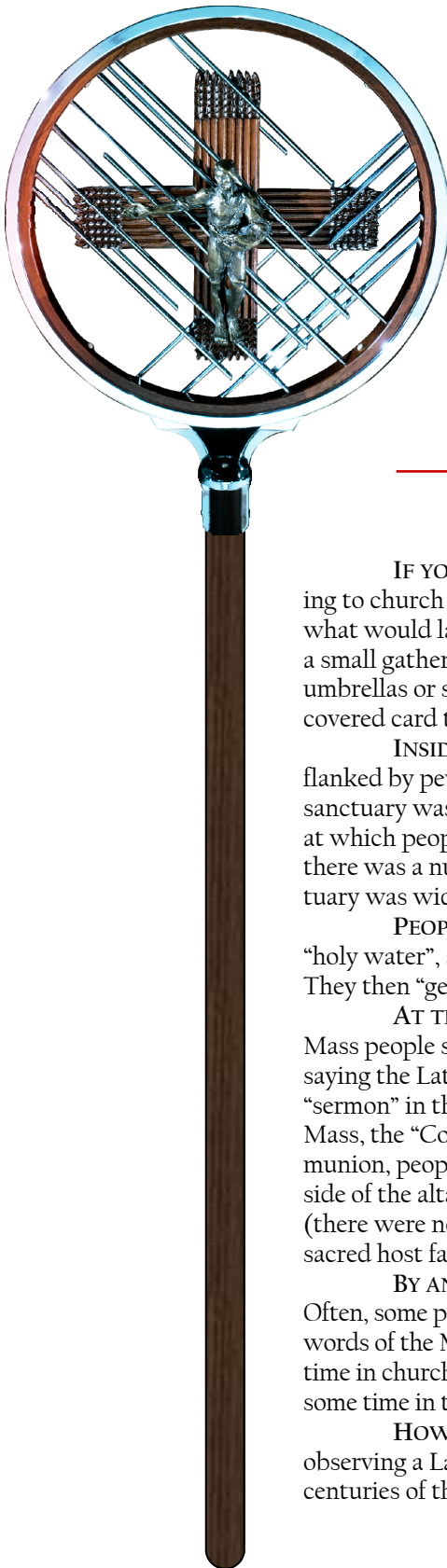


Sharings

From Father Rich Homa



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO is in the middle of a pastoral program aimed at the renewal of peoples' understanding of and commitment to their Catholic faith through a focus on a few important aspects of our Church. Last year the focus was on the youth of our Church, and this year has been named the "Year of the Eucharist", where in various ways the parishes are trying to help people better understand and appreciate the great gift of the Eucharist, which is the heart of our faith life.

As part of our focus on the Eucharist, I will be using this column to re-run a series I presented last year before the official incorporation of the new Roman Missal.

Continued from last week...

IF YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER life in the 1950's and early 60's, you remember going to church on Sunday mornings (there were no Saturday evening "Masses of Anticipation") for what would later become known as the "old Latin Mass." Inside the front doors of the church was a small gathering area called a "vestibule." It wasn't really an area for gathering, but a place to close umbrellas or shake off snow, and a place to give your dime to an usher who was seated at a felt-covered card table, collecting change for what was called "pew rent."

INSIDE THE CHURCH PROPER, there was a long center aisle (and sometimes side aisles) flanked by pews in straight rows, which faced forward to a raised area called the "Sanctuary." This sanctuary was separated from the main body of the church by a low wall called the "altar railing," at which people knelt for the reception of Holy Communion. Against the far wall of the sanctuary there was a number of steps leading up to the main altar of the church. In many churches the sanctuary was wide enough to also accommodate smaller "side altars."

PEOPLE ENTERING THE CHURCH would dip the fingers of their right hand into bowls of "holy water", and would "bless themselves" with the sign of the cross as they walked up the aisle. They then "genuflected," touching their right knee to the floor before entering a pew.

AT THE MAIN ALTAR, THE PRIEST "SAID MASS" IN LATIN while facing the wall. During the Mass people stood, sat, or knelt at various times as the priest moved back and forth at the altar saying the Latin words. Most singing was done by the choir, and sometimes there was an English "sermon" in the middle of the Mass. The ringing of bells highlighted the most important part of the Mass, the "Consecration" of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. At Holy Communion, people went forward to kneel along the altar rail as the priest moved down the sanctuary side of the altar rail distributing small pure-white hosts while saying Latin words. An altar boy (there were no altar girls) would hold a "paten" under each person's chin to protect against the sacred host falling to the floor. People always received the host on their tongue.

BY AND LARGE, PEOPLE WERE MORE LIKE OBSERVERS at the Mass rather than participants. Often, some people tried to follow the Mass with the use of a "Missal," a book containing the Latin words of the Mass side-by-side with an English translation, but many people preferred to use the time in church to say the Rosary or other prayers while the priest prayed the prayers of the Mass. At some time in the Church's history, the Mass received the title, "The Unbloody Sacrifice of the Cross."

HOW DID THE CHURCH MOVE from participating in the "Table of the Lord's Supper" to observing a Latin dramatization of "The Unbloody Sacrifice of the Cross?" Over the first fifteen centuries of the Church's history, a number of factors precipitated this movement.

To be continued...

May God Bless You,

Fr. Rich Homa

Living The Word

Sunday
Reflections for
32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Nov. 11, 2012

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: A WINDOW ON WIDOWS

The two widows in these readings are women of great generosity, giving out of their need, not their surplus. For Elijah, the widow of Zarephath is a life-saver; for Jesus, the widow of Jerusalem is a motivator. Soon He will give all He has—for redemption of the world?

FIRST READING

The widow made a little cake from her flour and gave it to Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

This is a story of a poor widow of a town named Zarephath (which was 9 miles south of Sidon, a territory outside Israel). There was a great drought in the land. The reason for this was that the Israelites were worshipping Ba'al, the pagan god of fertility. They believed that Ba'al would bring the rain to fertilize the land. Yahweh withheld the rain to show them that He was the true God of the rain, the only

true God. The widow only had a small amount of food when Elijah, the man of God, asked her for something to eat. She responded that she was planning to prepare what little she had for herself and her son and then sit down and die. But Elijah reassured her and told her that she would not suffer from want. So she trusted and obeyed him and prepared a cake of bread for him to eat.

