

The Seton Sentinel



The Nativity of John the Baptist

June 24, 2012

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Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism

Expecting parents are asked to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for a short session in preparation for their child's Baptism. The Sacrament is celebrated bi-monthly after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated in 2014 by one of the Diocesan Bishops. Children must be consecutively registered in our Religious Education Program to be eligible to receive.

Matrimony

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date and begin the paper work necessary.

Holy Eucharist

At the very heart of who we are as Catholic is the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday— Friday
8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Weekend Liturgies
Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Penance

Is celebrated Saturday from 3:15 p.m.-3:50 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. Other times by request.

Anointing of the Sick

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

Urgent Sick Calls will be attended to day or night.

If you or a relative or friend is admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or is homebound. Please contact the Parish Office for a Pastoral Visit. Holy Communion is brought to those who request it on First Friday's.

Holy Orders

Any man who feels called to Ordained Ministry of the Church, either Priesthood or Diaconate is asked to contact one of the Priests or the Deacon.

Parish Membership

We extend a warm welcome to those who wish to join our Faith Community. Actual Membership requires a brief phone call to the parish office to officially enroll at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

Contacting Us

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570-287-2139

Fax: 570-287-4704

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684

Regional Youth Ministry
Office: 570-288-6446

Faith Formation Office:
570-287-4587

Physical Address :

116 Hughes Street
Swoyersville, PA 18704

Email:

setonpa@aol.com

Website:

setonpa.com

Direct email Addresses:

Youth ministry email:
SJBrianzaol.com

The Pastor:
fatherjoey@aol.com

New Office Hours:

Monday –Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

IN THE NEWS...

The Birth of John the Baptist

On December the 25th, we celebrate the big one—the birthday of Jesus, the Word of God made flesh. The Church actually does not celebrate the birthday of the saints, except that of Jesus' mother. Generally, their special day in the calendar is the date of their death, their entry into eternal life. But there is one notable exception. Since we celebrate the birthday of the Word, we also celebrate the birthday of the Voice. We're referring to Jesus' cousin of course, John the Baptist, the Voice crying out in the wilderness.

John plays a unique role in the history of salvation. We call him the Baptist. Eastern Christians call him the Forerunner. Only Luke's gospel tells us of the marvelous circumstances surrounding his birth. But each of the four gospels tells us of his essential work in preparing the way for Jesus.

Crowds were coming to hear John from all over Israel before anyone even heard a peep out of the carpenter from Nazareth. In fact, John even baptized his cousin which launched Jesus' public ministry, heralding the demise of John's career.

Most of us would not appreciate the competition. The Pharisees and Sadducees certainly did not. They felt threatened by Jesus popularity. But John actually encouraged his disciples to leave him and follow the Lamb of God. When people came, ready to honor John as messiah, he set them straight. He was not the star of the show, only the best supporting actor. Jesus, he said, was the one to watch. John may have been center-stage for a while, but now that the star had shown up, the Baptist realized that it was time for him to slip quietly off to the dressing room.

Or to use John's own example, he was like the best man at a wedding. It certainly is an honor to be chosen as "best man." But the best man does not get the bride. According to Jewish custom, the best man's role was to bring the bride to the bridegroom, and then make a tactful exit. And John found joy in this. "My joy is now full. He must increase and I must decrease."

excerpt of Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio



DAILY MASS READERS

We need to make a schedule for Lectors who wish to read at the 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass. Will all those who want to read stay for a few minutes after this Tuesday's 8:00 a.m. Mass and meet with Sister Helen to put together a schedule? If unable to make the meeting contact Father before Tuesday morning. Thank you.

