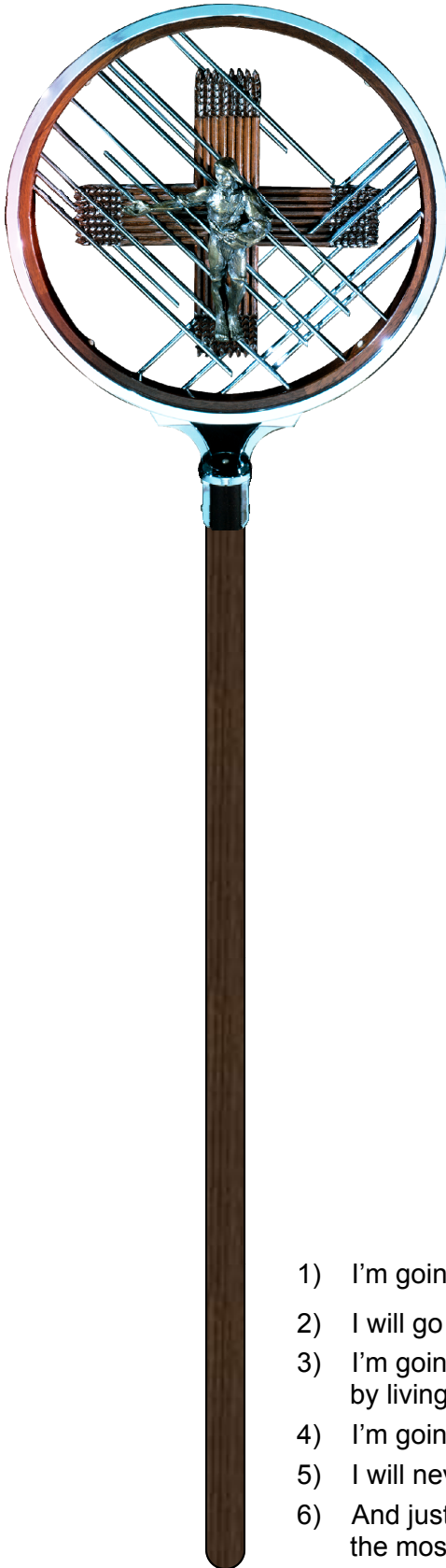


**“He saved us through the baptism of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.”**

Titus 3:5





Sharings

From Father Rich Homa

HELPFUL HINTS FOR LIVING FULLY IN 2013

The Best Things to Give:

To your Enemy,	Forgiveness
To An Opponent,	Tolerance
To A Friend,	Your Heart
To Your Child,	A Good Example
To Parents,	Conduct Pleasing to Them
To Yourself,	Respect
To All People,	Charity

A Recipe for Living:

**A Cup of Friendly Words
2 Heaping Cups of Understanding
1 Dash of Humor
1 Pinch of Warm Personality
4 Heaping Teaspoons of Time and Patience**

Measure the words carefully.

Add heaping cup of Understanding.

Use generous amount of Time and Patience.

Cook at low temperature.

Do not boil, add Humor and Personality.

Season with the Spice of Life.

Erma Bombeck Resolutions:

- 1) I'm going to clean up this dump as soon as the kids grow up.
- 2) I will go to no doctor whose office plants have died.
- 3) I'm going to follow my husband's advice to put a little excitement into my life by living within my budget.
- 4) I'm going to apply for a hardship scholarship to Weight Watchers.
- 5) I will never loan my car to anyone I have given birth to.
- 6) And just like last year, I am going to remember that my children need love the most when they deserve it least.

Compare 2013 to Noah's Ark:

- 1) Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 2) Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something BIG.
- 3) Don't listen to critics – do what has to be done.
- 4) Build on high ground.
- 5) For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 6) Speed isn't always an advantage. Cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
- 7) If you can't fight or flee, then float!
- 8) Take care of your animals.
- 9) Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
- 10) Stay below deck during the storm.
- 11) Remember that amateurs built the ark and professionals built the Titanic.
- 12) Remember: woodpeckers INSIDE are often a bigger threat than the storm outside.
- 13) Don't miss the boat.
- 14) No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the other side.
- 15) When God shuts the door on this world, make sure you are on the RIGHT side.

May you have a very Happy and Holy 2013,

Jr. Rich Home

Living The Word

Reflections for
Second Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Jan. 20, 2013

Lord Jesus, You remain the Bridegroom come to reveal Your Father's extravagant love. In union with many of the saints, we dare to call You the spouse of our souls. May we reveal in Your passionate love shown on the cross, and reveal that love to those most in need of it. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: OUR EXTRAVAGANT BRIDEGROOM

We find many titles for Jesus in the Gospels: Lord, Messiah, Son of David, and, His own preferred title, the Son of Man. One paid less attention, although worthy of it, is Jesus the Bridegroom.

As a guest at Cana, Jesus signals He is the Bridegroom we have been longing for.

FIRST READING

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride (Isaiah 62:1-5).

