

The Seton Sentinel



May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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8:30am to 3:00pm

Parish Office is closed for all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

*Parish of the
Diocese of Scranton*



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.

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 the parish office. We still need volunteers to make the Potato Pancakes this year. So far, about 3 people have come forward, we need about 7 more! Call the office if you can help.

FESTIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED

We are now accepting donations of the following items for our 2016 festival: **Napkins, Paper towels, 9" styrofoam plates, Styrofoam containers (9x9 one-section and 3-section), and 6x6 styrofoam containers, ketchup, vegetable oil, aluminum foil.** We need bottles of whiskey, wine, brandy, & other spirits. We are also asking for small toys that can be used as prizes at the children's game stands. These can be purchased at a local dollar store, etc. They need not be expensive, but must be new. We appreciate whatever you can do!!!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

According to current statistics, approximately 47 million Americans, including 1 out of every 5 children, live below the poverty level. And 33% of the population, or 105 million men, women and children live close to poverty. In light of such tremendous need, the food and clothing donations from only one parish may seem insignificant, but please remember that to the family who receives a grocery certificate or a winter coat for their child, the hope that might be kindled is worth far more than we may imagine. Please consider joining the Social Concerns Committee in addressing the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our next **meeting is on Thursday, May 19th, at 7pm in our church hall.**



MILITARY SALUTE

We would like to pay tribute to those individuals from our parish who are presently on Active Military Duty. If you would like to include your relative in this tribute—your husband, wife, son, daughter, grandchild—please submit the following information by Sunday, May 22nd:

~**Photograph** of the soldier/sailor (no larger than 8"x10") preferably in uniform,

~**Name**~**Branch of the Military**~**Duty Location**~**Relationship** to you

Please submit the information in an envelope labeled "MILITARY SALUTE" or drop it in the collection basket. This activity is being sponsored by our Social Concerns Committee.



INVITATION TO 2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

All high school graduates from our parish are invited to participate in a Special Mass on **Sunday, June 26th, at the 10:00am Mass.** Mass will be followed by a breakfast in our church hall for the graduates and their immediate families. Please RSVP by June 15th by calling Lori at the parish office: 570-287-6624 or email: setonpa@aol.com

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our HNS will meet on Sunday, May 22nd, in our church hall after the 8:30am Mass. New members are welcome to join us!

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

Our CCM will meet on Sunday, May 29th, at 2pm in our church hall. New members are most welcome!

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.

Vacation Bible School 2016

It's back... so get ready to dive into *Deep Sea Discovery*. Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Friday, June 27 - July 1. Kids aged preschool (4 years) through 4th grade are invited to join us. Through Bible stories, games, snack, arts and crafts and music, students will discover that **God is with me wherever I go**. Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more details. It takes many volunteers, both adults and students, to make this week long adventure in faith and fun take place. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Margaret Loveless at 570-855-5118.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BARBEQUE



NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 22ND, 11AM TO 3PM, EAT IN OR

TAKE-OUT, \$9.00/DINNER, held in our school cafeteria.

Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, butter, & dessert. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance. Tickets will also be available at the door.

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

The Holy Family Food Pantry in Luzerne is in need of canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat (Spam), and canned stews. A box for donations is located in our vestibule, on the left side as you enter the church. Thank you!

NO PARKING, PLEASE

We kindly ask our parishioners to please not park in the parking lot of the business across the street from our church. It is a private parking lot. We have acquired the lots behind the church to alleviate parking issues. Please use these lots. Also, park only in designated parking spaces in our finished parking lots. Cars that are blocking walkways and driveways can restrict emergency vehicles. This includes the driveways. No parking in non-marked spaces. Thank you for your cooperation.

