

Sharings

From Father Rich Homa

Sometimes, as we approach another new year, I think we feel like we're going to need all the help we can get. Perhaps these will:

Words To Live By

(From Celebration Magazine)

- ❖ A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.
- ❖ A mathematician is a device for turning coffee into theorems.
- ❖ A person is just about as big as the things that make them angry.
- ❖ A professor is one who talks in someone else's sleep.
- ❖ A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.
- ❖ A TV can insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.
- ❖ A weekend wasted isn't a wasted weekend.
- ❖ A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer.
- ❖ According to my calculations, the problem doesn't exist.
- ❖ Adult: One old enough to know better.
- ❖ After all is said and done, more is said than done.
- ❖ Age has its advantages. Too bad I can't remember what they are.
- ❖ All generalizations are dangerous, even this one.
- ❖ All those who believe in psychokinesis raise my hand.
- ❖ All true wisdom is found on T-shirts.
- ❖ All work and no play will make you a manager.
- ❖ Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
- ❖ Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- ❖ Am I ranting? I hope so. My ranting gets raves.
- ❖ An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support.
- ❖ Any clod can have the facts, but having an opinion is an art.
- ❖ Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- ❖ As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.
- ❖ Bad spellers of the world untie!
- ❖ Carpenter's rule: Cut to fit; beat into place.
- ❖ Be careful of your thoughts; they may become words at any moment.
- ❖ Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid.
- ❖ Attitude determines your altitude.
- ❖ Chaos, panic, pandemonium – my work here is done.
- ❖ Character is what you are. Reputation is what people think you are.
- ❖ Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- ❖ Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.
- ❖ Don't argue with a fool. The spectators can't tell the difference.

Happy New Year, and May God Bless you throughout 2013,

Fr. Rich Homa

Living The Word

Reflections for
The Epiphany of
the Lord
Jan. 6, 2013

Lord Jesus, you continue to come into the world as light that pushes back the darkness. Continue to enlighten our minds and hearts, opening them to receive You in whatever way you come to us. Remove whatever prevents our seeing your Light. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: RISE AND SHINE

The Magi directs our attention to a group of stargazers who looked beyond themselves to the heavens and found reason—or better, encouragement—to leave their comfort zone to discover the Source of All Life and Light. They encourage us to continue our quest for the One who draws us God-wards.

FIRST READING

The glory of the Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

When the Persian emperor Cyrus allowed the Jewish people to return to their homeland, they were exultant. Yet, when they returned home, all they found was devastation. God would still fulfill His promises to His beloved people. The glory of God would be upon Israel to such an extent that even the Gentile

peoples would come in pilgrimage to Jerusalem to pay homage to the Lord. No longer would the pagans carry the Israelites off into exile. Now the pagans would bring their riches and submit themselves to the God of Israel. This promise would be fulfilled with the arrival of the Magi.

SECOND READING

Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

In the Old Covenant, only the Jewish people received the promise. They were the chosen people and heirs of the promises that God had made to the patriarchs and the prophets of Israel. In the New Covenant all peoples will participate in the grace of the Lord. There will be no distinction between Jew and Greek,

slave or free, male or female. They all are chosen by the Lord. All will participate in the promise of the Gospel. They all are part of the body of Christ, which is the Church. This is the mystery of salvation: the bounty of God's love for all people.

GOSPEL

We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage (Matthew 2:1-12).

The Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Magi to pay homage to baby Jesus. Epiphany means manifestation, for we commemorate the day when the glory of God's Messiah was made manifest to the pagans (in the person of the Magi). Magi were astrologers. They

were not kings nor does it say that there were three (that is the number of gifts. They come from the east (Persia or Babylon). It is possible that the star was the elision of three planets: Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, which occurred around 7BC. The Magi would have gone to Jerusalem to inquire about the birth of a Jewish king. Herod intends to use them to murder what he considers to be a rival to his throne. Jewish scholars used a passage from Micah to determine that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. The Magi bring gold, frankincense and myrrh because these were easy to carry and valuable. Gold for a king, frankincense to honor a god, myrrh, used in burials, foretelling how Jesus would save us from sin.

