

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

# FORWARD IN FAITH



Sorrow Looks Back.

Worry Looks Around.

FAITH LOOKS FORWARD!

# The Seton Sentinel

*The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 7, 2014

Swoyersville, PA

My Dear Friends,

For quite some time now, those of us in church leadership have been talking about the need for plan to revitalize and re-energize our parishes. Conferences, workshops, convocations over the past several years have all focused our attention on the urgent need to accomplish two goals: Reach out to those who are not actively engaged with our parish and help our current parishioners find, accept and use their gifts in growing the Kingdom of God.



Let's begin today! As St. Pope John XXIII called for an opening of the windows of the church to let fresh air in just before calling the Second Vatican Council, let us open our windows and doors to this much needed movement of Evangelization. Over the next weeks, months and years we will unpack more fully what Forward in Faith entails. This thumbnail sketch is meant to convey the general principles. We need to get back to basics if we are going to meet any success in this undertaking. Since our focus is Jesus Christ, let's begin with Him.

Jesus established the church for one crystal clear reason: To "GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES." That's it...Those were his parting words to his disciples, the new church he founded. Anything that we do in the name of Jesus that does not end in that purpose is a complete waste of time. In other words, Evangelization is the only reason you and I are here. As the author Tom Corcoran recently wrote in an article, "Jesus established the church to be a **movement** of growing disciples....that turned the world upside down." (emphasis mine). The key word is **movement**. As believers we must be constantly moving...moving in the direction of Jesus himself.

Movement is not just constant motion or commotion. It is aimed at the direction of growing in our discipleship, or getting closer to the ideal that Jesus proclaimed, the Kingdom. For Jesus, God's Kingdom was a reality, not just an idea. A Kingdom built on forgiveness, compassion, service, justice, peace and above all God's unconditional and unfailing love for each one of us. As we move Forward in Faith, the question that takes center stage for us as individuals and as church is how can we make that kingdom a reality in our world?

It's not that difficult to achieve. If we put into motion and action forgiveness, compassion, service, justice, peace and love, we are helping to bring God's Kingdom to fulfillment. It takes courage, it takes conviction, and it takes change on our part. Are we willing to forgive? Are we willing to serve? To be the peacemaker? To be the servants that Christ has called us to be? Let's be clear, we can do none of this on our own. God takes the initiative every time He asks us to move. We cannot do it alone.

Today, let's recommit ourselves to the two-fold purpose of discipleship: growing (or moving) closer to Jesus and drawing others to His love. In other words, we are about the business of knowing more intimately Jesus, our Lord, and making Him more intimately known to others.

Fr. Joe

## SOCIAL CONCERNS CRAFT SHOW

VENDORS ARE STILL WELCOME TO BE PART  
OF THE SHOW!

Saturday, September 13, 9am-3pm

In our parish gym & cafeteria

Lunch will be available.

Call MaryAnn for more information:  
287-3484

Also, anyone from the parish who can donate baked good items are asked to bring them to the school cafeteria on Friday, Sept. 12th from 6pm-8pm.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

From September 13th to September 21st, we will have a playpen placed near the Reconciliation Room for donations. The Pro-Life Center is in need of: Baby Wipes, Diapers sizes 2 & 3, New or nearly new strollers, indoor swings, baby seats for dinner table, high chairs, and Pack-n-Plays.

A wonderful way to put our faith into action for the Pro-Life Center!





**HONEY BEES**

We are aware of the large number of bees that are occupying our church entrance. Please avoid using that last door on the right to enter or exit the church. There is such a large number we were advised to wait until they are dormant to remove them. Because they have been there so long, we are going to need to open up the roof over the entranceway to get rid of the honey and the nest entirely. This is going to be quite a project to remove the bees, their honey, and the nest. Please be cautious outside of the front of the church until we can take care of it completely.

**PROSPECTIVE BRIDES AND GROOMS**

Couples planning weddings in our parish should be aware of recent changes to the **Rite of Marriage** that have come from the changes in the **New Roman Missal**. The ceremony should be gone over from start to finish with the pastor before any plans for music or other arrangements are made.

**WHEREABOUTS**

Father Joe will be on retreat this week, Monday–Thursday. Please direct all Pastoral Concerns to Lori at the office during business hours and follow the directions on Father’s answering machine for any after hours emergency calls. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ADULT SERVERS FOR FUNERALS**

We have a few *very faithful* adult servers who assist Father for funerals. We are very appreciative of their service. We have been having many funerals lately, and could use a few more volunteers. If you think you would like to help in this ministry, please contact Fr. Joe or Lori. Training will be provided.



**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**

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.

**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](http://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.

**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.

**ART & ENVIRONMENT**

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

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:**

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our Knights of Columbus meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at **7pm in the church hall**. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 9th. New members are always welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BBQ COMING in OCTOBER....more details ahead....

**SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING**

The Social Concerns Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at **7pm in the church hall**. Next meeting, September 18th. New members are always welcome.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Our Holy Name Society will meet on September 7th after the 8:30am Mass in the church hall. The upcoming schedule of events will be discussed. New members are always welcome.