SECOND READING

Christ was offered once to take away the sins of many (Hebrews 9:24-28).

The Old Testament priests had to offer many sacrifices because all of their sacrifices were imperfect. None of them fully accomplished that which was intended: to free us from our sins. Jesus offered the perfect sacrifice. He

was sinless, and therefore His sacrifice was one of pure love. He was God's only Son, and therefore His sacrifice of His own life was absolutely perfect and accomplished what it sought: the remission of our sins.

GOSPEL

This poor widow put in more than all the others (Mark 12:38-44).

The Gospel provides a powerful contrast between the scribes who loved to be seen and given places of honor, and the poor widow who contributes everything she has to the

temple. The scribes are described as people who devour the savings of widows. They seek contributions for their religious work, but everything they do is for prestige and for show. They are really arrogant in their practice of their religious duties. They use religion as a way to advance themselves at the cost of others. The poor widow, on the other hand, demonstrated the true spirit of religious faith. Her small contribution was all that she had. She was placing herself totally in the hands of the Lord. She was not seeking power and prestige—she was simply performing an act of absolute trust. She is what the Beatitudes call poor in spirit, for her only treasure was the love of God.

Readings for the Week

November 4th-10th:

Mon.: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tues.: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wed.: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thurs.: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

Fri.: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Sat.: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

REFLECTION

The widows in biblical times were imperiled. If they did not have sons who would care for them, their very lives could be endangered. The widow in the first reading has a young son; she is collecting sticks to build a fire to prepare the last of her flour so they can eat and die. When Elijah asks her to prepare a cake for him, she generously does so—which proves to be her salvation. Later he even restores her son to life. Jesus watches a widow put her last—literally—two cents in the temple's coffers. He has previously warned about the scribes who "devour the houses of widows" while reciting lengthy prayers. Some say Jesus is lamenting the foolishness of this widow, like the prophets of the past who railed against the neglect of widows and orphans. But most think he is praising her generosity in giving "all she had, her whole livelihood." Like her, Jesus will soon put all His trust in the Father. Do you see the widow in the Gospel as foolish, generous, or in another way? What would it cost you to put all your trust in the Lord? A good measure of our true motivation is our response when we are not thanked or even noticed for doing a good deed.

God Of All,
You have called to
Your people from the
time of Moses, and
through Your prophets
past and present, but
most especially through
Your Son, Jesus, to care
for Your little ones, for
the poor, and the
stranger. Help us to be
attentive and active
doers of Your Word.

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**Maurizio Nirchi
Richard and Maria Rodriguez**

WEDDINGS

Please remember in your prayers these couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:

**Amy Ronspies and William Joseph Epley; 11-3
Sarah Grzybek and Kevin Deegan; 11-9
Kerry Brennan and Patrick Doran; 11-10
Emily Saathoff and Matthew Mackanin; 11-24
Kelli Dougherty and Andrew Sobieszek; 12-8**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

**James Pacente
Tom Connors
Barbara Knight
Carol Lampe**

And for our deceased:

**Margaret Francone
Margaret Pietrzyk**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 3rd (5pm) **Elizabeth Barry; John Nolan; Ralph DeWitt
Lawrence J. Hanlon; Richard Pawelek; Lynn Gleiznis**

Sunday, Nov. 4th

(7:15am) **Parishioners; Clarence Horzewski**

(8:30am) **Adeline Smigiel**

(10am) **Clara McMullen; Arthur O'Connor; Donald Staszewski;**

Nicole Ann Blaszak; Anthony Matul; Ellen Murphy

(11:30am) **Isidro Yap; Jacenty and Stefanie Biela;**

John and Catherine Leonard; Bernie M. Bachelder

Mon., Nov. 5th (9am) **James Kibler; Frances Pajor; John Fitzgibbons;**

Irene and Dorothy Smith

Tues., Oct. 6th (9am) **Living and Deceased Members of the**

Seniors of Seton; Virginia Tomczak

Wed., Oct. 7th (9am) **Lois Greune; Libero Colacino;**

Souls in Purgatory; Clarence Traube

Thurs., Nov. 8th (9am) **Thomas Cloonan; Jim Thornton;**

Puchte Family

Fri., Nov. 9th (9am) **Michael Mazur; Paul Baumgartner;**

Marlene Frieri; Hazel Schwaller; Michael McGrath



Journey with the Lord and let your heart hear God's Words....

The Road To Emmaus

By Margie Guadagno
St. Elizabeth Seton Pastoral Associate

Finding the ONE Thing...

When the disciples
met Jesus
on the road,
they were
disappointed
and sad.
He walked with them
and listened to
their story.
Then, by opening up
the Scriptures
He gave them hope!
He helped them see
that they were
not abandoned
or left orphaned,
that God
was with them
and would
always be part
of their journey.

WHEN YOU GO TO COLLEGE, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CLASSES YOU MUST TAKE THAT MAY NOT PERTAIN TO YOUR MAJOR, BUT THAT THE SCHOOL CONSIDERS IMPORTANT IN ORDER FOR YOU TO GRADUATE WITH A "WELL-ROUNDED" EDUCATION. One of those classes is Philosophy. It was one I dreaded because it sounded so heady and 'out-there,' a subject that I did not think I would get my head around. However, while I found that it is indeed heady and out-there, there are many philosophical ideas I can relate to and that, in fact, do help me to understand my faith. And, indeed, eventually theology and philosophy melded together because they espouse many of the same ideas and assumptions and use very similar language to define themselves.

The first philosophers we know about lived in the era 600 BC or so. We don't have any of their actual writings, but later philosophers refer to them in *their* writings so we know about the sort of things they 'philosophized' about.