This beautiful hymn celebrates the vindication and restoration that God would visit upon Israel. She had suffered terribly during the exile in Babylon and things had not been much better for her when she returned to Israel after that exile (for the land was totally devastated). The passage uses matrimonial im-

agery to describe the new relationship between God and His people. This is a theme that Hosea had developed when he compared the love between Yahweh and His people to the love between a husband and a wife.

SECOND READING

One and the same Spirit distributing them individually to each person as he wishes (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Paul reminds the community of Corinth that all gifts come from the Holy Spirit for sake of the community. Therefore, they should not cause one to develop a sense of arrogance. They do not belong to any of us. They were given to us to be held in trust (for they are from God and are to be rendered back to God

in the way that we use them). Paul subtly argues that the more spectacular gifts of the Holy Spirit (such as the gifts of tongues) are really less important than others. Those which are truly the most important are those which serve to build up the community (e.g., wisdom, knowledge, faith, etc.).

GOSEL

Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs at Cana in Galilee (John 2:1-11).

Jesus performs the first miracle. In this passage Mary is not called by name, but referred as the mother of Jesus. She is being pre-

sented as queen mother who prepares the wedding feast for her son. Jesus' response to His mother's request is not a sign of disrespect. Nevertheless, Mary orders the servants to listen to her son (something that she always does). There are six stone jars. There is too much wine. An abundance of wine is a sign of the Messianic banquet in heaven. Jesus serves the better wine (New Covenant) that replaces the earlier, not as good wine (Old Covenant). This prefigures the event that would give us access to the heavenly banquet: the cross (which is why Jesus spoke of

REFLECTION

Weddings of the famous have become known for their extravagance. Syndicated radio host Diane Rehm once recalled how she and her husband had gone to two weddings over a few months, each costing over twenty thousand dollars, and neither marriage lasted a year. It seems that as expenses have increased, longevity has decreased. Even so, our faith holds up one marriage whose extravagance is located in its fidelity: Christ's love for His bride, the Church. One of the less remembered titles Jesus applies to Himself in the Gospels is the bridegroom. When asked why His disciples do not fast, He replies that as long as the Bridegroom is present, there is no fasting. It is a time for celebration. Jesus remains the Bridegroom the Father sent to woo God's people. The generous and extravagant abundance of the Bridegroom comes across in next week's miracle at Cana. Even though He has said His hour — that is, the hour when He reveals the extravagant love of God—has not yet come, still Jesus yields to His mother's request to remedy the embarrassment of a wedding without wine. The moral: when the Bridegroom comes, there will be endless joy. Ordinary Time begins with this marvelous story, proclaiming that God's generosity cannot be overestimated. We see it in the gifts St. Paul mentions in his letter to the fractious Corinthians, gifts that continue to be given. Such abundance and variety of gifts reflect God's extravagant love for us. Such gifts are given for the good of all.

Readings for the Week

January 14th-January 19th:

Mon.: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tues.: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wed.: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thurs.: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Fri.: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Sat.: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TAX LETTERS FOR THE 2012 YEAR WILL BE READY ON JAN.22, 2013

Parishioners can pick them up or they can be mailed to you. Please call the parish office at 708-403-0101.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING

The St. Elizabeth Seton parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Adult Greeters Needed...



**For Saturday at 5pm Mass
And Sunday at 7:15am Mass**

What Does A Greeter Do?

A greeter helps to provide a sense of hospitality and welcome. Some of the duties of greeter are: Coming about 20 minutes early to Mass to welcome people at the door; give people the liturgy aid or song sheet; give registration forms to new parishioners; usher people forward for Communion; pass the basket for the offering; help seat people before Mass. Greeters are scheduled to serve for one month and be off for the next. Children younger than 8th grade can help their parents who are greeters.

To Volunteer...

Please call Claudia Nolan at 708-403-0101.

STEWARDSHIP

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION TO-DATE:

\$133,329.26

JANUARY 6, 2013:

\$23,133.58

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:

\$58.77

Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

**Elizabeth Ciaccio
Christopher Doughty
Jean Kwon
Grace Kwon
James Kwon**

WEDDINGS

Please pray for those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:
Karen Gacgacao and Nicholas Simonian; 2-16

PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember the sick, infirm, and those recommended to our prayers, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

**Valane Ocnas Gemmo Reyes
Blake Donegan Judy Edenburn
Cindy Nowak Joan Hallstein
Margaret Kapala Anthony Paluch**

And for our deceased:

Alvin Smith (father to Linda McKeague)
Patty Pantelis
Thomas Borst
Michael Carrano
Judith Caroll
Joan Hendry
Margaret Corless
Irene Nowobilski

"Heavenly Father, accept the prayers which we offer for them."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 12th (5pm)