**COLLECTION REPORT**

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, our collection reports will be in next week's bulletin. Thank you.

May God bless you for your generosity!

**Bratislava Boys' Choir****from Bratislava, Slovakia in Concert**

The first performance is at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre on Friday, Sept. 19th, at 7:30pm. A second performance is at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 7:30pm. Free admission, but a donation of \$15 is suggested. The local performances are being sponsored by Michal Stretanski in cooperation with World Artists Experiences and the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic. Families from Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston are coordinating home stays for the boys. The choir's repertoire features a wide variety of both sacred and secular works including Gregorian chant, Renaissance polyphony, concert Masses, arrangements of folk songs, and Slovak Philharmonic, the Vienna Symphony, and the Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra in addition to recording 7 compact discs.

**COME TO THE 38TH ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY**

"The combined Knights of Columbus Councils of Wyoming Valley will sponsor their 38th annual Rosary Rally on **Sunday, September 28th, at Saint Leo's / Holy Rosary Parish, 33 Manhattan Street, Ashley**. A Procession from the Church through the streets will begin at 2:00 pm. At 3:00 pm Devotions will take place in the Church followed by the celebration of Mass. This Mass will satisfy Sunday obligation. Parking is available behind the Church, from N. Main St. off W. Hartford Street. The faithful are welcome."

**GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

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.

**VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children Program**

This training session is required for all adult volunteers who work a minimum of 20 hours or more per year with children. During the 3-hour training, a facilitator will incorporate techniques in a discussion format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively. Please consider joining your community on Thursday, Sept 18th, from 6:30 to 9:30PM, at St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, Nanticoke, or Thursday, October 9th, from 6:30-9:30PM, at Holy Rosary School, Duryea. Contact Peggie Jimcoski to register: 735-4833 or [hthc@comcast.net](mailto:hthc@comcast.net)

**From Bishop Bambera:**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that a special collection be taken up in all parishes on the weekend of September 27-28, 2014 to support our Christian brothers and sisters and other innocent victims of the violence in the Middle East, most specifically in areas of Iraq, Gaza and Syria. All funds received from the collection will be used by Catholic Relief Services working in partnership with local Churches in the Middle East to meet urgent humanitarian needs.

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church  
Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que and Flea Market**

420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Twp. Sunday, Sept 14th, from noon to 4pm on the church grounds. Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, applesauce, roll, butter, drink & dessert. Cost is only \$10.00. The Flea Market continues the following weekend, Sept 19, 20, and 21, and Sept 26 and 27. Call 823-6242 for more information.

### Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

<b>Monday, Sept 8</b>	<b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
8:00 a.m. Holland & Shaner Families	Mary C. Shaner
<b>Tuesday, Sept 9</b>	<b>St. Peter Claver</b>
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Bednar Grycko	Ed, Gloria, & Adam Bilder
<b>Wednesday, Sept 10</b>	
8:00 a.m. Laing/Battin Families	Joe & Kate Ryan
<b>Thursday, Sept 11</b>	
8:00 a.m. Robert Kelly	Kelly Family
<b>Friday, Sept 12</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>
8:00 a.m. Betty Nevolas	Marge Nevolas
<b>Saturday, Sept 13</b>	<i>(vigil: Exaltation of the Holy Cross)</i>
4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of Swoyersville High School Class of 1959	
5:30 p.m. Diane Wanyo	Brian & Samantha Bellas
<b>Sunday, Sept 14</b>	<b>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
8:30 a.m. Lottie & Chet Innamorati	Daughter, Jane & Families
10:00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo</i>	
11:30 a.m. Torregrossa Family	Steve & Maria Englot



#### SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

~In Memory of Deceased Members of Ostroskie Family offered by Irvin Ostroskie  
~In Memory of Felix Wawer Sr. offered by Marge Shulo



#### ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~In Memory of Felix Wawer Sr. offered by M/M George Reggie



Congratulations & Wedding Blessings upon *William Lewis & Roseann Gorey*, who were married on Saturday, September 6th.



IN MEMORIAM Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light Shine upon her~~*Alice M. Chronowski*~~May her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen.

#### Celebrant's Schedule

	Sept 13-14
4:00pm	Fr. Pisaneschi
5:30pm	Fr. Urban
8:30am	Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00am	Fr Pisaneschi
11:30am	Fr. Urban







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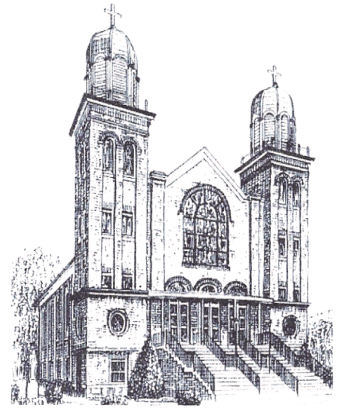
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## Weekend Eucharist

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's/ 11:30 a.m. Choir Director
- 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: fatherjoey@aol.com

### 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.

#### 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.