One recurrent theme from very early times until now has been the question of what keeps everything together and working. The philosopher, Thales, believed it was water because everything needs water to exist. Pythagorus thought that since the number one was in every other number that the only reality was unity: all coming from 'the ONE.' Another philosopher, Empodcles, came along and said it was the four elements, earth, wind, air, and fire that unified all.

About half way through the course I began to wonder why it was so important to those guys to figure out what held

everything together. It had to be more than just curiosity, because for many of them figuring this out was their life's work. I'm only guessing, but I suppose maybe they felt if they could find the one thing that gave substance to everything, ultimately it would enable them to find the value in themselves, the things they did, and the world around them. Actually, it sounds a lot like the same questions many of us are still asking today.

ANOTHER THING THAT BECAME VERY CLEAR TO ME DURING THIS CLASS WAS THAT JESUS IS A VERY GREAT PHILOSOPHER. Many of the things he told us were to help us find that thing that unifies everything and gives value to us and to life. In today's gospel, he is extremely clear in spelling it out for us. Love. Love of God and Love of Neighbor. If you work every day towards trying to perfect love in your heart, you cannot help but find the value in yourself, in the things that you do, and the in the world around you. And if everyone else would do the same, then we would surely find the one thing that unifies all.

But it is not easy to do. Oh, it's easy enough to love God because he is far away in heaven. He is not nearly as annoying as that co-worker we can't get along with, or the next door neighbor who won't keep their dog quiet, or that weird relative of yours that never seems to 'click' with the rest of the family. They make the 'loving your neighbor' part much more challenging.

What we probably need to do is take a page out of the early philosophers' books and make it our life's work. Jesus did and it worked well for him....it'll work just as well for us, too.

**Illinois Citizens for Life Offers
Illinois General Election Information
Sheets Available in the Parish Office**

Candidates have been surveyed and rated by Illinois Citizens for Life with respect to pro-life issues (Abortion, Euthanasia, Embryonic Stem Cell research and related issues). This was done through surveys, public statements, and/or voting records. These sheets are available in the parish office. You can also download these information sheet visit www.icl-life.com. These sheets may be taken into the voting booth.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Sing

Most parish congregations singing at Mass certainly don't offer much competition to the Sistine Choir. We all have our

share of off-key singers and raspy voices. But sing we do, and sing we must—certainly at Mass. Why?

When we sing, we let the music carry our words of prayer. And when we sing, we let the music gather us into one voice. When we sing, we begin to link ourselves with the choirs of heaven in the praise and thanksgiving of God. Think, for example, of the "Holy, Holy, Holy." The words are drawn from the prophet Isaiah who had a vision of heaven and heard this music of the angels directed to the thrice-holy, all-holy God. Here on earth, here at Mass, we make our humble beginning, connecting with angelic choirs.

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**Be Still... A Call To Centering Prayer
Wednesday, November 14th at 7pm**

You are invited to join in an hour of quiet time and learn about Centering Prayer. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Cornerstone building located on the corner of 167th St. and 94th Ave. Questions? Please call Marge at 708-460-5357.



**PRAYER FOR
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

(Text of National Prayer Cards)

O GOD OUR CREATOR,
from Your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. You have called Your people and given us the right and the duty to worship You, the only true God, and Your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of Your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask You to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all Your sons and daughters gathered in Your Church in this decisive hour in the history of Your nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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A BEAUTIFUL CRAFT,
A FAIR WAGE,
A LIFE-CHANGING
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Uganda Crafts is an organization managed by disadvantaged people that helps disadvantaged people. Uganda Crafts markets crafts for artisans and provides training in quality control, design and marketing. The organization also owns a retail store that provides employment for people with physical disabilities. One of the missions of Uganda Crafts is to provide hope to disabled people, youth and those suffering from HIV/AIDS. In addition to training, employees receive health benefits, emergency loans and transportation.

Uganda Crafts employs approximately 300 artisans in five workshops or cooperatives, 85 percent of them women. Recently Uganda Crafts purchased an 85-acre plot of land where they plan to build Uganda Crafts Village. The center will be used mainly to teach youth with disabilities about income generation. Many of these young people have now successfully started their own businesses.

In June 2000 Uganda Crafts became a privately held organization and took the name Uganda Crafts 2000 Ltd. In 2007 Uganda Crafts became a member of IFAT, the International Fair Trade Association.

Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Uganda Crafts since 1995. Ten Thousand Villages purchases Ugandan-style woven disi and raffia baskets from Uganda Crafts.

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

FAIR TRADE STORE

Saturday, Nov. 17th 12 Noon-7pm

Sunday, Nov. 18th 8:00am-2pm

Please join us in the downstairs church hall. Hospitality reception offering light refreshments, featuring Fair Trade Coffees. Sponsored by the Social Action Ministry.

AS WE ENTER THIS SEASON OF GIVING, let us remember that a gift can create new possibilities for those living in need. This Christmas, as we prepare for the coming of Christ, we can fulfill the hope of Christmas for our disadvantaged brothers and sisters by exchanging fair trade gifts. Your purchases will bring a renewed spirit of hope to the artisans who create them by helping the light of Advent shine in their daily lives. When you purchase one of the beautiful fair trade gifts, you are standing in solidarity with the artisans who created them, and helping them to live and work in dignity.

Young women will have a brighter and better future. Children will be able to attend school and create their own future because of the added income fair trade brings to their families. The farmers of Kuapa co-own Divine Chocolate, and the premium they receive from their fair trade cocoa has allowed them to invest in things like schools and teachers for their children.

Please prepare for your holidays prayerfully, give generously and shop responsibly to have a miraculous impact on those most in need. Fair Trade items provided by *Thousand Villages*, one of the world's oldest and largest fair trade Organizations. All purchases will help to alleviate poverty through trade rather than aid.

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THIS IS THE LAST IN A SERIES OF FOUR ARTICLES prepared by the Catholic Bishops of Illinois to provide guidance and reflection points for Catholics exercising their right to vote in the upcoming 2012 election. These articles are based on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) publication, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* www.faithfulcitizenship.org. More information about specific policy issues addressed by your elected officials can be found on the Catholic Conference of Illinois (CCI) website at www.ilcatholic.org.