DVD OF THE CLOSING MASS AT HOLY NAME-ST. MARY'S CHURCH Are available by contacting the rectory. The discs are \$10.00 each. The mass will also be available soon on the website at setonpa.com

SPACE

With the subtraction of the Shoemaker Street Campus, we are going to be tight for space for meetings, events, etc. We are asking that a representative from each group in the parish (i.e. Holy Name Society, CCW), stop by the rectory and take a blank calendar and fill-out your plans for the 2012-2013 year (August—August). We will then make a schedule for use of the facilities on each day of the week. Space will be given to parish events first, (Religious Ed, Liturgy Commission, Festival, etc.,). Second to groups, (CCW Rummage Sales, Youth Group, Knights, etc.) Followed by Community Events, (Scouts, Senior Citizens, Sports, etc.) With everyone working together we can adjust and accommodate to serve as many of our parishioners as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. The calendars are due back to the rectory no later than August 5th.

Vacation Bible School

Many thanks to all the parents who helped, donated food and also to all the families that participated in our VBS program last week. It was a great success! A special thanks to our director, Terry Jankoviak, and our adult leaders (Kelsey Muldoon, Pat Reynolds, Maureen Salley, and Jody Schultz) and to our student guides (Devin Dougherty, Robert Dougherty, Cameron Gill, Alyssa Gushka, Katie Gushka, Olivia Katulka, Sarah Kotulski, Alicia Panuski, Abigail Pero, Jocelyn Polney, Donald Reynolds, Amber Stoodley, Kaitlyn Stoodley, Abigayle Potoeskie and Emily Yuhas). Our True Riches are found in all of you!

FINANCIAL AND STEWARDSHIP

MEETING OF THE FINANCE COUNCILS THIS WEDNESDAY, June 27th at 7:00PM. We ask that every member be present from both former councils. If you cannot attend, contact Father Joe before the meeting.

Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Parish School Assessment

We recently receive a bill for \$101,353 for the fiscal school year to be paid to the Diocesan Catholic School Systems. Monthly, the total is \$8,446.08. This does not include our regular Diocesan Assessment and priests salaries, benefits, and retirement which is also set by the Diocese.

Last Weekend's Collection:

Regular: \$6,167.00
Dues: \$ 784.00
Other: \$1,050.46

Please Note: We can no longer accept checks made out to Holy Trinity or Holy Name-St. Mary's or any version of the above. Please make checks out to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. **This weekend, June 24h is the absolute cut-off date. After that checks will be returned to you.**

There is still an opportunity to sponsor a *Gather* Hymnal. See the form on page 5 of today's Sentinel.

New Offering Envelopes begin July 1, 2012. If you have not yet received a set, please contact Monica in the office as soon as possible. The envelopes will be mailed to you every 2 months. Every family member over the age of 18 should have envelopes. We have discontinued "children's envelopes," for the time being. However, to teach the children the value of Stewardship, they are asked to contribute to the family offering each week.

You may notice that there are less envelopes in your set. We have included only 1 weekly offering envelope instead of multi envelopes. The expenses are still there and some of them are listed on the back of the envelope so you know where it's going.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday, September 15, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will lead his first pilgrimage as Diocesan Bishop to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The day will include opportunities for public as well as private prayer, confession, touring the National Shrine as well as the campus of The Catholic University of America, concluding with Mass. Bus fare is \$40 per person made payable to (*your parish*) with buses leaving from either your parish or your deanery. To assure bus transportation it is requested by the bus company to hold strictly to a deadline of July 16 for reservations. To make your reservation please contact your Parish Office today.

IN MEMORIAM

Eternal Rest Grant to Them, O Lord...

Gertrude Jasinski, Mary Walski,
John Kuzma.

SANCTUARY CANDLES THIS WEEK:

In Memory of Geraldine Pierontoni
In Memory of Patricia Jankoviak

Special Thanks to the Estate of Margaret Stash for the contribution to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for future projects.

AROUND THE PARISH

Baptisms Today:

Today, we warmly welcome the Families of Cole Joseph Anthony Hampel and Gino Francis Stuccio, who will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30AM Mass today. Congratulations!