**Clara McMullen; Rosie Motyka; Josephine Tarantino;
Abram Jacob Rutherford; Robert Blonski; Jennifer Stanek**

Sunday, Jan. 13th

(7:15am) **Parishioners**

(8:30am) **Ellen Murphy; Harriet Zdrubecky**

(10am) **Patty Pantelis; Vincenzo DiFilippo; Isabelita Barin;**

Daniel Keating; Genevieve McGlennon

(11:30am) **LaVerne Sweeney; Franciszka Chabura; Don D'Ercole**

Mon., Jan. 14th (9am) **Lydia Irwin; David Wilk**

Tues., Jan. 15th (9am) **Dolores O'Connor; Evelyn Mniszewski**

Wed., Jan. 16th (9am) **Alvin Smith**

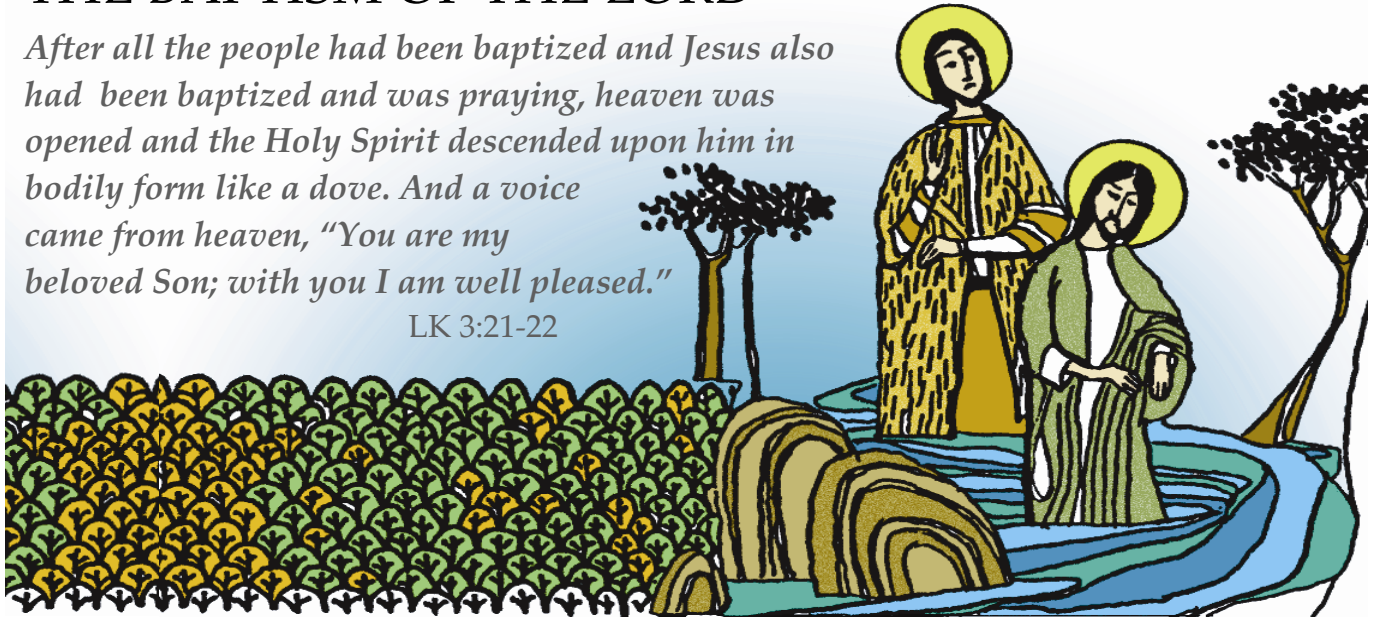
Thurs., Jan. 17th (9am) **Giuseppe Latorraca**

Fri., Jan. 18th (9am) **Susan Kramer**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

LK 3:21-22



A reflection by Jay Cormier: Waiting in Joyful Hope

THERE IS A BEAUTIFUL NATIVE AMERICAN PARABLE ABOUT THE SACREDNESS OF WATER:

Father Sky gives to Mother Earth the clouds, which in turn are filled with water to nurture the good earth. A single raindrop falls on a meadow and joins other raindrops to become a trickle. The trickle becomes a stream and the stream becomes a river. The river then makes its way to the ocean, providing life-giving water to every creature and seedling along its way. The sun illuminates and warms the ocean, transforming some of its clear blue water into mist. The mist rises to Father sky and becomes a cloud. And the cloud opens up and another raindrop falls to Mother Earth.

We are like raindrops, the ancients believed. We are all made from the same "holy stuff," the water that is life. In our time, our mothers give birth to us and we "fall" to earth. Each one of us is unique, each one of us possesses our own identity; but we are all part of what has gone before us and what comes after

us. And, with other drops of rain, we journey to the same ocean and then back to Father Sky (adapted from *Soul Stories* by Gary Sukave).

In the waters of baptism, we begin our journey back to God, the Father who gives us this life in the first place. In these waters, we embrace the name of "Christ" and the Spirit of his gospel that unite us to the saints who have come before us and who will come after us. In these waters, we travel through life's deserts and meadows, in struggling trickles and powerful rivers to the ocean where one day we will "return" to God.

BAPTISM IS NOT A ONE-TIME RITE OF PASSAGE IN OUR LIVES; it is an ongoing journey with God and to God, a sojourn across the waters to the dwelling place of the Father.

- How has this past Christmas renewed your understanding of being part of a family?
- How has this past Christmas renewed your understanding of being part of a parish, a community?

