

# THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 31, 2015  
Swoyersville, PA

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### Office Hours:

Monday– Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.

## PARISH NEWS

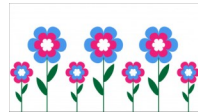


### INVITATION TO 2015 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

All high school graduates from our parish are invited to participate in a Special Mass on **Sunday, June 28th, at the 10:00am Mass**. Mass will be followed by a *breakfast* for the graduates and their immediate families. Please RSVP before June 14th by email: [setonpa@aol.com](mailto:setonpa@aol.com) or call Lori at the parish office, 287-6624.

### Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Our CCM will meet today, **Sunday, May 31st at 2pm** in the church hall. A final report on the Rummage Sale & Mother's Day Luncheon will be given. New members are always welcome.



### THANK YOU

The beautiful annual flowers that have been planted around the church, rectory, & garage have been donated in memory of Stephen Gaydos, by wife Helen, and children. Thank you and may God bless you!

### CEMETERY REMINDER

A friendly reminder from our cemetery caretakers: No plastic/silk flowers, no vigil/solar lights. This is weed wacking season, and the items are getting in the way. Thank you for your cooperation.

### BAPTISMAL CLASS

Expectant parents & new parents who are planning their baby's baptism, and have not previously attended a Baptismal Class, are invited to attend our next Baptism class, to be held on Tuesday, June 23rd, at 6:30pm in our church hall. Please call Lori, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office to register for the class & to schedule the baby's Baptism.

### HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



Today, we pause to meditate on the greatest mystery of our Faith; the Holy Trinity. There have been many controversies over the ages about our core belief that our God is one, yet three at the same time. We will never completely wrap our minds around this mystery. Perhaps the best way to express the Holy Trinity is what we learned in grade school: God is three divine persons, yet one essence. One God, three divine persons who have always been, are now and will ever be. Today's liturgy does not attempt to explain the mystery, but rather, through the readings and prayers invite us into the mystery. Liturgy, by its very nature is not an apologetics course, but an invitation share in the life of the Trinity. Without explaining it, we do it: We worship God the Father, through God the Son, in union (or we can even say "in the power of") the Holy Spirit. Very often priests are asked, "what does this or that mean at the mass?" They can offer the textbook answer but the correct answer is that we do not know! Everything we do at liturgy is multivalent, or has many meanings. As soon as you explain something, it changes and becomes something else. Best advice, just take it all in and experience it by participating in the mystery. Don't get stuck trying to figure it all out. Some mysteries are not meant to be solved.

## THE SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Expecting or new parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make the arrangements and if necessary, attend the Pre-Baptismal Session. The celebration of the Sacrament is usually held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. This year Bishop Dougherty will be here on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible.

### Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible (no less than 6 months prior) to reserve a date and begin the necessary paper work. The dates at the Church are not guaranteed until an actual meeting with the pastor takes place.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.  
or anytime by request

### Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish Priest, day or night. When someone is very ill please do not wait to call the priest. It is better to have the sacrament of the sick sooner rather than at the last minute.

### For ordinary sick calls

#### (Non-Emergency):

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 of friend.

# SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015—July 9, 10, & 11

## FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Please stop in the Parish Hall after masses this weekend to pick up your *Festival Tickets!!!*

## DONATIONS NEEDED

We are accepting donations of:

9" Styrofoam plates, one-section styrofoam containers (9"x9") and one-section Styrofoam containers (6"x6"), vegetable oil, butter and margarine.

## PARTY TIME STAND

We are accepting donations of alcoholic beverages: bottles of whiskey, wine, brandy & other spirits. Please drop off at the rectory.

## CHILDREN'S GAMES

To provide some different items for the children's game stands, we are accepting small toys for the children's game stand prizes (inexpensive, but must be new!) Drop off at rectory office door from 8:30 to 5pm. Thanks so much!!!!

## NO LARGE ITEM RAFFLE THIS YEAR

We are **NOT** having the large item raffle this year. It has proven not to be cost effective in the past and a cause of worry for those involved. Anyone who was planning on making a donation to the large item raffle is encouraged to make a cash donation to the Festival. Thank you.

## KOUNTRY KITCHEN

**Buckets for the Kountry Kitchen** stand are now available in the church vestibule. Please take a bucket & fill it with non-perishables or cleaning items. Return the filled buckets to the rectory before July 2nd. ***If the buckets have all been taken, you can just bring the requested items in a bag.***

## THEME BASKETS

We are asking you to create baskets with a value of at least \$35. Suggested themes are Hair Care, Seasonal, Car Care, Pet Supplies, Cooking or Baking Themes, etc. We are also accepting monetary donations & we will put the basket together for you. Please have basket wrapped & ready for display with a list of items in the basket. We would like to know if you will be making a basket & your theme as soon as possible. Please call Doreen Dougherty at 696-4270 or Elaine Lipinski at 288-9831 and let them know. Thank you!

