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Mass Times During
The Pandemic:

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday to Thursday: 10:00am

All Masses are live-streamed

*Polish Mass: 5:00pm on the last Sunday
of each month except July & August

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

905-898-4264

Website: sjcses.blogspot.com

Catholic Community Services

of York Region: 905-770-7040

Catholic Cemeteries: 905-889-7467

St. John's Cemetery

905-898-4137 ext. 226

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time October 3, 2021

God is Love

1 John 4:8

Pastoral Team

Fr. Roy Roberts, Pastor

Deacon Marian Pawlitzko

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 Fr. Roy Roberts

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 4th

10am: Charlie Crisci
Req. by: Barbara Elkie & Family

Tuesday, October 5th

10am: Anthony Fiscio
Req. by: Maureen Delaney

Wednesday, October 6th

10am: Andrezej Dziadola
Req. by: Krystyna Rak

Thursday, October 7th

10am: Gabriel Beaulieu
Req. by: Friends

Our Next Project

We have been able to check off some major undertakings during the pandemic. Hopefully you have noticed the new lighting throughout the building, and the new carpeting in the church (please wipe your feet before entering). Once again the CWG & Knights will be spearheading our next endeavour, and that is to replace the carpet in the parish Hall. If you are able to help out and support this project, it would be greatly appreciated. We have no expressed timeline for completion but the sooner we gather the funds, the sooner it can get done, and if it looks half as good as the new carpeting in the church, it will be fantastic.

The Bulletin

is remaining **paperless** for now and can only be found on line on our Parish Website.

Just think of all the trees we are saving.



St. Vincent de Paul

You can donate online to the Newmarket conference:

<https://sjcses.blogspot.com/p/donate.html>

Parish Giving

September 26th

Offertory	\$3,749.50
SES Building	\$ 585.00

Month of September PAG

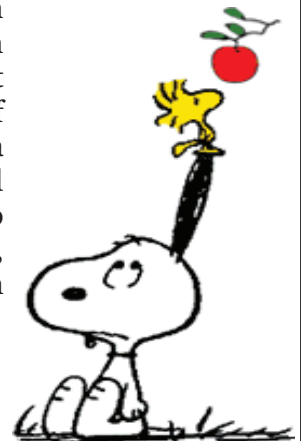
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Sunday Offertory	\$4,135.00
SES Building Fund	\$ 282.00
ShareLife	\$ 440.00

Ruminations

It's such a mystery how and when that magic on/off switch gets changed ushering in the Fall. It seems like over-night that the days are getting markedly shorter, and cooler, and the sunshine seems more precious and appreciated. The sweaters begin to come out and all but we defiant ones have stowed our shorts until late next Spring. It meant that it was time to head over to my aunts' farm and get some of those Fall tasks done. We would clamber through the re-forestation around the pond cleaning the paths of debris and overgrown branches that may hinder a jaunty walk during the fresh days of winter. If you were lucky you might catch a glimpse of a salamander or a turtle basking in the warmth of the sun. All the refuse was collected and piled in the middle of the harvested wheat field waiting for winter to be burned. It was not a time for raking leaves and with hundreds of trees adorning the property, we were very thankful. No, nature was allowed to take its course, and the leaves were allowed to return to the soil from which they came, adding their nutrients to the success of next year's growth. With the back-breaking jog of cutting and dragging downed trees and branches completed, it was time to head over to the orchard. Looking back on my two aunts (actually grandaunts), I began to see what a pair of odd ducks they were, but as children – who knew? But even back then they had one quirky thing that we recognized even as children. The rule for the orchard was that you couldn't pick fruit off the tree, only the fruit that had fallen on the ground. They had stopped long ago tending to the orchard. The trees were old and beautifully gnarled, great character for some horror stories. So many of the apples would have scabs and holes and worms, especially when they were laying on the ground. With old aunts who were going deaf, it was easy enough to distract them and then shake the tree branch or pluck the low hanging fruit without them noticing. We would pick baskets and baskets of fruit which would mean we would spend a couple of days processing them. We had apple jelly, and apple butter, and apple pies, but my favorite was the apple sauce. We had ample to be used throughout the year. My aunts too would fill their larder with jars of preserved apple products, and the freezer was stacked with freshly made apple pies. As we became aware of their quirky apple picking procedures, it always made us somewhat leery whenever one of those pies made it to the table for dessert. It was always accompanied by a scoop or two of ice cream, always vanilla, and there were always hunks of cheddar cheese in the middle of the table for those who liked such things, like my dad. For him, apple pie without cheddar cheese was an abomination and utter incomplete as a dessert. I on the other hand was disgusted with the thought of mixing the cheese and pie. In fact, I always had my ice cream on the side, not touching the pie. I was never sure what kind of people these relatives were who would do such a thing. To this day I still open my apple pie and take a long, intensive look, ensuring there are no remnants of things that may have at one time, been crawling through my future dessert. Just in time of thanksgiving. Welcome Autumn.

Fr. Roy



Announcements and Events...