O God, in the waters of baptism you have raised us up and set us on our life's journey to your dwelling place. May the spring of your life within us make us currents of your reconciling and healing grace for all we travel with on this path to you.

National Vocation Awareness Week

January 13-19, 2013

National Vocation Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education. We are called to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. For more information go to www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations.

Please join in prayer...

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

HOLY SPIRIT, eternal Spring of joy and peace, it is You who open the heart and the mind to the Divine Call; it is You who make effective every impetus towards good, towards truth, towards charity. Your "inexpressible groans" rise up to the Father from the heart of the Church, which suffers and struggles for the Gospel. Open the hearts and minds of young people so that a new flowering of holy vocations may show forth the fidelity of your love, and all may know Christ, the true light of the world to offer to every human being the sure hope of eternal life. AMEN.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

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Stand

At Sunday Mass, we sit, we kneel, we bow, and we stand. Every gesture, every action has its own meaning. We sit in a posture of receptivity. We kneel to express our reverent worship, as we do when we

bow. And we stand for a couple of reasons. We stand at the Gospel out of respect for the Word of Jesus that comes to us. We stand at other parts of the Mass for a different reason. For example, we stand for the Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings, the Prayer after Communion, the Creed, and for the Lord's Prayer.

When we stand during these prayers and the Profession of Faith, we express our identity and dignity as adopted sons and daughters of God. Jesus says that we are no longer servants but his friends. And Paul says that we are no longer strangers and aliens but members of the household of God, truly sons and daughters in the Holy Spirit. In the Mass, we stand before God, because we belong to God.

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YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS / YEAR OF FAITH

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In today's powerful Gospel, God speaks to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son: with You I am well pleased."

Is God revealing Himself to you through a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Men 22 to 40 years old are invited to participate in the INSEARCH Priesthood Discernment Program. If you feel called to the priesthood, INSEARCH will help you gain clarity around the call you feel. For information contact Fr. Brian Welter at bwelter@archchicago or call 312-534-8298 or visit www.ChicagoPriest.com. For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at eramirez@archchicago.org, or call 312-534-5240, and for the Permanent Diaconate Program, contact Deacon Bob Puhala at bpuhala@usml.edu or 847-837-4562.

VOCATION CROSS PARTICIPANT

Wednesday, January 16th

Maggie Hattar

Vocation Cross Participants Needed

Participants are presented the Vocation Cross at the 9am Mass on Wednesday and pray for Vocations for the week. The cross is returned the following Wednesday for the 9am Mass. Sign up in the parish office.

PRIESTS WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

- 1-13 Rev. Bernard R. Danber, OSA
- 1-14 Rev. Edward Kersten, OSA
- 1-15 Rev. Anthony B. Pizzo
- 1-16 Rev. Christopher C. Steinle, OSA
- 1-17 Rev. Gerald J. Van Overbeek, OSA
- 1-18 Rev. David Vargas-Grajales, OSA
- 1-19 Rev. L. Scott Donahue



The St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club invites all to...

Ice Skating Outing
MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
1-2:30 p.m.
Arctic Ice Arena
10700 W. 160th St.
Orland Park

The St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club is hosting an Ice Skating Outing to the Arctic Ice Arena. Ticket cost is \$6.00. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on January 19th and 20th and on the day of the event. Friends and relatives are welcome to skate on their Championship Ice Rink. *And, Skate Rental is only \$1!*

Tickets will be sold after all Masses
Saturday, Jan. 19th
Sunday, Jan. 20th

Reservations can also be made by calling
Maryola Ward at 708-403-1696.



Women's Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, January 16th**
Doors open at 6:45pm
Short Meeting at 7:15pm
Square Dancing to follow

JOIN IN OR ENJOY THE SHOW!

We will be enjoying a Mexican theme for our January meeting. Feel free to share your favorite Mexican food item. Bring your calendars with you — we will have sign up sheets for the Pancake Breakfast Helpers. The event will take place on Sunday, Feb. 10th.

JANUARY 23RD IS NATIONAL PIE DAY!

Buy a gift card to share with a friend or neighbor.

WOMEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Foster the interest of the parish and to promote harmony and cooperation within the church community.



**JANUARY 23RD
 IS
 NATIONAL
 PIE DAY!**



The St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club will be selling Bakers Square Gift Cards in the Narthex next week, Saturday, Jan. 19th/Sunday, Jan. 20th

\$10 for fruit pies \$12 for cream pies
GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Stop by and pick up pie gift cards to celebrate National Pie Day! Purchase a pie coupon and pay no sales tax! Simply take the coupon to Baker's Square and trade it for your most favorite fresh pie! Certificates will expire 12/31/13.



