

ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS

On February 3rd, we honor St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, and in accordance with the guide- on Monday evenings during Lent, beginning Feb lines of the diocese, we will offer a general **blessing** of the throats at the conclusion of all masses this weekend, February 6th and of the blessed candles are not permitted during the pandemic.

BLESSED CANDLES AVAILABLE

This weekend, Blessed St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Vigil Candles will be available in the church. These candles are in lieu of the tapered candles we usually offer after the Candlemas. Donation is \$5.00.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 17 this year. Due to the pandemic, we dust you shall will not be imposing ashes on the forehead of individuals; instead, we will sprinkle ashes on the top

of heads. This may present an issue for individuals as the ashes will get into your hair. As a reminder, ASHES ARE OPTIONAL. They are a sacramental, not a sacrament, and are not necessary for salvation. If you choose to have the ashes sprinkled on top of your head, we will offer the ashes at the following times:

Mass at 6:30 am, 12:10 pm

Short Services at 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm

It is important that we do not exceed the allotted number of people that social distancing will allow for in church and that all policies of social distancing and hand cleansing are followed. Please be patient as this will take some extra time this year. If the weather permits we may be able to distribute ashes outside of the church on the grounds but we will need some volunteers to help distribute the ashes, any EM or Lector who may be willing to help us with the ashes please contact Lori and let her know your intention and availability for Ash Wednesday.

LENT SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS

Opportunity for individual confessions and prayer 22nd. Reconciliation from 6-7 in the sacristy. (Time will be expanded as we get closer to Easter) and Church open for private prayer, Exposition of 7th. Individual Blessings with the imposition the Blessed Sacrament on the left side of the church only during this time. Please sit in the furthest left bank of pews for adoration so as not to be distracted by the traffic to and from the sacristy.



FRIDAY STATIONS AND BENEDICTION

On Fridays during Lent, we will welcome everyone for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:30-7:00 pm followed by Benediction and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. You

may sit throughout the church on Fridays.



Diocesan Annual Appeal Special Appeal to Parishioners

We are only \$4,656.00 away from making our parish goal this year!!! Thank you to all who have contributed so far. I humbly ask that if you are able to do anything at all for the appeal to step up now and make a donation to the Appeal. I would hate for us to be so close and not reach the goal. Any amount will help the Diocese of Scranton, help others. Whatever you can give would be gratefully appreciated. Some of our parishioners who used to give a large amount have passed away this past year. That means we need more of you than ever before to help us make up the difference.

You can find Appeal, envelopes on the tables at the Church entrance or you can log on to <u>dioceseofscranton.org</u> and click on GIVING then follow the link to the Annual Appeal. Or Send your donation directly to Diocese of Scranton, Annual Appeal, 300 Wyoming Avenue—Scranton, PA 18503. Be sure to include your name and address AND St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville in the mailing so that our parish receives proper credit for your

contribution. Here are the latest numbers:

2020 Goal: \$44,000.00

Raised so far: \$39,344.00

Needed: \$ 4,656.00

FESTIVAL 2021 CANCELLED

Just so we are all on the same page, we are announcing now that the 2021 Summer Festival for our Parish is cancelled. Unless there is a miracle we will not be able to come together for the prep, execution and tear down of the Festival. COVID Mask Wearing and Social Distancing will most likely be in effect until at least the late fall. After weighing all the options there is no way we could safely hold the Festival this summer.

We may have some smaller fundraisers through the summer and fall to try to reduce the deficit from the Festival's income. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Stay healthy and safe!

WINTER FUNDRAISERS

Please remember to pick up your Cheesecake orders this Thursday, February 11th, from noon to 2pm or 5-6pm in the school cafeteria. Masks are required and social distancing will be in place.



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12976 ASH WEDNESDAY RED CLAM CHOWDER SALE ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17TH



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Our Parish remains open and operating solely through your generosity. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do for us through the year, especially during the pandemic. If you can continue to remember your envelopes and get them to us each week we can continue Our mission together. If you are comfortable, you may use the electronic offering option located at setonpa.com Look for the following link and follow the instructions:



Collection total for the week of **January 23/24, 2021 \$9801.42**

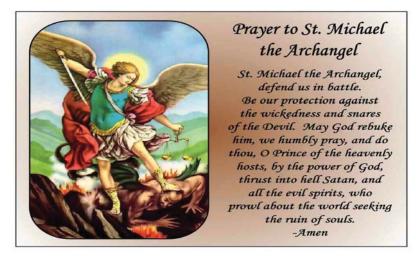
Once again, thank you to all those who drop offerings in the church basket, mail them, slip them in the rectory door, use the electronic giving option or who get your donations to us in any other way.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

Our Holy Name Society will meet today, Sunday, February 7th, after the 9:00am mass in the church hall. New members are welcome.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Due to ongoing issues with the COVID pandemic, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will *not* be conducting monthly meetings for February or March. While we pray we will be able to meet soon and return to our normal activities, for now, we must do what is necessary to keep everyone safe. We are hoping to have additional fund raisers so we are in a position to continue to serve our parish as best we can. Thank you to those members who have offered assistance and inquired about paying dues. Any member who wishes to pay their dues for 2021 may do so by placing in the collection basket or dropping off at the rectory. Please be sure to mark to the attention of the Christian Mothers and include your name.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

In person classes have resumed. Any questions, please call Sister Marion at 570-287-6624, extension 116.

RELIGIOUS ED UPDATES:

Rescheduled Sacramental Meetings **Sunday, March 7th,** 6:15pm church hall—

8th Grade Confirmation meeting

Sunday, March 14th, 6:15pm church hall-2nd Grade 1st Holy Communion meeting

Sunday, March 21st, 6:15pm church hall-7th Grade Confirmation meeting

PENANCE

3rd Grade: Saturday, April 10th at 10:00am 2nd Grade: Saturday, April 17th at 10:00am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

3rd Grade: Saturday, May 1st at 10:00am 2nd Grade: Saturday, May 8th at 10:00am

CONFIRMATION

9th Grade: Sunday, May 16th at 11:00am 8th Grade: Sunday, May 23rd at 11:00am

CANCELLED

Both the Communion Retreat and Confirmation Retreat have been cancelled.



EUCHARIST SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, February 8

6:30 am Daniel Grescavage Geri Hovan

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 am Ann & John Kraynak Sisters

Wednesday, February 10

8:00 am Andrew & Anna Mattie Daughter, Marge

Thursday, February 11

6:30 am Fred Proleika Sr. Richard & Joyce Gavlick

Friday, February 12

6:30 am Stephen & Helen Gaydos Son, Robert & daughter, Ann Marie

Saturday, February 13

5:00 pm John C. Romanowski Ralph & Barbara Romanowski

Sunday, February 14 7:00 am Pro Populo

9:00 am Barbara Podskoch M/M Rick Frusciante

11:00 am Ray Gustave Wife, Donna & daughters, Hilary & Ashley

5:30 pm John Pitcavage Joyce Dombroski Gebhardt & Family

The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass is Livestreamed on Facebook.com/Setonpa or available anytime there after and on our website: setonpa.com



IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.....

~~Margaret "Peggy" Kamus~~

May the Lord grant her Eternal Rest. Amen.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles

- 1. In Memory of Victoria Rish offered by daughter-in-law, Gerry
- 2. In Memory of Eleanor Mandycz offered by sister, Gerry



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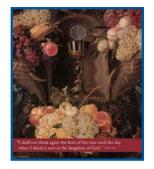
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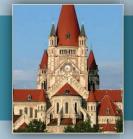
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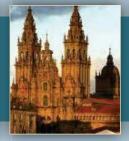
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