PIROHY-MAKING DATES: JUNE 15-16-17 (18th if necessary)

PIGGIE-MAKING & VEGGIE CUTTING: JULY 6 & 7

Watch the *Sentinel* for more Festival News each weekend!

**Parish Staff**

Cora Artim  
*Children's & 11:30 Choir*  
 Phil Boshia  
*Maintenance*  
 Chris Calore  
*Maintenance*  
 Scott Coates  
*Contemporary Mass Musician*  
 Sister Jane Ellis, IHM  
*Parish Social Minister*  
 Margaret Loveless  
*Acting Dir. of Religious Ed.*  
 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](mailto:fatherjoey@aol.com)  
 Parish direct email: [setonpa@aol.com](mailto:setonpa@aol.com)

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



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
pray for us!**

**OUTDOOR MASS AND PICNIC**

Join us at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Field on Wyoming Ave., in Forty Fort for our first annual Outdoor Mass and Picnic on Monday, June 15th at 6:00 pm. After mass at the cross on the field, we will provide soda, water, hotdogs, hamburgers and buns. We ask that everyone else bring a covered dish to share. (Please, no alcoholic beverages.) Bring the whole family, or the whole neighborhood! Let's share a little food and fun in the company of one another in the beautiful outdoors to kick off the Summer Season! Bring along your own folding chairs or blankets. Rain date: Tuesday, June 16th at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheets will be at the entrance of the church so we know how many people to plan for.

**VOICES FOR VOCATIONS**

A new initiative from the Parish Council involves everyone in the parish. As we are all aware, vocations to the priesthood and religious life are critically low in the Diocese of Scranton. We would like everyone to do all they can to promote vocations. Especially by encouraging those who show signs of having a calling and by praying for vocations. As a parish, we invite all members 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 vocation 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. Today is Pentecost Sunday, let's begin today and do it everyday. There is so much Power in Prayer. Lord, Send Out Your Spirit, and Renew Your Church with Abundant Priests and Religious!

Forward in Faith reflects a grateful heart that wants to give back to God a portion of what He has given us. It is our opportunity to show God that He is first in our lives. It is our faith response that tells us as we are generous with God, He will return His blessings to us one hundredfold. Take the step Forward in Faith to respond to the many needs of our Parish community as we try to meet the many financial challenges of doing ministry in His name.

COLLECTIONS: May 16/17, 2015

SUNDAY: \$ 6213.00                      DUES: \$695.00  
 EASTER: \$60.00                         LOOSE: \$365.28  
 E-GIVING; \$186.62  
**TOTAL: \$7519.90**  
 Ascension Thursday: \$1791.50

**DIOCESAN-**  
 Care & Education of Priests: \$170.00

**May God bless you for your generosity!**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Northeastern PA Region of AACA Presents

54th Annual Car Show & Flea Market, Wyoming Valley Airport, Forty Fort, Rain or shine. **Sunday, June 7, 2015.** Gates open at 8am. Car show 10-3pm with judging at noon. Awards at 3pm. 30 classes of cars. Free parking. Food, handicap parking, airplane displays, plane rides for a fee. For more info., call Walter Krieg at 332-9360, or visit website: [www.nepraaca.org](http://www.nepraaca.org)

## St. Faustina Parish

Nationally known **Catholic Speaker and Evangelist, Chris Padgett**, is scheduled to make an appearance at St. Faustina Parish, Nanticoke, on **Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7.** He is scheduled to arrive on Saturday and will attend a Meet and Greet at the Parish Center on Noble Street from 3 to 4 PM. He will then speak at all the Masses. He will return to the Main Site at 7:30 for his talk, themed **“Get Out of the Boat”**. Prayer and worship will follow from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Main Site. On Sunday he will speak again at all the Masses and will give an additional talk from 12:45 to 1:45 with a follow up lunch and time for questions with Mr. Padgett beginning at 2 PM.

## BINGO—Sunday, June 7th

St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, 1010 Hanover St., Nanticoke. Doors open 12:30pm, Early Birds: 1:45pm, Regular Games; 2:00pm. Cash Prizes-Door Prizes-Refreshments-Parking & entrance at rear of building.

