

Second Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Corner

Practicing Generosity

Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. Lent begins with the powerful Isaiah 58, on the Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday. It is important to give ourselves the experience of fasting from being un-generous. Generosity is not simply giving my excess clothes to a place where poor people might purchase them. It's not even writing a "generous" check at the time a collection is taken up for a cause that benefits the poor. These are wonderful practices. Generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much I have, all that I have is a gift, and given to me to be shared. It means that sharing with others in need is one of my personal priorities. That is quite different from assessing all of my needs first, and then giving away what is left over. A spirit of self-less giving means that one of my needs is to share what I have with others. Lent is a wonderful time to practice self-less giving, because it takes practice. This kind of self-sacrificing generosity is a religious experience. It places us in solidarity with the poor who share with each other, without having any excess. It also joins us with Jesus, who gave himself completely, for us. Establishing new patterns of giving will give real life and joy to Lent.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Roy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Each moment you spend before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings blessings upon you. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is nothing less than a close private conversation with a living person who is the risen Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It is about as close as we can come in this life to talking with God face to face. You are very important to the Lord. Sign up for your special hour Monday to Friday between 2pm – 6pm.

"I know the plans I have for you to give you a future and hope"
Jeremiah 29:11



Liturgical

1. Vocations: "God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Liborio Amaral 416-968-0997 or email vocations@vocation.ca

2. Baptism Preparation: Thursday, February 21st @7:30pm. These sessions are for parents and Godparents; Please call the parish office to register.

Mass on Family Day

A new holiday, *Family Day* will be intituted by the Province of Ontario on Monday Feb. 18th, 2008. A reminder that one Mass will be celebrated on Family Day at 9am

Attention 9:30 Mass

Please note that in keeping with the theme of Lent we will **NOT** use the shakers following the dismissal of Mass.



If you are an adult, 18 years of age or older and have not received Confirmation and wish to do so at Easter, please call the parish office and leave your name with Fr. Roy.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday,
at 7pm
during Lent

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish's "4 Part Lenten Video Series"

We are please to offer a special 4 part series to help us prepare spiritually for the celebration of Easter.

Fr. Roy Farrell will facilitate these evening 4 part series.

This series will be presented on **Thursday evenings on Feb. 21st, 28th – March 6th & 13th from 7:30-8:30pm** in Seton Hall

Please call the parish office to register.

ShareLife

"Catholic Settlement House Day Nursery"

Catholic Settlement House Day Nursery, one of ShareLife's 34 agencies, was established by the Redemptorist Fathers in 1934 to assist Catholic immigrant families. In 2006, the Nursery provided service for 70 children and targeted the same number in 2007. Funds donated to ShareLife help with the enrichment programs that are provided in a safe and creative environment. The ethnic diversity of the children is broad and the languages spoken in the children's homes.

Sunday, February 17th, 2008



Organizations & Ministries

- 1. Ministers of Hospitality:** There will be a meeting on Feb. 19th @7:30 at the parish, for all Ministers of Hospitality.
- 2. Marriage Preparation Course:** It will be held on the Evenings of April 3rd, 4th 2008 (7 – 10pm), and ends on Saturday April 5th (9:30am to 5:30pm). Please call the parish office to register.
- 3. The Augustinian Retreat Centre at MaryLake:** A Day of Reflection in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of Blessed John XXIII's announcement of Vatican II, Presenter Fr. Robert Dueweke, O.S.A. For information and registration please contact: Cecilia Doyle McCabe, 905-833-5368 or email marylakeretreat@bellnet.ca Look for the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby of the church.

On behalf of "*Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region*", we would like to thank everyone for the extremely generous contributions of towels over the last two weeks. They were much needed and greatly appreciated. **Thank you.**

CWG Upcoming Events

The Catholic Women's Guild will be hosting a Ladies Day of Recollection, **February 23rd from 10am to 4pm.** Our own Fr. Colman will be facilitating. All ladies of the parish are invited! There will be a fee of \$5.00 each and lunch will be provided. Please call 905-895-8044 by February 16th and leave a message if you plan to attend.

First Holy Communion

Family Gathering

For Parents and First Communicants

Monday, February 18th from 7-8pm

or

Wednesday February 20th from 7-8pm

Confirmation

Confirmandi Only

Monday February 25th from 7-8pm

or

Wednesday February 27th from 7-8pm

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Auction

"Comic Book Heroes"

On May 3rd, 2008

Ticket Price: \$75.00

Included in the ticket price is a \$50.00 donation to the parish. A charitable tax receipt of \$50.00 will be issued!

Proceeds of this Auction will go towards the ongoing maintenance of our Parish.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



Social & Other



EASTER PLANT DONATION

Help create an Indoor Memory Garden for Easter! If you would like to donate a potted Easter flower/plant ie: Lilies, Hydrangea, Mums etc... in memory of a loved one for Easter, you can bring your potted/flower/plant to the parish with your loved ones name on a card from Thursday to Saturday noon during Holy Week.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Feb. 18		
9:00am	Nick, Rosaria, Tony Grande (D)	The Grande Family
Tues. Feb. 19		
9:00am	Domenic Rizzuto (D)	His Wife
7:00pm	Felimon Agurrie (D)	Vinnie Chittenden
Wed. Feb. 20		
8:00am	Elie Bosland (D)	His Wife
Thur. Feb. 21		
9:00am	Theresa Lim (D)	John & Loeky Gragtman
7:00pm	Success for her grandchildren in their studies (I)	Marielle Carrier
	Gerard Besaw (I)	Joanne MacFarlane
	Theresa Lim (D)	Uptier Family
	Fredy Sanchez (D)	Friends & Family
Fri. Feb. 22		
8:00am	Kristen Patricia Clutterbuck (D)	The Family
Sat. Feb. 23		
9:00am	Grete Belio (D)	Marian Brown
4:30pm	Elio Bellon (D)	Joe & Denise Piech & Family
Sun. Feb. 24		
8:00am	Scott Cunningham (D)	Brenda, Carrie & Kristy
9:30am	Giacomo Tolazzi (D)	Frank Tolazzi
11:00am	Claire Merritt (I)	Dave & Gail Hamilton
7:00pm	Jennifer McAvoy (I)	Karen McInerney



Please pray for those who are sick and those who love and minister to them: Gail

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Burgess, Mike Welgan, Marta Lou, Tony Coleman, Fr. Elias Chichati, Frank Kelly, Sara Minatel, Giel Jonkhout, Debbie Howley, Ben Ternes, Donna Fantasia, Amalia Sirothc, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Alana Brown-Wallace, Teresa Sedore, Martin VanLierop, George Ferguson, Connor Thompson, Peter Chatterton, Lorna Hedley, Anne Allen, Gertrudis Henriquez, Fr. Joe Curcio, Anne Dorian, Jim Marrelli, Mary Sorrentino, Christopher Nabuurs, Vincent Masci, Margaret Williams, Joe Pilioci, Jim Tobin, Pam James, Liz Law, George Leo, Elcy Ceres, Bronwyn, Patrick Ray, Carlos Fonseca, Patricia McNeill, Mike Casey ...