Readings for the Week

December 31st-January 5:

Mon.: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 Tues.: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Wed.: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
 Thurs.: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
 Fri.: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
 Sat.: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

REFLECTION

In Tennessee William's play *The Glass Menagerie*, the always pushing and prodding mother, Amanda, comes into the living room and awakens her sleeping son. Tom, by shouting at his stretched-out figure on the pull-out couch. "Rise and shine! Rise and shine!" An irritated Tom yells back, "I'll rise, Mother, but I won't shine." By the end of the Christmas Season, many of us have similar feelings. Winter doldrums, whether or not accompanied by freezing weather and power-threatening snowstorms, often motivate little more than a slow-motion arising with little emanating radiance. But the light of this crowning feast of the Christmas season does not depend on us. Light comes to us, as it did to the Magi and to the shepherds in the fields, and as it did to Bethlehem, to Nazareth, and eventually to Jerusalem, Samaria, and from there out to the ends of the earth. The Light comes to us as gift, as grace. This Light enables Jews and Gentiles, men and women around the world to look at each other and recognize brothers and sisters rather than strangers, aliens and even enemies. The Feast of the Epiphany expresses God's will that all creation come to know the God revealed in Jesus Christ, who continues to shine forth in light and love.



Mass Schedule

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 VIGIL MASS
 NEW YEAR'S EVE
 Monday, December 31st
 9:00 am and 5:00 pm

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Tuesday, January 1st
 10:00 am

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 31st and Tuesday, Jan. 1st and will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd. The parish staff wishes all a safe and blessed New Year!

WELCOME

Deacon George and Patricia Brooks

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to **Bob and Suzanne LaCosse** who are celebrating their 29th Wedding Anniversary on Monday, Dec. 31, 2012.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

- Dakota Todd**
- Laura Muller**
- Irena Juska**
- Nancy Heebner**
- Danute Todter**
- John Mayer**

And for our deceased:

Genevieve H. McGlennon

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat., Dec. 29th (5pm) **Leroy Albers; Arthur O'Connor; Joseph Tarantino; Alice McDonald; Frank Smith III; Josephine Laprairie**
- Sunday, Dec. 30th
- (7:15am) **Parishioners**
- (8:30am) **Frank Smith; Scott Thiel**
- (10am) **Walter Altmann; Dorothy Thomas; James Reilly; Andrew Weishaar; James Paul; Leon and Alice Blair**
- (11:30am) **Cecilia Zmuda; Bob Zmuda; Tom Wendt**
- Mon., Dec. 31st (9am) **Yanahan/O'Malley Families; John Howland; Bob and Suzanne LaCosse; Herbert Norberg; Dan Rocznik; Elizabeth Burback**
- (5pm) **Parishioners**
- Tues., Jan. 1st (10am) **Parishioners**
- Wed., Jan. 2nd (9am) **Gregory Szyndrowski; Salvatore Roti; Camille Rosiak; Donald and Beverly Abbott**
- Thurs., Jan. 3rd (9am) **Annabelle Santucci; Henry Goetz Evelyn Mniszewski; ; Salvatore and Antonietta Latorraca**
- Fri., Jan. 4th (9am) **Ted Fehrenbacher; Ellen Murphy**

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. LK 2:46

*A reflection by
Jay Cormier
Waiting in Joyful Hope*

ALL PARENTS EXPERIENCE MOMENTS OF SHEER TERROR:

When their son wanders away at the mall or when their daughter comes down with an illness — they have no idea how to deal with. Along the way, they wonder how they are going to pay the mortgage, the back-to-school clothes, the braces, college tuition. There are many sleepless nights as their kids cope with the new freedoms and responsibilities of adulthood. They second-guess their decisions on discipline, the values they have tried to instill in their children, the advice they have offered. Every moment of every day, moms and dads ask why and how they can raise children when they still feel like kids themselves. And those doubts and fears continue when their children become parents.



