the elderly and disabled persons?"

Students from grades 7-12 who attend public, religious, or private schools, or are home-schooled may enter. Prizes are awarded for Art and Essays. First prize is \$100, second \$60, third \$30 in three divisions (Art, Junior Essay and Senior Essay) Contest deadline is May 11, 2016. See the home page of www.prolifescranton.org for a contest application and further details or call 570-343-5099. Please mail entries to: Pro-Life Information Center, 506 Broadway, Scranton, PA 18505 by May 11, 2016.

Luzerne Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Buffet

Knights of Columbus in Luzerne is sponsoring a very special Mother's Day Buffet on May 8th from Noon until 6 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Children 10 and under are half price. Reservations are required. There will be a carving station with Prime Rib and Baked Ham, a Pasta Station with tomato, alfredo, and vodka sauces, a Salad Bar, the Buffet with Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Salmon, Roast Pork Loin and several other items, along with a dessert table and an ice cream bar. Please call [570-287-2826](tel:570-287-2826) for questions and reservations.

INVITATION TO ALL

Fr. Joseph Adonizio invites all to a Solemn Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Date: Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 2:00pm. Place: St. Joseph Mareello Parish, 237 William St., Pittston. You are invited to a reception, without a program, which will follow the Mass in the adjoining parish hall. You are kindly asked to call Lori at our parish rectory (570-287-6624) if you plan to attend. RSVP by May 28th.

Swoyersville Kiwanis 2016 Scholarship Award Program

The Swoyersville Kiwanis once again is offering 3 scholarship awards in the amount of \$1000 each to local high school seniors. In addition to the three Kiwanis \$1,000.00 Scholarships for the year 2016, there will be two additional scholarships awarded. The first is a \$1,000.00 Scholarship from the family of Ann Grozalis, and the second is a \$250.00 Scholarship from the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the 37.

High School seniors who reside in Swoyersville, Luzerne and Forty Fort are eligible. Applications are available by contacting S Williams at 570-606-1153 or swoyK1951@comcast.net. Return applications must be post marked by May 18th. Letters will be sent to the winners by mail on May 25th and will be invited to be our guests along with their families at a Scholarship Awards Dinner Meeting. Winners will be judged on financial need, community service, school involvement and studies.

Wyoming Area Catholic School Golf Tournament

WAC School 2nd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 28th, at Blue Ridge Golf Course, Mountain Top. Registration begins at 11:30am—shotgun start at 1:30pm. For more information call the school at 570-654-7982 or go to www.wacsh.com

CASH BINGO—Holy Family Parish, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch, today, Sunday, April 24th in church hall. Doors open at noon, games begin at 1pm. Food & refreshments. Tickets are \$5.00 & are available at the door.

CASH BINGO—AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, Friday May 13th, held here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Basement, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Food/ Refreshments. Doors open at 4pm, Bingo 6pm. \$5/admission. Call Kevin for tickets: 570-885-9986.

