

THE SETON SENTINEL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2013

Swoyersville, PA



CCW ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Our Confraternity of Christian Women will be conducting their annual Spring Rummage Sale on April 8, 9, 10, and 13: Monday, April 8th at 9AM-3PM and 6PM-8PM; Tuesday, April 9th & Wednesday, April 10th, 9AM-3PM. Wednesday is Bag Day. And Saturday, April 13th, 9AM-Noon. The women working at the rummage sale are asked to report at 8:30AM to the church hall. Baked goods can be brought in the days of the sale. A light lunch or take-outs will be available for wimpies, haluski, hot dogs w/kraut, & baked goods.



THINK FESTIVAL

Our parish festival will be here before you know it and plans have begun. Never too early to get things together, so our collection of non-perishable items is beginning now. As always, items such as paper plates, paper towels, napkins, large & small take-out containers, raffle prizes, bottles of spirit, & child game prizes from the local dollar store are needed. Help is always needed & your donations are much appreciated. Items can be brought to the parish office Monday thru Friday from 8:30 to 4:30, or you can leave them on the enclosed back porch after hours. Each year it gets harder & harder, but again we are looking for some able-bodied help to assist with setting up the grounds & taking down the stands. Workers will be there for guidance & work with the scheduled crew from 8AM-2:30PM. Coffee, snack, & lunch provided. For set-up info, call Kathy 283-1677.

CEMETERY INFORMATION

With the arrival of spring, we have started the clean-up of our parish cemeteries. We ask that if you have any artificial arrangements or other items on your cemetery lots, that you remove them by the middle of April or they will be discarded. You are also reminded that planting or artificial decorations are NOT permitted around flat markers.

VBS-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A Vacation Bible School planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th, at 7:00pm in the church hall. Anyone who might be able to help plan, please come to the meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, please call the Faith Formation office at 287-4587, and leave a message, & Terry will get back to you.

COLLECTION REPORTS

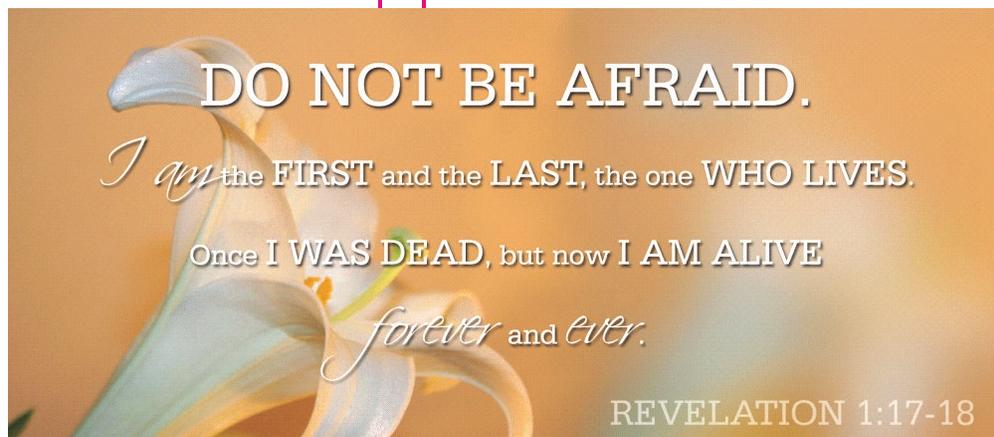
The Easter Collections will appear in the next edition of the Seton Sentinel due to Easter Monday's Holiday.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ~~Parish Pastoral Advisory Committee (Parish Council) - Tuesday, April 30th 6:30 p.m.
- ~~Parish Finance Council - Wednesday, May 1st 7:00 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12976

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on **April 9th at 7PM** in the school cafeteria. We are thankful to all members who participated in this year's Holy Thursday procession.



