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**Mass Times:**

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am  
All will be lived streamed.

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Monday to Thursday: 10:00am  
All Masses are live-streamed

\*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last Sunday  
of each month except July & August

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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 Parish office.

Envelopes may also be  
acquired at the office.

Please introduce yourself to  
Fr. Roy Roberts after Mass



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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024



**Pastoral Team**

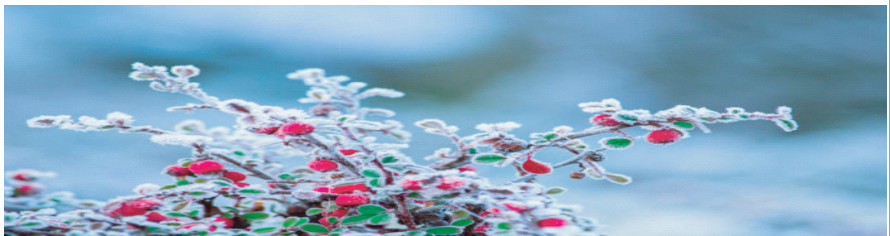
Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor  
Deacon Marian Pawlitzko  
Deacon Stephen Pitre

**Parish Staff**

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch  
Sacramental Coordinator  
Baptisms, First Communions & Confirmations ~ Jennifer McAvoy  
Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas

**Regular Office Hours**

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm  
Friday 9am to 1pm



**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

**"Cheerfulness prepares a glorious mind  
for all the noblest acts."**

St. Elizabeth Seton

## Mass Intentions

### Monday December 2nd

10am: **Salvatore Franco**  
Req. by: Cupe 1571

### Tuesday December 3rd

10am: **Sharon Cooney-Crowe**  
Req. by: Jodie Hub

### Wednesday December 4th

10am: **Jaqueline Urquhart**  
Req. by: Staff of G. S. School

### Thursday December 5th

10am **Mary Courtemanche**  
Req. by: Ann Woolnough

 A simple cup of coffee becomes happiness when you share it with friends.  
*Coffee & Chat*

### December 1st

9:00 CWG

11:00 **KNIGHTS**

### December 8th

9:00 George Sherrer  
Elizabeth Lyu  
Cheryl Genise-Tun

11:00 Mike Culligan  
Nicole Culligan

**Join us after each Sunday mass for coffee and fellowship.**



### St. Vincent de Paul

You can donate online to the Newmarket conference at:

<https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/donate.html>

## Parish Giving

### November 24, 2024

Offertory	\$8,395.68
SES Building	\$ 30.00

### Month of November PAG

(Pre-authorized Giving)	
Sunday Offertory	\$3,357.00
SES Building Fund	\$ 632.00
ShareLife	\$ 100.00

Alcoholic Anonymous meet every Saturday at 8pm in the Knights of Columbus room.

## Ruminations ....

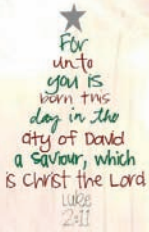
The night that dad died has been a bit of contention with mom. She was adamant that dad died at home, on the couch, after laughing uproariously at “whose line is it anyway”. The medical system says otherwise, that it occurred an hour later, after midnight, when they got him to the hospital and could be officially pronounced. In all her Irish stubbornness and fighting spirit, she was going to challenge the powers that be. Although dad had been sick for over twenty years, his relatively sudden passing was quite a shock. Well, we have watched mom decline for almost a decade as the ravages of the indiscriminate dementia claimed so much of her memory, her story and her identity. There were some bumps along the way, especially when she took her car for a drive, leaving her purse, wallet, id and cell phone at home. She rolled to a stop in Elmira when she ran out of gas, and she had no idea where she was or what she had done. We had to take her keys away pending an interview with a geriatric specialist whose tests proved it was the right decision. Then when she came to live with me, there were the incidents when she went missing. This prompted us to put her on a crisis list where within three weeks she took about residence at Bradford Valley where she found a home for the last 8 years almost. We did receive a call when she fell and broke her collarbone. We got lots of calls of her falling out of bed. That sounds worse than it was, because they lowered her bed to ground level and placed a mat beside it. When she fell, it was merely a couple of inches. Then there was the episode of what they thought was a bladder infection, and we were asked if we wanted it treated. Turns out it was kidney stones so they put a stint in. Next day the hospital informed us that it was placed in the wrong kidney, so they had to revisit the operation and place a stint in the proper kidney. Luckily, she was hours from going toxic. We that were used to getting calls about different episodes and medical procedures she needed. This past Sunday was a bit different. The team discovered blood in mom’s urine and stool. She had battled two bouts of colon cancer, and two bouts of bladder cancer, and so for the last 8 years we were preparing to hear that one or the other had returned. The Home assured us that the doctor would see her the next morning. When the phone rang at 7:30 am Tuesday morning, I figured something was up. The nurse, whom we affectionately refer to as Saint Sue suggested that we might want to rally the troops, that mom had taken a turn for the worst. I arrived by 8 am and mom’s friend was already sitting holding her hand. Mom was non-responsive. My other brothers arrived soon after and we were waiting for the youngest to arrive. He had the greatest distance to come, about a two-and-a-half-hour drive. Saint Sue didn’t think he would make it on time. Although the doctor suggested it might be a couple of days, Sue kept checking in telling us what signs to watch. Finally, my one brother asked how we would know that she passed. My sister-in-law the nurse, and my brother said, “She just passed now.” It was so gentle, imperceptible, and peaceful. Mom had simply crossed into her new life. We went and got the nurse, and just then my youngest brother arrived. Yep, she was gone. There was a silence at the realization, then hugs and tears, and then laughter at how uneventful it really was. In some ways, mom had been dying to us over the course of the dementia, and her passing was just a blessing. We always knew St. Joseph was the patron saint of a happy death, but I don’t really think I knew what that meant until this morning. There was no laboured breathing or gasping for air. There were no groans or moans of pain. There was just serenity and fulfilment. I just had this overwhelming feeling of gratitude for what my mom had survived and thrived in the midst of adversity, but her story is now put to rest. My brother composed a thought sending her forth, that now she is with dad, and they are now dancing to the music of their love through eternity. So as my youngest brother commented, ‘that generation is done, I guess that makes you next old brother. Well done, good and faithful mom.

