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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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#### 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  
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Parish office.

Envelopes may also be  
acquired at the office.

Please introduce yourself to  
Fr. Roy Roberts after Mass!



#### Parish Schools

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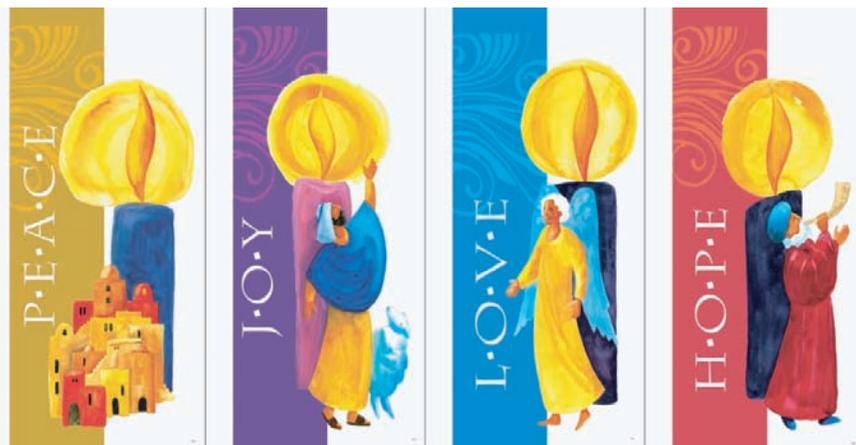
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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018



#### 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 Debbie Walsh

#### Seton Hall Banquet Facilities ...

A great location for Weddings, Anniversaries,  
Business Meetings and other occasions.

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## Mass Intentions

  
 and  
*suddenly*  
 there was with  
*an angel*  
 a multitude of  
 the heavenly host  
*praising God*  
*and saying*  
*Glory to God*  
 in the highest, and on earth,  
 peace, goodwill towards  
 men  
 Luke 2  
 13-14



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

### December 23rd

8:00 Teskey Family  
 9:30 Schwan Family  
 11:00 Betty Loft & Family

**Merry Christmas to all!!**

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



### Little Rock Bible Study



Our Little Rock Bible study starts again on Thursday February 7th at 7pm. They will be covering "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit." If you are interesting in joining you can contact Wilma Bloye at 905-895-3715

### Food Box



The Newmarket Food Pantry is always in need. You can place non-perishable food items in our food box located in the foyer. Thank you.

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

## Ruminations ....

My first real memory of a nativity scene was at Our Lady of Grace Church in Aurora. With parents who grew up in Oak Ridges and two sets of grandparents who both contributed to the building of the original church, it was my earliest experience of church. Even though we lived in Holland Landing, the routine was to go to church at Our Lady of Grace and continue down to my grandparents' house on Elm Grove to meet up with cousins and have Sunday dinner. There were lots of trips down Yonge Street passing the old Church and every time we did, we had to trace a cross on our forehead with our thumbs. This was a routine whenever we passed any Catholic Church, along with holding our breath when driving past a cemetery, the Aurora Cemetery was a big one requiring an especially deep breath. In the foggy annals of childhood memories, the only real memory of the nativity scene in the church was that it was hidden inside one of the confessionals. As I remember, it was all done up in deep dark velvet with little mini-lights standing in for stars. I remember my dad having to pick me up to see over the barrier and it seemed like a magical place with these beautifully covered figurines of the holy family and the shepherds and their sheep, and I especially loved the magi with their magnificent camels. There was a main angel suspended over the scene with smaller, obviously less important angels hanging there too, I suppose the heavenly choirs. There was a yellow spot light on the crèche and the whole setting was serene filled with peace. It seemed that heaven itself had entered that little room, and one couldn't help but be silenced by the mystery of it all. I'm sure there must have been chips of paint missing, or discolorations, or likely a sheep or two missing a leg or an ear, but I didn't notice any of that. Years later I was shocked to learn that this perfect little picture was not always part of the festivities of Christmas and only became popular with the political statement of St. Francis of Assisi in the 13<sup>th</sup> century in support of the poor. Since the nativity scene started in Italy, most depictions stem from an Italian Renaissance modeling and interpretation. The reality is more likely a cave than a stable, but that is neither here nor there. The nativity set still excites me and what has made it grow was to understand that it recognizes that Christ is still being born today, in each and every culture, that it is not exclusive to the Italian medieval art world. That is precisely why I love our display. This year we are over 80 countries from almost every continent, and if the mail strike hasn't delayed our newest ones, Tonga and Belarus should be represented as well. Enjoy our nativities.