**STAY CONNECTED TO
SETON!**

**Be Sure to check us
out on the web at
setonpa.com**

**Bulletins, Calendars,
Photos, and more.**

**"Like" us on
Facebook**

**too for the very latest
updates!**

Festival 2012

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Festival

July 12, 13, 14

5:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

Games, Prizes,

Refreshments

ETHNIC FOODS

Live Entertainment

Thursday—John Stevens & Doubleshot

Friday— Sweet Pepper and the Long Hots

Saturday— George Tarasek and the Polka

Partners

Raffle Saturday!

This year, we would like to offer our parishioners and friends refreshment tickets after the masses on the weekends of July 1st & 8th. Avoid the lines, get your tickets after mass!

STILL NEEDED:

Family & Friends Stand Co-op: We are looking for parishioners, their families & friends to come together to take charge of a game stand for the 3 days of the Festival. You would be responsible for getting workers & reporting your needs to a festival committee member. This is an easy way to get involved— all we need is your time.

SPECIAL RAFFLE (Chairperson Needed) We are planning to have a special raffle the three days of the Festival. We are looking for some large ticket items, such as a TV, camera, electronics, bicycle, etc. for this stand. If you can help us, please contact the parish office at 287-6624. If you would like to be Chairperson for this raffle, please call the rectory for more information.

A few posters are left and need to be distributed to local businesses or hung in high traffic areas. If you can take a sign and post one it would be greatly appreciated.

Make Raffle and 50/50 ticket returns as soon as possible.

- ◆ Also, return completed volunteer sheets.
- ◆ We are still in need of items for the festival: paper towels, napkins, ketchup, butter, margarine, take-out containers, (9x9, single and 3 sections) Please drop off at the rectory or Church Hall.

We are also collecting the following items at the rectory:

- Theme Baskets
- Bottles of Cheer
- Larger Ticket Items (prizes for the stand)
- Children's toy prizes
- KOUNTRY KITCHEN

Buckets for the Kountry Kitchen stand are still available. Please take a bucket and fill it with non-perishable food or cleaning items. Return the filled buckets to the rectory before July 5th

- You may also bring items to fill a bucket in a paper bag if you do not take a bucket.

THIS WEEK

Pull out lumber and equipment for stand building Monday morning.

Stands Set-up Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

STAND SPONSORS: If you or the company you work for would like to sponsor a stand at our Festival, the cost is \$50. This is a great inexpensive form of advertising. Please contact Madeleine Barush 288-4446 or the parish office for more information.

BAKE SALE

The Confraternity of Catholic Women will again sponsor the Bake Sale at the Festival and all parishioners and friends are asked to contribute. If your last name begins with the letters A-G you are asked to bake' for Thursday, H-R for Friday and S-Z for Saturday.

More Info on the Festival by clicking on the link at setonpa.com

SOCIAL MINISTRY

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

The next meeting will be on ***August 16th** at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction. Make plans to attend. *Note the new date of the meeting

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE LUZERNE

FOOD PANTRY: Please continue to drop-off your donations of canned and non-perishable foods at the entrance of the Church. There is a special need, we are told, for canned meats, (Spam, Canned Ham, Chicken, etc.) Also Macaroni and Cheese, other Macaroni and sauces in non-breakable jars or containers. Thank you for your continued support of our mission to help feed the area's needy families.

FROM THE PASTOR

SO FAR...

It has been exciting around the rectory and church these last few weeks and we have more action on the way! The offices are buzzing from early morning until late in the afternoon. We are all getting used to a new way of doing things. I have temporarily taken on the task of putting together the weekly bulletin with a little help. Please be patient with the lay-out and design for it is a work in progress and I know it is not perfect.

