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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

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 905-898-4264 Website: sjcses.blogspot.com

Catholic Community Services of York Region: 905-770-7040 Catholic Cemeteries: 905-889-7467 St. John's Cemetery 905-898-4137 ext. 226

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!

> Parish Schools Good Shepherd School 905-895-0303 St. Elizabeth Seton School 905-853-0340 Our Lady of Good Counsel 905-478-4242 Sacred Heart High School 905-895-3340

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020



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

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch Sacramental Coordinator - Grades 2 & 7 ~ Jennifer McAvoy Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas

Regular Office Hours

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



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

Seton Hall Banquet Facilities ...

A great location for Weddings, Anniversaries, Business Meetings and other occasions. For more information on bookings call 905-853-5009 or email st.elizabethseton@rogers.com

Mass Intentions

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Monday February 17th 9am: Raphael Fitzgerald (D) Req: Ella & Family Tuesday February 18th 9am: Ray Fitzgerald (D) Req: The Elkie Family

Wednesday February 19th9am:Souls in PurgatoryReq:Steve Stokl

Thursday February 20th 9am: **Bill Merritt (D)** Reg: Josie & Tom Deehan

Sunday Masses are for ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

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

February 23rd

8:00 Teskey Family9:30 Hickey Family11:00 Audrey Wilcox/Eve Erentzen

March 1st

8:00 CWG 9:30 CWG 11:00 CWG

Join us after each mass for coffee and fellowship.))





Ruminations

Mid-February always brings up a tiny bit of a dispute in our family. It has been a bit of a sticking point now for almost sixteen years. Its origins stem from one evening when my mom and dad were sitting watching 'Who's line is it Anyway', one of their favourite while away the hours type show. Mom had uncharacteristically staved up past her usual bedtime just to sit and watch the show for no particular reason. As per usual there were lots of laughs. Finally, apparently, there was one uproarious skit that convulsed them both in fits of laughter. Around midnight my cell phone went off and it was my brother beckoning me to the hospital. This had happened several times before, the last occasion being when dad thought the 'big one' (heart attack) was happening. Turns out that it was just severe gas in his hiatus hernia and the solution was a couple of bodily releases, to put it delicately, from opposite ends of the body. Leave it up to my dad to make a federal case of flatulence. When I arrived at emergency, mom and dad were sitting in the waiting room of emerge to let us know the scoop. This time seemed a bit different. There was a gnawing dread driving up. When I finally arrived at Southlake, shortly after 12:30 am, dad had passed away. It was not a great shock, dad had been on borrowed time for years and years. Kind of a running joke was that dad was trying to make it to his 65th birthday to collect his Old Age Pension. He missed it by three months. Things were kind of a surreal blur after that though, one of my fondest memories was returning to the Parish that morning, having an irate parishioner chastising me about some inane thing, and I got to use the line that my father had just passed away that morning. It was such a treat to watch this person pale and slink away. It's not often that you get to legitimately use that line. But here is where the family tiff arises. During the episode of 'Who's Line is it Anyway' which aired at 11:00 pm, dad was laughing and kind of tossed his head back, and died. At first mom was thinking he was joking and then started to get annoved/scared when he was unresponsive. When she realized what was unfolding she called 911, was calling in the emergency, then hung up against the protests of the operator so that she could call my sister-in-law who arrived before the fire department. The fire department were all people who knew mom and dad and everyone knew that dad had died there at home. Mom had always feared that scenario but suddenly it became important that dad had died at home. That was February 18. By the time dad was rushed to the hospital and the doctor officially declared him deceased, the clock had moved beyond midnight to the next morning, February 19. This is the discrepancy, mom says the 18th and the official record says the 19th. The tombstone says the official date but we celebrate both dates. It's just easier. Besides, dad died laughing and he would see the humour in this.



A footnote to the story in the spirit of Valentine's day, weeks after the funeral as mom began the task of going through dad's effects, she found that year's Valentine's card that dad had neglected to give her. I think she had a good cry. It seems a good story for Family Day weekend that didn't exist at the time. Happy Family Day!

Fr. Roy

Announcements and Events...

<u>Knights of Columbus</u>

FREE Family Day Skate February 17, 2020 2:30 to 4:30pm

East Gwillimbury Arena <u>Helmets are a must.</u>

Come skate and have a hot chocolate on us! All are welcome.





Ash Wednesday Wednesday February 26th. Mass at 9am and 7pm

Lenten Fish Fry Friday, February 28th 5pm- 7pm



St. Elizabeth Seton Youth Group

This months Youth Group will be meeting on **Friday, February 21st 2020**. It will be a Rock Climbing night, taking place at **Of Rock**



and Chalk from 6:30 pm to 8:30pm. If your child is planning to attend it is very important to come to the office and sign up and <u>FILL OUT THE</u> <u>WAIVER FORM FULLY.</u> To avoid missing out on a fun night

you need to sign up by latest **Wednesday**, **February 19th, 2020.** We look forward to seeing you all there !

Soul Food

Wednesday February 19, 2020 7:00 pm to 9pm. The topic will be "What is SIN really" Please join us.



On behalf of Community Living we would like to thank everyone for your generosity in the Christmas Card collection this year. It is greatly appreciated.



Sacramental Corner......

First Communion

It was great to see so many moms and dads at the Parent Catechesis Meeting on January 20th. Important dates are posted in the display case in the church foyer. Please check them and mark them in your calendar. **Upcoming dates:** First



Communion Retreat February 29th, March 2nd and March 4th.

We are thankful to God, as parents, to be blessed with our children. We have the awesome privilege and responsibility to *"prepare our children for a lifetime of full participation in Sunday Eucharist."*

Let us ask ourselves ... how are we responding to God's call in our lives and how does this impact our families?

Breaking Open Word

All our candidates preparing for the sacraments are expected to complete their reflection forms every Sunday. This is an activity to help encourage greater reflection on the Word of God by our young candidates.



Parent and Candidate Catechesis Meeting



The Parent and Candidate meeting was well

attended. It was great to see so many young people with their parents for an evening of catechesis. Catherine Ecker always has so many faith filled

insights to share with us. We are looking forward to sharing this journey with the young people. This meeting was very important so if you missed it please be sure to call the parish office and speak with Jennifer McAvoy.



CROSS MAKING WORKSHOPS

The ceramic crosses are beautiful! We want to thank Teresa Dunlop who gave so much of her time and talent helping the children to transform clay into beautiful ceramic crosses.

Let us pray for the sick...

Alana Brown-Wallace Janet Brockway Greg Quattrin Tarcisia Borg Wincenty Stoch Warren Pettifer Mary Ann Ferrer Vince Masci Larry Yarush Alain Gerais Betty Loft Susan Perek Bruce Firth Helen Bromley Orlando Carrera Massimo Marcone Rosa Santos Taylor Luck

Evelyn Walsh Merwyn Correa Slawomir Demianczuk Sebastiao P. Henriques Molly Nabuurs Audrey McDonnell Peter Aristotle Bob Leggo Albina Barber Mary MacDonald Kathleen Todesco Joshua Perek Julia Purdham Donna Stea-Cutting Maria De La O -Mejia Maria Mandjick Judy Campbell lennifer Ma

Zeny Jose Irene Zbyszyinski Edward LaPenta Adam Wood Mayling Meueses Frances Leggo Russel Scott Elizabeth Ryan Dave Dailey John Delorey Lindsay Veltman Elcy Cerres Ryan Maginnis Tony Vigliotta Francie Niekamp Kyle Elkie Maria Cavallini