CARDINAL'S NETWORK

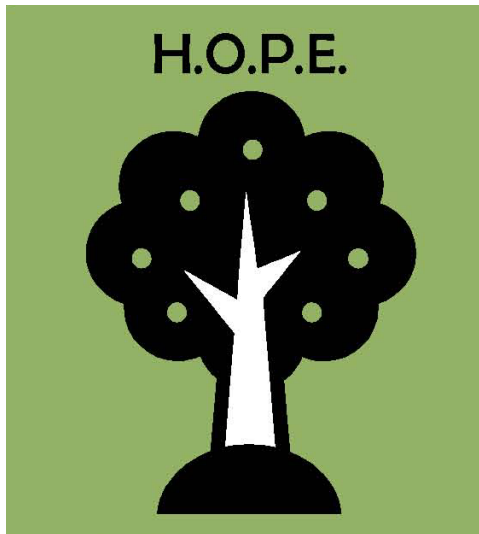
A Spiritual Challenge

IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL MONTHS SINCE I LAST SHARED ANY REFLECTIONS IN THIS SPACE. They've been weeks spent in chemotherapy, which has now ended. Chemo is something of an ordeal, somewhat different from person to person. I remain grateful for the prayers that have sustained me these last several months.

While chemotherapy makes the ordinary tasks of life sometimes extraordinarily difficult, just picking up in constant fashion the many daily responsibilities that fall to all of us can be a spiritual challenge for everyone. When just getting through the day seems to demand more than a person can do, the habits of the spiritual life sustain the framework in which we find the Lord. In a society that craves "newness" the virtue of perseverance takes on new importance. Spiritual writers long ago identified the vice of "acedia" as what overtakes the monk when he discovers that he will be neither abbot nor saint. Then compromise with small evils in one's life eventually can overcome what once was a commitment that made sense of all the small activities that fill one's time. Praying for perseverance means living joyfully the vocation to which God calls us each day.

Francis Cardinal George, OMI
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO

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**Helping Outreach for People
Seeking Employment**

**Join the HOPE Ministry
in kicking off our
8th year of service
with a Special Mass!**

**Tuesday, January 15th
Rosary at 6:30pm
Mass at 7pm**

The **H.O.P.E.** (Helpful Outreach for People seeking Employment) **Employment Support Ministry** meets at St. Elizabeth Seton Church on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Our sessions are open to all faiths and denominations. We meet to offer support, fellowship, guidance and information for the employed, unemployed, or those in Career Transition. **HOPE** Ministry

leaders review and critique resumes; offer job search and interview tips; and pass along job leads. Each month we also provide a guest speaker to support those in transition.

To help kick off the 8th year of service to the community, our January Meeting has been rescheduled to the evening of **Tuesday, Jan. 15th**. The meeting will start at **approximately 6:30pm in the Church as we will say the rosary. The rosary will be followed with Mass at 7pm.** We invite people of all faiths to join us for this Mass. The Mass is intended to be a shared prayer for support and inspiration in the job search; in gratitude for blessings received; and for the hope of blessings forthcoming.

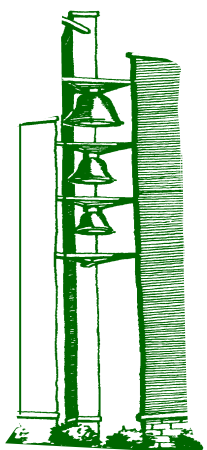
Whether you are employed or unemployed, all are most welcome to attend, including spouses and children, as they are part of everyone's support group. We especially encourage Alumni of the **HOPE** program to attend and share their experiences. A Networking Reception will immediately follow this uplifting, energizing event. Please RSVP to Tom McMahon via email – tom.mcmahon@mcmahonjobs.com so that we can plan accordingly for the reception. Please put **HOPE Mass** in the subject of your email.

LinkedIn Members are encouraged to join the **H.O.P.E. Employment Support Ministry Group** to share job leads, network, etc. The group can be accessed through www.linkedin.com.

Employers: Please forward your job leads to Tom.McMahon@McMahonJobs.com for distribution to our members.

**Start the New Year off right with some HOPE and a Mass on
Tuesday, January 15th @ 7:00pm...
because everyone could use a little HOPE!**

In addition to our HOPE Meetings at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, we also host meetings the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm, at St. Patrick's Church in Lemont (St. Patrick's Parish Ministry Center Parish Hall - Cass Street Building, 205 Cass Street, Lemont, IL 60439); and the 3rd Thursday of every month, 7:00pm, at Our Lady of the Woods Church in Orland Park (10731 W. 131st St.).



Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

FEB. 18TH

BUS TRIP TO ST. MARTHA'S, MORTON GROVE, IL

Departing St. Elizabeth's parking lot at 10AM. Lunch at White Eagle: Family-style meal to include soup, salad, vegetables, pasta, pirogue, chicken, beef, Polish sausage, sauerkraut, pastries, coffee. Visit St. Martha's Church for a presentation on the relics and Mass with Fr. O'Neal. Return

about 4PM. Reservations will be taken at the January meeting. Cost is \$60 per person.

Families Anonymous

If your life has gone astray due to living with someone who has a substance abuse problem, consider attending Families Anonymous on Mondays from 7-8:30pm at Palos Hospital, 123rd and 80th Ave., Palos Heights (Ambulatory Care Center, Rm. 1, enter Emergency Room to elevator to the Lower Level). For information call Warren, 708-429-2507 or Therese at 708-269-9853.

