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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:

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St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2017



Pastoral Team

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

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch
Parish Secretary ~ Rosie Klauke
Sacramental Coordinator - Grades 2 & 7 ~ Jennifer McAvoy
Parish Custodian—Stanley Skorka
Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas

Regular Office Hours

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

**Sacrament of
Baptism or Marriage:**

Please contact the office.
One year notice for
Sacrament of Marriage.



**Sacrament of
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Mass Intentions

Monday December 4th
 9am: **Maria Manuela Gaspar (D)**
 Req: Luis Gaspar

Tuesday December 5th
 9am: **Mary McInnes (D)**
 Req: John & Wilma Bloye

Wednesday December 6th
 9am: **Theresa Shak (D)**
 Req: Mary Shak

Thursday December 7th
 9am: **Patricia Smith (D)**
 Req: Marie Dumas

**Sunday Masses are for
 ALL GOD'S PEOPLE**



A simple cup of coffee becomes happiness when you share it with friends!

Dec 3rd
 8:00 CWG
 9:30 CWG
 11:00 CWG

Dec 10th
 Patricia Stuart
 Franko Family
 Culligan Family

Parish Giving

The weekend of Nov 25th/26th
 Sunday Offertory \$ 7,250.45
 SES Building Fund \$ 155.00
 Shepherd's Trust \$ 6,056.66



Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Cycle A

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

Ruminations

There is no doubt that the Christmas rush is in full swing. Traffic in the mall, the stores are crowded and "Black Friday" has been extended to entice us procrastinators in. We even took full advantage of the beautifully warm Tuesday to string the Christmas lights around the outside of the Church. It sure beats trying to do it closer to Christmas with freezing temperatures and freezing fingers and freezing tushes. In fact, I think I got sunburned. I would hate to explain to the doctor that I suffered sunstroke from putting Christmas lights up. It seems almost like an oxymoron. And events are speeding up in the life of the Church. The first leg of our parents' faith formation is complete. The baptisms are finished for this calendar year with no more scheduled until mid-January. The Christmas pageant will soon be taking registrations and the New Years' community has a novel and different celebration planned that will have everyone singing "O here we come a Wassailing". By the way, wassail is a mulled apple cider for those who were wondering. Now if the cider were spiked, it would become Hogmanay. There is an air of excitement and anticipation floating around. This pales in comparison however to all those candidates and catechumens who were welcomed into their particular order in the RCIA. If you remember they were welcomed at the door and or signed with the sign of the cross over their body. We offered them the Gospel of Jesus and we prayed for them and promised to support them on their journey. They officially became Catholic members of our community though not fully initiated yet. As a cradle catholic, I marvel as the rites unfold filled with a sense of envy and terror at the same time. Part of me would love to experience the intimacy of their journey, but a saner part of me thanks my parents for baptizing me 17 days after my birth. But when one listens to the profound experiences that these people had, I think envy arises again. One can only imagine how they felt, the center of attention with the congregation of mostly strangers, welcoming them in, and attentively and prayerfully offering them a place in our midst. The incredible warmth and humility of the same people applauding their desire to become part of us. And then, the topper for most of them was the number of, now fellow parishioners, coming up and congratulating them, and shaking their hands and welcoming them after Mass. It was an overwhelming show of Christ's hospitality and they all drank it in, and it resonates with them still. The Ritual directives for the RCIA emphasize how important the congregation is in helping these journeyers find their way, in making them feel like they have come home. And whether their journey has been from another denomination, or first time Gospel encounters, no matter what their backstory was, or is, they all recognized, sometimes tearfully, that their story is our story too.



It is called the rite of welcome for a reason, and through the outreach of our parishioners, they truly got the message that they are in the right place. As the documents say, it takes a parish to make a Catholic. The journey continues.

Fr. Roy

Announcements and Events...

