

Seton Sentinel

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

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LENTEN SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS

Opportunity for individual confessions and prayer on Monday evenings during Lent, beginning Feb 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 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.

You may also request confession at anytime by calling the office and arranging for a time with ather Joe. Because of the pandemic we are only able to offer confession face-to-face.

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.



The Lenten artwork displayed in our church this year was done by Mrs. Cora Artim. The banners above and below the altar were done to match the Lenten chasuble and cope that the priest wears during the season. Thank you Cora, for sharing your beautiful talent with our parish in this special way.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

We will announce the location of the Easter Basket Blessing as we get closer to Easter. It needs to be outside for safety reasons and the weather, of course, must be cooperative for whatever we decided. Plan on 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 3rd. At a location to be announced.

Lent/Holy Week and Easter

While we know that many parishes are using the reservation system for seating during this season and especially for Holy Week and Easter, we'll keep the policy of "first come, first seated," and once we have reached our capacity we'll ask you to come back at another time. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Church will be open 1/2 hour before services, no earlier.

Please remember to pick up your Sweet Pizza order this Friday, Feb. 26th, from 12-2pm or 5-6pm.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.

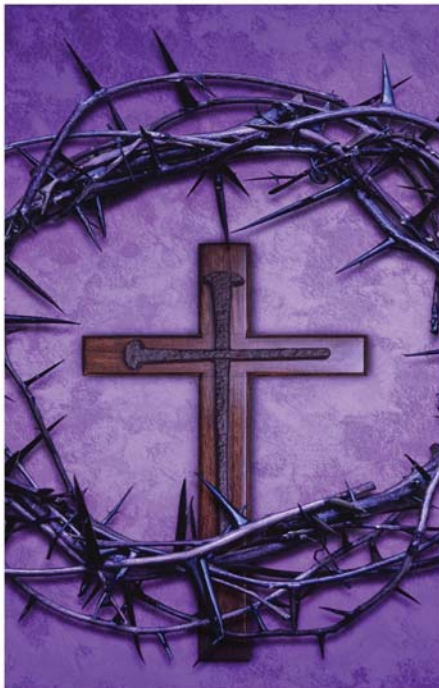


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Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thanks to all who helped us Help us meet our parish goal! We are so close... You can find Appeal, envelopes on the tables at the Church entrance or you can log on to dioceseofscranton.org 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:

Goal:	\$44,000.00
Raised so far:	\$39,344.00
Needed:	\$ 4,656.00



FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

The parish priest was sick in the hospital and the newly arrived substitute was rushing around, getting ready for Mass on Ash Wednesday morning. He needed something to hold the container of Ashes for the blessing. He could find nothing suitable, except the manger from the Christmas Nativity set, which was being repaired in a back workroom. He placed a purple cloth in the manger, added the bowl of ash and placed it in front of the altar. The display became His homily—the reason for Christmas is Easter.

Customs, family traditions and spiritual practices help make a liturgical season's importance more practical and realistic. When we act out our beliefs, ritualizing them in prayer, religious objects, special times and places, the season takes on a unique characteristic. We make faith concrete and understandable, especially for our children. Family prayers or penance,

preparing special meals, going to Stations of the Cross, visiting



a nursing home or helping at the soup kitchen are the things you can do that establish a practice of faith within your family. Most importantly, these activities connect us with the larger community, allowing everyone to give something back and help others in some small way to achieve their potential. We cannot solve all the problems of the world, but we can make our own communities better places to live. If things are going to improve in any area of our life, we cannot wait until someone else does it for us. Better lifestyles, healthier communities, better schools, safer neighborhoods, and services for the poor, aged or homeless begin with someONE. Why not you?

—Jim Gaffney

*Turn away from sin
and be faithful
to the gospel.*

In Word & Deed

(continued from front)

Lent is our time of renewal and restoration. We are given a fresh start through penance—both sacramental and personal. This is our opportunity to take a spiritual inventory, to set a new course, and to grow in faith, in grace and in holiness. In Baptism, we begin a journey of faith, to love with His heart, to think with His mind, to act with His will. To be a follower of Christ is to live a life of conversion and penance, seeking union with God and the community of the Church. Our daily conversion of mind, body and soul takes us closer to Jesus and the sacrifice of the cross. This Lent, make each day count. Do just one thing, one simple act that will make you stop, think and choose the Lord. Renew your own agreement with the Lord.

—Jim Gaffney

*For both the elect and the
local community, the Lenten
season is a time for spiritual
recollection in preparation for
the celebration of the
paschal mystery.*

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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
February 6/7, 2021 \$8932.32

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 get your donations to us in any other way.

40 Days for LIFE Pro-Life Rosary Gathering

Feb. 17 until March 26th, offered for the special intentions of ending abortion & closure of Planned Parenthood location in Wilkes-Barre; Rosary is prayed each weekday, Mon-Fri at 10am in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 101 N. Main St, Wilkes-Barre, across from King's College. Pro-life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer & fasting, constant vigil, & community outreach.



5-Week Marriage Enrichment Program

Marriage in Christ sessions consist of streaming videos, downloadable activity packets, & easy instructions. For a limited time, Communication Center is offering this program (\$40 value) free. Couples simply need to register on the website by March 31st: marriageinchrist.com

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.

A Take & Heat Lenten Soup & Pagach Sale will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont. Traditional lentil soup & red borscht will be sold for \$10/qt. & Potato & Cheese pagach for \$20/tray. Food is fresh & ready to heat & eat. Go to www.sacredheartdupont.com for order forms. Submit payment & order form to office by Feb. 28. Sale is Friday, March 5, from church hall from 12pm-6pm.

St. Barbara Parish, Exeter, Lenten Food Sales, will be held in Parish Center, Rear 212 Memorial St. TAKE OUT ONLY. Every Friday during Lent 3PM-6PM: Potato Pancakes (\$1.00each), Pierogi (6/\$5.00), & Halushki (\$6/quart). NO PRE-ORDERS, CASH ONLY, ORDER AT THE DOOR.

EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, February 22

6:30 am Charlene Kircher

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Tuesday, February 23

8:00 am Raymond Starzynski

John, Kim, & Shelby

Wednesday, February 24

8:00am Raymond Gustave

Joe & Terri Burgess

Thursday, February 25

6:30 am Geraldine Skolnick

Husband

Friday, February 26

6:30 am Alice & Joseph Waskey

Mark & Mary Ann Kosco

Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm John Sambo

Bob Tobias & Carol Kasper

Sunday, February 28

7:00 am Pro Populo

9:00 am Roman Ziegler Sr.

Deacon Jack & Karen

11:00 am Ray Ripa Sr.

Ripa Family

5:30 pm Georgina Urban

Children

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.....

~~Robert Yanchick~~Bruce Saunders~~Gary Quinn~~
~~Helen Ciali~~William Barber~~

May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest. Amen.



This Week's Sanctuary Candles

1. In Memory of John C. Romanowski offered by Ralph & Barbara Romanowski
2. In Memory of Lou Michaels offered by Family

BAPTISM SUNDAY

This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptism of:

~~Evan George McMahan~~

Evan will be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:00am Mass today.

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- Patricia Quinn
- Betsy Evanski

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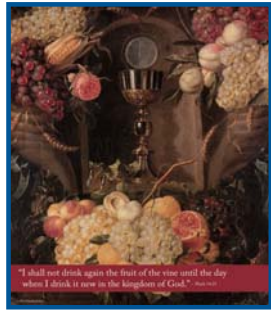
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