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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  
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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015



#### Pastoral Team

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

#### Parish Staff

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch  
Sacramental Coordinator - Grades 2 & 8 ~ Jennifer McAvoy  
Rectory Administrator ~ Nancy Rojas  
Parish Custodian—Stanley Skorka

#### Regular Office Hours

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

#### Sacrament of Baptism or Marriage:

Please contact the office.  
One year notice for  
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## Mass Intentions

**Monday December 21st**  
 9:00 **Patrick Hoey (D)**  
 Req by: Ann, Emily & Katie Lynch

**Tuesday December 22nd**  
 9am **Ann Halligan (D)**  
 Req by: MacKenzie Family

**Wednesday December 23rd**  
 9am **Tibor Kontor (D)**  
 Req by: Wife

**Thursday December 24th**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**

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



### Coffee Sunday Schedule

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 Sunday Volunteers. Your  
 dedication is deeply  
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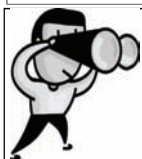
**Merry Christmas and  
 Happy New Year to all.**

*For me Christmas has always  
 been about this: contemplating  
 the visit of God  
 to his people.*

POPE FRANCIS



Knights of Columbus  
 Christmas Tree Sale  
 Stop by the shed and  
 pick up a freshly cut  
 tree.



### Looking For...

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 parish office. Thank you

Alcoholic Anonymous  
 meet every Saturday at 8pm  
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## Ruminations...

Whenever I think of Christmas, the first thoughts always turn to spending it out at the farm, with tobogganing, and over-sized Christmas trees, and the requisite Christmas gifts of towels and ugly shirts. As important as that may have been, the reality is that I have had more Christmas' away from the farm than at the farm. It is such a dominant motif that I tried to think when we stopped going to the farm for our family Christmas. Now many of you have likely driven over part of the farm. When the 404 highway was being expanded, part of the farm was expropriated for it. In fact, as you drive under the overpass at Bethesda side road, you are driving on what was our ski hill. The stand of humungous evergreens on the north west side of the road, I helped plant almost 50 years ago. When the highway finally opened, the caravan of cars created a somewhat toxic environment for my aging grandaunts who had grown up with the fresh pristine country air. The fumes were making them physically sick and the only solution was to sell the rest of the farm and move. They tried a condo in Thornhill, but when you are used to open fields and distant neighbours, well it seems even if you try to take the folks out of the country, you can never take the country out of the folks. It wasn't long before they moved back to Gormley away from the claustrophobia of city living. It was kind of a "Green Acres is the place to be" moment. We always thought of them as the old aunts, which since they were my grandmother's sisters, they were old, this pollution precipitated eviction aged them quickly. That was 30 years ago or so, and that marked the end of that segment of family Christmas tradition. Much has changed over the years, and things change. There have been important moments, the Christmas with the first grandchild, the first Christmas after dad died, the first Christmas as a priest (that is when it became a working holiday), but none of them were as formative as the ones growing up. Every Christmas since then is somehow measured or informed by those early days, and as much as we had great gifts back then, looking back they were defined more by with whom we spend Christmas, rather than what Santa delivered. And I must confess, that even as a 'professional religious person', as much as Church has been a part of that Christmas experience, and I have fond memories of Mrs. Middlebrook, my elementary school music teacher heralding midnight Mass at St. John's, Church, it has been a small part of the importance of Christmas. The reality is, Christ is being born in the midst of those family ties and Christmas is in service to them. This is not to undermine the importance of Church at all. I guess most of us of a certain vintage or wisdom gained by experience would recognize a similar outlook. *Fr. Roy*



## Announcements and Events...

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



#### Christmas Eve Masses

Thursday, December 24th

4:30pm Family Mass

7:30pm Mass

12:00am Midnight

#### Christmas Day Masses

Friday December 25th

9:30am & 11:00am

Saturday December 26th &

Sunday December 27th ~

Regular Mass Times

#### Holiday Weekday Mass

Monday December 28th,

Tuesday December 29th and

Wednesday December 30th ~

10:00am

Thursday December 31st ~

NO morning mass.

#### New Year's Eve Mass

Thursday December 31st

4:30pm Mass

#### Solemnity of Mary,

#### Mother of God

Friday January 1st

9:30am & 11:00am



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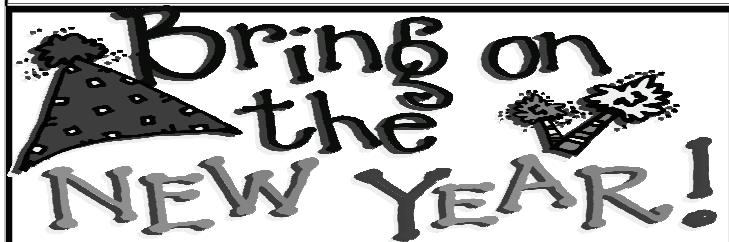
### Sacramental Corner



Wishing all our Confirmation and First Communion candidates and their families an Advent

season filled with joyful anticipation and renewed hope as we draw closer to Christmas.

It is great to read your reflections each week. Over the Advent and Christmas season continue to listen, reflect and put your best effort into your reflections.



### Don't Miss Out on Our Parish New Year's Eve Party

~December 31st, 2015~

Seton Hall Doors

open at 7:30pm

#### Gourmet Food Stations

(see the menu in the foyer)

Come Eat and Dance

in the New Year



#### Ticket Price

\$50 each

Tickets can be purchased in the

library after each Sunday

morning Masses or in the parish office

during the week.



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

Mavis Solomon

Pam James

Montserrat Lins

Bob Little

Maria Perek

Olive Hutton

Alana Brown-Wallace

Janet Brockway

Wally Pottie

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Margaret Delorey

Peter Aristotle

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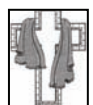
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