

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



“My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.”

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

Swoyersville, PA

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
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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 chance for PASTIES until September. 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.

MISSING HYMNALS

We seem to be missing more and more Gather Hymnals and Music Supplements from the pew racks each week. These books are quite expensive to replace and they have been donated by parishioners. Please do not remove them from the pews. If you accidently picked one up, please return it as soon as possible. Each Gather book costs in the neighborhood of \$25 with engraving and shipping charges. It’s beginning to add up.

SOMEONE MADE THE SUGGESTION

A comment was made recently about the music we sing...”Even if people do not sing the songs, they should at least open the books and follow the words...they are so beautiful and full of meaning.” — Good suggestion!

THE BABIES SAY “THANK YOU”

The Wilkes-Barre Pro-Life Center has tallied all the money from our Lenten Pro-Life Baby Bottle Project, and the total amount collected was \$2774.28!!! This was a super amount and shows the generosity from our parishioners! “May special Easter Blessings be on everyone who supported this most important project. Many are receiving help for their little ones and we thank you for that!” wrote Betty Caffrey, President of PA for Human Life.



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our Christian Mothers want to thank everyone who helped make our Rummage Sale a huge success! Thanks to all who donated items, cooked, baked, and helped set up and clean up. Thanks to everyone who came and purchased items. We appreciate your kindness and support!!! See you in the fall!

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.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This Tuesday, April 19th, at 5pm, Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D., will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our 8th grade students. Please keep them in your prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On 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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE VARIETY BINGO

Let's play BINGO! The Social Concerns Committee welcomes you to an afternoon of food, fun and games at our 2nd Annual Prize Bingo this Sunday, April 17th at 2:00 pm in the School Gym. All proceeds raised at this event will support not only our parish, but also those in need throughout our surrounding communities. During Easter week, 87 hams were purchased and distributed to local families at the Luzerne Food Pantry; this would not have been possible without your continuing support of the Committee's fundraisers. Finally, special thanks to Chris Calore and the committee members who volunteered to clean and paint the ladies' restroom in the lower level of the school. In addition to the updated plumbing fixtures and repairs authorized by Father Joe, the brighter walls will appear more welcoming to friends and visitors at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

HELP NEEDED TODAY AFTER BINGO

HELP IS REQUESTED AS WE WILL NEED MANY STRONG HANDS to *dismantle* the tables in the Gym AFTER Bingo today, **SUNDAY, APRIL 17th, at 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!!!

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

Our Social Concerns Committee will meet Thursday, April 21st, at 7pm in the church hall. New members are welcome!

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING

Our CCM will meet next Sunday, April 24th, at 2pm in our church hall. New members are welcome!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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.

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!**

VARIETY BINGO

SPECIAL CASH COVER ALL Instant bingo

APRIL 17 2016

ST. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hughes St. Swoyersville

Doors Open 1:00 PM.

Bingo Starts 2:00 PM.

Entrance Fee \$5.00

Spcial Games Available

Bake Sale Door Prizes Lunch & Refreshments Basket Raffle

Sponsored by Social Concerns Committee

Church Finances

COLLECTION REPORT April 2/3, 2016

EASTER: \$1105.00	SUNDAY: \$7137.00	DUES: \$4806.00
LOOSE: \$785.61	E-GIVING: \$319.39	
TOTAL: \$14,153.00		

Diocesan: Holy Thursday (Soup Kitchen): \$85.00

Good Friday (Holy Land): \$83.00

Diocesan Appeal; \$415.00

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

APRIL Parish Groups Envelope benefits SOCIAL CONCERNS

2016 Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference "Be A Man: Jesus Christ, The Face of True Manhood" April 23, 2016 at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center, 149 North Main St, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 Experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring keynote presentations by Catholic biblical scholar, professor and conference speaker Dr. Scott Hahn from Steubenville, Ohio, well-known blogger Msgr. Charles Pope from the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., and former Notre Dame football player Michael McGlinn. Reconciliation opportunities with many priests available for confessions. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00am, Registration/Continental Breakfast 7:00am, With main Conference and Mass from 8:00am to 2:45pm. Cost: \$35, \$30 early bird, \$15 for students. Register online at : www.BeAManConference.com or mail the completed conference brochure application with your check to Attn: Men's Conference, Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA. 18503 (Mark "Men's Conference" on memo line of check). Our Parish Captain is Chris Calore (570-824-5621)