## One Day Retreat

A one day Retreat with Matthew Arnold-Saturday, June 6th, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish at St. Mary of the Assumption worship site, 245 State St. (US Rt. 6) in Wyalusing. The retreat is led by nationally known Catholic speaker, Matthew Arnold, & will be open to all at no charge. A free will offering will be taken for Matthew's expenses. The schedule is as follows: 9am Mass, 10-11:30 first talk by Matthew, Break-Lunch, 12:30 Rosary, and 1-2:30pm, second talk by Matthew. Please register by calling parish office at 570-746-0106 or email: [olophpa@frontier.com](mailto:olophpa@frontier.com)

**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON,  
PRAY FOR US!!!**

## Children's Character Luncheon

Moving forward with their children's programs the Swoyersville Kiwanis Club will be holding a Children's Character Luncheon on **Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 1 pm at the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall**, Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Cost of child's lunch is \$10, children under 2 are free. Children can enjoy lunch and meet with their favorite princess or super hero. Lunch will consist of chicken tenders, French fries, fruit, punch and ice cream Sunday bar for the children. Prizes will also be given to each child attending. Adults can enjoy free coffee and snack while they watch the excitement of the children as they meet the characters. Have your child dress like their favorite princess or super hero and bring along your camera to capture the moment. Reservations are required and the deadline is Tuesday, June 9th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations must be paid in full prior to luncheon. For reservations call 570-288-5848

**CATHERINE MCAULEY CENTER** is sponsoring a special Trip Raffle for a 7-day, 6-night vacation at Beaver Creek West Condos in Vail Valley, Colorado. Final drawing is Monday, June 22, at the Swing for Mercy Golf Tournament at Wyo Valley Country Club. For golf tournament registration & trip raffle entry forms, contact Jenny Blanchard at 342-1342.

**INTERNATIONAL FEST** at St. Jude Parish, Mountain Top, to be held on **Saturday, May 30th**, from 4pm-11pm and **Sunday, May 31**, from noon to 9pm in the church grove. Ethnic food will be served from 10 different countries in addition to international desserts/beverages including beer & wine. Three Grand Prize Raffles: Dream European Vacation or \$5000, Custom Lasik Vision Correction, & 1 week vacation in Emerald Isle, NC, luxury beachfront home (sleeps 12).

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the “:hierarchy of the truths of faith.”

\*Catechism of the Catholic Church

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, June 1                      Saint Justin, Martyr  
 8:00 a.m. Barbara Ritsick                      Claire Morrow

Tuesday, June 2                      SS. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs  
 8:00 a.m. Charles Wyszynski                      Dolores Voitek

Wednesday, June 3                      Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs  
 8:00 a.m. Frank Shulo                      Wife, Marge

Thursday, June 4  
 8:00 a.m. George M. Shendock                      Florence Thomas

Friday, June 5                      St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr  
 8:00 a.m. Leo C. Venetz                      Wife, Anna Mae

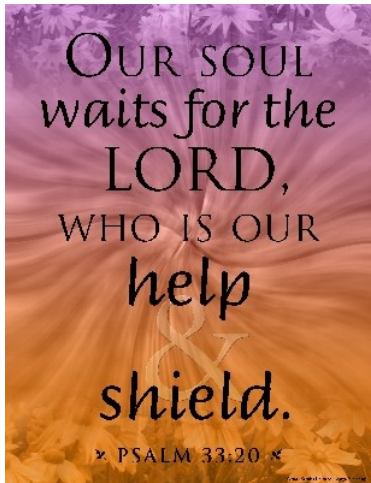
Saturday, June 6                      (Vigil: Corpus Christi)  
 4:00 p.m. June Yatsko                      Joe & Terri Burgess  
 5:30 p.m. Carlene Chairge                      Geisinger Surgery Clinic

Sunday, June 7th                      Corpus Christi  
 8:30 a.m. Raymond Podskoch                      Ray & Marlene Knaub & Family  
 10:00 a.m. Christal Jacobs                      Roy & Joanne Baker  
 11:30 a.m. Eleanor Wojnarski                      Children  
 5:30 p.m. **Pro Populo**

Celebrants

**Saturday 6/6**  
 4:00—Fr. Joe  
 5:30—Fr. Urban

**Sunday 6/7**  
 8:30 Fr. Joe  
 10:00- Fr. Joe  
 11:30—Fr. Urban  
 5:30—Fr. Joe



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
 WHO HAVE DIED THIS WEEK.  
 GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE  
 FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH GOD'S MERCY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



## Upcoming Wedding

Saturday, June 6, 2015, 1:00pm  
 ~Marcus Magyar and Carmella Argento~



## BAPTISM SUNDAY:

Congratulations and God's Blessings  
 upon ~Veda Rose Cosimo~ and her family.  
 She will be reborn by water and the Holy  
 Spirit after the 11:30 Mass today.



## Sanctuary Candles:

~In Memory of Stanley Gavlick offered by  
 Wife, Peggy & Children  
 ~In Memory of Richard Ackourey offered by  
 Wife, Yvonne & Family

