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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) 898-4137

Catholic Community Services of York Region: (905) 770-7040

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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 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

Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016



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 Parish Custodian—Stanley Skorka Rectory Administrator—Nancy Rojas

 Regular Office Hours

 Mon., Wed., 9:00 am—4:00 pm

 Tues. and Thurs., 9:00 am—8:00 pm ~ Fri., 9:00 am -1:00 pm

 Sat.
 2:00 pm—6:00 pm
 Sun.
 8:00 am—1:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism or Marriage: Please contact the office. One year notice for Sacrament of Marriage.



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday ~ 3:00 - 3:30 pm Or By Appointment

R.C.I.A.

For those interested in becoming Catholic please contact Fr. Roy Roberts.

Seton Hall Banquet Facilities ...

The ideal location for Weddings, Anniversaries, Business Meetings and other occasions. Seton Hall is dedicated to help create a memorable celebration of your long awaited wedding day or in creating the right atmosphere for corporate functions, social get-togethers, charity functions, birthdays or anniversaries. Our enthusiastic team of professionals are courteous, warm and friendly. We are here to help! For more information on bookings call 905-853-5009 or

email st.elizabethseton@rogers.com

Mass Intentions

Monday March 21st 9am: Catherine MacFarlane (D) Req by: Joanne MacFarlane

Tuesday March 22nd 9am: **MacFarlane Family (D)** Req by: Joanne

Wednesday March 23rd 9am: Rocco Vigliotta (D) Req by: Family

Thursday March 24th Holy Thursday ***NO morning mass today***

Sunday Masses are for ALL GOD'S PEOPLE



Coffee Sunday Schedule

Mar 20 - **PALM SUNDAY** 8:00 No Coffee Sunday 9:30 No Coffee Sunday 11:00 No Coffee Sunday

Mar 27 - **EASTER SUNDAY** 8:00 No Coffee Sunday 9:30 No Coffee Sunday 11:00 No Coffee Sunday

Join us after each mass for coffee and fellowship.



Weekend of March 13th/14thSunday Offertory\$ 5,590.65SES Building Fund\$ 679.00ShareLife to Date\$11,495.00Statue to Date\$10,946.55

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



Ruminations...

It was a crazy, hectic week with a long list of things to get done. So long in fact, that some of them are still waiting to get done. Hopefully by the time this is printed, most of them will be crossed off the list because with Holy Week upon us, there is a whole new list of things accumulating. One of the items that I did get finished was driving out to St. Jacob's to pick up the beautiful fiberglass mini replica of the anniversary statue that the CWG is spearheading. The reality is, projects such as this costs money, and we need people to take ownership of it to make it come to life. Anyway, I decided to avoid the congestion and the rush of the highways, and snaked my way through the backroads. John Denver's song "Country Roads" was running through my head. Time wasn't really a factor and so I was able to travel the speed limit and enjoy the ride. Sometimes I forget just how suburban our area is becoming. Fields filled with herds of cows, grazing horses and tractors slowing traffic (ok back then it only took three cars in a row to constitute traffic) as it ambled from field to field, were all just part of a normal day. That is becoming rarer and rarer. As I navigated the backroads passing barn after barn, silo after silo, and field gate after field gate, I could physically feel the inner pace slow down and the sense of urgency dissipate. I took time to enjoy flocks of Canada geese interspersed with snow geese picking through cornfields and even a flock of swans wading in fields puddled by melting snow. Of course there were also a couple of horse and buggies trotting along the side of the road as I neared my destination, it is Mennonite territory after all. I arrived to the artist studio and had a great conversation with our artist. It is hard to describe the inspiration and thrill it is to be in such a place. I picked up the art work that prompted my drive and I started heading home. I kept reflecting on how refreshing and calming it was to reconnect with a more rural life. It seemed like a great journey to take during Lent, to be immersed into a different rhythm of life, to step back from crazy, hectic weeks, and to slow life down a bit. I must admit that the horse and buggy could not fit into my reverie, yet there was something inviting about it, uncluttered, simple, and natural. That is the role of our Lenten journey, to get acquainted with authentic life, unencumbered by the contrived demands of hectic routines. That was the role of Sundays, restorative, but instead,