EVERY FAMILY, at some time, has searched the temple for the lost child, fled to Egypt in time of danger, faced scandal and embarrassment together.

Mary and Joseph, and the child's struggle as a family was filled with heartache, fear, misunderstanding, and doubt, but together they created a family of love and compassion,

nurture and acceptance, trust and support. Within our own families, the love of God upholds us through life in all its disappointments and complexities. Today's feast is celebration of family — that unique nucleus of society that gives life, nurture, and support throughout our journey. Families are the first and best places for the love of God to come alive.

- *What has been the hardest situation of your family has had to deal with?*
- *How were you able to cope with it?*

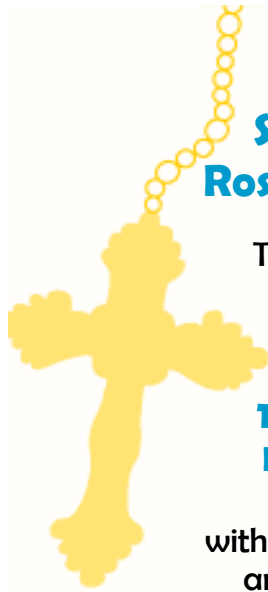
*O Heavenly Father, you have brought us together as a family
and called us to the vocation of parenthood.*

Embrace our family in your loving providence.

May your spirit of wisdom guide us as we raise and guide our children.

*In times of crisis and tension, bless our families
with the hope of your consolation and forgiveness;*

*in times of joy and growth, instill in us a spirit of thankfulness,
never letting us forget that you are Father of us all.*



Pray the Rosary with the St. Elizabeth Seton Rosary Prayer Group

The Rosary Prayer Group gathers in the church **after 9am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays** by our statue, **MARY, SEAT OF WISDOM**, to offer intentions with the intercession of Mary, and pray the decades of the rosary while contemplating the scenes of our Lord's life, death and resurrection.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

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KNOW

The Mass is no classroom, but it is the place where we come to know the most important things about ourselves, our world, and our future. "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God," Jesus says.

If we pay attention in the Mass, we come to know extraordinary things.

In and through the Mass, we know that God loves us. We know that forgiveness is in reach. We know that death does not have the last word. We know that Jesus, the Bread of Life, walks with us and sustains us.

Amazingly, at Mass we come to know the inner life and intentions of God. The words of Jesus become true for us: "And no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Matthew 11:27).

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As parents, Mary and Joseph must place their trust in the Lord as "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? There is only one way to find out... place your trust in God. If you have ever thought about the priesthood, consider attending the next Exploring Priesthood Weekend retreat held on January 11-13, 2013 at Mundelein Seminary to learn about, reflect and discuss the possibilities of diocesan priesthood in Chicago. 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 Dcn. Bob Puhala at bpuhala@usml.edu or 847-837-4562.

VOCATION CROSS PARTICIPANTS

Wednesday, January 2, 2013

Wilk Family

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.

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.



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 Our Family

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.

MY HUSBAND'S COUSIN HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE GUADAGNO FAMILY TREE FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS. It is absolutely amazing the amount of work that has gone into it. She went back three generations to Pudgy's great grandparents. She even scoured baptismal records at the church where they were baptized in Italy in the early 1800s. She did this while on vacation on a Mediterranean cruise. Now that's real dedication!!

When my dad died a year and a half ago, it became glaringly clear to me that my knowledge of my own family's roots was pretty sketchy. So, I gingerly stepped into the world of Ancestry.com. The first thing I did was to glean any information that was written in the front of the family bible that holds a place of pride on my parents' coffee table. It is a huge white one that has padded covers, with an overlay of a picture of Jesus on the front. The binding crackled as I opened it. This bible was rarely opened. (The one my dad read from every day, on the other hand, was falling apart!) As I leafed through the Genealogy pages I noted the names, dates and places of birth of my grandparents. To tell the truth, it was pretty slim pickings. Unlike my mom's family who lived down the street from us and told voluminous family stories, most of my dad's family moved away when I was very young. So over the years, my only connection to them was the occasional letter or Christmas card. I took the precious information and headed home, determined to find my roots.

