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Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am

\*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last Sunday  
of each month.

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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 12, 2017



**Pastoral Team**

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor  
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Deacon Stephen Pitre

**Parish Staff**

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch  
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**Regular Office Hours**

Mon. 9:00 am—4:00 pm  
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Please contact the office.  
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# Mass Intentions

# Ruminations...

## Monday February 13th

9am: Carmelo & Lena Racioppo (D)

Req by: Carmela Racioppo

## Tuesday February 14th

9am: Giovanna Caronzo (D)

Req by: Schwan Family

## Wednesday February 15th

9am: Jim Cerrecca (D)

Req by: Julie Smith

## Thursday February 16th

9am: Maria Gaspar (D)

Red by: Luis Gaspar

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



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

### February 12th

8:00 Theresa Klose and Patricia Stuart

9:30 Gerencser Family

11:00 CulliganFamily

### February 19th

8:00 Hackowski Family

9:30 Collins Family

11:00 Loft Family

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



**St. Elizabeth Seton Tax Receipts will be available for pick up in the foyer from February 4th to February 26th. Please be sure to pick up your receipt.**

## Parish Giving

The weekend of Feb. 4th/5th  
Sunday Offertory \$7,002.20  
SES Building Fund \$ 984.00

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

I must say that as a priest, Valentine's day (and growing up we always called it St. Valentine's Day) has very little appeal. In fact, in the liturgical life of the Church, February 14 is the feast day of saints Cyril and Methodius, the missionary to the Slavic people and the developers of the Slavic alphabet, later to become the Cyrillic alphabet. The martyrology of St. Valentine is a little sketchy so he was removed from the universal calendar. No matter, it is still good business and a 'ludic' aspect of our faith. There is a liturgical concept that states that elements of ritual are designed to be 'ludic' meaning playful. For instance, a sprinkling rite like Easter morning, is playful by nature, and just because people may laugh and enjoy the playfulness, doesn't make it less holy or solemn or sacred. Though Valentine's Day has long ago lost a purely religious character, it still provides a fun dimension to our Christian identity. In elementary school, everyone always got a Valentine's card from everyone else. I can remember going to Woolworth's in the Newmarket Plaza to select the perfect package of assorted cards. The cards were basically a variation on hearts, cupids and bows and arrows, unlike today's profusion of superheroes and commercial cartoon characters. Not sure that I care if Cinderella wishes me a Happy Valentine's Day. While emptying mom's house, it was rather moving to discover that mom had saved all the Valentine's cards she received from dad for years and years. We had the decency to leave the cards closed and the private messages between mom and dad. With our kids' package, the hard part was matching the classmate with the appropriate friend. One certainly would not want to send a "love" card to the guys. Usually someone's mom would whip up a couple of dozen cupcakes topped with pink and red and white icing. In the upper years, it was an opportune time to have a lunchtime dance and we were invited to bring in record albums with our favorite songs on them to play while the gym lights were turned low and the one side of the gym wall was lined with the boys and the other side lined with the girls giggling at each other. My contribution to the D.J. table was my prized 22 Explosive hits from K-tel. Perhaps the term Valentine's Dance was a misnomer and it should have been called the Wallflower festival. All in good fun. And I guess that was the point that the whole purpose of the day was to break with the seriousness of everyday tasks, to leave the schedules and labours of the day behind for a while and indulge in some fun, some ludic activities. So whether St. Valentine is on or off the official calendar, whether it is no longer purely religious, whether

you get a Valentine or not. Enjoy some ludic activities, it's good for the Heart. Happy (Saint) Valentine's Day.

*Fr. Ray*



## Announcements and Events...



### CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES

Blood Donor Clinic  
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### Knights of Columbus

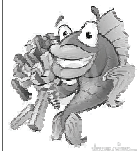
FREE Family Day Skate  
February 20, 2017 2:30 to 4:30pm  
East Gwillimbury Arena

*Helmets are a must.*

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



*Ash Wednesday*  
*Wednesday March 1st.*  
*Mass at 9am and 7pm*



**Lenten Fish Fry**  
**Friday, March 3rd**  
**5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

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A THOUSAND TIMES I'VE FAILED  
**STILL YOUR MERCY REMAINS.**  
& SHOULD I STUMBLE AGAIN,  
I'M CAUGHT  
IN YOUR **GRACE.**

## Sacraments of Initiation....



### **Breaking Open the Word!**

Our young candidates are becoming more insightful as they reflect on the Sunday gospel and homily and how it relates to their lives. Hats off to... **Sofia B., Alexandra B., Julia A., Alistair D'S., Kelly M., Sabrina A., Frankie S., Jessica M., Sabrina P.**

It was great to see so many young people with their parents at the Feb 6th meeting. Catherine Ecker shared many insights about the Sacraments of Initiation.

We were reminded that '**sacraments are celebrations of our relationship with God and the believing community.**'

### First Communion

Dates for the Retreat and the First Communion Mass are posted in the display case in the church foyer.



Be sure to confirm your dates and mark your calendars.

\*Adult Faith Formation Session 2 dates are Wed. Feb 15th, Sat. Feb 18th and Mon. Feb 27th

**We are looking forward to our shared time together as we reflect on our relationship with God.**



### CWG NEWS

Empty pie plates will be handed out after all the Masses on February 25th/26th, and we are asking our Parish family to return the pie plates the following weekend, March 4th/5th, filled with a favourite pie recipe. Please drop off pies on Saturday, March 4th to the Library and on Sunday, March 5th to Seton Hall. Extra large pies will cost \$10, with standard size ones costing \$5. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Food Box

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

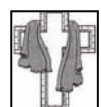


### Let us pray for the sick...

Michael Whelgan  
Mavis Solomon  
Pam James  
Maria Perek  
Olive Hutton  
Alana Brown-Wallace  
Janet Brockway  
Wally Pottie  
Greg Quattrin  
Carlos Abreu  
Jack Sampano

Tarcisia Borg  
Dan Pivdor  
Maria DeRuiter  
Pat Kramer  
Marion Jensen  
Martha Jackson  
Aida Vamvouras  
Margaret Pivdor  
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Conrad Dutschek  
Mary Ann Ferrer  
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