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“[T]he right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person as this dignity is known through the revealed word of God and by reason itself. This right of the human person to religious freedom is to be recognized in the constitutional law whereby society is governed and thus it is to become a civil right.”

– *Dignitatis Humanae*, 2

This year, our own federal government, through the Department of Health and Human Services, mandated a new and narrow definition of “religious employer.” This unprecedented action could force the punishment or even closure of faith-based soup kitchens, schools and hospitals because these institutions would not fit under the federal government’s definition of “religious.” It is an ominous sign when the federal government issues the edict that Catholic Charities and other religious employers are not religious. The mandate is both illegal and unjust, and constitutes an unprecedented affront to religious liberty.¹ As we did in the *Fortnight for Freedom*, we continue to ask the laity to pray and be active in opposing this mandate that we feel is a violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution as well as other federal laws.

As our fellow bishops have written: “Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith?...What is at stake is whether America will continue to have a free, creative, and robust civil society—or whether the state alone will determine who gets to contribute to the common good, and how they get to do it.”²

A law that prohibits Catholics from living the Gospel publicly is a law that prohibits Catholics from living the Gospel faithfully. And so we join our brother bishops in calling upon “all the energies the Catholic community can muster” to oppose this threat to religious liberty.

“Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports,” said George Washington in his Farewell Address. “In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens.”

It is important to remember that religious liberty is not a Catholic issue. It is not a Christian or Jewish or Muslim issue. It is an American issue. Fundamentally, it is a matter of social justice; for when religious liberty is endangered, the good of society itself is diminished.

As bishops, we seek to bring the light of the Gospel to our flocks, but the work of politics and deciding who will represent us in this representative democracy is up to committed and courageous lay Catholics. We urge you to be both engaged and articulate in insisting that as Catholics and as Americans that we do not have to choose between being either a Catholic or an American. There is an urgent need for the lay faithful, in cooperation with those of other faiths or none, to impress upon our elected representatives the vital importance of religious liberty for a free society.

On November 6, we have an opportunity—and an obligation—to do just that.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of this nation, may God bless us all and continue to bless the United States of America.

¹ For a list of other recent violations of religious liberty both here and abroad please read “Concerns Raised in ‘Our First, Most Cherished Freedom’” which can be seen at www.ilcatholic.org.

² “Our First, Most Cherished Liberty,” <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/our-first-most-cherished-liberty.cfm>

Life Matters: Religious Liberty and the American Soul

By Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap

THE PHILOSOPHER HANS JONAS ONCE SAID that three things have distinguished human life from other animal experience since early prehistory: the tool, the image and the grave.¹ The tool imposes man's knowledge and will onto nature. The image — man's paintings and other art—projects his imagination. It implies a sense of beauty and memory, and a desire to express them.

But the greatest difference between humans and other animals is the grave. Only man buries his dead. Only man knows his own mortality. And knowing that he will die, only man can ask where he came from, what his life means and what comes after it.

The grave then is an expression of reverence and hope. When Christians and other people of good will talk about “the dignity of the human person” and “the sanctity of human life,” they're putting into words what we all instinctively know— and *have* known for a very long time. Unique in nature, and unlike any other creature, men and women possess something elevated and sacred that demands our special request.

When we violate that human dignity, we do evil. When we serve it, we do good. And therein lies one of today's many American ironies. We now live in a society that speaks persuasively about protecting the environment and rescuing species on the brink of extinction. But then it tolerates the mass killing of unborn children, and contemplates the killing of the sick and elderly in the name of their “dignity.”

Modern critics of religion like to point out that God is absent from the U.S. Constitution. And of course that's true—but not because God was unwelcome. In effect, God suffused the whole constitutional enterprise. Nearly all the Founders were religious believers, and some were quite devout. Their writings are heavily influenced by biblical language, morality and thought. America's founding could thus afford to be secular in the best sense, precisely because Americans were so religious.

The Founders saw religious faith as something separate from government but vital to the nation's survival. In his

Farewell Address, Washington famously stressed that “religion and morality are indispensable supports” for political prosperity. He added that “reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.” For John Adams, John Jay, James Wilson, John Witherspoon, Alexander Hamilton, Charles Carroll, George Washington, and most of the other Founders—including Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin—religion created virtuous citizens. And

only virtuous citizens could sustain a country as delicately balanced in its institutions, moral instincts and laws as the United States.

To put it another way: Unlike their French revolutionary counterparts, the framers of America's Constitution saw religious liberty as freedom *for* religion, not freedom *from* religion.

The American Founders therefore also presumed the existence of natural law and natural rights. These rights are inalienable because they are guaranteed by the Creator, by “nature's God,” to use the words of the Declaration of Independence. Such ideas seem to be out of fashion in much of legal theory today. But these same ideas are very much alive in the ways we actually reason and behave in our daily lives.

MOST OF US ASSUME THAT WE HAVE BASIC RIGHTS that come with the special dignity of being human. These rights are inherent to human nature. They're part of who we are. Nobody can take them away. But if there is no Creator, and nothing fundamental and unchangeable about human nature, and if “nature's God” is our rights become the product of social convention. But social conventions can change. That means the definition of who is and who isn't “human” can change.

American public life needs a framework that is friendly to religious belief because society can't support its oral claims about freedom and rights with rational and secular arguments alone. In fact, to the degree that our society encourages a culture of unbelief, it undermines its own grounding. It causes its own decline by destroying the moral coherence of a public square in which all are respected and treated as equals.²

“History affords many examples, both before and since America's founding, where restraints on religious liberty presaged the denial of other human rights. By standing up for religious liberty now, we can begin to renew the soul of America and strengthen our nation's commitment to all the rights and freedoms we enjoy as children of God.”

In the American tradition, people have a right to bring their beliefs to bear on every social, economic and political problem facing their community. For Christians, that's not just a privilege. It's not just a right. It's a demand of the Gospel. Believers can't be silent in public life and be faithful to Jesus Christ at the same time. Actively witnessing to our convictions and advancing what we believe about key moral issues in public life are acts of truth telling. They're vital to the health of every democracy. And again, they're also a duty—not only of our religious faith, but also of our citizenship.