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The knitting needles have been furiously clicking and the crochet hooks still hooking throughout the Pandemic. Our shawls have made it all around the world. If you know of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, please let us know.

If you are interested in participating in this unique and rewarding ministry, we have lots of extra wool to get you started.



We look forward to being able to join in person once again when things open up fully.

If you are interested in knitting, or purling, or both, you are more than welcome.

Announcements and Events.....

First Communion Parents' Meeting

First Communion & Confirmation Registrations are now completed.

There is a parents' information meeting about First Communion for those parents with children registered on Tuesday, October 5 OR Wednesday, October 6 starting at 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Pick one of those dates.

Seating Restriction

This past weekend, apparently there were some belligerent people assailing the ministers of hospitality because people were being ushered into the Hall and a peek into the church looks like there is still lots of room. They seem not to understand the restrictions imposed by the social distancing rules. We are permitted seating only in every third pew. And in those pews, the capacity is determined by the number of people who arrive on the first come— first serve rule. A pew may have the potential for a family or nine to sit together, but is reduced to a capacity of three if people are here solo. The six foot rule means that if someone is not part of your bubble, they need to be six feet away.

The same restrictions exist in the Hall. There must be six foot distancing between groups of people. The same holds true for entering and exiting the church, and for the communion line. So if you peek into the Church and think that you are being ushered into the Hall because you are wearing a Habs hat, such is not the case. We have put a lot of time and energy into trying to keep all our parishioners safe and sound, so please do not badger the ministers of hospitality who are working on your behalf in compliance with the directives from both the Archdiocese and the Government of Ontario.



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Bruce Firth
Kyle Elkie
Mary MacDonald
Albina Barber
Kathleen Todesco
Joshua Perek
Donna Stea-Cutting
Andy Dube
Adam Wood
Elizabeth Ryan
E. Turnbull

****If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick List please call the parish office or email us. We will keep your loved on our list for 4 weeks. Thank you. ****

	2020	2019
<i>General Receipts</i>		
Offertory	\$330,469	\$382,617
Countdown Collection	\$81,577	\$46,824
Easter/Christmas Collections	\$38,276	\$46,372
Baptisms, marriages, funerals	\$6,805	\$9,490
Donations and legacies	\$9,581	\$43,526
Sundry receipts, Hall revenue, Interest	\$154,127	\$86,706
Total General Receipts	620,835	615,535
<i>General Expense</i>		
Salaries and benefits	\$226,847	\$250,136
Occupancy – repairs, utilities, taxes, grounds	\$108,198	\$129,017
Church – liturgical, office, choir, other expenses	\$39,783	\$65,663
Hall & Rectory	\$13,372	\$19,799
Sundry Expenses	\$39,915	\$73,384
Total General Expense	\$428,115	\$537,999
Operating Income (deficit)	\$192,720	\$77,536
Other Items:		
Interest on Bank Loan	\$5,541	\$8,566
Loan payment	\$-	\$-
Capital Expenditures	\$-	\$-
Diocesan Assessment	\$77,063	\$53,908
	<u>\$82,604</u>	<u>\$62,474</u>
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures (Expenditures over Receipts)	\$110,116	\$15,062
Parish Debt as at December 31		
Bank Loan	\$204,977	\$211,062
Chancery (Land) Loan	\$392,385	\$395,127
Diocesan Assessment	\$77,058	\$40,995
Total Debt	\$674,420	\$647,184
Ending Bank Balance	\$181,362	\$74,290
Family of Faith Funds	\$8,538	\$8,391

Financial Reports For the Years, 2019 & 2020.



To begin, a huge thank you for your continued support and generosity, especially during these challenging times. With the Government Wage Subsidy combined with the reduced demand on the Parish facilities and services, we have been able to remain healthy and in a pretty good financial position. Here are some highlights to give some meat to all those numbers.

The Pandemic reality has had an impact on our financial statement. As you notice the offertory is understandably down, but it was healthy enough to keep us stable and mostly worry free. It looks like the sundry receipts for 2020 is up hugely, but that is the result of the Government Wage Subsidy providing \$70,540 thanks to Jagmeet Singh's lobby the Government (even though I didn't vote for either of them.) The structure of the Wage Subsidy is such that it is on a diminishing sliding scale which means the subsidies are declining and will soon be gone.

In general the expenses are down because of the Pandemic. Our part time workers have been laid off since the beginning of the Pandemic. Along with the savings, all the utilities have been declining because of less demand. Included in the utilities is the savings from the installation of the new lights throughout the building. The switch to LED's is an investment in the parish. Great idea.

Our portion of the Family of Faith campaign was slated to go against our outstanding loan. We might notice that our Diocesan Assessments have come way down, and I am happy to report that we are totally up to date on that item. We are happy, the Archdiocese is happy—everybody is happy.

All in all it is a wonderful position to be in, thanks to your support. When things return to somewhat normal, we will need to make a concerted effort to bring down our Bank loan for the mortgage on the Church and the Chancery loan for the land.



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