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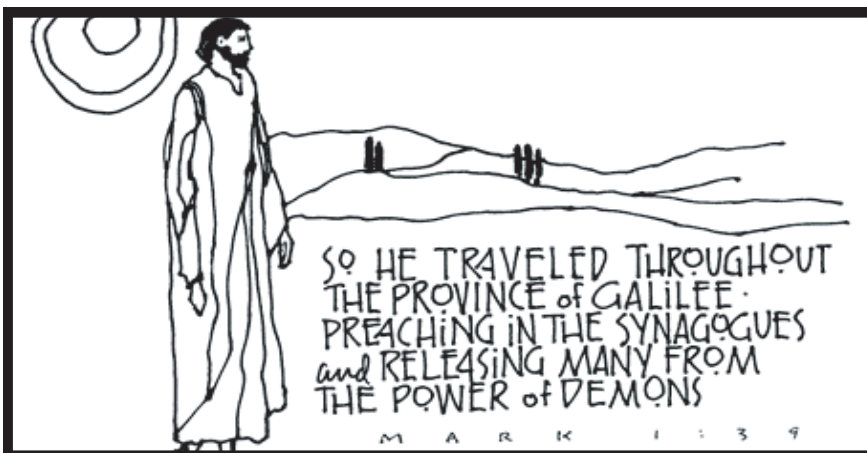
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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018



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Deacon Stephen Pitre

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday February 5th**  
9am: **Maria Manuela Gaspar (D)**  
Req: Luis Gaspar

**Tuesday February 6th**  
9am: **Oswald Heslop (I)**  
Req: Schwan Family

**Wednesday February 7th**  
9am: **Connie Sheridan (I)**  
Req: Schwan Family

**Thursday February 8th**  
9am: **Tim Brosnahan (D)**  
Req: Maureen Brosnahan

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



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

Coffee & Chat

Please join us in Seton Hall after Sunday morning Mass

**February 4th**  
8:00 CWG  
9:30 CWG  
11:00 CWG

**February 11th**  
8:00 Hachkowski Family  
9:30 Cathy & Paul Schwan  
11:00 Betty Loft & Family

## Parish Giving

**Weekend of Jan 27/28th**  
Sunday Offertory \$5,693.00  
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**Dear God,**  
if today I lose my hope,  
please remind  
me that your  
plans are better  
than my dreams.

Alcoholic Anonymous  
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## Ruminations ....

We should have called Sunday at 9:30 "guess who is coming to dinner." I know there is a great difference between hearing theory and watching an event and then having questions about it. In fact, it is a theological principle called mystagogia – reflecting on an experience trying to find meaning in it. This is exactly what those in the RCIA do after every public liturgical event. They think of it in terms of a de-briefing, but what it truly is is sound catechetical pedagogy. So it was with great joy that I answered questions about what happened at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday when we received five people into our Community through the sacrament of confirmation and welcomed them to our table for the first time. Few questions arose about the three elder candidates, but it seemed that the two young people, both under the age of grade sevens that presented a curve ball to many people. It became an excellent opportunity to present the vision of the Church concerning initiations. There are only two categories for baptism; infants, and those who have reached their 7<sup>th</sup> year of life (had their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday) and above. Yes, a six year old is initiated the same way that a 66 year old would be, not like a 6 month old. So just as an adult would be fully initiated, celebrating baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist all at the same celebration, so would the 6 year old. That is just the way the Church does it. Now this Sunday, the five of them were already baptized but in various Protestant denominations. The Church rule is that "no greater burden than necessary is to be placed on them" in welcoming them. That translates as, whenever they are ready, they are received at the earliest convenience. In an ideal parish where there was ample team members to journey with them, they would be on a journey set apart from the RCIA which technically is exclusively for the unbaptized people. Alas, with our limited team, they take on this task as well. It would be wonderful to have people to lead the various stages to welcome the volume of people coming to our community (last year we had 23 at the Easter Vigil, and this year we have similar numbers, not to mention the three new people who approached us last week to join – they just keep coming). Because we have been rather complacent in living the vision of the Church, most parishes have never seen the celebration of baptisms, or first communions, or confirmations, or reception of people into our midst, and yet the very documents governing such liturgies express very strongly that all these rituals belong by right and by meaning within with worshiping assembly that gathers each week. Translate this to mean during regular Sunday worship, because this is precisely why we exist. Without them, we become stagnant and informed about our God-given mission to build the kingdom. Though it may seem an inconvenience at times, at its heart, it is the very Spirit pulsing through our community.

So much to learn about how the Church sees itself, and every time we encounter a new liturgy, our identity grows. Welcome to the five new comers.



**Fr. Roy**

## Announcements and Events...

### Soup and a Movie Tuesday February 6th 12 noon



Our movie will be  
**Saving Mr. Banks**  
Please RSVP to the Parish Office

### Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

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### New Beginnings

A ministry dedicated to helping people who have suffered loss through separation, divorce or death of a loved one. The next session starts February 15th at 7pm. Please register with the Parish Office



### CWG NEWS

All Ladies of the Parish are invited to the next CWG General meeting on **Tuesday, February 13th**. Mass will be at 7 o'clock with Father Roy and then we will gather into Seton Hall for the General Meeting. The guest speaker will be Patty Gallinger, an Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay and she will discuss skin care issues. We hope you are able to attend and enjoy an evening of fellowship with other Ladies of the Parish.



### Knights of Columbus

FREE Family Day Skate  
February 19, 2018 2:30 to 4:30pm  
East Gwillimbury Arena  
Helmets are a must.



Come skate and have a hot chocolate on us.

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 14th.  
Mass at 9am and 7pm



### Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, February 16th



## Sacramental Corner.....

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD Reflection forms

The young people are making such good efforts in their Sunday reflection forms.... Hats off to... Sydney W., Claire S., Aidan V., John Paul C., Kai C., Nicole F., Michaela B., Gabriela F., Isabella Q.  
***"Jesus planted many seeds and it is our job to fertilize them so the kingdom of God continues to grow." I.Q.***



**What are we doing to help build the kingdom of God?**

### Confirmation

The Parent/ Candidate Meeting was very well attended. It was great to see all the young people with their parents for an evening of catechesis. Catherine Ecker always has so many faith filled insights to share with us.

***"In Baptism we are enlightened by Christ and we are called to keep the flame of faith burning brightly."***



This is a wonderful invitation from God ...  
**What are we, both young and old, doing to let the light of Christ shine through us?**

**\*\*\*Attention Parents** We need the Faith Formation sign up forms returned to the parish office ASAP. Thank you!\*\*\*

**Enrolment Sunday/Letter of Intent February 24th/25th**

### First Communion

**The children are such a joy!**

Their enthusiasm for celebrating the Lord's Day is an inspiration to our parish community. They are definitely listening, watching and enjoying being with their families and friends each Sunday.



### Parent Meeting

If you missed the meeting on Jan. 22, it is VIMP to contact Jennifer for the information you missed and the materials you need to pick up. Please return the sign-up forms for the Retreat, Faith Formation and First Communion Mass to the parish office. We need all the forms before we can post the dates. Thank you.  
**\*The Retreat** dates & times are posted in the display case this weekend. Please confirm your date.\*



**\*\*Children's Lamb Presentation  
February 17th/18th\*\***

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

Michael Whelgan  
Mavis Solomon  
Maria Perek  
Olive Hutton  
Alana Brown-Wallace  
Janet Brockway  
Wally Pottie  
Greg Quattrin  
Carlos Abreu  
Elena Olano  
J. Chapman  
J. Legari

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