I would ask each parishioner to seriously consider getting involved in the upcoming Festival. See the section in today's bulletin to find out how to help. We need everyone's cooperation, support and help. From the simplest hanging of our sign, to working a stand, to baking, it all counts and is all needed to put on the show! Thanks, Fr. Joe.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mission at the Mansion

"The Fellowship of the Unashamed" (OVERNIGHT RETREAT) & Youth Rally

This overnight retreat planned and organized by our Youth & Adult Leaders will be held Monday, July 16, 2012 at The Kirby House Mountain Top, PA to Tuesday morning THEN, Tuesday, July 17, 2012 we will attend

'LIGHT THE FIRE YOUTH RALLY' at Misericordia University, Dallas, PA (**SPACE IS LIMITED FOR THE OVERNIGHT..FIRST PEOPLE to SIGN UP and get THEIR PAPERWORK IN GET A BED,

AFTER THE 48 BEDS ARE FULL WE WILL ASK PEOPLE TO BRING SLEEPING BAGS to sleep on the floor if needed**)

For more information or for your **Parent Consent form**, please contact Brian Williams at SJBRIAN@AOL.COM or at the REGIONAL VOICEMAIL at (570) 288-6446.

Cost: \$65.00 *Includes the price of the ALL DAY YOUTH RALLY at Misericordia University on Tuesday, July 17th. (5 meals included from Monday afternoon until Tuesday night)

Light the Fire



Youth Rally



COMMUNITY NEWS

Corpus Christi Church Bazaar

Held at Holy Redeemer Church grounds Rt 92 in Harding.

June 29 thru July 1st.

Friday and Saturday 5:30 to 11pm - Sunday 1-7pm

Entertainment

Friday June 29 - Groove Train

Sat June 30 - Flaxy Morgan

Sun July 1 - Waterstreet w/Joe

Valenti & Bill Payne 1-4pm

Sweet Pepper and the Long

Hots 4-7pm

Great Food and Family Fun!

ENTERTAINMENT SALE

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 271 Tripp St. Swoyersville will hold a Summer Entertainment Sale on Sunday, June 24th from 12-2PM in the church hall. There will be puzzles, books, board games, CD's DVD's and tapes. Come out and find a treasure.

GATHER HYMNAL
 DONOR PLATE
 In memory (honor) of _____

 By _____

 \$25.00 Enclosed
 Phone # _____

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President's Schedule

Week of June 30-July 1

8:00 a.m. Monday-Friday

Fr. Lyman

9:00 a.m. Monday- Friday

Fr. Joe

4:00 p.m. Saturday

Fr. Joe

5:30 p.m. Saturday

Fr. Lyman

8:30 a.m. Sunday

Fr. Joe

10:00 a.m. Sunday

Fr. Joe

11:30 a.m. Sunday

Fr. Lyman

Founded June 2012 as the Roman Catholic Community of Swoyersville, Pennsylvania

Liturgical Schedule

Intention:

Requested By:

Monday, June 25th

8:00 a.m. Foster Ritchie

Lou & Carol Cardoni

Novena of the Miraculous Medal follows the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

9:00 a.m. Maryann Wedge

Englot Family

Tuesday, June 26th

8:00 a.m. Father's Day Intentions

9:00 a.m. Helen Cruthers

Family

Wednesday, June 27th

8:00 a.m. Michael J. Kepich

Dorothy & Rob Stanishefski

9:00 a.m. Joan Podskoch

M/M Walter Palmer

Thursday, June 28th

8:00 a.m. 65th Wedding Anniversary of Mr & Mrs. Fred Yamrus

9:00 a.m. David Mishkel

Cassie Munzing

Friday, June 29th Solemnity: St. Peter and Paul Apostles

8:00 a.m. John Frohman

Marie Nevolas

9:00 a.m. Eugene Zim

Stephen Levitski

Saturday, June 30th (Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00 p.m. 50th Wedding Anniversary of Rose Ann & Raymond Dvornicky

5:30 p.m. Alberta Wawer

Husband & Son

Sunday, July 1st Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. *Pro Populo*

10:00 a.m. Leonard Kolojejchick

Family

11:30 a.m. Mary Pesta

Confraternity of Catholic Women

Remember all those who have asked for our special prayers especially the sick, in hospitals, nursing facilities, or at home.

NOVENA PRAYER to ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

O God, our Father, glorify here upon earth your servant, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, by manifesting the power of her intercession through the favors I now implore: (intentions) We ask thing through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for Us!