11TH ANNUAL TOUR OF HISTORICAL CHURCHES

We are opening the doors of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish the afternoon of Sunday, June 26th, for the 11th Annual Tour of Historical Churches. This tour includes a visit to the Forty Fort Meeting House, with its historic significance, the oldest existing house of worship in the Wyoming Valley. The tour is offered free of charge with the exception of the \$2.00 donation asked by the caretakers of the Forty Fort Meeting House. If you have any questions, please call Jan Lokuta, Esq., in the evening at 570-296-2181.

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the holy Spirit".

John 20:22

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.



COLLECTION REPORT April 30/May 1, 2016

SUNDAY: \$7552.73

DUES: \$3648.00

LOOSE: \$585.35

E-GIVING: \$282.65

TOTAL: \$12,068.73

Diocesan:

Catholic Home Missions Appeal—\$51.00

Xaverian Missions—\$2107.22

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!



ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

By Dr. Scott Hahn

A Mighty Wind Pentecost (Cycle C)

Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:9-11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see Jeremiah 31:31-34; 2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45,47). Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37-39). We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity - fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit. *A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology*

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Joseph DeVizia at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

HEALING MASS CELEBRATION

On Sunday, May 22, a Healing Mass will be celebrated at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin (Pittston). The Eucharistic Liturgy of Healing will begin at 3:00 p.m., celebrated by Fr. Joseph Sibilano, OSJ. The sacrament of reconciliation (Confessions) will start at 2:30 p.m. The vision we have for this Healing Mass is to begin with uplifting, inspirational, up-tempo music praising and glorifying God with a healing theme. We would like to convey a message that no matter what is happening in our life, we need to keep praying and praising God. The music will be provided by Jennifer Michel with her choir. YOU are invited to attend.

INVITATION TO ALL

Fr. Joseph Adonizio invites all to a Solemn Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Date: Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 2:00pm. Place: St. Joseph Marelllo Parish, 237 William St., Pittston. You are invited to a reception, without a program, which will follow the Mass in the adjoining parish hall. You are kindly asked to call Lori at our parish rectory (570-287-6624) if you plan to attend. RSVP by May 28th.

Swoyersville Kiwanis 2016 Scholarship Award Program

The Swoyersville Kiwanis once again is offering 3 scholarship awards in the amount of \$1000 each to local high school seniors. In addition to the three Kiwanis \$1,000.00 Scholarships for the year 2016, there will be two additional scholarships awarded. The first is a \$1,000.00 Scholarship from the family of Ann Grozalis, and the second is a \$250.00 Scholarship from the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the 37. High School seniors who reside in Swoyersville, Luzerne and Forty Fort are eligible. Applications are available by contacting S Williams at 570-606-1153 or swoyk1951@comcast.net. Return applications must be post marked by May 18th. Letters will be sent to the winners by mail on May 25th and will be invited to be our guests along with their families at a Scholarship Awards Dinner Meeting. Winners will be judged on financial need, community service, school involvement and studies.

NEPA Warriors Athletic Association will be conducting a *Summer Activity Camp* here at our gym. The camp, under the direction of Mr. David Coassolo, will run four times: Camp 1 (June 20-24), Camp 2 (July 25-29), Camp 3 (August 1-5) and Camp 4 (August 8-12). Each camp will have 2 sessions per day: 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon for Grades 3 & 4 and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for Grades 5 & 6. Mr. Coassolo is a P.E. Teacher at Good Shepherd Academy. Cost for the camp is \$125.00 per week or one pre-payment of \$400.00 for all 4 weeks. For more information contact Mr. David Coassolo at (570) 677-8129 or gsagym@gsa.org **Applications are available on the tables at the church entrance.**

