

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



The Seton Sentinel

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2014

Swoyersville, PA

2013 Diocesan Annual Appeal Parish Rebate

We received a check from the 2013 Diocesan Annual Appeal in the amount of \$3,750.00. A rebate is given to parishes who exceed their goals in the amount of 75% of what was collected over the goal. This is a tremendous achievement by all of you who contributed to last year's appeal! Thank you once again for your generosity to our diocese and to our parish!

FESTIVAL WORKERS' PARTY

Let's get together! No matter how you've helped in this year's Fantastic Festival, Thank You! We want to throw a little appreciation party for you. Join us on **Sunday, September 7th from 3pm to 6pm in the parish hall.** Sign-up sheets are at the entrance of the church or call the rectory with your reservation. See you then!

SEAS FESTIVAL 2014 FESTIVAL RESULTS

INCOME: \$136,960.24
 EXPENSES: \$49,973.49
 NET INCOME: \$86,986.75

Many, many thanks to everyone who made this possible! You shared your God-given talents, time, and treasure, making this annual event one of Christian love, friendship, and witness in our parish community. Kudos to all!!!

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

All members of the Parish Finance Council are asked to meet on **Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.** The annual report will be made available to all members as soon as possible for review. Also, property evaluations, strategic planning and upcoming projects will be discussed.

FATHER JOE'S NOT READY FOR PRIME-TIME HOMILIES

See and hear Father Joe's recorded "brief" Sunday Messages for the next four weeks at the website of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops at www.usccb.org Go to the **Daily Reflections Video** link and look for Sunday's date and click. Father Joe will appear at your desktop. Father was honored to be asked to participate in this nationwide evangelization project but has no plans to leave us for a job at EWTN anytime soon!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

This Advent season our parish will engage the children who attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays in the Children's Liturgy of the Word. It brings the gospel message to their level and makes the scriptures come to life through engaging the children's imagination. A team of adults is needed to help with this project. If you are gifted with children and would like to volunteer for the variety of "jobs" there will be in the Children's Word, contact Mr. Mark Mizzer at 288-0362.

All volunteers will need background checks, which the parish will arrange, and must attend the diocesan wide **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children** program.

ART & ENVIRONMENT

Our Art and Environment Committee will meet in the church on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at **7pm in the church hall.** New members are always welcome.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

The Social Concerns Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at **7pm in the church hall.** Our next meeting is **August 21st.** New members are always welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOCUSING SESSION

A special meeting will be held for the PPC on **Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m.** This session will be shorter than regular meetings and is meant to help us focus and discuss concrete goals for the coming year. All those who are able to make it are asked to attend. A regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Project Evangelization will begin in our parish this fall.

COLLECTION REPORT

AUGUST 2/3, 2014

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| SUNDAY: \$7304.25 | DUES: \$919.00 |
| LOOSE: \$ 393.75 | EASTER: \$10.00 |
| TOTAL: \$8627.00 | |

DIOCESAN: Catholic Relief: \$65.00
 Care and Education of Priests: \$974.00

May God bless you for your generosity!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR:

I do not want anyone to worry about being taken care of in this parish when you pass away. Anyone who wishes the services of the church is able to receive them. The only requirement is that either the individual or the family wishes for a Church Service. No other conditions apply, even if the deceased was not Catholic but still needs someone to do a service. I would be more than happy to see to it that the person receives a proper burial. From time to time I am told stories about church dues that were not paid up-to-date and a priest refusing to bury someone. I assure you that will not happen here.

Father Joe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Our Parish Religious Education Program will once again offer 2 sessions for grades 1-8 on either Saturday morning or Monday evening. All students who are not attending Catholic Schools should be enrolled in the parish program. This year, to simplify the registration process, we are directing everyone to our website: setonpa.com where you can download the registration form and return it to the parish in the mail or drop off at the rectory, or place in the weekend collection basket. If you cannot access the parish website please contact the Religious Formation Office at 287-4587 and we will get the form to you. Classes resume, Saturday, September 20th and Monday, September 22nd.

BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS MASS

All students are invited to participate in the Blessing of the Book Bags Mass on **Sunday, August 24th at 11:30 a.m.** Teachers and students will be blessed as well for a prosperous school year. All are welcome.

CCD TEACHER'S MEETING

Thursday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m. all teachers in this year's program are invited to join us for a light supper and the beginning of the year meeting. Join us in the parish hall.

THE SETON CAFÉ

This year we would like to offer a bit of hospitality to our parents of our CCD students during religious education classes. We hope to have The Seton Café located in the school basement open during the times of our CCD Classes. The parents can gather informally to enjoy, a coffee or tea and light snack while waiting for the children upstairs. If you would like to help in the operation of the Café please contact Terry at 287-4587. Duties will be very light and it is a way you can assist with the Religious Ed Program without climbing all of the steps.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN**

Do you have a child with a learning disability especially- ADD, ADHD, autism, Asperger's Syndrome- or know a family of a child experiencing these disabilities? There is a regional religious education program for these children at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Kingston. If you would like more information or are interested in this program, please call Carmella Faust at 570-287-3682 or email: religiouslyeducation1@yahoo.com

ADULT CONTINUING FAITH FORMATION

The fall series this year will be offered at 2 times, Tuesday mornings after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. on selected weeks. This year's theme is *Praying as Disciples: Going Deeper into our Relationship with Jesus*. We will explore the topic of personal prayer in greater detail with exercises in the Ignatian Prayer Methods. All are welcome to join us for these sessions which will be held in the Parish hall on the following dates: Tuesday, September 16, 30, October 21, November 4, 18. Thursday, September 18, October 2, 23, November 6, 20. Come to all of the sessions or just join us for one or two to deepen your prayer experience.