*Jr. Roy*



## Announcements and Events...

### Christmas Mass Schedules



#### Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24th  
4:30pm Family Mass  
8:00pm Mass

#### Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25th  
9:00am & 11:00am

#### Holiday Weekday Mass

There will NOT be Mass on Thursday, December 26th

#### Tuesday December 31st

New Years Eve Mass  
4:30pm

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1st  
9:00am & 11:00am

#### Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 5th  
Regular Scheduled Sunday Mass Times

#### Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12th  
Regular Scheduled Mass Times  
Thus Endth the Christmas Season

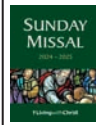


### A Christmas Carol

We will host a reading of Charles Dickens' famous story on Sunday, December 8 starting at 2 pm. Tickets are free but any free will donations will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program. Pick up yours in the Office.



### Sunday Missals



With the end of the liturgy cycle coming quickly to an end, the Sunday missals for next year, starting on November 30. The Children's Missal is \$7 and the Regular Missal is \$5. They are at the entrance foyer. Please remember to put your name in the front of it.



### Offering Envelopes



The Offering Envelopes are available for pick up this weekend, November 30th/ December 1st in the foyer. **PLEASE get rid of any 2024 or earlier envelopes that you may have.**

### St. Vincent de Paul Christmas



If you did not get your gift in this weekend **PLEASE** do so **ASAP** by dropping them off at St. John Chrysostom. Please ensure that **the star is attached to the gift.**

Thank you for your generosity

### Advent Booklets

To help your family journey spiritually through the Advent season, and prepare for a deeper Christmas, there are reflection booklets and we encourage each family to take home and use as they might. They can be found in the foyer. We will also be selling Advent Books and Candles after mass. In the busy-ness of our lives, sometimes we need little prompts to help us take time to keep our lives focused and in order on the things that are truly essential.

### The Christmas Trees Are Here!

Once again the Knights are selling Christmas trees. Supplies are limited so if you are planning to support the Knights make sure to get yours early. The trees are locally grown and all proceeds will support local charities.



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

Alana Brown-Wallace  
Betty Loft  
Kathleen Todesco  
Joshua Perek  
Donna Stea-Cutting  
Andy Dube  
Elizabeth Ryan  
Matteo Savella  
Jackson Rowan  
Carmen Baldacchino  
Mervin Correa  
Leo Cadia Vaz  
Orsola Accardi  
Aria Crang  
Andy Waldherr  
Michelle Canale  
Pearl Clarke

Paul Jennas  
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Sean Coen  
Ana Aparicio  
Jake Tallon  
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Lawrence Cooper  
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Marian Kulmatytskyi  
Dianne Rousseau Weaver  
Gladys Anderson  
Shaun O'Reilly

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Albina Barber  
Theresa Wharton  
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Tammy Elkie  
Marcus D'Mello  
Lisa Stokl  
Jeanette Barbosa  
Daniel Juresic  
Bernal Gutierrez  
Theresa Graham  
Jason Foncela  
Christopher Wiker  
Johana Gutierrez  
Connie Power  
Glen Sampano  
Alexander Leiton



Ladies...  
You're invited ...

C.W.G.

*Christmas*  
Wine & Cheese

2024

**10** | DECEMBER  
TUESDAY

6:30PM MASS  
*followed by*  
BUSINESS ITEMS AND SOCIAL

ADMISSION: FREE FOR CWG MEMBERS  
\$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS



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