

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Pastor's Corner

*Easter is a triumphant Feast and so we continue the celebration for 50 days, all the way to Pentecost. In fact, every Sunday all year long is considered "a little Easter Sunday". The Easter season is probably less well known than Advent or Lent, yet it is very significant because we continue to live in the light of Jesus' resurrection and are challenged repeatedly to reflect on the difference the Easter event makes in all of our lives.*

*Recently, I came across an article in "America" magazine, in which the editorial reflected on "The Promise of Resurrection". I found it very insightful. I'd like to share here a few parts of the editorial that I found very helpful to my own prayer. I hope you will find them helpful too:*

*Christian hope is rooted in Christian realism. Authentic hope is, above all, resilient; it survives the shattering of all expectations. It is capable of confronting a future that can never be clearly predicted and certainly cannot be fully controlled. Easter hope always deals with possibilities rather than guarantees. Hope, when all is said and done, is quite different from security. In our individual lives, as well as in the larger march of history, our Easter faith does not provide any exemption from darkness and danger. But Easter does remind us of the deepest ground of our trust that there is meaning in our world as in our personal lives . . . .*

*The religious memories that engage us during Holy Week are fulfilled on Easter morning; but they are, after all, memories of suffering - the exile of Israel, the passion and death of Jesus - and these same memories of suffering and death are the source of a renewed hope. Authentic hope does not blink at the dark realities of life: pain, betrayal, oppression and death. Authentic hope is grounded in the unshakable trust that God will be faithful to his people, and the power of his Spirit can transform darkness into light, rescue love from loneliness and bring life out of death...*

*The resurrection of Jesus confirms our trust that life comes after death and that life comes out of death. The promise of eternal life awaits us at the end of our pilgrimage, and the promise of new life is present in the daily dying of a life lived in love. The Lord has risen and has gone before us. We need not fear the future.*

*May the joy of Easter continue to grow in your hearts and lives...*

*Your Brother in Christ...*

*Fr. Roy Farrell*



## Liturgical

**1. Baptism:** We welcome to our parish community those who were baptized this past weekend:

**Lucas Paul Lopes**

**2. Baptism Preparation:** Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:30pm. These sessions are for parents and Godparents; we ask that you make arrangements for your children. Please call the parish office to register.

**3. St. John's Cemetery Board - Cemetery Clean-Up:** It's time for the "Annual Spring Clean-Up" - Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am to 12noon. Volunteers needed with rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. Following the morning work, lunch will be served. For students looking for community service hours, this will qualify, bring your forms.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion**

#### **Practicum & Rehearsals**

**Parents & 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants**

**Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm**

(for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm)

**Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm**

(for Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm Mass)

### **Confirmation Meeting**

**Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> or**

**Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm**

**Confirmandi Only!**



### **Catholic Family Services**

#### **Lending a Helping Hand**

Catholic Family Services has offices in Toronto, York, Durham, Simcoe and Peel Dufferin to help...

- Individuals, couples, and families with a variety of counseling programs.
- Through education programs, such as Marriage Preparation, Parenting and Personal Development Groups.
- By intervening to change social policies and systems that impose hardships on families or individuals.

**Today is ShareLife's Second Offering.**

**Because You Give...we are able to help those in need, making their worries lighter and their futures brighter!**

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**

**General:** That Christians may use literature, art and the media to greater advantage to favour a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person.

**Mission:** That just as she accompanied the apostles in the early stages of the church, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Queen of Apostles, continue to guide missionaries throughout the world with maternal affection.

# Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008



## Organizations & Ministries

### Religious Gift Shop

Looking for that special something for First Holy Communion or Confirmation!  
 Don't forget our Religious Gift Shop.  
 Open after all masses on  
 April 12-13<sup>th</sup> & April 19-20<sup>th</sup>  
 except 7pm Mass

1. **Attention:** Parish Envelope #890 please contact the parish office 905 -853-5009.



### St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Auction "Comic Book Heroes"

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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!

### Consolation & Hope:

On April 24<sup>th</sup>  
 at 7:30pm in Seton Hall,  
 the Ministry of Consolation and Hope  
 will be sponsoring a workshop  
 on Grief related topics.  
 Refreshment will be served.  
 Please join us!



Mark your calendars for our  
 15<sup>th</sup> Annual

St. Elizabeth Seton - Parish Picnic  
 Organized by the Knights of Columbus  
 Parents & Kids - Schools is Out!

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, @11:00am (Rain or Shine)  
 Anchor Park, Holland Landing

Games & fun for all Ages...Lunch & Drinks Included  
 All this for only a "Twoonie" - Kids 4 & under are Free!



Vacation Bible School  
 Surfin' with the Holy Spirit!  
 Registration for Vacation Bible School  
 Date: July 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
 More information will follow  
 Donations are welcome!  
 Volunteers Needed!  
 Contact Jenny Otis 905-953-9235



## Social & Other

### Mass Intentions

Date:	Mass for:	Mass Requested By:
<b>Mon. Apr. 14</b> 8:00am	Souls in Purgatory	Lorna Harford
<b>Tues. Apr. 15</b> 9:00am 7:00pm	Elie Bosland (D) Connors & Baker Families (D)	Francoise Bosland M.J. Baker
<b>Wed. Apr. 16</b> 8:00am	Mark Meulendyks (I)	Meulendyks Family
<b>Thur. Apr. 17</b> 9:00am 7:00pm	Vincenzo Cervone (D) Armado Maruggi (D) Modesto Balaton (D) Bishop Danylak (I) Diane Wood (I)	Stuart Family Santoro & Maira Family Alampay Family Joanne MacFarlane Joanne MacFarlane
<b>Fri. Apr. 18</b> 8:00am	Nick, Rosaria & Tony Grande (D)	Grande Family
<b>Sat. Apr. 19</b> 9:00am 4:30pm	Maria Pawliszko (I) Enda Hayes (D)	Marian Brown Diane Hayes
<b>Sun. Apr. 20</b> 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 7:00pm	Theresa & Johannes Lim (D) Patrick Kinsella (D) Doris & Stanley Coley (D) Thanksgiving of Souls in Purgatory (D)	Lim Family His Wife & Family Hennessey Family Christina Catania

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Those Parishioners who have requested a Mass for either a deceased family/friend (D) or for a Special Intention (I) & who would like to take up the Offertory Gifts during that Mass, are asked to identify themselves to one of the Hospitality Ministers, before the Mass begins. This is especially important for Saturday or Sunday Masses.



**Please pray for those who are sick and those  
 we and minister to them:**

Gail Burgess,  
 Mike Welgan, Marta Lou, Tony Coleman, Frank Kelly, Sara Minatel, Giel Jonkhout, Debbie Howley, 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, Joe Pilienci, Jim Tobin, Pam James, Liz Law, Bronwyn, Carlos Fonseca, Patricia McNeill, Maria Pawliszko, Karen Anning, Angi Sooley, David Sooley, John Flemming, Jaime Bocanegra, Carlos Falconi, Anna Vincent  
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