



Second Sunday of Lent

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

THE SETON SENTINEL

February 24, 2013

Swoyersville, PA

2nd Sunday of Lent

LENTEN PIROHY SALE

On Tuesday, February 26th, we will be making pirohy, and we need lots of volunteers. Come and help if you can, even if it is just for an hour or two. Tuesday, February 26th, come at 7:00AM if you can help ball potatoes, and all others come at 8:30AM. Experienced or not, come and join the fun and help out. (Future Pirohy Sale dates are Tuesdays, March 12, 19, & 26).

HALUSHKI SALE ON MARCH 5TH

On Tuesday, March 5th, instead of a Pirohy sale, we will be selling HALUSHKI. Sign-up sheets are located on the tables at the church entrance. Cost is \$2.50 per pint.



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

LENTEN COLLECTION

We are collecting the following items during Lent for the Holy Family Food Pantry: Canned meats (ham, Spam, meatballs), canned spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, tuna, canned ravioli, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese. Please drop food items in the box located near the stairway (left side/St. Anthony side) Thank you!!

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This Lent, you may go to any Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Scranton and celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation Mondays between 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Also join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to stop by for prayer before Jesus and for Confession every Monday evening. **Please note:** If you have been away from the Sacrament for some time and are not sure of what to say, do not worry, the priest will help you. The only thing that is necessary is that you show up. You'll be helped with the rest.



SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

Soup and Scripture Continues...

6:00 p.m. on Thursdays until March 21st. First we will gather



for an informal and simple meal consisting of Soup and Sandwiches that will be made by the various ministries and organizations in the parish. *If you would like to bring a pot of your favorite soup to share, it would be most welcome.* In the 2nd part a feature presenter gives us more "food for thought" about the upcoming Sunday's Scriptures. There will be something special for children as well. The 2nd session will be held this Thursday in the parish hall with our featured presenter, **the Rev. John Franklin Hartman, rector,** of the **Grace Episcopal Church** in Kingston. It is exciting to include some of our neighbors from the various denominations in which we share the Sunday Scriptures in proclaiming and preaching from a Common Lectionary. Come, get a fresh take on the scriptures for Sunday and be part of our prayer and sharing together this Lent. Our Ecumenical Sharing will continue on Thursday, March 7th with Rev. Paul Metzloff, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Kingston. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Pray the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this time honored devotion of Lent.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON,

PRAY FOR US!

4:00 p.m. Mass Seating

We realize that seating is a hot commodity at the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Liturgy. We must insist, however, that you refrain from taking the last two pews in the back on the Reconciliation Room side of the Church until after Confessions are over. Although the room is sound-proof, out of respect for the penitent, we make this request. This is also in effect for the Monday evening Confessions as well. Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Parish Pastoral Council, now called Pastoral Advisory Committee, Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Art & Environment, Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m.

SETON BUS TRIP-Seats Still Available

A bus trip is being planned for parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, to visit the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. We will visit the Basilica, the tomb of St. Elizabeth, historical sites, museum, see a brief film on her life, visit the gift shop, prayer walkway and chapel. (Hopefully we can celebrate mass there.) There will be a buffet dinner nearby in Thurmont, Maryland. You can register for the trip by enclosing \$40.00 in a plain envelope, c/o Chris Calore, trip coordinator. You can drop it in the collection basket, or bring or mail it to the rectory. Please include your phone number. Checks should be made out to Chris Calore. Join us for this spiritual spring trip!

FUNDRAISER FOR PANCREATIC CANCER

The Mizenko Family of our parish will be holding a bowling Fundraiser on Sunday, March 3, 2013, at Chacko's Family Bowling Center, Wilkes-Barre, to raise awareness and to help in the fight against pancreatic cancer. The event is in honor of Rick Mizenko, of our parish, who lost his life to pancreatic cancer in 2009, just three and a half months after being diagnosed. Pancreatic Cancer is the 4th leading cause of death from cancer and receives the least amount of federal funding among the top cancer killers. If you would like to help, the Mizenko Family is accepting donations of gift certificates, merchandise, and services for a raffle, lane sponsorships or monetary donations. You are also invited to join them for an afternoon of bowling from 1 to 3PM on March 3rd at Chacko's. Bring a team and have fun while supporting a great cause. Contact Gloria Mizenko at 287-7868 for more information about the event and how you can help. There is also information and bowling registration forms on the tables near the entrance to the church. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated.