Today, people of faith are facing a multitude of threats to religious liberty that demand our active witness and opposition. Consider these efforts¹:

- One state would have forced Catholic parishes to be restructured according to a congregational model.
- The Justice Department has argued that a federal agency can redefine and override who a Christian church considers a “religious minister” according to their faith.
- State immigration laws forbid clergy to give sacramental and pastoral care to immigrants who lack residency documentation.
- Catholic Charities in some jurisdictions have been driven out of adoption and foster care services because they refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried cohabiting opposite-sex couples.
- One jurisdiction prevents churches from renting public schools for weekend worship services, although non-religious groups can rent the same schools for numerous other uses.
- Catholic humanitarian services have been discriminated against in the awarding of government grants because they refuse to provide or refer contraceptive and abortion services.
- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) preventive services mandate requires almost all private health plans to cover contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs. For the first time in our history, the federal government will force religious institutions to fund and facilitate coverage of drugs and procedures contrary to their moral teaching, and purport to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit an exemption.

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR OUR OWN INTEGRITY AND THE INTEGRITY OF OUR COUNTRY that we stand up today against these and other attacks on our religious freedom. History affords many examples, both before and since America's founding, where restraints on religious liberty presaged the denial of other human rights. By standing up for religious liberty now, we can begin to renew the soul of America and strengthen our nation's commitment to all the rights and freedoms we enjoy as children of God. In so doing, we may also discover in our own lives what it means to be fully human.

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¹Hans Jonas, “Too, Image and Grave: On What is Beyond the Animal in Man” (1985), in Hans Jonas, *Mortality and Morality: The Search for the Good After Auschwitz*, ed. L. Vogel (Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 1996). By “tool,” Jonas does not mean the stick or stone “employed as a momentary aid” (*Ibid.*, 78) by various mammals and birds, but something imagined, then fashioned for a specific purpose, and often replicated and refined for other uses.

²See Colgate University political scientist Robert P. Kraynak, *Christian Faith and Modern Democracy: God and Politics in the Fallen World* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2001), xii and throughout.

³The list appears in “Our First, Most Cherished Liberty,” a statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, April 12, 2012; <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty-four-first-most-cherished-liberty.cfm>. (accessed May 20, 2012).



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As Thanksgiving comes again this year and we thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us and our families, please remember our sharing parish, St. Procopius.

**Turkey and Ham Drive for St. Procopius
Saturday, Nov. 17th 9:00am-12:00 Noon**

St. Elizabeth Seton will once again be collecting turkeys and hams for St. Procopius Church between the hours of 9:00am-12:00 Noon in the St. Elizabeth Seton Church parking lot. Volunteers will be on hand offering “curb-side” service to receive your donation. Jewel Store certificates will also be accepted Please call Doug Benker at 708-429-4518 to volunteer.

**Annual Women’s Club Advent Calendar Sales on Now!
After Masses on Nov. 3rd/4th and Nov. 10th/11th**



Prepare for Christmas by opening a window each day during Advent. Upon opening each window, find a wonderful piece of gourmet milk chocolate behind scenes of the Nativity story. Savor the chocolate as a special Christmas gift! A fun way to highlight the excitement of the true meaning of Christmas!

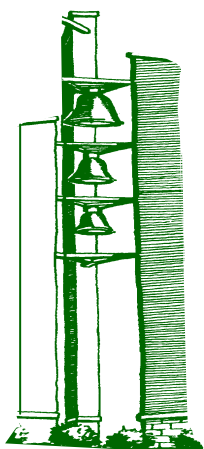
Get them while supplies last!

Where do you ask?

From any Women’s Club member
OR

**After Mass November 3rd/4th
And November 10th/11th
or in the church office anytime!**





Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

NOV. 6TH MEETING

Wear Something Western!

All are invited to wear something Western — cowboy hats, shirts, boots, kerchiefs, jeans, or frill petticoats and “sash shay” down to the November meeting. Swingn’ Sugar Squares will entertain and the Pulled Pork luncheon will be catered by

Salinas. A free-will offering for Fr. Ron Hicks will be collected for his children of Nuestrs Pequeños Hermanos at the November meeting. Please be generous.

BRING TO THE NOV. 6TH MEETING SOLDIER ITEMS FOR DONATION:

Pens/paper/stationery	cheese crackers
Playing card/games	Ritz crackers/tuna/crackers
Handheld games/puzzles	Chicken salad/crackers
Footballs/baseballs	Velveeta cheese
Soccer balls/basketballs	Cereal/granola bars
Table/Tennis Equipment	Flavored oatmeal packets
Razors/razor blades	Cup-a-Soup (no pork)
Shaving cream/deodorant	Microwave meals
Bar soap/shampoo	Pop tarts/weenie beanies
Hand sanitizers/hand lotion	Kool-Aid/Powdered Drinks
Chapstick/sunscreen	Tea/Coffee/Cocoa
Baby powder/bug repellent	Microwave Popcorn/Fritos
Socks (black and white)	Chips (in plastic containers)
Skull caps/hand warmers	Peanuts/Sunflower Seeds
Music CDS/DVD Movies	Beef Jerky/Salsa/Brownies
PS2 games	Pudding/Store Cookies
Batteries (D/AA/AAA)	M & Ms/hard candy
Feminine products	gum
Peanut butter crackers	

NOV. 28TH

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Keep this date open for the Denny Diamond and the Family Jewels appearing at the Silver Lake Country Club. Dinner and show will be \$34.

DEC. 11TH

ST. THERESE'S SHRINE

Mass, tour and lunch will be served for \$18.
Transportation is on your own.
Sign up at the November 6th Meeting.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS 1266-1308

A HUMBLE MAN, JOHN DUNS SCOTUS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL FRANCISCANS THROUGH THE CENTURIES. Born at Duns in the county of Berwick, Scotland, John was descended from a wealthy farming family. In later years he was identified as John Duns Scotus to indicate the land of his birth; *Scotia* is the Latin name for Scotland.

