

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Swoyersville, PA



THE SETON SENTINEL

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2015

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



116 Hughes Street

Swoyersville, PA 18704

Phone 570-287-6624

Fax 570-287-4704

Email: setonpa@aol.com

setonpa.com**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.

PARKING/PROPERTY

Bishop Bambera has given his permission for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish to purchase the home and property located at 200 Sidney Street for additional parking spaces for the church. Don't park there yet! We need to demolish the house on the property and then begin to get it ready for cars. This will take a little time. We will keep you updated in the *Sentinel*. Although this is by no means a complete solution to the parking situation, it should come as a bit of relief for some cars. We have a large, active parish and any additional parking spaces are a blessing.

The rectory at Holy Name-St. Mary's on Shoemaker Street is still on the market. Interested parties should contact Monica in the parish office for additional information.

LENTEN FOOD SALES:

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance for our **Halushki Sale**, to be held this Friday, March 6th, in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$2.50/pint. Pick-up times are noon to 2pm or 5pm to 6pm.

Upcoming Sales (All on Fridays during Lent):

March 13th-Pirohy

March 20th-Sweet Pizza

March 27th-Pirohy

Holy Name Society

Our HNS will meet today, Sunday, March 1st, after the 8:30am Mass in the church hall. Plans will be finalized for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on March 21st.

Holy Name Society Easter Egg Hunt

Sign-up sheets for the children of SEAS Parish, ages 1 thru 8, are on the tables at the entrance of the church for the Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by our Holy Name Society, on Saturday, March 21st, in the church hall at 1:00pm, Rain, Snow, or Shine! Contact Anna Mae at 287-7655 if any questions.

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion**

Next Sunday, March 8th, at the 11:30am Mass, Fr. Joe will install all of our new EM's who just completed their training. We invite all new EM's to try to attend this Mass, and to sit in the front reserved pews.

Come join us in Prayer & Praise!

The monthly Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, March 4th, at 7pm in the school cafeteria. Join us for a time of praise, song, and prayer. All are welcome! Call John Witkosky at 288-4311 for more information.

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 or friend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This Sunday the Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes for the Lenten Season at the 10:00 am Mass. Children from 5 to 10 years old are invited to go in a group to the church hall during the Liturgy of the Word and participate in this activity designed especially for them. Come to mass as usual and the children will process out before the readings begin.

Monday Evening Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation will continue this Lenten season beginning on Monday, February 23rd. Join us Monday Evenings from 5:30—7:00 pm by preparing for Easter with sacramental confession and a period of silence before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Stop by anytime from 5:30 on...

Thursdays during Lent join us for something new to our parish.... **AWAKENING FAITH: Reconnecting with Your Catholic Faith.** This program will explore topics such as "Who is Jesus, Can I Accept God's Mercy, Can Mass Make My Life More Meaningful?" It is designed for both active and non-active Catholics. So come and bring someone who is not practicing the faith with no pressure placed on anyone. Just conversation and faith-sharing. There are no right or wrong dispositions or answers. If you know someone who is away from the Church or wants to be reconnected and have always wished there were something you could do...now there is! Invite them to **Awakening Faith** in our parish. Continues this Thursday, February 26th at 6:30p.m. in the church hall.

FRIDAYS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. with Eucharistic Benediction. All are welcome.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Monday, March 2nd: Art and Environment 7:00 pm in the Church
 Tuesday, March 3rd: Parish Pastoral Council, 6:30 pm in the Rectory



MUSIC AT SETON

Join the 5:30 pm Sunday Contemporary Mass Musicians and Singers! Practice at 4:30 pm Sunday by the Grand Piano. Anyone who likes to sing or play instruments is most welcome to join in the music making.

The **Senior Choir** practices at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Preparation for the Easter Triduum and Confirmation are underway. Join us!



Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's & 11:30 Choir
 Phil Bosha
Maintenance
 Chris Calore
Maintenance
 Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister
 Terry Jankoviak
Director of Faith Formation
 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*
 Parish direct email: *setonpa@aol.com*

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



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

CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERTS

In a 66 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present Lenten Concerts on March 8th in Wilkes-Barre and on March 15th in Forty-Fort. The first concert on Sunday, March 8th will be held at **St. Andrew's Parish, 316 Parish St, Wilkes-Barre, PA. at 3 PM.** The pastor of St. Andrew's Church is Rev. James E. McGahagan.

The second concert will be presented at **Forty Fort United Methodist Church, 26 Yeager Ave., Forty-Fort on Sunday, March 15th at 3:00PM.** The pastor of **Forty-Fort United Methodist Church** is Rev. Dr. Philip T. Wanck.

Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse and Brenda Grunza are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Jean Shields is accompanist. The group, marking its 66th season, is composed of members from both Luzerne and Lackawanna counties who will perform inspirational music in the Advent tradition at the March concerts. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

Lenten Regulations

- **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday**, and all ***Fridays** of Lent
- **Fasting** is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics over the age of 18 but not yet 59. Those bound by this may only take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal practices.

