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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018



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Please contact the office.  
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# Mass Intentions

**Monday March 5th**  
9am: **Elisabetta Rossi (I)**  
Req: Silvano Rossi

**Tuesday March 6th**  
9am: **Maria Manuela Gaspar (D)**  
Req: Luis Gaspar

**Wednesday March 7th**  
9am: **Ann Condon (I)**  
Req: Murphy Family

**Thursday March 8th**  
9am: **Fr. Wilfrid McAneney (I)**  
Req: Anne Ellis

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



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

Please join us in Seton Hall after Sunday morning Mass

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

**March 11th & 18th**  
No Coffee Sunday—March Break!

### Stations of the Cross

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



Lent

“The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God.”  
*Pope Benedict XVI*

## Parish Giving

**Weekend of Feb 17th/18th**  
Sunday Offertory \$ 6,871.40  
SES Building Fund \$ 220.25  
**Weekend of Feb 24th/25th**  
Sunday Offertory \$ 5,533.50  
SES Building Fund \$ 147.00

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

# Ruminations ....

It has been said that a Canadian is one who incessantly talks about the weather. In fact, it has become the stereotypical introduction into conversations. When all else fails, mentioning something about the weather situation is a great ice breaker. This past week I was helping a young student memorize the Canadian provinces and their capitals, and when it came to Manitoba, the little trick to remember its capital was the truly Canadian joke of calling it ‘Winterpeg’. Let’s just say he aced the test. Apparently we talk more about the weather than any other nation on earth. It’s not like we are the only country with very diverse weather patterns, and seasonal fluctuations. In the news this morning there was an item about the North Pole reaching above the zero mark in temperature in the middle of winter, over twenty degrees above where it should be. That despite those who claim that there is no such thing as global warming. It seems every year we are gifted with this reprieve from the harshness of the blowing snow and plummeting temperatures of the deep freeze. But there are real costs to these fluctuations. There is the great heaving of the pavement in our parking lot that will only be resolved with the authentic spring thaw. There are the flooded basements and roadways, and the tragic loss of life in floodwaters. Apparently this year the number of salt days has depleted the provincial supply and our parking lot like many others will either see an increase in the cost of salting or a decrease in the amount of salt (which I think our gardens will love). I think there is a kind of psychological cost too. This little teasing of the arrival of spring gets our hopes up and our bodies ready for the turn of the season. I wore shorts on that warm Tuesday to walk over to the gym. But we always receive this warm spell with a tinge of scepticism. As much as we rejoice in the glorious sunshine and relative warmth, there is always the feeling in the back of the mind that it will all coming crashing down, or that we will pay for it later. Of course we are still in for more cold temperatures. Of course there is going to be more snow accumulations. And despite what Warton Willie predicted, spring officially arrives on Tuesday, March 20 at 9:16 in the morning. That doesn’t mean warm weather, sunshine, and crocuses. The only true thing that we can predict is the unpredictability of the weather. And maybe that’s why it is always such a topic of conversation. Kind of sounds like Lent, a season dedicated to reflecting on the unpredictability of our lives, and finding truth in our experiences. So maybe pull up a lawn chair, dust off the snow, sit in the sun and have a good reflection on the meaning of life, and the gift of unseasonable weather, eh?!



**Fr. Roy**

## Announcements and Events...



### RCIA - WE CELEBRATE...WE BELIEVE

It takes a parish to initiate. For this reason the Scrutinies which are celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Lent will take place at three different mass times. March 3 @ 4:30, March 11 @ 11:00 and March 18@ 9:30.

The Scrutinies are "rites for self-searching and repentance. They are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good." As the RCIA journey continues throughout Lent, each of us are asked to continue to reflect on our lives and open our hearts to God's grace and transformation.

This week, we pray in solidarity with our elect as we hear the gospel of The Woman at the Well. We are asked to consider, and name what it is we thirst for in; our world, in our community, in our own lives.

*St. Elizabeth Seton Parish family continues to surround; Ricky, Annie, Amanda, Karen, Candice, Gage, Mina, Sevil, Gordon, Mackenzie, Zachary, Brandon, Josephine, Aliayah, Yiling, Elly, and Nathan with our prayers and presence.*



SOUP and a Movie  
**Tuesday March 6th**  
Movie will be  
**Hidden Figures**  
Please RSVP to the parish office



### Sign-Up Sunday!

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic Community.

The First campaign of 2018 is the **Call for Conscience**, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration> to register yourself for this initiative.

Thank you for living a faith that acts!



**Ministry of Presence Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick**  
**Wednesday March 7th at 9 a.m.**  
followed by a light continental breakfast  
All are welcome to attend

## Sacramental Corner.....

### First Communion

**Enrolment Ceremony**— If you were away for the Lamb Ceremony, it is an expectation of the First Communion program that your child decorates their lamb and give it to Fr. Roy on Sunday. We want to display the lambs in the display case.



Our First Communion Retreats were **blended!** The children's enthusiasm and the parents' support made for a most enjoyable retreat experience.

You could say, **we had fun building our community!** Jesus said, "**I am the bread of life**; those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty" **'We are all called to be bread for the world'**

Dates for the **Adult Faith Formation Sessions** and the **First Communion Mass** are posted in the display case. Be sure to confirm dates and mark your calendars!

**First Reconciliation** There is an opportunity for all children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation any Saturday afternoon between 3:00-3:30pm.

**We Share in the Eucharist Workbook**: Is a family based program. The children are depending on their parents to prepare them well to celebrate the sacrament in the Easter Season. Enjoy this special time together!

*As a Parish community, let us remember all our candidates for First Communion and Confirmation in our prayers. Let us pray, that each of these young people grow in faith and understanding of what it means to build God's kingdom and may their experience of God's abiding love transform their lives.*

### Confirmation

#### Breaking Open the Word Reflection Forms

Derek S., Andora C., Aidan V., Fatima N., Michaela W., Kairon H., Jessica W., Nicole S., Kate B., Dilynn M., Sarah S., John Paul C., Ethan M.



The young people have definitely found a rhythm in their reflection forms. The Holy Spirit is hard at work inspiring their hearts!

#### Cross Ceremony March 17/18

All candidates will receive their Confirmation cross during all the Sunday Masses on the weekend of **March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you are going to be away, you can pick up your cross the following Sunday



#### Confirmation Retreat—

Mark your calendars for **Friday April 13th** at 6-9pm. A simple soup meal will be served. Please arrive 10 min early.

With regards to the **Letter of Intent** if you were unable to bring it for the Enrolment Ceremony last Sunday; it imperative you give it to Fr. Roy as soon as possible.

## 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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Aida Vamvouras  
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