COLLECTION REPORT

Due to President's Day last week and our bulletin deadline, the collection report for last week will appear in next week's edition of the Sentinel. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

USHERS and OTHERS PLEASE NOTE:

Please do not open wide the doors at the end of mass as in the winter it becomes very cold in church for the next mass. Let each person open the door for themselves to exit the church. Thank you.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer each of us, as sinners, forgiveness for offenses committed against God. When we go to confession, we are both forgiven by God and reconciled with the Church, which was also wounded by our sins.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we meet Christ in the person of the priest, who is ready and eager to absolve us and restore us to new life. We confess our sins to God through the priest, who absolves us in the name of Christ.

In order to receive the sacrament worthily, three things are required: contrition, confession and satisfaction.

- **Contrition:** In other words, we must be sorry for our sins.
- **Confession:** We must confess our sins by speaking about them aloud to the priest.
- **Satisfaction:** We must be willing to do penance and make amends for our sins. After hearing our confession, the priest assigns a penance intended to help us make amends by doing something good for ourselves and others.

Before going to confession, take some time to examine your conscience. This might be done by reviewing your life in comparison to the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the example of Christ's life. Pray to God for forgiveness.

When you leave the confession room, take a few minutes of private prayer and thanksgiving. Plan how you will complete the assigned act of penance. Make a firm resolve to continue your conversion by a life renewed according to the Gospel and the love of God.

REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

Parent & Student Meeting

for Summer Mission Trip "Blitz Build 2013"

Sunday, February 24 at 5:00pm

Regional Rec Room, Kingston, 335 N. Maple Ave.

Bergan Hall Lower Level

This meeting will take place before Open Rec room and info night at 6pm

Regional Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trip to Almost Heaven, Habitat for Humanity "Blitz Build 2013"

Sunday, July 21st-Saturday, July 27th, 2013

80 youth & adults from across the Diocese of Scranton will join together with Regional Youth Ministry this summer for our "Blitz Build 2013". (building one house in one week) Our total donation in fundraising and family contributions to Habitat this year is \$20,000.00 to help a family have affordable housing.

DONATIONS REQUESTED:

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| Cases of water | powdered drink mix | snack packs |
| cookies | boxed brownie mix | pierogies |
| frozen meatballs | syrup | cereal |

Alter Christus Vocation Discernment Weekend

When: Friday to Sunday, March 1-3, 2013

Where: Fatima Center, Dalton

Who: Young men ages 16-30

What: A vocation is always born from a personal relationship with the Lord. This weekend allows men who are thinking about priesthood time away from everyday activities to listen more closely for God's presence and action in their lives. Participants will also have the opportunity to get to know seminarians and priests from the Diocese of Scranton and to hear about their vocation stories.

- Do you have a love for God and for the Church?
- Are you drawn to spend time in quiet prayer?
- Have you imagined yourself being a priest one day?
- Has someone told you that you would make a good priest?

For further information contact Fr. Jim Rafferty, Vocation Director, at 570-207-1452 or Rev-James-Rafferty@dioceseofscranton.org

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 to their 60th year. 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)

EASTER EGG HUNT



Our Holy Name Society will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our parish, ages 1 to 8 years old, on

Saturday, March 16th at 1:00PM, RAIN or SHINE.

Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the church entrance.



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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.

Parish Staff

- Rev. Joe Pisaneschi Pastor
- Rev. Mr. George Mochin Jr. Deacon
- Brian Williams Regional Youth Minister
- Monica Salis Business Manager
- Lori Raymond Pastoral Associate
- Terry Jankoviak Director of Faith Formation
- Marge Semanek Director of Music
- Cora Artim Children's and Contemporary Groups
- Joseph Sabol Assistant Organist
- Phil Bosha Maintenance
- Chris Calore Maintenance

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 next celebration of the Sacrament will be after Easter at 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 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.

Penance

Saturday from 3:15 p.m.-3:50 p.m. During Lent, Monday's 5:30-7:00 p.m. Other times by request.

Anointing of the Sick

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

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 Fridays.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30-4:00
Closed Holidays and Holy Days

Direct Contacts

Parish Hall: 570-287-2684
Regional Youth Ministry Office: 570-288-6446
Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587
Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com
Youth Ministry email: SJBrian2aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 p.m.