PIGGIE SALE: St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 271 Tripp St., Swoyersville, will hold a Piggie Sale on Saturday April 23 from noon to 2pm (take-outs only). Cost is \$2.50 each. Call Marie to place your order by April 18th: 570-287-3110.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, announces its ART SHOW/SPRING CONCERT/SENIOR WALTZ on Saturday, April 16, & Sunday, April 17 in McCarthy Auditorium. Art Show begins at 6pm. Concert/Waltz at 7pm. Also, School registrations are taking place now. Any student interested in shadowing or registering for high school, may call Guidance for information, 570-829-2424.

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.

PASTORAL MUSICIANS/LITURGICAL MEETING: LITURGY & BECOMING THE CHURCH OF MERCY

Pope Francis has declared this year as an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy inviting everyone to reconsider both spiritually and practically the importance of mercy in our lives. Rev. Eric Schimmel, C.S.C. and Robert Yenkowski, both from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, will provide insight into how our participation in the sacred liturgy helps us become more merciful in our lives. On Tuesday, April 19th, at 6pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, the meeting will begin with dinner at 6:00PM, followed by the presentation at 7:00PM, and concludes with Night Prayer. There is no cost for the event, but a free-will offering will be taken up to help offset the cost of dinner. To register, please contact David Baloga, NPM Scranton Chapter Program Director at [570-207-2213](tel:570-207-2213), ext. 1158.

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.

SPRING FESTIVAL

King's College Reginas will hold their annual Spring Festival (Penny Auction) on April 24th at 2pm in the Sheehy Farmers Center-King's College Campus. Enjoy an afternoon of games & prizes. Admission is \$2.00 & includes light refreshments. Tickets can be purchased at the door. This fundraiser is designed to help local students through the Rev. Clement J. Podskoch Scholarship Fund. Call Eileen Eustice at 570-283-0846 for more information.

Eucharistic Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, April 18

8:00 am Dorothy Pinchak Michael & Ann Marie Aed

Tuesday, April 19

8:00 am Adolph & Bertha Kadish Children

5:00 pm **CONFIRMATION LITURGY**

Wednesday, April 20

8:00 am Robert Wallace Wife, Bonnie, & son, Robert

Thursday, April 21 *St. Anselm*

8:00am Ray Ripa Niece, Patti & Doug Workman

Friday, April 22

8:00am Mayor Vincent T. Dennis M/M Andrew Barilla Jr.

Saturday, April 23 *Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter*

4:00pm Edward Evelock Son, Wife, & Family

5:30pm Mary Miller Family

Sunday, April 24 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 am *Pro Populo*

10:00 am Christina McKenzie Husband & Daughters

11:30 am Helen Saren Family

5:30 pm Anna Barnoski Daughter, Rosemary & Family



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

~~Maj. (Ret.) Matthew P. Duda~~Marie Mishkel~~

GIVE THEM ETERNAL REST, FATHER. MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Sanctuary Candles

~In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Wife & Family

~In Memory of Richard Levenoskie offered by Wife, Frances Marie & Children



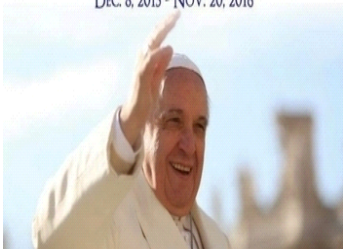
ALTAR FLOWERS

~In Memory of Richard Levenoskie offered by wife, Frances Marie, & Children

~In Memory of Catherine Mucha offered by Family

**EXTRAORDINARY
JUBILEE OF MERCY**

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Celebrants for the Eucharist

APRIL 23

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Urban

APRIL 24

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi

11:30 am Fr. Urban

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi