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

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> 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024



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

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> **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 23rd 10am: Special Intentions Req. by:

Tuesday December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE No Morning Mass

Wednesday December 25th 10am: CHRISTMAS DAY Req. by:

Thursday December 26th Feast of Feast of St. Steven No Morning Mass



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December 22nd

Steve Karabatos 9:00 Maggie Porporiho Maureen Hawkins

Kathe Dagher 11:00 Maggie West Maureen Delanev

December 29th

Magdalena Schiegel 9:00 Ella Schiegel Maureen Delaney

11:00 Nina Gianotti Audrev Wilcox **Eve Erentien**

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



St. Vincent de Paul

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December 8, 2024

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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

One of my favorite things growing up was a set of Audubon Nature Encyclopedia that we had. I would read the volumes for hours. I think I am the only one who ever cracked open those books, but there were certain volumes that showed more use than others. Anything to do with the Serengeti, Australia or the Arctic were my go-to articles. I think that is where my fascination with giraffes, blue whales, and wolverines comes from. I think too, the fact that I have very little desire to travel to the Holy Land or Rome can be attributed to the pictures and articles in the Encyclopedias. I also had a special spot for birds, especially any that didn't frequent Holland Landing. We had the usual suspects, robins, sparrows, chickadees, blue jays, cardinals, crows. Every once in a while, something more exotic could be spotted like a canary or Baltimore oriole. It was an absolute thrill to see the great horned owl roosting across the road, eliminating all the pigeons living in the barn (though it created a bit of a scare every time we had to let our little dog out to do his business, who was just about the size of a great appetizer). I am not much of a traveler but I remember the first time seeing pelicans in Florida, or magpies in Banff. During Basic Training a chaplain would come to Base to celebrate Mass outside. The first time several deer ambled through the woods and two bald eagles soared and circled overhead. That was the greatest homily preached. I knew one of the people involved in re-introducing wild turkeys to southern Ontario and the first time I witnessed a flock of them, it was thrilling. Growing up playing hockey in East Gwillimbury was rather nondescript. We had no exciting name. In fact, each team had their own moniker, named more after the sponsors than any unifying name. I am not sure when E.G. adopted the name 'Talons' with an eagle as its logo, but I remember that it was a strong name, sort of unique, but maybe a bit misplaced. I had never seen a bald eagle here. There were lots of hawks, a few owls, and I agree that no one would want to be named after the turkey vultures. I received a phone call from Bradford Valley, the place where mom was living. They had two cheques to settle mom's final accounts, and I could pick them up. I wasn't expecting them but as I was leaving, it dawned on me that this was my final official trip into this place I had first visited almost 8 years ago. With a gulp I drove along the canal road driving by our old elementary school, and along the water. Up in a tree I spotted a large bird. I am pretty good at spotting hawks on wires and in trees but as I looked, there was something unusual about it. I saw a man stopped on the side of the road, jumping out with a camera and a humungous lens heading to take photographs of it. It was a bald eagle perched

in the tree surveying the waters of the canal. That was the first time I ever spotted such a bird in the area, and just after closing the final affairs with my mother. I wondered what it was supposed to mean, what great message that was being delivered to me. Since there had never been any great discussions about eagles, or any family significance, I figured there was no message, no great purpose, only that it was just my lucky day. The eagle has landed.



Fr. 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

The parish office will be closed from Monday December 23rd at noon until Monday January 6th at 9am



Christmas Week Mass Schedule

There is **NO** morning Mass on Thursday, December 26th. We will have our regular scheduled masses on Monday December 30th.

New Year Week Mass Schedule

There is NO morning Mass on Thursday January 2nd, 2025. Regular morning mass will start again Monday January 6th at 10am.

Our Rativity Scenes

Once again our Nativities are on display in Seton Hall. Drop in and enjoy the beauty and uniqueness of each nativity from around the world. Please feel free to sign the guest book and comment on your favorite scene.

The display will be up until mid January, 2025.



Sunday MissalsWith 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.



have.

SUNDAY

Offering Envelopes

The Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the foyer. PLEASE get rid of any 2024 or earlier envelopes that you may

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...

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