2nd Sunday of Easter

Our response to good news is often one of doubt. A popular program on public television is Antiques Roadshow. People bring in their old treasures to have them appraised. Whenever someone has an item that receives a high estimation of value, the response is inevitably one of doubt and suspicion: "No way" or "You've got to be kidding" or "Are you serious?" We need to confirm, to verify, and to see for ourselves that something good is true. No one ever says those things when the estimate is low or an item is deemed worthless. Instead, they say things like, "I knew it" or "I thought that would be the case." We are indeed plagued by doubt.

It's no surprise then that Thomas doubted. He was not present when Jesus appeared and he just could not believe what the other Apostles were telling him. He needed to see and feel for himself if he was to have faith. When Jesus appears again, He gives Thomas what he needs to believe.

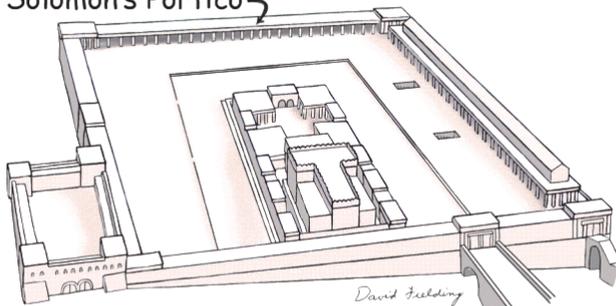
We all have moments of doubt and we seek reassurance that Jesus will give us what we need just as He gave Thomas what he needed. Jesus does not reject faith because of doubt; he rejects doubt with the fulfillment of faith. Faith stands in the present and looks to the future. Be confident. The Lord will finish the good work He has begun in you.

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FAITH FACTS

The reading from
Acts 5, 12-16

Solomon's Portico



The apostles met in Solomon's Portico, which was a long colonnade stretching along the eastern side of the temple in Jerusalem. The colonnades enclosed the great courts that surrounded the temple building itself. The whole area took up one sixth of the city of Jerusalem, as it was at that time.

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Why Catholics Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

By Rev. Alfred McBride, O.Praem.

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday."

Pope John Paul had actively promoted the message of St. Faustina. In his 1980 encyclical on God's mercy, *Rich in Mercy*, he developed a scriptural and doctrinal basis for our faith in the mercy of God. By linking the revealed truth about God's mercy to one of the most solemn Sundays after Easter itself, he illumined the fact that the liturgy already proclaimed the divine mercy. The truth has been embedded for two millennia in the worship of the Church. Once again we see an illustration of the ancient saying, "The law of faith is the law of prayer."

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the responsorial psalm and Gospel for Cycles A, B and C center on the theme of mercy. In Psalm 118 we sing three times, "His mercy endures forever." The Gospel, from John 20:19-31, begins with the risen Christ appearing to the apostles on Easter night. Jesus calms his disciples by saying and giving them "Peace." He shows them the scars of his Passion, his wounded hands and side. His glorified body retains the evidence of his saving work through his suffering, death and resurrection.

He fills them with joy and again says to them—and produces in them—"Peace." Then he breathes on them and explains what the divine breathing means with the words, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." He gives the apostles the power of God's mercy for the sinner, the gift of forgiving sins from God's treasury of mercy. The other texts speak of healing and give the assurance there is nothing to fear.

From Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday to the Eighth Day of Easter, the divine love song of mercy is chanted amid abundant alleluias. For centuries in liturgy the Church has proclaimed the mercy of God through the Word of God and the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. The tables of Word and Sacrament are heaped with the promises of Divine Mercy and its grand effect in the lives of millions. The liturgy is the storehouse of the wisdom of God and a treasure chest for all the worshipers.

REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

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:

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

Regional Youth Ministry Dodgeball Tournament

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Gym, April 14th.

Registration begins at noon, Tournament starts at 12:30pm.

Benefits the American Cancer Society.

Teams of 6, minimum of 2 girls, \$30 per team.

Call PJ Endler for info. 301-9761.

Registration forms are located on the table at the church entrance.

Dodge~Duck~Dip~Dive~Dodge

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 7, 2013

3:00-4:00PM

St. Nicholas Church

226 South Washington St.

Wilkes-Barre

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Meditations from Diary of St. Faustina, Confession, Benediction, and Blessing with a relic of St. Faustina.