Fr. Roy

### New Years 's Wassail Celebration

Please join us in the Parish Hall after each of the masses on New Year's Day to toast the New Year with a delicious cup of Wassail—mulled apple cider and some goodies.

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

# Announcements and Events...

# Sacramental Corner.....

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



**Christmas Eve Masses**  
**Monday, December 24th**  
 4:30pm Family Mass  
 7:30pm Mass  
 12:00am Midnight

**Christmas Day Masses**  
**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30am & 11:00am

**Holiday Weekday Mass**  
 There will **NOT** be Mass on Wednesday, December 26th  
 Thursday, December 27th ~ 10:00am

**Saturday December 29th & Sunday December 30th**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**Regular Scheduled Mass Times**

**New Year's Eve Mass**  
**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 4:30pm Mass

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 9:30am & 11:00am

**Wednesday January 2nd & Thursday January 3rd**  
 morning mass will be at 10am.

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Sunday, January 6th**  
**Regular Scheduled Sunday Mass Times**

**Baptism of the Lord**  
**Sunday, January 13th**  
**Regular Scheduled Mass Times**  
**Thus Endth the Christmas Season**



**Office Hours**  
 The Parish office will be closed from noon on  
 Friday December 21st until 9am on  
 Monday January 7th.

## Redemptorist Mission Stamp Burse



The money raised from the sale of the postage stamps goes to the Canadian Food for Children Mission Fund run by Dr. Andrew Simone who sends food, clothing and school supplies to 3rd world countries through local missionaries. The Redemptorists match the donations made from the Stamp Burse.

In four months, April to August 2018, \$650.00 worth of stamps was bought by the collector. The Redemptorist matched the funds and sent \$1,300.00 to Canadian Food for Children.

Your cancelled stamps can make a difference. Christmas cards may soon be arriving! Do you receive a lot of mail at work, at home? Please donate your stamps in the box located in the foyer of the church. Thank you.



## Dates to Remember

**First Communion Parent Catechesis Meeting**  
**Monday, January 21st @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm**  
 (All parents only must attend)

Important information is shared at this meeting so please be sure to attend.

**Confirmation Parent and Candidate Catechesis Meeting**

**Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm**  
 Meeting for parents and candidates



## Confirmation Crosses

The ceramic crosses were so beautiful ... an expression of our youth's creativity and personality. With the blessing of the crosses our parish was able to see just how lovely and unique each cross was. We are grateful for Teresa Dunlop for giving so very much of her time and talent as a ceramic artist. With the help of many adults and teen parishioners, Teresa gave the young people the tools to make such a treasured keep-sake. Thank you everyone for your great team work!

**If you haven't pick up your cross please do so in the parish office.**

*As a parish let us pray for all our youth over the coming months that they keep their hearts open to the awesome love that the cross symbolizes... Jesus selfless love for all humankind.*

## Wanted—Old Christmas Cards



Wondering what to do with your old Christmas Cards? The Gift Wrapping Stations at the Mall make tags out of recycled Christmas cards. The profits go to support Community Living Newmarket and Aurora District. Please bring your old cards and deposit them in the box in the foyer starting in January.



**SOUP and a Movie**  
**Tuesday January 15th**  
**12 noon**



Movie "TBA"  
Please RSVP to the parish office

## 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. Legari  
 Mario Aloom  
 Mary Mead  
 Marcisia Borg  
 Maria DeRuiter

Pat Kramer  
 Martha Jackson  
 Mary Ann Ferrer  
 Vince Masci  
 Catherine Kirk  
 Dariusz Kirejczyk  
 Larry Yarush  
 Alain Gerias  
 Betty Loft  
 Stanley Perek  
 Susan Perek  
 Rosa Santos  
 Evelyn Walsh  
 Fr. Paul Egan  
 Merwyn Correa

Peter Aristotle  
 Bob Leggo  
 Mary MacDonald  
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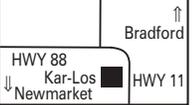
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