John received the habit of the Friars Minor at Dumfries, where his uncle Elias Duns was superior. After novitiate John studied at Oxford and Paris and was ordained in 1291. More studies in Paris followed until 1297, when he returned to lecture at Oxford and Cambridge. Four years later he returned to Paris to teach and complete the requirements for the doctorate.

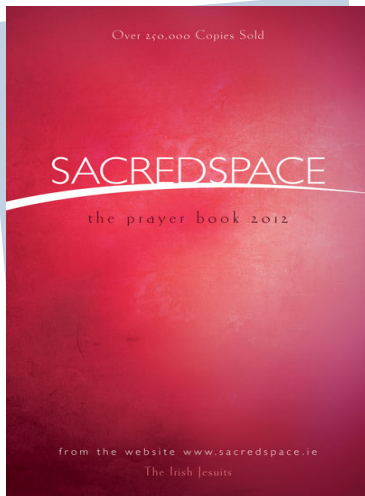
In an age when many people adopted whole systems of thought without qualification, John pointed out the richness of the Augustinian-Franciscan tradition, appreciated the wisdom of Aquinas, Aristotle and the Muslim philosophers—and still managed to be an independent thinker. That quality was proven in 1303 when King Philip the Fair tried to enlist the University of Paris on his side in a dispute with Pope Boniface VIII. John Duns Scotus dissented and was given three days to leave France.

In Scotus's time, some philosophers held that people are basically determined by forces outside themselves. Free will is an illusion, they argued. An ever practical man, Scotus said that if he started beating someone who denied free will, the person would immediately tell him to stop. But if Scotus didn't really have a free will, how could he stop? John had a knack for finding illustrations his students could remember!

After a short stay in Oxford he returned to Paris, where he received the doctorate in 1305. He continued teaching there and in 1307 so ably defended the Immaculate Conception of Mary that the university officially adopted his position. That same year the minister general assigned him to the Franciscan school in Cologne where John died in 1308. He is buried in the Franciscan church near the famous Cologne cathedral. Drawing on the work of John Duns Scotus, Pope Pius IX solemnly defined the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1854. John Duns Scotus, the "Subtle Doctor," was beatified in 1993.

COMMENT

Intelligence hardly guarantees holiness. But John Duns Scotus was not only brilliant, he was also humble and prayerful—the exact combination St. Francis wanted in any friar who studied. In a day when French nationalism threatened the rights of the pope, Scotus sided with the papacy and paid the price. He also defended human freedom against those who would compromise it by determinism. Ideas are important. John Duns Scotus placed his best thinking at the service of the human family and of the Church.



**Next Group dates:
Monday, Nov. 5th
9:30am (Cornerstone)
7pm (Call 708-403-1582
for location)**

IT'S TIME TO ORDER THE NEW... SACRED SPACE, THE PRAYER BOOK 2013

Welcome! We invite you to make a 'Sacred Space' in your day—a time to pause for a few moments and be mindful of how God is present with you and for you.

SACRED SPACE – THE PRAYER BOOK 2013 OFFERS YOU...

short, in-depth meditations on the scripture of the day. The book is perfect for anyone who would like to grow in prayer and be more connected to God, but may feel too busy to do so. Doesn't that sounds like a lot of us!

SACRED SPACE REFLECTION GROUP has been a part of the prayer life of St. Elizabeth Seton for more than five years. Interested members meet on the first Monday of each month either in the morning or the evening. Notices of the gatherings are announced in the bulletin. The shared reflections of the members are centered on the Scriptures. If you would like to purchase a copy of Sacred Space 2013 please stop in or call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. We will take orders for the book through Nov. 6th so that we can deliver them by Nov. 25th (First Sunday of Advent). The book price: between \$12 & \$14.

**The HOPE Employment Support Ministry will meet on
Tuesday, November 6th at 7pm
in the downstairs St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall.**

Helpful Outreach for People seeking Employment (HOPE) Employment Ministry

OPEN FORUM NIGHT

This month will be an open forum to discuss challenges in the job market and strategies for a successful job search.

The HOPE Employment Support Ministry is open to everyone: All of our services, to both job seekers and employers, are free of charge. Our monthly meetings consist of networking, resume review, guest speakers and open forums.

Need a resume tuned up? Send your resume to ajunkans@aol.com and then come to the next meeting to receive feedback and discuss suggestions.

Employers and HOPE Alumni: We ask that you please share job openings with us. Send your staffing needs to tom.mcmahon@mcmahonjobs.com, and they will be distributed to those who attend our monthly meetings.

The HOPE Employment Support Ministry has expanded. The HOPE Employment Support Ministry has expanded. We also meet at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St Patrick Church (St. Patrick Parish Ministry Center Parish Hall - Cass Street Building), 205 Cass St. in Lemont; and the 3rd Thursday of each month at Our Lady Of The Woods Catholic Church, 10731 W. 131st, in Orland Park.

Need more information? please call Bob Cornejo at (708) 642-2314, Mary Lou Sipple at (708) 738-5905 or Ken Krausz at (708) 214-9741. Follow us at www.linkedin.com.

BECAUSE EVERYONE CAN USE A LITTLE HOPE!



Men's Club News

UPCOMING EVENTS

Third Meeting of the 2012-2013 year

■ Wednesday, Nov. 14th

Doors open at 7pm

General Meeting begins at 7:30pm

AGENDA:

- Ted O'Connell—Recap Chicken Dinner
- Mark Lippe JDNL Candlelight Bowl
Saturday, Nov. 3rd Tickets are \$60 per couple
(see flyer on page 21 of this bulletin)
- Annual Chicago Wolves Game
April 13th Tickets are \$15 per person
- Homer Talley to announce Fr. Ron Hicks' visit
And Day of Reflection in March of 2013
- Annual Turkey Raffle
10 tickets for \$7.
Men's Club to donate five turkeys to
Together We Cope.

