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Saturday: 4:30pm

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

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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 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

Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025



Pastoral Team
Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor
Deacon Marian Pawliszko
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

10am: Hilda Casanova Req. by: Gillian Chang

Wednesday March 26th 10am: Alexander Opalinski Req. by: Anne & Peter Langon

Thursday March 27th 10am Rod McKinnon

Reg. by: Colleen & Steve Pitre



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

March 23

Pat Spataro 9:00

Caroline Gaughan Emma

11:00 John Bloye

Wilma Blove KD Neely

March 30

Gabriel Godin 9:00 Lorna Godin

Daniel Godin

11:00 Kathe Dagher Alana Felinto

Filipe Felinto

Join us after each Sunday mass for coffee and fellowship.



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March 16, 2025

Offertory \$6,747.95 **SES** Building \$ 270.00

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Sunday Offertory \$3,597.02 SES Building Fund \$ 632.00 ShareLife \$ 100.00

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

Ruminations

Sometimes the Church stands as a beacon of hope or at least help. When all else fails, and the end of the drop is near, people gravitate to the last resort for help - the Church. In my early priesthood, we had lots of visitors looking for help. More metropolitan areas have frequent people stopping in counting on a handout of some sort. We had our regulars who sought out money on a regular basis. In my inexperience I would consult with the pastor and we would discuss the situation. Especially with the regulars who often came in under the influence of any variety of things, we were very cautious and deliberate with generosity. I remember the pastor saying that certain stories and creativity were worth \$20. One time one of the regulars came to the office saying he had no food and hadn't eaten so I went to the kitchen and grabbed him a loaf of bread and a couple of cans of soup. I think I offered the mushroom soup because I don't eat that anyway, just joking. Anyway, the next time he popped in for a visit, he mentioned that his friends told him he should be insulted at my actions. I simply asked him if he got something to eat and if he enjoyed it. I know it sounds a bit harsh but in the context of our many, many interactions and repartees, even he laughed. We had a regular who would come in every couple of months looking for bus fare to Owen Sound to see his son dying of cancer. He always left with something. A couple of days before I moved from there he popped in. Then a couple days later I left for the other side of the diocese, to Ajax. Lo and behold, two weeks later, he appeared at the door in Ajax. I don't think he recognized me, and so he gave me the story again, this time about needing bus far to Kingston, to visit his son dying of cancer. I asked him when his son moved from Owen Sound to Kingston. It was lost on him. Anyway, this past Sunday there was a young lady who arrived at the Church after the last mass. She seemed lost and wet, confused and dazed. I approached her asking if she needed help. She had a hard time processing the question. I noticed a hospital id bracelet and what I thought was a backpack was a Walmart bag. I then saw that she was wearing flip flops. She answered that the hospital had sent her here. It was a slow process figuring out what was going on. I eventually found out that she was on the GO Train from Hamilton and heading to Toronto for a shelter. She fell asleep on the train and ended up in Aurora. She had no idea of how she made it to the hospital. Finally, she showed the note from the hospital suggesting that she should make her way to Victory Baptist Church on Yonge Street. Since no one else was around I grabbled with ideas of how to get her to Victory Baptist. The last thing I wanted to do was drive a young woman, under the influence of something, to a place that I couldn't even confirm was open. I tried to download the Uber app and then the Lyft app, but I was unsuccessful. I called York Region Police and they sent over a team. While waiting for them to arrive, I offered our guest some cookies and a juice box, and I got the rest of her story. When the Police arrived, two women Officers and a gentleman Officer. We were all standing in front of that beautiful statue in the foyer titled Welcoming the



Stranger. Seemed appropriate. They treated her with such gentleness, kindness, and dignity. Maybe I've seen too many Cop shows, but I was so impressed at the humanity with which they handled this lost soul. They were taking her to a place that was equipped to help her. So after they left, I was thankful for how she was treated. I was thankful for the availability of such a wonderful service like the York Police. And I was especially thankful for the witness and the lessons they taught me in bringing hope to hopeless situations. When I was a stranger! Indeed!! Fr. Roy

Announcements and Events...

The Week of Reconciliation March 31st — April 5th

We will offer times as follows: (provided there is no funerals)

Monday, March 31st - 10:30 am - 11:30 am Tuesday, April 1st - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Wednesday, April 2nd - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Thursday, April 3rd - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Saturday, April 5th - 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm



Stations of the Cross



Join us every Friday during Lent at 7pm for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations are a time-honoured tradition rooted in walking with Christ to the Cross.

Lent Evening Prayer

Sunday evenings starting at 7:00 pm, we will celebrate Evening Prayer or Vespers. This is a very reflective and meditative preparation for Easter. Please join us.

Lent: The Woman at the Well

The season of Lent has its origins in the preparation of adults for baptism. The three middle Sundays gear the Gospels to very existential questions, inviting them to plumb the depths of their heart. The woman at the well, invites them to ask themselves to name what it is in life that they really want. Since we are called to journey with them in solidarity and that same question is addressed to us as well. In the hectic pace of our noisy lives, Lent is given to us as a time of deliberate quiet and stillness for reflections on the essence of our lives. It is an invitation to



reflect upon those things that prevent us from experiencing the truth of who we are. What is holding you back? What is weighing you down? What do you need to be set free? Naming is is half the battle.

Sacramental Corner

Confirmation Cross Ceremony

Will be on April 5/6. This is when the candidates will receive their Confirmation cross- a sign of being accepted as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

First Communion

First Communion Retreats are on March 20th, 22nd or 24th starting at 6:30. Parent and child attend.

Please arrive 10 minutes early

The Next Fish Fry

Our next Fish Fry will take place on Friday, April 11, starting at 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Declared the best French fries in the area.





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 Laura Rostron Albina Barber

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The Life of Our Parish in April 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am | 3 Bible Study 7pm | 4 Stations of the Cross 7pm | 5 5th Sunday in Lent |
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| 6 5th Sunday in Lent | 7 | 8 CWG General Mtg. | 9 Kof C Gen- eral Mtg. | 10 Bible Study 7pm | 11 Fish Fry | 12 Palm Sunday |
| Confirmation Cross Presenta- tion | | NAMES OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P | Kerc | | Fish Fry Stations of the Cross 7pm | PALM SUNDAY |
| 13 Palm Sunday PALM SUNDAY | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30pm. Holy Thursday NO morning mass | 18 Good Friday 11am and 3pm. | 19 Holy Saturday Easter Basket Blessing: 10am (English); 11am (Polish) Easter Vigil 8:30pm |
| 20 Easter Sunday 9am & 11am. | 21 <u>NO</u> morning Mass | 22 CWG Exec. Mtg. | 23 Kof C Exec. Mtg. | 24 Bible Study 7pm | 25 | 26 Second Sunday in Easter 1st Communion |
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| 27 Second Sun- day in Easter | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| 1st Communion Sunday | | NO Morning mass | | | | |

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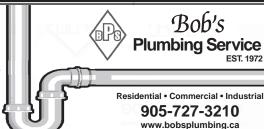
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