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**Mass Times** 

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am

\*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last Sunday

of each month.

Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday to Thursday: 9:00am

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#### **New Parishioner?**

Welcome to St. Elizabeth Seton!

If you would like to register,
forms are available at the
church entrance or the parish office.
Parishioners with a change of
address, please inform the
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#### **Parish Schools**

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### St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021



Pastoral Team
Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor
Deacon Marian Pawliszko
Deacon Stephen Pitre

#### **Parish Staff**

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch Sacramental Coordinator - Grades 2 & 7 ~ Jennifer McAvoy Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas

#### **Regular Office Hours**

Mon. 9:00am—4:00pm
Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 9:00am—8:00pm ~ Fri., 9am –1pm
Sat. 2:00pm—6:00pm Sun. 8:00am—1:00pm



#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Saturday** ~ 3:00 - 3:30 pm Or By Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism or Marriage: Please contact the office.

For those interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children of Catechetical age please contact Fr. Roy Roberts

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, January 25th 10am: Roger West (D) Requested by: Maggie West

**Tuesday, January 26th**10am: **Peter Currie (D)**Requested by: Maggie West

Wednesday, January 27th 10am: Sr. Mary Gavin Requested by: Christine Way-Skinner

Thursday, January 28th 10am: Carlo

Requested by: loved one

\*\*Please know that Fr. Roy will continue to pray for these intentions\*\*

**Offering Envelopes** 

The parish offering envelopes are available for pick up. Please call or email the parish office make arrangements for pick up. Unfortunately we

are not able to mail out the envelope boxes out.



### Nativities on display until the Feast of Candlemas

Candlemas or the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord was the end of the Christmas season. In some places around the World, February 2 is the time to store away the Christmas decorations. In keeping with that ancient custom, we will display the Nativity Scenes until then





#### January 9 to 18

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#### Ruminations ....

This weekend closes the annual week for Christian Unity. It is the one week in the year where the various Christian denominations are called to reflect essentially on our failure as Christian communities to aspire to the unity that being the body of Christ demands. remember when I was up north in Victoria Harbour. It was a bit bigger deal. There were three churches in the neighbourhood all within eye shot of each other, the United Church down the hill, the Presbyterian Church down the road, and us. The United Church minister was a resident minister and she lived a few doors from our Church. Her husband was one of my parishioners. The Presbyterian minister lived in Collingwood and was not really part of the day to day life of the community. The congregations interacted all the time. Each parish hosted a big annual dinner to raise funds and everyone attended. Usually there would be two seating's to accommodate the crowds. The Presbyterians served turkey, the United Church served turkey, and our parish served two of my least favorite things, ham and scalloped potatoes. I held my nose and was polite about it. One year we were hosting an event for the Week for Christian Unity, and so we decided to celebrate Evening Prayer. It was an authentic liturgy that everyone could participate in no matter what faith they professed. Well, no one, including the Catholics had any exposure to Vespers or Evening prayer, and they had some concerns about it. I tried to explain its official status as the voice of the Church in answer to Paul's invitation to prayer at all times. But their dis-ease was nothing to the other two denominations. ON top of it all, the minister and I agreed to celebrate a renewal of our baptisms. Since we all share a common baptism, in my mind this was a no brainer. Our choir, such as it was, rehearsed the psalms and the other parts and were ready for the event. I explained to them that the Protestants would be looking to them to take the lead in the various components of the evening, but especially when everyone was invited to come forward and dip their hands in the bowl of water and renew their baptism by making the sign of the cross on themselves. It was a beautiful gathering with lots of intermingling which isn't that surprising since everybody knows everybody in those small towns. What was entertaining was to watch as despite the familiarity with each other, people sat denominationally. But at the end of the celebration there was this dis-ease with the Protestants. Catholics were proud of how they sounded, and the beauty of Evening Prayer, not so with the others in attendance. It took a while to decipher the uncomfortableness. When all was revealed, many from

the Protestant group thought that we had pulled a fast one and secretly had made them all Catholic at the holy water and baptism renewal. Well after a good explanation and some time we laughed and many a time when meeting them in the village life, I would greet them as my new catholic sister or brother. "That all may be one..." 7r. Roy



#### **Announcements and Events...**

#### Sacramental Corner......

#### **Brain Food Offer**

It will soon becoming up on a year since this absurd pandemic routine has afflicted us. It has been hard on many people and there is an increasing stagnation creeping in. Experts agree that one of the best things for us is to keep our minds active. One of the primary reasons for having the Toronto Star delivered here each day is for the crossword puzzle, the jumble puzzle, the Sudoku and their newest game called wuzzles. My morning routine is to start with the wuzzle, then complete the jumble, move on to conquer the Sudoku and finally time myself to see how quickly I can complete the crossword puzzle, six minutes and thirty seconds being my quickest time. They tell us that these kinds of brain activities are essential to keep us healthy and alert-a tough task in these trying times (as are alliterations.) to that end, The Roxborough Retirement Residence reached out to offer something that they are providing for their residents, an activity package filled with word searches, trivia, crossword puzzles, Sudokus and more. Roxborough is one of the places we bring communion to and so they are making this kind offer that anyone who would like such an activity package, they will mail it out to you. If you are interested for yourself or a loved one please contact

Sarah Burton at 905-853-4573

Or email them at

mkgt1.rox@verveseniorliving.com.

#### **New Carpeting Update**

We have ordered the new carpeting for the church. We are officially on the roster for installation but we must wait until the lockdown is lifted for the installation to start. The carpeting is not a contrasting colour like the present blue, it is a complimentary colour with brown and gold and tan, and looks very cheery and bright.

We are still accepting donations to pay for the carpet and if there is any extra funds, it will be directed towards replacing the hall carpeting. It is so exciting—well it is the middle of a pandemic and so these ventures become a thrill.

### **2020 Tax Receipts**

We have closed the books on 2020 and will be running the tax receipts over the next couple of weeks. Watch the bulletin for when they are done and available for pick up.

#### Recycle your Christmas Cards

Once again we are collecting old Christmas cards to help make gift tags for the Gift Wrapping Stations at the Mall. All the profits go to support Community Living Newmarket. They have already begun to make the tags for next year's gifts. You can leave our used cards in our parish mailbox or call the Parish Office to make an appointment to drop them off.

#### **Kindergarten Registrations**

Kindergarten registration begins January 4, 2021 for the 2021-22 school year in all York Catholic elementary schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Register online at <a href="https://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions">www.ycdsb.ca/admissions</a>.

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#### Still in the Grey Zone - Lockdown

The Parish Office is closed and the Staff are working remotely from home. To contact us, please email us at st.elizabethseton@rogers.com

#### Let us pray for the sick...

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