Dinner will be served. As always new and returning members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please note, members must sign in before the meeting.



Join the Knights of Columbus!

Be a part of an Order of over 1.7 million members worldwide whose members have donated more than 64 million volunteer hours and over \$139.7 million dollars to charitable and Church causes. Find out

how you can be a part of what Pope John Paul II called "the right arm of the Church!" The Knights of Columbus Council #4698 is conducting a membership drive and informational one hour meeting, on Tuesday, Nov. 13th at St. Stephen Church, 17500 S. 84th Ave., Tinley Park at 7:30pm (Rms. 125/126). Register to Ken Karczewski at KenK01@ameritech.net. For more information visit (local) www.Knights4698.org, or (main) www.KofC.org.

Breakfast with A Cup of Spirituality

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, present "Vatican II: How Are We Living It 50 Years Later?" on Saturday, Nov. 17th from 9am-11am in their auditorium (under the chapel). Some areas covered will be: the impact of Vatican II, the highlights of its documents, and how we as Church today are trying to live them. The donation for the morning is \$15. To make reservations call 815-464-3886 or email smhrosf@live.com.

St. George Church Offers Mission

St. George Church, 6707 W. 175th St., Tinley Park, invites you to their Parish Mission on Monday, Nov. 12th, Tuesday, Nov. 13th and Wednesday, Nov. 14th. For more information please call 708-532-2243.

Fannie May Candy Is Back!

We have great incentives to make our sale a big success! Fannie May will deliver directly to your home. You will receive a 10% discount and there is NO SALES TAX. All orders, large or small, are welcome. Order forms and catalogs are available in the Narthex. A box for completed order forms is available in the Narthex. Please make sure your address is clearly printed on your form and make checks payable to SES Women's Club. Sunday, Dec. 18th is the deadline for all orders. Candy will be delivered to your home the week of Dec. 3rd. Questions? Call Sue Rosinski at 708-460-2311 or Janie Kokotan-Krauss at 708-633-1697. The Women's Club appreciates your support of this fundraiser!

Coping With The Holidays

Recognizing that the holidays are very painful times for the bereaved of our community, Little Co. of Mary Hospital offers an evening with Fr. Jim Heneghan, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and well-known and experienced speaker on issues of grief and loss on Wednesday, Nov. 7th from 7:30-9:30pm in the Mary Potter Physicians Pavilion (lower level), 2850 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park. There is no fee, but to reserve a place call 708-229-5484. Parking available across the street in the West lot.

Stagg High School Arts/Crafts Festival

Stagg High School Music Boosters, 111th and Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, invites you to their Annual Arts for the Season Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, Nov. 10th from 9am-4pm and Sunday, Nov. 11th from 10am-3pm. Arts and crafts booths, vendor booths, pictures with Santa, lunch and food sampling, raffles, and entertainment. \$2 Adult admission. Children are free. A Pancake Breakfast is offered on Sunday, Nov. 11th from 10am-1pm.



2013
Golden
Opportunities
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.

Fall Into Winter

CONCERT AND GALA
December 2, 2012
3:00 PM

Gala immediately
following concert
in the
Parish Life Center

**THE GALA IS A
TICKETED EVENT***

*(Complimentary Entrance Ticket
will be handed out at the church
doors at the conclusion of the
concert ONLY.)

**\$5 admission to Gala
without entrance ticket.**

FREE WINE • CHEESE • APPETIZERS • DESSERTS • BEVERAGES

Raffle tickets sold in the Narthex
Nov. 24/25 and Dec. 1/2

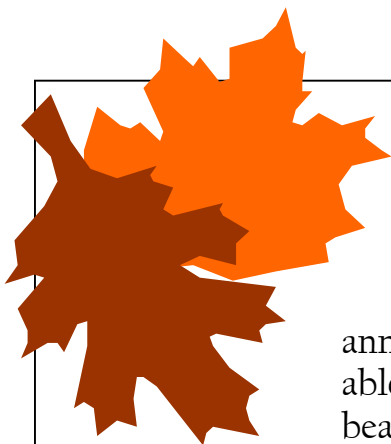
GREAT PRIZES!

- Three "ONE DIRECTION" Concert Tickets
- Apple IPOD
- Kindle FIRE HD Tablet

and many more!

**Basket
Raffle
\$2 each
3/\$5**

**Grand
Raffles!
\$5 each
6/\$20**



Dear Parish Family,

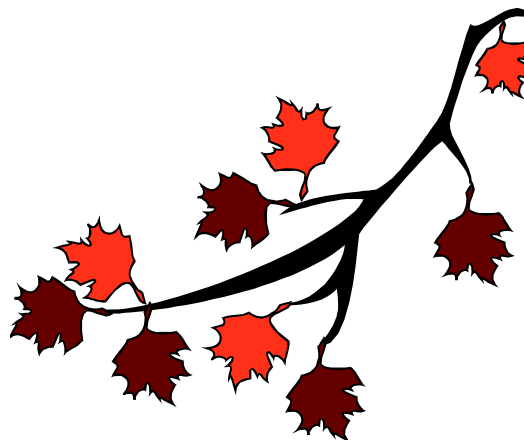
St. Elizabeth Seton's Music Department is pleased to announce our 2012-2013 Concert Series. We are excited to be able to present our parish and the Southwest Suburbs beautiful, spiritual and uplifting music provided by our volunteer cantors, choirs, and liturgical dancers. We are also enhanced by the addition of wonderful instrumentalists, some of our very own parishioners, and others who travel to our parish from near and far to be part of our concerts and celebrations. Seton's music is an inspiring mixture of classic, contemporary and traditional music.

In order to continue our tradition of enhancing our music with instrumentalists at our concerts and liturgies we rely on your generous donations. A Seton Music Program Sponsorship is a great way for your company or family to show your support for the continuation of presenting quality music to our communities. An ad book with your ad will be included in the program of each of our concerts this year.

At each concert, we have an expected attendance of over 600 people. The following form details available ad size and cost. Most importantly, your gift will enable the St. Elizabeth Seton Music Department to continue their gift of music to the parish and community.