Paint N Pizza

The Kiwanis Club of Swoyersville invites the children of the local communities to take part in a fun afternoon at our Paint N Pizza program on Sunday, June 12th at St Elizabeth Ann Seton School Cafeteria, Hughes Street, Swoyerville from 1pm to 3pm. Each child will choose 1 of 3 painting to be created on their own 8x10 canvas. Maybe the relaxing Turtle, the happy Frog or the Cat gazing at the moon. All art supplies are provided. Children will be working with acrylic paint so please dress accordingly. Children will also be treated to cheese pizza and refreshments. **Children must be 5 years of age or older.** Price is \$15 per child, adult admission is free. All children must be accompanied by an adult and only children painting will be admitted. Tickets will be on sale through June 4th. Call Kathy at 570-283-1677 or email swoyk1951@comcast.net to reserve your canvas. Space is limited so make your reservation early. All proceeds from the event will support the "WVCA" – Wyoming Valley Children's Association

Catholic Choral Society Schedules Concerts

The annual spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton will be presented on Friday evening, May 20th at 7:30 at St. Ignatius Church, 339 North Maple Street, Kingston and on Sunday evening, May 22nd at 7:30 PM at Nativity of Our Lord Church, 633 Orchard Street, Scranton. On Friday evening, May 20, at St. Ignatius Church in Kingston, the Choral Society will host the Wyoming Seminary Madrigal Singers directed by John M. Vaida, Sr. and accompanied by Tsukasa Waltich. On Sunday evening at Nativity Church in Scranton, the Choral Society will host The Valley View High School Choir directed by Gina Lupini and accompanied by Michael O'Malley. The group, marking its 67th season, is composed of 50 members from both Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties. Tickets are available from society members or by calling 570-587-2753; tickets are also available at the door: adults \$10, seniors and students \$8, children under 12 free.

Northeastern PA Region of AACA Presents 55th Annual Car Show & Flea Market, Sunday, June 5, 2016, at the Wyoming Valley Airport, Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. Gates open at 8am. Car Show is 10-3pm, with judging at noon. Awards at 3pm. 36 Classes of vehicles. Featured class this year "STREET ROD". Food, handicap parking, airplane displays, and plane rides for a fee. Spectator Admission: \$2.00/person or \$5.00/car load. For more information on vehicle entries or flea market participation, visit our website: www.nepraaca.org or call Stephanie 570-817-1899.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, May 16

8:00 am Claire Magistro Son, Michael & Family

Tuesday, May 17

8:00 am Stanley Romanowski Alberta & Andrew Kolojejchick

Wednesday, May 18 *St. John I, Pope & Martyr*

8:00 am Marie & John Maxwell Virginia & Bill Schlosser

Thursday, May 19

8:00 am For the Health of Fr. Cas Stanis Bob Popeck

Friday, May 20 *St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

8:00am Ray Ripa Michael & Elizabeth Ripa

Saturday, May 21 *Vigil: Trinity Sunday*

4:00pm Helen Kopetchny Helen Gaydos & Family
5:30pm Albert & Ann Adamchik Richard Adamchik & Family

Sunday, May 22 *Trinity Sunday*

8:30 am Ann Williams Chris Calore
10:00 am Special Intention for Maureen Engle Mother, Virginia
11:30 am John Straub Wife, Arlene
5:30 pm *Pro Populo*

Rest in Peace

~Bernadine Klem~Catherine Zekas~Michael Kayrish~Helen Lazar~Elaine Smith~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
- 52nd Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Vince & Fran Krajnak

Flowers

~In Memory of Louis Singer offered by Family

BAPTISM SUNDAY

CONGRATULATIONS and God's Blessings upon *Mason Anthony Johnson* and his family. Mason will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.

Sacrament of Matrimony

~Congratulations and Wedding Blessings upon ~*Gerald C. Passerello & Lisa Passeri*, who were married on Friday, May 13th.

Upcoming Wedding

May 20, 2016, 1:00pm~~*Brian Edwards & Renee Sipple*

Celebrants for the Eucharist

MAY 21

4:00 pm Fr. Urban
5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

MAY 22

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi
10:00 am Fr. Pisaneschi
11:30 am Fr. Urban
5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi



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Don't forget to check out our "rollinglibrary" of religious books & CD's located in our vestibule. For a small donation, you can find some good materials that can edify your spiritual life.

