



**SETON SENTINEL**  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 14, 2021

## ST. CYRIL and METHODIOUS FEB 14

Today, the Western Church honors St. Valentine and we join the Eastern Church celebrating Sts. Cyril and Methodius, the patrons of many of our parishioners. Cyril and Methodius were brothers and Byzantine Christian theologians and missionaries. For their work evangelizing the Slavs, they are known as the "Apostles to the Slavs". Today, let us pray for one another and that we will all be followers of Cyril and Methodius' missionary zeal and study of theology. God Bless the Slavic People on this Special Day.

LAST WEEKEND, THE BULLETINS DID NOT ARRIVE ON TIME DUE TO THE SNOW STORM THAT HIT US EARLY IN THE WEEK, DELAYING THE DELIVERY SERVICE. WE ARE SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE. ALWAYS REMEMBER TO CHECK THE BULLETIN ONLINE AT SETONPA.COM.

### BLESSED CANDLES AVAILABLE

This weekend, Blessed St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Vigil Candles will be available in the church. Donation is \$5.00.

### ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday is February 17 this year. Due to the pandemic, we will not be imposing ashes on the forehead of individuals; As a reminder, ASHES ARE OPTIONAL. They are a sacramental, not a sacrament, and are not necessary for salvation. If you choose to have the ashes sprinkled on top of

your head, we will offer the ashes at the following times:

**Mass at 6:30 am, 12:10 pm**

**Short Services at 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm**



**OFFICE CLOSED**  
Our parish office will be closed on Monday, February 15th, in observance of President's Day Holiday.

## 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.

### 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.

### *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.

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

## *Diocesan Annual Appeal Special Appeal to Parishioners*

We are only \$4,656.00 away from making our parish goal this year!!! Thank you to all who have contributed so far. I humbly ask that if you are able to do anything at all for the appeal to step up now and make a donation to the Appeal. I would hate for us to be so close and not reach the goal. Any amount will help the Diocese of Scranton, help others. Whatever you can give would be gratefully appreciated. Some of our parishioners who used to give a large amount have passed away this past year. That means we need more of you than ever before to help us make up the difference.

You can find Appeal, envelopes on the tables at the Church entrance or you can log on to [dioceseofscranton.org](http://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:**

<b>2020 Goal:</b>	<b>\$44,000.00</b>
<b>Raised so far:</b>	<b>\$39,344.00</b>
<b>Needed:</b>	<b>\$ 4,656.00</b>

### FESTIVAL 2021 CANCELLED

Just so we are all on the same page, we are announcing now that the 2021 Summer Festival for our Parish is cancelled. Unless there is a miracle we will not be able to come together for the prep, execution and tear down of the Festival. COVID Mask Wearing and Social Distancing will most likely be in effect until at least the late fall. After weighing all the options there is no way we could safely hold the Festival this summer.

We may have some smaller fundraisers through the summer and fall to try to reduce the deficit from the Festival's income. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Stay healthy and safe!

### BLOOD DRIVE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2021, IN OUR CHURCH HALL, 1:00PM TO 6:00PM

The American Red Cross is urging donors who are healthy and feeling well to make an appointment to give blood to maintain the blood supply for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. We are currently testing all blood donations for Covid-19 antibodies, providing donors insight into whether they have been exposed to this virus. You can schedule your appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use the sponsor code: SEASP. Streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Life's a Gift. Give More of It. Please Donate Blood. Now more than ever!

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Drop off order form & check at the rectory office door/mail slot, drop in collection basket, or mail **ASAP** to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Altar Guild, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, PA 18704

## PARISH OFFERINGS

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](http://setonpa.com) Look for the following link and follow the instructions:



Collection total for the week of  
**January 30/31, 2021     \$6996.32**

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 who get your donations to us in any other way.

### CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Due to ongoing issues with the COVID pandemic, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will *not* be conducting monthly meetings for February or March. While we pray we will be able to meet soon and return to our normal activities, for now, we must do what is necessary to keep everyone safe. We are hoping to have additional fund raisers so we are in a position to continue to serve our parish as best we can. Thank you to those members who have offered assistance and inquired about paying dues. Any member who wishes to pay their dues for 2021 may do so by placing in the collection basket or dropping off at the rectory. Please be sure to mark to the attention of the Christian Mothers and include your name.

### Social Concerns Committee

The SCC will meet this **Thursday, February 18th**, at 7:00pm in the church hall. All are welcome!

### ALTAR FLOWERS

~In Honor of the Feast Day of Ss. Cyril & Methodius and St. Valentine

## 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](http://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.

## EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 15

6:30 am Constance Galasso

Waymire Family

### Tuesday, February 16

8:00 am Jeanette Yaskus

Rosemary Chimock

### Ash Wednesday, February 17

6:30am Yekel & Runscavage Families

Harry & Ruth Yekel

12:10pm Msgr. Donald A. McAndrews

Frank & Mary Ann Fosko

### Thursday, February 18

6:30 am Florence Hovanec

Wanda Chirkot & Family

### Friday, February 19

6:30 am Joan Stefanides

Husband, Bob & daughter, Lisa

### Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm Michael Butchko

Wife, Jean & Family

### Sunday, February 21

7:00 am Bill Quinn

Wife & Family

9:00 am John & Josephine Hrobaski

Son, John & Carol & Family

11:00 am Martin & Eleanor Sheedy

Daughter

5:30 pm **Pro Populo**

***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.....

*~~Richard Zenda~~Dorothy Biely~~Rita Monto~~*

May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest. Amen.



### This Week's Sanctuary Candles

1. In Memory of Ray Gustave offered by wife, Donna, & daughters, Hilary & Ashley
2. In Memory of Mary Ann Timek offered by cousin, Gerry

### BAPTISM SUNDAY

This weekend our parish celebrates the Baptism of:

*~~Sadie Ruth Thomas~~*

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

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The Roman Catholic Community of Swoyersville

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x 130
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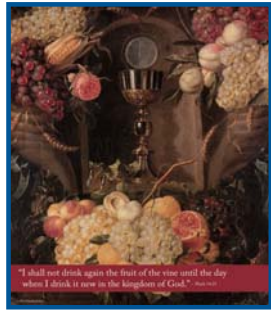
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