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you have a problem with alcohol and feel a sincere desire to stop drinking, you are welcome to attend a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) in the downstairs St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall on Thursdays from 7:30-8:45pm. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover. The only requirement is a sincere desire to stop drinking.

The gift that gives all year!



*2013 Golden
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Books Are
Here!*

*Only \$20 in the
parish office.*

Golden Opportunities Coupon books offer many favorite local restaurants offering discounts of 50% off or 2-for-1. In addition, great savings at movies, grocery stores, sporting events, and more! Many coupons are valid once a month. The best deal in town!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. PAUL, THE HERMIT

c. 233-345

IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT WE REALLY KNOW OF PAUL'S LIFE, HOW MUCH IS FABLE, HOW MUCH FACT.

Paul was reportedly born in Egypt, where he was orphaned by age 15. He was also a learned and devout young man. During the persecution of Decius in Egypt in the year 250, Paul was forced to hide in the home of a friend. Fearing a brother-in-law would betray him, he fled in a cave in the desert. His plan was to return once the persecution ended, but the sweetness of solitude and heavenly contemplation convinced him to stay.

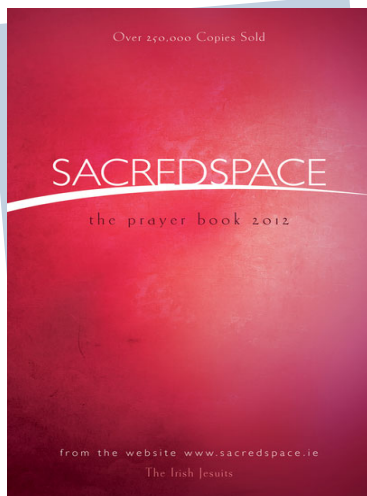
He went on to live in that cave for the next 90 years. A nearby spring gave him drink, a palm tree furnished him clothing and nourishment. After 21 years of solitude a bird began bringing him half of a loaf of bread each day. Without knowing what was happening in the world, Paul prayed that the world would become a better place.

St. Anthony of Egypt [January 17] attests to his holy life and death. Tempted by the thought that no one had served God in the wilderness longer than he, Anthony was led by God to find Paul and acknowledge him as a man more perfect than himself. The raven that day brought a whole loaf of bread instead of the usual half. As Paul predicted, Anthony would return to bury his new friend.

Thought to have been about 112 when he died, Paul is known as the "First Hermit." His feast day is celebrated in the East; he is also commemorated in the Coptic and Armenian rites of the Mass.

COMMENT:

The will and direction of God are seen in the circumstances of our lives. Led by the grace of God, we are free to respond with choices that bring us closer to and make us more dependent upon the God who created us. Those choices might at times seem to lead us away from our neighbor. But ultimately they lead us back both in prayer and in fellowship to one another.



**Next Sacred Space
Group dates:
Monday, January 14th
9:30am
in the Cornerstone**

SACRED SPACE REFLECTION FOR JANUARY 13-19, 2013 SACRED SPACE, THE PRAYER BOOK 2013

The Year of Faith has begun.

The word "credo" (I believe) comes from the Latin **cor do** (I give my heart). Faith is an affair of the heart. It is a meeting between God and each individual. The encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman in John 4:1-42 offers an example. At the well, heart speaks to heart, and both persons reveal themselves. The woman comes to believe in Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ. In her joy she hurries off to tell her neighbors, and so convincing is her witness that the whole town comes out to see Jesus. Then they tell her that they have discovered for themselves the mystery of the person she had spoken about.

It is good for us to have knowledge about God and about Jesus, but this is not enough. The witness of other believers is also helpful, but that too is not enough. Personal encounter is needed, and that occurs when we meet God in personal prayer. The intention of **Sacred Space** is to facilitate a face to face meeting with that Jesus of the New Testament. The daily meeting can help us to speak a free yes to Jesus from our hearts.

Like the Samaritan woman we come privately to our well with our needs and our wonderings. Jesus welcomes us as he welcomed her. Let us enjoy these encounters with him.

YOUTH SPELLING BEE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Father C.C. Boyle Council #4698

**INVITES ALL BOYS
AND GIRLS
IN GRADES 5th to 8th**



To Test Their Spelling Skills

The Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19th at St George in O'Connell Hall, 6707 W 175th St., Tinley Park. Doors open at 12:30 pm; Competition starts at 1pm. Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners! The winners will progress on to the Regional and State level Competitions. For a study list or more information, please e-mail: lavingrp@sbcglobal.net. No cost to participate!



K.C. Youth Free Throw Contest For Boys and Girls Ages 9-14 This Sunday, Jan. 13th at 4pm

All kids ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Father C.C. Boyle Council local level competition of the 2013 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Sunday, Jan. 13th in the St George Gymnasium, 6707 W 175th St., Tinley Park. Registration at 4pm. Competition starts at 4:30pm. The boy and girl winner of each age group will progress on to District, Regional and State level competitions. Participants must furnish proof of age and written parental consent. All 9-yr. Old boys and girls will participate in a special 9-yr. Old competition for fun (they will not go on to shoot in District competition). All participants will have a chance to win raffle prizes! For information please email to dankavanaugh@sbcglobal.net.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

BURIAL PALL WORKSHOPS

Burial palls, diapers, dresses and boys pants are needed. Volunteers are needed to help. Please join us at a workshop on Thursday, Jan. 17th from 10am-12:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 171st and 70th Ave. in Tinley Park and Friday, Jan. 24th at St Damian School from 6:30-9pm. Service hours can be earned for community service. Please call Liz Wisnasky at 708-614-6475.