St Vincent de Paul Society

Don Montague Christmas Program

Adopt a Family



Please help families in need this Christmas by using a blue St Vincent De Paul envelope; return the envelope by Sunday December 3rd.

Donations can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the parish office.

Food Donations for Adopted Families

Also, please bring your non-perishable food items to the church on or before,

Sunday, December 10th.

Mary McCuskey Giving Tree

Gifts for seniors and group home individuals. Please Take a star or two and return by Sunday December 10th.



Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!

CHRISTMAS CAKES

It seems too early but Christmas is only a short month away... time to start working on our 'to do' list. Each Advent season delicious Gourmet Christmas cakes are for sale in the parish hall...all proceeds going to support the vital work of

Campaign Life Coalition. Cakes will be for sale

December 9th and 10th after all masses.

Loaf Cakes - \$18 each

Round Cakes—\$25 each

Thank you for your generous support!!!



CWG NEWS - CWG WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

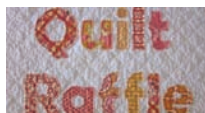
All ladies of the Parish are invited to join us for our annual tradition of a Wine & Cheese Social on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Mass will start at 6.30 p.m., with social to follow in Seton Hall at 7.15 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to just simply socialize and enjoy the camaraderie of other women! There will be door prizes and an opportunity to try your hand at Karaoke – let's discover your hidden talents!

Please bring toiletry items, as the CWG Executive is planning on putting together gift-wrapped shoe boxes that will be presented to Belinda's House, an organization in Newmarket that helps women get back on their feet. Please note that admission is free for CWG members, and due to ever increasing food costs, we will be charging \$10 this year for non-members. Hope to see you there!



CWG News - CWG Quilt Raffle

If you have not already seen the beautiful quilt being raffled this year, please check out the foyer, where it is being displayed. Tickets are available for sale in the foyer after all the weekend Masses at a cost of \$2 per ticket, or 3 for \$5, and closer to the draw we will start selling tickets in the foyer. The quilt top has been donated by Ana Duarte, with quilting by Evelyn James. Draw date for the quilt is Sunday, December 17 following the 11 a.m. Mass.



Sacramental Corner.....



Breaking Open the Word Reflection Forms

Your reflections on Sunday's Gospel are refreshing! Hats off to.....

Aidan V., Dilynn M., Claire S., John Paul C., Kairon H., Silvio A., Rebecca K., Sydney W., Sara T., Fatima N. Kate B., Victoria P., Alex P.

"We can see Jesus everywhere but we should try to see him especially in people, because that is where and when it counts... Jesus is in all of us." - S.W.

First Communion Candidates...

"Love the cookies at Coffee Sunday in the parish hall"



All 90 candidates for First Communion should be bringing their reflection forms to the church office following Sunday Mass.

'Sharing in the Sunday Eucharist is the cornerstone of our Catholic faith.'

Children's Bulletins

Remember to pick up a Children's bulletin as you enter the church each Sunday. A great little resource to help foster parent & child discussion about the living Word of God

Waiting in Joyful Hope At Mass, after praying the Lord's Prayer, we hear "... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This prayer reminds us that during Advent, we wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience—the feast of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways, the return of Christ in glory at the end of time. As the Church, we wait during Advent and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us. This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of the hope that God promises us as we prepare for Christ in the feast of Christmas. - Sacred Advent



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SOUP and a Movie
Tuesday December 5th
12 noon

Movie will be
White Christmas
Please RSVP to the parish office

Let us pray for the sick...

Michael Whelgan
Mavis Solomon
Pam James
Maria Perek
Olive Hutton
Alana Brown-Wallace
Janet Brockway
Wally Pottie
Greg Quattrin
Carlos Abreu
Kelly Ward
Elena Olano

Tarcisia Borg
Dan Pividor
Maria DeRuiter
Pat Kramer
Martha Jackson
Aida Vamvouras
Margaret Pividor
Matthew Moore
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Colleen O'Connor
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