ENTHRONEMENT MASS

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 7PM

Our Lady of Victory Church

Harveys Lake

Celebrant Fr. Dan Toomey

Sacred Heart Singers begin at 6:30pm

SWOYERSVILLE KIWANIS BLOOD SCREENING PROGRAM

The Swoyersville Kiwanis Club will host a blood screening program on April 27th from 6AM-10AM at the Swoyersville American Legion, Shoemaker St., Swoyersville. The program is operated by AMBA & features over 35 blood tests to check for potential problems from high cholesterol to cancer. The cost is \$38 payable to AMBA plus \$5 processing fee payable to Swoyersville Kiwanis. Registration/appointments are required. For info, call AMBA at 1-800-234-8888, Mon-Fri from 8:30am-5pm. Early detection to any health issue is the key to a quick recovery or treatment. Take a little time to take part in the blood screening program, for yourself & for your family.

KIWANIS CLUB OF SWOYERSVILLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Kiwanis Club is offering 3 scholarship awards in the amount of \$1000 each. High School seniors who reside in Swoyersville, Luzerne, & Forty Fort are eligible. Applications are available by contacting Kathy Breznay at 283-1677 or email kbrez01@comcast.net. Winners are judged on financial need, community service, school involvement & studies. Return applications must be postmarked by May 11, 2013. The Kiwanis work to help others & to serve the community. To learn about the Kiwanis, call Kathy at the above number.

CAMP ST. ANDREW

A resident camp for girls and boys

WOMEN'S WEEKEND (must be 21 or older) July 5th-6th--7th

GIRLS BASKETBALL (entering grades 5-10) July 7th - 12th

GIRLS BASKETBALL (entering grades 5-10) July 14th - 19th

GIRLS TRADITIONAL CAMP (entering grades 3-10) July 7th - 12th

GIRLS TRADITIONAL CAMP (entering grades 3-10) July 14th - 19th

FATHER / SON WEEKEND (sons ages 6-13) July 19th - 20th-21st

BOYS BASKETBALL (entering grades 4-9) July 21st - 25th

Visit: www.dioceseofscranton.org click on Camp St. Andrew under Social Services or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/campstandrew

for more information and registration.

Phone: (570) 226-4606

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 8th

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Msgr. Francis Callahan

Parish

Tuesday, April 9th

8:00 a.m. Frieda Gurick

Vince & Fran Krajnak

Wednesday, April 10th

8:00 a.m. Margaret Mandell

Husband, John G. Mandell Sr.

Thursday, April 11th

St. Stanislaus

8:00 a.m. Mary Kovach

Friday, April 12th

8:00 a.m. Easter Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13th

(Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter)

4:00 p.m. Jenny Tibus

Sarti Family

5:30 p.m. Easter Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 14th

Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Paul Kelly

Chris Calore

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. Easter Mass Intentions



BAPTISM SUNDAY Congratulations and God's Blessings upon the family of **Thomas Jonathan Zabresky**, who will be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit after the 11:30am Mass today.

Upcoming Wedding: April 20, 2013, 1:00PM **Fredrick Joseph (R.J.) Hall and Andrea Michelle Slezak**

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,Charles Vanyo



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

~In Memory of Kelly Ann Mizenko

~In Memory of Aniela & Stanley Kielan

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE APRIL 13-14

4:00 p.m. Fr. Urban

5:30 p.m. Fr. Joe

8:30 a.m. Fr. Joe

10:00 a.m. Fr. Urban

11:30 a.m. Fr. Joe

Scripture for the week of April 7, 2013

7	SUN	Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31 20
8	Mon	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
9	Tue	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
10	Wed	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
11	Thu	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
12	Fri	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
13	Sat	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
14	SUN	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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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

CELEBRATING 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 next celebration of the Sacrament will be during the Easter Season 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 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

Saturdays 3:15-3:50, other times by appointment.

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: fatherjoe@aol.com

Youth Ministry email: SJBrian2aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 p.m.