HELP PACK BOXES FOR HAITI

Volunteer angels are needed to help pack up boxes for Haiti at the Wisnasky house. Please call 708-614-6475 if you can help. PS. We need boxes.

SMILING FACES AND VOICES NEEDED TO CHEER VETERANS

Thursday, Jan. 31st

We are looking for smiling faces to help us cheer up the veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno. We sing old songs and visit with our heroes and bring some cheer and smiles to them. We will leave at 8:30am and return by 1:30pm. Please call Liz Wisnasky if you can join in the fun at 708-614-6475.

*The Lord is blessing us constantly
as we do His work.
Thank you dear angels!*

**Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School
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Blue Ribbon School of Excellence**



OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 27, 2013
1p-3p

1:15p – Pre-K Programs Presentation
1:45p – Kindergarten Presentation



Who is eligible to attend Cardinal Bernardin School ... and where is it located?

Located at 9250 W. 167th Street in Orland Hills (adjacent to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish), CBJ is a regional Catholic school welcoming children (3Pre-K through Grade 8) baptized as Catholics. We also welcome children from other Christian households whose parents are seeking a Christian educational environment for their children. As the parish school for St. Francis of Assisi, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, St. Julie Billiart, and St. Elizabeth Seton, children qualify at an “in-parish” rate. Practicing Catholics of other parishes and non-Catholics are eligible at an “out-of-parish” rate.

Where and when may I get registration materials?

Registration packets will be available at our January 27 Open House. After January 27, please see Mrs. Devlin in the school office Monday through Friday from 7am until 3pm.

How do I register?

To register, mail or drop off completed paperwork, along with *original* birth and baptismal certificates (*originals will be returned*), and the *one-time* family enrollment fee of \$250. For Grades 1-8, please provide a copy of the 2012 first semester report card as well as standardized testing.

What is the tuition ... are there additional fees?

Tuition for 2013-14 will be finalized after budget meetings in March. In-parish tuition for 2012-13 for Kindergarten through 8th Grade is \$4,340. There are NO mandatory fundraisers and NO additional book fees. Half-day, four-day 4-year-old Pre-K tuition is \$2,228. Half-day, three-day 3-year-old Pre-K is \$1,750.

What are school hours?

The school day (full day classes) begins at 7:40am and dismisses at 2pm. (AM Pre-K runs from 7:40am until 10:40am. PM Pre-K runs from 11am until 2pm. 3Pre-K half-day is Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday. 4Pre-K half-day is Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday. **And, we are proud to introduce FULL DAY 4Pre-K Monday-Friday beginning August 2013.**

Is there a “Before and After School” Program?

Yes! The Extended Day Program opens at 6:30am and closes when the school day begins; it re-opens at 2:00pm and closes for the night at 6:00pm. The hourly-rate (\$4/hr for one child; \$6/hr for two children) is invoiced monthly.

When may I register?

Registration for new families takes place during the month of February and we will continue to accept registrations until all spaces are filled.

Additional questions may be directed to the Director of Enrollment, Cynthia Devlin,
at 708-403-6525 ext. 127 or via email at cdevlin@cardinaljbschool.com

**Chicago's "Parish of the Airwaves"
Moves to WGN**

The Sunday Mass at Mercy Home is moving to WGN television, Channel 9 this January. The popular televised Catholic Mass can be seen on WGN every Sunday from 9:30am-10am. Viewers should consult local TV listings for cable channel. Sunday Mass at Mercy Home is the most popular televised Catholic Mass in the Chicago area, with 60,000 faithful viewers tuning in every Sunday morning to share in the Eucharist. The Mass is filmed in front of a live congregation at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in its on-site chapel. It is a source of spiritual nourishment for those who are unable to leave their home to attend Mass because of age or ailment. It is supported by faithful donors who help Mercy Home bring the liturgy to homebound, ailing and elderly Catholics. In addition to the weekly broadcast celebrated by Rev. L. Scott Donahue and other Chicago Archdiocesan priests, Sunday Mass at Mercy Home features Easter and Christmas Masses celebrated by Francis Cardinal George.

Mercy Home For Boys and Girls

Now celebrating its 125th Anniversary and led by Fr. Scott Donahue, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls has been a solution for kids in crisis since 1887. Through its residential, aftercare, and mentoring programs Mercy Home offers a safe home, emotional healing, education, and life-changing opportunities for more than 600 young people every year. It gives children who have suffered abuse, neglect, poverty and even abandonment the therapeutic, academic and vocational support they need to heal from the traumas of their pasts, and build success for their futures. Mercy Home is 99.7% privately funded and operates at two locations in Chicago — a home for boys at 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. And a home for girls at 11600 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago.