God bless you and thank you for considering becoming a Seton Music Sponsor.

Linda McKeague
Director of Music
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish
9300 West 167th Street
Orland Hills, IL
708-403-0101, ext. 112



Seton Music Program Sponsorship

Yes, I would like to support the 2012-2013 Seton Music Program by becoming a Seton Music Sponsor. You are hereby authorized to publish an ad spot for the Concert Series ad book.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Authorized by/Contact _____

_____ I am enclosing camera-ready artwork for an ad spot.

_____ Please use my business card as ad copy.

_____ Please use exact wording below for my ad:

_____ I will not be placing an ad at this time, however I would like to make a donation to support the Music Program Concert Series. Please accept my donation of

\$_____.

Your ad placement will be featured in an ad book for the following music concert performances:

“Fall Into Winter” Concert
Fall/Christmas Gala Fundraiser
December 2, 2012
at 3pm

Lenten Cantata
Palm Sunday
March 24, 2013
at 3pm

Music Sponsor Opportunities:

• Whole Note Sponsor (full page [7.5” x 4.5”]): \$300

♪ Half Note Sponsor (half page [3.75” x 4.5”]): \$200

♪ Quarter Note Sponsor (quarter page [1.875” x 4.5”]): \$100

Please make checks payable: *St. Elizabeth Seton Music*

DEADLINE DATE: November 19, 2012

PLEASE CONTACT:

Linda McKeague, St. Elizabeth Seton Director of Music 708-403-0101



The St. Elizabeth Seton Youth Orchestra (SYO) Is Back In Season!

All High School and Jr. High School Instrumentalists are invited to join the St. Elizabeth Seton Youth Orchestra. The SYO will be directed this year by Mrs. Katie Goddard, Summit Hill Jr. High School Band Director in Frankfort and a St. Elizabeth Seton Orchestra Instrumentalist. Rehearsals are on the following dates from 6:30-8pm in the Church Music Room (off of the Narthex). Rehearsal dates are Thursday, Nov. 29th, Wednesday, Dec. 5th, Wednesday, Dec. 12th, and Wednesday, Dec. 19th. The Seton Youth Orchestra will perform on Christmas Eve at the 4pm and 6pm Masses (with a pizza party in between!). Please fill out the form below (even if you are a member from a prior year) and return to the parish office, attention Mrs. Linda McKeague, Director of Music, by Sunday, Nov. 25th.

2012 St. Elizabeth Seton Youth Orchestra

Name _____

Instrument _____

Age _____ **Grade** _____

School _____

Home Address _____

Zip _____ **Phone Number** _____

Email Address _____



The St. Elizabeth Seton Music Dept. will be presenting a Concert and Gala Reception on

Sunday, Dec. 2. We are looking for items to be raffled off at our Gala Reception. Please contact Linda McKeague at 708-403-0101, x 112.

St. George Church Offers Mission

St. George Church, 6707 W. 175th St., Tinley Park, invites you to their Parish Mission on Monday, Nov. 12th, Tuesday, Nov. 13th and Wednesday, Nov. 14th.

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.

BURIAL PALL WORKSHOPS

We are most grateful to all for your donations that keep our ministry growing. November will be the last workshops until 2013.

- Thursday, Nov. 15th, 10am-12:30pm
Zion Lutheran Church, Tinley Park
- Friday, Nov. 16th, 6:30-9pm
St. Damian School, Oak Forest

**Help Sew Diapers, Sundresses,
Pull Up Elastic Waist Pants**

**From Home for the children of Haiti!
(Sewing Kits in the parish office)**

Sewing kits come in three types: Diaper; Dress; Pants. Each kit contains cutout fabric/sewing notions, directions on how to assemble the item. As you sew, please say a prayer for the child who will receive your gift of love. Kindly return your completed work to the parish office. Each item makes a difference in a child's life.

Branches

SETON YOUTH PROGRAM

■ SUNDAY, NOV. 11TH

ANGELS AND DEMONS 5PM

We'll meet at Seton around 5pm and travel to St. Barnabas to join their teen group for a night of camaraderie, pizza, and a talk by an archdiocesan priest who serves as an official exorcist of the Catholic Church. Come hear about this little known rite and his stories. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, Nov. 4.

■ SUNDAY, NOV. 18TH

MASS AND OPEN GYM BEGINS AT 6PM

Join us for a Teen Mass at 6pm and stick around for open gym and refreshments. Family and friends are always welcomed to join us!

REGISTER BY TODAY FOR MISSION TRIP!

The registration deadline for the 2013 Teen Mission Trip is Monday, Nov. 4. Registration forms, available in the church office, must be signed and submitted to the Branches' mailbox along with a \$75 deposit (make checks out to St. Elizabeth Seton Church). You do not need to be a member of Branches to join the trip. Questions? Call Bruce Hall at (708) 403-7834.



Go to the Branches Facebook group page for all the latest or to post a question.

BAKERS SQUARE

Restaurant & Pies

HOW ABOUT A BAKER'S SQUARE PIE!

\$10 for fruit pies \$12 for cream pies

AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

NOV. 10/11 AND NOV. 17/18

Purchase a pie coupon and you pay no sales tax! All one has to do is... simply take the coupon to Baker's Square and trade it for your most favorite fresh pie! Pie certificates will expire 12/31/13.

11/10 & 11/11	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
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SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 8AM-1PM

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Rev. Stanislaw Kuca, Associate Pastor

Margie Guadagno, Pastoral Associate

Donna Stolinski, Business Manager

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Linda McKeague, Director of Music

Elaine Pawlak, Religious Education Coordinator

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Deacon: **Frank (Betty) Gildea**

Deacon: **Joseph (Nancy) Bishop**

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Diana Barracca, Administration

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Athletics

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Raymond Yanowsky, Director of Maintenance

Carlos Juarez, CJB Maintenance Coordinator

Frank Siwec, Staff **Marie Makuch**, Staff

Joseph Shake, Staff **Michael Makuch**, Staff

Mark Siwec, Staff

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