(Those who are ill, pregnant, on medication or special diets for health concerns, or those who work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations)

*In the United States, the bishops have asked Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

**COLLECTION REPORTS
FEBRUARY 14/15, 2015**

SUNDAY: \$5553.50 DUES: \$943.87
 LOOSE: \$219.35 E-giving (online) \$166.04
TOTAL: \$6882.76
Building & Maintenance:\$1295.70

DIOCESAN:
 Care & Education of Priests: \$13.00

May God bless you for your generosity!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of more altar servers. Any student who has received First Holy Communion up to Grade 12, is most welcome to become an Altar Server. We currently have 4 new students signed up and would like to get several more. Fr. Joe will have a training session after Easter. Please call Lori at the office to register.

Swoyersville Kiwanis Nite at the Races

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club will hold their annual Nite at the Races on Saturday, March 7 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria, Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Doors open at 6:00 PM and post time is 7:00 PM. This is a great night out to get a break from the cold, winter doldrums. The cost of horses are \$10 and includes admission. Admission without buying a horse is \$5. Food and refreshments are included. There will be raffle drawings between all races, instant bingo and a 50-50 drawing. The money raised goes back in to the community to sponsor local sports groups, scholarships and other community projects. Horses can also be purchased the night of the races. We are also accepting "race sponsors". For \$100 a business or individual can sponsor a race. You will receive recognition before the start of the race plus have your business card in our program. Come out and help us to help the community, plus you will have a great time too. Must be 21 to attend. To purchase a horse or sponsor a race contact Gene or Kathy Breznay at 283-1677 or any Kiwanis member.

HAM & CABBAGE DINNER

Holy Family Parish, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch, is having a Ham & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 14, in the church hall. Dinner is served from 4-7pm & take-outs are available from 3pm. \$10/adults and \$5/children. Tickets are available by calling the rectory at 822-8983 or at the door.



The First Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on April 25, 2015, at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. The event will feature 2 nationally known speakers: Fr. Larry Richards, author of ***Be A Man***, and Damon Owens of the Theology of the Body Institute. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as devotional prayers. Exhibitors will present a full array of Catholic books, publications, CDs, and ministry opportunities. Save the date & plan to join Bishop Bambera, many clergy, & all faithful brothers who will participate in an effort to build up the church. Invite your friends, brothers, sons & grandsons. For more information contact Michael Kilmer, Chairman, at michaelkilmer71@gmail.com or call 746-0100.

Wyoming Area Catholic School

Celebrate "Read Across America" with Dr. Seuss and the Wimpy Kid. Join us today!!! Come one, come all, come large, come small, to celebrate reading, we'll have a ball. We'll have games & refreshments—the fun never ends! Be sure to come & bring some friends! For all children in Grades Pre-K to Grade 5—Sunday, March 1st, 12pm to 1:30pm at Wyoming Area Catholic School. RSVP 654-7982.

American Red Cross

We are looking for student leaders who want to help support the blood supply this summer. Students looking for college scholarships or valuable leadership experience are encouraged to check out the ***Leaders Save Lives*** program & sign up to host a summer drive for a chance to win a scholarship & a gift card. A great student leader must be between 16 to 24 years old, host a Red Cross blood drive between June 1-Aug. 31, 2015. Collect at least 25 pints of blood & achieve 100% of the blood drive goal. For more information, call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

VOCATIONS

You are invited for prayer & sharing. Women's Retreat: REBUILDING MY CHURCH: St. Francis & Pope Francis. March 13-14, Women 17 years & older. Bring a friend. 4:30pm Friday –6pm Sunday. Bernardine Franciscan Sisters Motherhouse, 460 St. Bernardine St., Reading, PA 19607, Free will offering. RSVP March 11th to Sr. Madonna at 610-952-5030.

Holy Eucharist Schedule and Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Emershaw Rev. Daniel FitzSimmons

Tuesday, March 3 Saint Katherine Drexel

8:00 a.m. Stella Papciak David Dudascik

Wednesday, March 4 Saint Casimir

8:00 a.m. Paul A. Kopicki Anna Mae & Mary Potomis

Thursday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Joseph Russo Lou Bartoli

Friday, March 6

8:00 a.m. Irene Kopetchne Family

Saturday, March 7 (vigil: Third Sunday of Lent)

4:00 p.m. Irene Kopetchne Family

5:30 p.m. Mary Ann LaNunziata Rich & Betsy Evanoski

Sunday, March 6 Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Ladies Auxiliary Anniversary Mass

10:00 a.m. Frank O'Connor Pierce & Judy Hooper

11:30 a.m. Biagio & Giuseppe Callari Steve & Maria Englot

5:30 p.m. **Pro Populo**



IN MEMORIAM~~Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him
 ~~**William Lewis Jr.**~~May his soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~ In Memory of Robert Rish offered by wife, Gerry
 ~In Memory of Christopher B. Sobota offered by Parents

**Presider's Schedule
 March 7-8**

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