"the devil has made us busy." IN these last days and entering into the deliberate cycle of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum, take a drive in the country, it will do you some good. "Country roads, take me home...." $\mathcal{F}r. \mathcal{R}oy$

ALENDAR

CWG Fundraising Events

- Pancake Breakfasts, Sunday April 10th, May 15th and June 5th, Cost is a good will offering.
- Student Car Wash, Sunday June 11th & 12th.
 - Euchre Tournament, Saturday April 2nd
- **Donations** for the Statue always welcome in the envelopes provided in the foyer

Announcements and Events...



Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (No morning Mass is permitted) Thursday March 24th, at 7:30pm **Adoration until 11:00pm**

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross Friday March 25th at 11:00am (No Communion) & 3:00pm

Blessing of the Easter Baskets Holy Saturday, Saturday, March 26th, The blessing will be in English at 11:00am and in Polish at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to have their Easter food blessed please join us in the church.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Saturday, March 26th, 8:00pm to 11:00pm There will **NOT BE** a 4:30pm Saturday Mass

> **Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord** Sunday, March 27 Masses at 8am- 9:30am - 11am

Monday, March 28th Morning Mass will be at 10:00 am

The Parish office will be closed from noon on Holy Thursday, March 24th until 9am on Tuesday March 29th.



RUM RCIA - We Celebrate We Believe The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though

chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil where our elect will celebrate baptism, confirmation and join us at the Table of the Lord where we are made one.

The Church continues to surround our elect; Tracey, Anthony, Eden, and Zack as well as our candidates; Lester, Allen and Leyla with our prayers as we journey in faith.

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Breaking Open the Word **Reflection Forms**

Hats off to the youth who are putting in a great effort with their reflection forms ... Garrett C., Maddy W., Rachel I., Laura S., Arbela K., Lily D., Daniel B., Matthew B., Frankie P. 'Our God is all merciful and full of compassion.'



Friday April 8th 6pm-9pm. All Candidates be sure to attend! A simple solidarity meal will be served. Parents are expected to attend our closing prayer service 8:30pm-9pm. There is a VERY important letter for parents to pick up in the

parish office. You will need this letter before attending the Confirmation Retreat. Also if you missed the Cross Ceremony last Sunday, see Fr. Roy or Jennifer to receive your Confirmation cross. Any question or concerns, contact Jennifer at 905-853-5009.

We look forward to our shared time together!

First Communion

All our children are precious blessings in the family of God. Let us remember to pray for these 'precious little lambs' and their parents as they continue their preparation for their First Communion in the Easter Season. Parents remember to set aside that special time with your child reading the We Share in the Eucharist book.



First Communion Masses

Saturday, April 2nd (4:30) & Sunday, April 3rd (9:30 & 11:00) Saturday, April 9th (4:30) & Sunday, April 10th (9:30 & 11:00) Saturday, April 16th (4:30) & Sunday, April 17th (11:00)



Euchre Tournament

Saturday April 2nd Doors open at 7pm Tickets are \$25 and will be on sale in the foyer after all weekend masses

Let us pray for the sick... t

Mavis Solomon Pam James Montserrat Lins **Bob Little** Maria Perek **Olive Hutton** Alana Brown-Wallace Janet Brockway Wally Pottie Greg Quattrin Gary Nicholson

Carlos Abreu Annette Morrison Michael Whelgan Margaret Delorey Peter Aristotle Hugo Fonseca Sollie Palma Tom Deehan **Tarcisia Borg Cattleya Gomez**

Dan Pividor Kevin Tam Maria DeRuiter Frank Argiro Wendy Santa Maria Pat Kramer Marion Jensen Martha Jackson Aida Vamvouras