Please visit mercychome.org to learn more.



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Branches

SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

■ **SUNDAY, JAN. 13TH**

SOUL SURVIVOR

6:30-8:30PM IN THE CORNERSTONE

"To Resolve or Not to Resolve... That's the Question." Join us for our next Soul Survivor, where we'll examine New Year's Resolutions and long-range planning vs. living in the moment. Of course, there will be some challenging games, music, readings, and great discussion. Why not resolve to bring a friend???

■ **WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16TH**

TUF NIGHT

6:30-8:30PM IN THE TEEN ROOM

We missed our usual first of the month Wednesday TUF Night so we've scheduled one for the third Wednesday (makes sense, right?). Bring a friend, homework, games, whatever...and, of course, we'll have Bible Study!

■ **SUNDAY, JAN. 20TH**

TEEN MASS AND OPEN GYM

5:30-8:30PM IN THE CORNERSTONE

Teen Mass will start at 5:30pm in the Stations section of the church followed by Open Gym. Family and friends are welcome to join us.

■ **SATURDAY, JAN. 26TH**

MOVIE NIGHT (TBD) 6:30-9:30PM

MISSION TRIP UPDATE

The 2013 Teen Mission Trip is scheduled for July 14-20 to Kansas City. If you'd like to join us, we still have room for two teens; those entering eighth grade through graduating senior are eligible. The cost is approximately \$350. Fill out form in the parish office and submit a \$75 check made out to St. Elizabeth Seton to reserve a spot.

Have any questions about Seton Branches Teen Group activities? Call co-adult leader Bruce Hall at 708-403-7834.



Visit Branches on Facebook for updates/added events!



Congress of THE United States
begun and held at the City of New York, on
Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

THE *Committee of members of the States, having at the time of their adopting that Constitution, expressed a desire*
that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best secure
RESOLVED *by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,*
Having Article to proposed to the States, and the States, to amend the Constitution of the United States, all laws, and all treaties,

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY & THE H.H.S. MANDATE

Pluralism and Diversity ✠ Faith Based Organizations ✠ Religious Freedom

His Eminence

Francis Cardinal George, OMI

Archbishop of Chicago

February 27, 2013 at 7pm
Incarnation Church
5757 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, IL
Call 773-779-8440

1/19 & 1/20	5:00PM	7:15AM	8:30AM	10:00AM	11:30AM
GREETERS Attention All Ministers! Ministers schedules available at: www.steseton.com Then visit: Music and Liturgy	R. Gaskey J. Gaskey C. Labus S. Labus M. Pahl K. Pahl G. Roy C. Roy G. Roy K. Roy M. Roy	E. Briette R. Dickover J. Esposito C. Esposito M. Foley B. Hill B. Majer D. Meyers J. Niemiec	L. Allen D. Biallas J. Biallas J. Biallas S. Biallas M. Crance R. Cubalchini M. Cubalchini S. Giovanazzi C. Bannon	D. Ahern W. Bric K. Bric J. Driscoll J. Grant J. Keller D. Keller B. Keller M. Pfeiffer L. Pfeiffer R. Warja/S. Warja J. Warja/N. Warja	M. Hattar S. Ivey R. Ivey S. Klean R. Mitchel B. Mitchel S. Potts T. Waters J. Waters
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**PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30AM-4:30PM
SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 8AM-1PM**

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Elaine Pawlak, Religious Education Coordinator

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	9am
Saturday	5pm
Sunday	7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am

ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH INFORMATION

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered on Saturday, between 4:15-4:45pm.
- **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated twice monthly at 1pm. Reserve your time by calling the Pastoral Center early. We are limited to six children per Sunday.
- **Baptismal** Couples preparing for the birth of their child should contact the Pastoral Center to register for a one night seminar, focusing on a parent's role in his/her child's faith development. This session is mandatory prior to the Baptism.
- **Anointing of the Sick** is available in the Church every Monday after the 9am Mass. For those who are ill or facing hospitalization, it is appropriate to receive the sacrament once every six months. Please call the Pastoral Center for more information.
- **Ministry of Care** is available to give Communion to the housebound, to visit and pray for hospitalized and/or to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Pastoral Center for assistance.
- **In the Hospital?** Because of HIPAA Privacy regulations hospitals can no longer contact the parish regarding your hospitalization. It is the responsibility of you or a family member to notify our parish. We desire to offer whatever spiritual support we can. Please call the Pastoral Center.
- **Sacrament of Marriage** Couples planning to marry are encouraged to make arrangements at least six months in advance.
- **Wedding Workshops** are offered throughout the year. They provide engaged couples with guidelines and suggestions for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. The workshop covers topics ranging from readings and music to flowers and video taping.
- **Adult Choir** sings at all 10am Sunday Masses, as well as at a number of special liturgies.
- **Moving?** Please call the office at 708-403-0101.

HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY:

DOMESTIC ABUSE 24-HOUR HOTLINE: 708-429-SAFE

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE: 888-4-HOPE-4-1

HURTING FROM AN ABORTION?: 888-456-HOPE