**CHOIR NEWS**

All members of the Adult Choirs are asked to meet in the church parking lot on **Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:30 p.m.** for a beginning of the season Kick-off Celebration. Regular practices resume Wed. September 9th at 6:30 p.m. downstairs in the main church for ALL adult choir members. New members are most welcome and encouraged to join us for our 1st practice of the season. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who like to sing to get involved in church. The time commitment is up to you, come to as many practices and masses that fits your schedule. The choir will sing at alternating weekend masses during the year.

SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 25th REUNION MASS

Next Saturday, August 23rd at the 4:00 p.m. members of the class of 1989 and faculty members of the former Seton Catholic High School in Pittston will join us for Liturgy, remembering all faculty and students who are deceased. Several pews will be reserved for the class and faculty. Father Joe Pisaneschi, 89' will be the celebrant and homilist. Make our guests feel at home and welcome at this normally already crowded mass.

CELEBRATING 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 held after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament is celebrated for 8th grade students each spring semester. Students must be consecutively enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic Schools to be eligible. Students must meet all requirements set by the Diocese of Scranton and the Parish.

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.

Holy Orders

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

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 or friend.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, September 13, 9am-3pm

In our parish gym & cafeteria

Over 40 vendors!

Lunch will be available

Call MaryAnn for more information; 287-3484



CCD REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 2014-2015

Religious Education school year can be

found on our website: setonpa.com

Parents, please go online and download the form & return to Mrs. Jankoviak by mail, drop in the collection basket, or bring to the rectory office. If you are not able to get the form online, forms are available at the rectory office or call Mrs. Jankoviak at 287-4587.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul's Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre, needs volunteers for the food bank on Tuesdays, 5-6pm for filling & stocking shelves & food distribution. Please call Mike for more info. at 829-7796.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers are needed for Distribution at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre, on Monday, Aug. 18th, 9am-11am and 2pm-6pm. Please contact Diane at 570-406-9843 if you can help.

BUS TRIP: Saturday, Sept 13th, to National Blue Army Shrine, Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, NJ. Bus leaves Oblates of St. Joseph, Rt. 315, Pittston, at 8:30am and leaves the Shrine at 3:15-3:30pm. Cost: \$28.00 per person, payable to The Blue Army. Contact John Witkosky at 288-4311 for information. Dinner on the way home is paid individually. There is a refreshment stand at the Shrine and the Gift Shop will be open. Visit the website at www.bluearmy.com

Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 18

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Kachmar Family

Tuesday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Anna & John Kraynak Daughters

Wednesday, August 20 St. Bernard

8:00 a.m. Stephen Hudak Wife, Eleanor

Thursday, August 21 St. Pius X

8:00 a.m. Bill Quinn Wife & Family

Friday, August 22 The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. John Olejnik Sr. & John Olejnik Jr. Remakus Family

Saturday, August 23 (vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Students and Faculty of Seton Catholic High School (Class of 89')

5:30 p.m. Paul Monahan & Ray Szczucki Family

Sunday, August 24 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Joseph E. Barush Norman Latoski

10:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving John & Rita Sabadish

11:30 a.m. Charlene Long M/M Rob Stefanides & Family



BAPTISM SUNDAY Congratulations and God's blessings upon the family of *Olivia Ray Mesaros*, who will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~In Memory of Carol and Charlene Long offered by Family
 ~In Honor of Baby Olivia Mesaros offered by Grandparents



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~In Memory of Leo Venetz offered by wife, Anna Mae
 ~In Memory of John Potomis offered by daughter, Mary

Celebrant's Schedule

August 23-24

4:00pm Fr. Pisaneschi
 5:30pm Fr. Urban
 8:30am Fr. Pisaneschi
 10:00am Fr. Urban
 11:30am Fr. Pisaneschi





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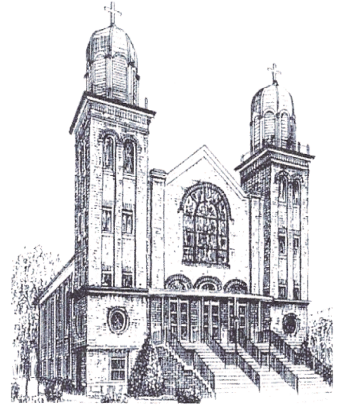
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TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST ...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children, don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir etc.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our church is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

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.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

or anytime by request.

Parish Staff

- Cora Artim Children & 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

Welcome to our Parish!

Actual Parish Membership begins by contacting the parish office.

Direct Contacts

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

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoe@aol.com