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Saturday: 4:30pm  
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\*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last Sunday  
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# St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017



# Fourth SUNDAY IN LENT

**Pastoral Team**

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

**Parish Staff**

Parish Administrator ~ Ann Lynch  
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Mon. 9:00 am—4:00 pm  
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Sat. 2:00 pm—6:00 pm Sun. 8:00 am—1:00 pm

**Sacrament of  
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Please contact the office.  
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## Mass Intentions

### Monday March 27th

9am: **Bridie Foudy (D)**  
Req by: Friends

### Tuesday March 28th

9am: **Damien McManus (D)**  
Req by: Wilf Coarragher

### Wednesday March 29th

9am: **John Bonello (D)**  
Req by: Robichaud Family

### Thursday March 30th

9am: **Cecylia Skorka (D)**  
Red by: Custodian Staff Sacred Heart

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



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

### March 26th

8:00 Sherrer Family  
9:30 Franko Family  
11:00 Loft Family

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



## Parish Giving

The weekend of Mar. 18/19  
Sunday Offertory \$ 5,793.70  
SES Building Fund \$ 435.00

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

## Ruminations...

I had the good fortune to be invited to a Leaf's game when they won over Boston this past week. I was astounded by the number of Boston sweaters roaming around the arena. It is a vastly different experience. I am reminded every time I attend such events that seats are designed for numbers not comfort. My shoulders need to be at least six inches smaller and as I took my nephew who himself has a shoulder spread comparable to mine, it was a bit squishy at the ACC not to mention traveling on the crowded subway. But it is nice every once and awhile for such a treat. As a student of liturgy, what I find more fascinating than even watching Mitch Marner and his magic ice antics, is watching the crowd and the entertainment structures that fill in the lulls or what people see at home, the commercial breaks. There were two interludes that struck me in a marvelous way. They both involved music. One was Stompin' Tom's 'the Hockey Song', and the other was Neil Diamond's 'Sweet Caroline'. In both instances, a huge majority of the 16,000 people in attendance burst into the chorus with loud, almost deafening volume. They were standing, some arm in arm with their new best friends who just happened to occupy the adjacent seat. I viewed this through the lens of liturgical principles, and this is exactly how liturgical music is supposed to work. It is meant to draw us together, invite one in, and thereby create a unity of people. The second epiphany was a note about the San Francisco quarterback who drew so much attention for refusing to stand for the American National Anthem as a protest against police violence to ethnic groups. It created an unbelievable stir, all over a simple change of posture. Who knew that such an action could become the focus of so much attention. Again, viewing this through a liturgical lens has something incredibly important to teach us church people. Especially in liturgy, everything we say and do has import in communicating fundamental statements of faith. That is why the Church has spent much thought in our postures during Mass, and every action, and word and posture is meant to communicate and convey an attitude and thereby help to transform us. The underlying principle in all our liturgical practices is unity, of making us understand that we are called to be one. *"...to what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice. A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them."* That is why we are all called to stand together during the Eucharistic procession to manifest and foster the unity that the Eucharist demands. As the Church indicates that *"they are to avoid any appearance of singularity or division..."*



This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and bodily postures observed together by the faithful. Please, let's work on our unity, to sing like Leaf fans (though admittedly, several beers may be necessary) and stand as one people.

*Fr. Roy*

## Announcements and Events...

### Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday during Lent from 7 to 7:30pm for the Stations of the Cross. *'A Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death.'*



### Reconciliation Dates

Saturdays - 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Community Reconciliation Service - at our Parish

Tuesday March 28th starting at 7pm

Archdiocese Day of Reconciliation -

Tuesday March 28th

11:00 am - 12:00 noon,

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

Last Chance before Easter,

Saturday April 1st,

3:00pm - 3:30pm



### WE CELEBRATE ... WE BELIEVE

The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent the church calls us to celebrate the scrutinies with the Elect. *"The scrutinies 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 we journey through Lent, we kneel in solidarity with the Elect and reflect on how the interior of our hearts and lives need to be healed so all that is good and upright may be strengthened in ourselves as well.

We continue to surround our Elect; Alexa, Betty, Kaitlyn, Louise, Shannon, Angela, Daniella, Grace, Angela M, Brooklyn, William, Kenisha, Madeline, Taylor, Thomas, and their families with our prayers.

***This week we ask ourselves what is it that we thirst for in our lives? In naming our thirst, we bring it into the light of Christ where it may be quenched.***



**Lenten Fish Fry**  
**Friday, March 31st**  
**5:00 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**Join us in Seton Hall.**  
**Good will offering.**

### Volunteers Needed: Community Bread

At this time, we are looking for more volunteers to help with the setup, meal preparation and clean up. The time commitment is once every 6 weeks for about three to five hours. Contact the St. John Chrysostom office at [905-898-4137](tel:905-898-4137) for more information.



## Sacraments of Initiation....

### CONFIRMATION

**Breaking Open the Word:** Hats off to our young people as they reflect on the Sunday gospel and homily and how it relates to their lives, especially **Sabrina P., Jessica M., Daniela D., Jeremy R., Matteo F., Caitlin W., Frankie S.**

*'Jesus loves all of us.*

*Jesus will help us fulfill our hopes and dreams.'*



### Cross Ceremony

Confirmation Candidates will be receiving their crosses on April 1st & 2nd at all Masses.

### Confirmation Retreat

**Friday, April 7th 6pm-9pm.**

All Candidates need to attend! A light Lenten meal will be served. (Please plan to arrive 10 minutes early)

Parents, are **expected** to attend our closing prayer service 8:30pm-9pm. There will be an important letter for parents to pick up in the parish office on **March 25th & 26th.** You will need to respond to this letter before attending the Confirmation Retreat.



### FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION



There is still time to bring your Lamb to Church to be placed in the display case.

### Retreat dates are

**Wednesday March 29th @ 6:30-8:30**

**Saturday April 1st @ 10:00-12:00**

(Please plan to arrive 10 minutes early)

Attendance of child and parent(s) is required.

*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.*



Our next Soup and Movie will be on Tuesday April 4th . Our movie will be

**"The Staircase"**

Please register with the parish office.

### 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  
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