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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:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am

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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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(905) 853-0340

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(905) 478-4242

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(905) 895-3340

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018



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 Reconciliation:

Saturday ~ 3:00 - 3:30 pm
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Mass Intentions

Monday February 19th

10am: **Ivg Rosario (I)**

Req: Allison Chang

Tuesday February 20th

9am: **Bernard O'Dowd (D)**

Req: Liz Holmes

Wednesday February 21st

9am: **Alice Reynolds (D)**

Req: Murphy Family

Thursday February 22nd

9am: ****Special Intentions****

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



Coffee & Chat

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

Please join us in Seton Hall after Sunday morning Mass

February 18th

8:00 Sherrer/Teskey Family

9:30 Mike Speckert & Zena Ohan

11:00 Culligan Family

February 25th

8:00 Patricia Stuart & Vivian Alexander

9:30 Sagar/Heim Family

11:00 Audrey Wilcox & Eve Erentzen

Parish Giving

Weekend of Feb. 10th/11th

Sunday Offertory \$ 6,402.65

SES Building Fund \$ 805.00



St. Elizabeth Seton Tax Receipts will be available for pick up in the foyer until February 25th.

Please be sure to pick up your receipt.

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

Ruminations

People are often curious as to how a young sports enthusiast, whose undergraduate degree was sports administration, shifted direction to become a priest. It seems an odd transition, and let's face it, a rather large leap. In my mind, not so much, and when I really think about it, it makes perfect sense. Our vantage point now with regards to the Olympic spirit has been tainted by a culture that exalts the results more than the struggle. Success is defined in terms of podium finishes and winning at all costs. Many Olympic stories drive this point home, whether it's the proliferation of performance enhancing drugs starting way back in Montreal in 1976 with the East German women's swim team, or the 1992 scoring debacle involving Canadian Sylvie Frechette and a Brazilian judge who made a mistake on the scoring computer that the officials would not let rectify thereby reducing the gold medal performance to a silver. The real tragedy was the lady who won the gold by mistake was unapologetic saying she deserved it. Fourteen months later Sylvie was upgraded to her earned gold medal. But at its originals, there was a purity and innocence about the pursuit of "citius, altius, fortius", the motto of the games, "faster, higher stronger". If I were president of the international Olympic Games as was my teenage dream, anything that requires any human judgment regarding scoring would be gone. There is no way of eliminating the subjective and inconsistent appeal to adjudicating beauty and artistic merit. The pursuit of excellence should go to the first across the finish line, the one who throws the farthest, the one who jumps the highest. This journey towards excellence is a very religious theme. It is a journey to discovery of ourselves and our depths. It is a journey of confronting ourselves and overcoming obstacles, of striving to become better. It is an exercise in fair play, like the Canadian Olympic sailor who surrendered his medal hopes to sail off course to help a floundering competitor, or the Norwegian coach who offered a Canadian cross country skier a new ski pole when hers broke mid-course. It is the father who jumped on the track to walk with his injured son to cross the finish line after a pulled hamstring caused him to drop out of the race, though it was important to finish, redefining true Olympic success. It is about the Canadian speed skater who surrendered his spot on the team after a unfortunate stumble by a true contender teammate...the Olympics was once about ideals and true human spirit. That is not much different than our own spiritual journeys, especially as we enter into this Lenten discipline, where we too are invited to strive for our own betterment, to reach higher, and become stronger. We need an Olympic effort to achieve our own best. In that way, Pierre de Coubertin's words ring true, "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well."



Fr. Roy

Announcements and Events...

Drivers Needed

Drivers needed on weekdays to drive a parishioner periodically to appointments within the Town of Newmarket!
If you can help please call Teresa at 995-896-7560

Saint Vincent De Paul Tax Receipts for 2017

Dear parishioners your tax receipts can be picked up in the foyer of the church.

Your St Vincent wishes to thank you for your continued prayers and financial support and seeing Jesus in the families of our community.

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday during Lent starting February 16th at 7pm- 7:30pm for the Stations of the Cross



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Upcoming Weekend: March 2-4, 2018

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www.wwme.org or contact:

Gerard & Marge McCauley at

gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.



WE CELEBRATE....WE BELIEVE

Today our catechumens will celebrate the Rite of Election in Woodbridge where Bishop Kirkpatrick will on behalf of the Church receive the names of those who will be celebrating the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. This marks the beginning of the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, a more intense time of preparation that focuses on interior reflection and transformation. It is the final leg of the journey to the font of Baptism, oils of Confirmation and the banquet feast of Holy Eucharist. We, the baptized practice the disciplines of Lent; prayer, fasting and almsgiving alongside our elect as we prepare to renew our Baptismal promises and grow in God's grace and love. Let us pray for one another as we embark on our Lenten journey both individually and as a community of faith. In a special way we surround our elect with our prayers:

Ricky, Annie, Amanda, Karen, Candice, Gage, Mina, Sevil, Gordon, Mackenzie, Zachary, Brandon, Josephine, Aliaya, Yiling, Elly, and Nathan.

It takes a parish to initiate.



Ministry of Presence Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick

followed by a light continental breakfast

Wednesday March 7th at 9 a.m.

All are welcome

Sacramental Corner.....



First Communion Enrolment Ceremony

Children bring your decorated Lambs to any mass on February 17th & 18th. If you are going to be away, give your lamb to Fr. Roy next weekend.

Attention Parents dates for the Retreat and First Communion Mass are posted in the display case in Church foyer. Be sure to put dates on your calendar! Retreat Dates are Sat. Feb. 24th (10-12), Mon., Feb. 26th and Wed., Feb. 28th (6:30-8:30pm) (Parent and child must attend.)

There is an opportunity for your child's First Reconciliation every Saturday between 3:00-3:30.

Confirmation Enrolment Sunday 2018

For the young people preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, your Letter of Intent will be accepted at any of the Sunday masses on the weekend of February 24th/25th. Fr. Roy will call you forward as a group and you are to bring your one page letter asking permission to be confirmed.

The Letter of Intent should address the following:

- ◆ What does Confirmation mean to me?
- ◆ What does it mean to live out my Catholic Faith?
- ◆ How do you plan on living out our Catholic faith?
- ◆ Since Sunday Mass is the hallmark of our identity as Christians, where does it fit into your life?
- ◆ Why should the Church accept you as a candidate for Confirmation?

Reflect! Pray! Talk about the questions with your parents, grandparents, sibling, or sponsor before writing your letter. It is important that the letter indicate a sense of reflection, thought, and honest effort in order to be accepted. If you have any questions please speak with Fr. Roy or Jennifer McAvoxy. Enjoy this endeavour!



Cross Ceremony

Sunday March 17th & 18th at all Masses



Knights of Columbus

FREE Family Day Skate

February 19, 2018 2:30 to 4:30pm

East Gwillimbury Arena

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Come skate and have a hot chocolate on us.



Let us pray for the sick...

Michael Whelgan

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Olive Hutton

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Janet Brockway

Wally Pottie

Greg Quattrin

Carlos Abreu

Elena Olano

J. Chapman

J. Legari

Tarcisia Borg

Dan Pividor

Maria DeRuiter

Pat Kramer

Martha Jackson

Aida Vamvouras

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Matthew Moore

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Vince Masci

Catherine Kirk

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