I am not surprised that this is a difficult project. My grandfather was born in Europe. Finding the ship that he arrived in America on has been elusive. However,

I have managed to find his name, along with my grandmother and my dad and his siblings listed in various census years. The first time I found them was one of the most exhilarating highlights of this journey. As I read my dad's name, listed at age 9 in the 1930 census, I felt his presence looking over my shoulder saying, "Look! Look! There I am!" Finding that notation made all the hours, days, weeks, and months of searching worth it. It is moments like that one that keeps me slogging through census records, military records, vital records and statistics, and social security records long into the night and wee hours of the morning. This is definitely a long term project.

It's hard to put my finger on why this is so important. One of the reasons surely is that my family is integral to who I am. Every time I discover something about my dad or grandparent, it becomes clearer to me why I am who I am. It also gives me a greater appreciation for all the great care they took of me, giving me a good value system, and for the sacrifices that they all made on my behalf.

TODAY, AS WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, it is abundantly clear that the roots of our Christian family are just as integral to who we are as Catholics as my familial search is to me personally. In fact, our gospel journey all year long is one of discovering our roots. And each time we see ourselves reflected in the gospel is one of those highlights where we can say, "Look! Look! There I am!" It's those moments that will keep us coming back, because, this journey, too, is a long term project.



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Call Jen Krueger (708) 873-1387 or Linda Nemecek (708) 429-1583 if you have any questions.

Free Independent Foreclosure Review

If you faced foreclosure in 2009 or 2010, Catholic Charities wants you to know help may be at hand. You may be able to get a free foreclosure review through a program ordered by federal bank regulators. This review will be conducted by a neutral third party. If errors in your foreclosure process are found, you could get compensation. You give up nothing by requesting a review or accepting compensation. The deadline is December 31, 2012. To determine eligibility and request your review, call 888-952-9105 or go to www.independentforeclosurereview.com.

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



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In honor of the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Saint Elizabeth Seton, you are invited to attend the 9am Mass on Friday, January 4th. A light reception will be served following the Mass.

Saint Elizabeth Seton, First American Born Saint

ELIZABETH BAYLEY SETON WAS THE FIRST NATIVE BORN AMERICAN TO BE CANONIZED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a true daughter of the American Revolution, born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian by her mother and stepmother, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and to serve others.

The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new "holocaust," as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness.



*If I am right
Thy grace impart
still the right to say,
if I am wrong,
oh teach my heart
to find the better way."*

— ST. ELIZABETH SETON

At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed, penniless, with five small children to support.

While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and a conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805.

To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809.

More than a thousand letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She died January 4,

1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963), then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg,

Mother House on Paca Street

The Mother Seton House is the Cradle of Catholic Parochial Schools. Elizabeth Seton lived here and began her remarkable life as a religious sister, leader and educator.

ELIZABETH ANN SETON CAME TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND with her three daughters to this Federal-style house in 1808 at the request of Bishop John Carroll, the Bishop of Baltimore. She founded a school for girls in this house; she took her vows as a Sister and received the first members of her newly founded religious community, the Sisters of Charity, in the adjacent chapel. This house thus became the first Catholic school in Baltimore. In June of 1809, Mother Seton and her daughters left for Emmitsburg, Maryland in the foothills of the Appalachians northwest of Baltimore, where she continued her work until her death in 1821.



Register Now for Seton Scripture Study!
THE BOOK OF EXODUS



Thursdays: January 24th until March 21st of 2013
Morning Session: 9:45-11:00 a.m.
Evening Session: 7:30-9:00 p.m.

The study of the Book of Exodus will allow us to enter into the world of the Old Testament and the ancient Israelites. It is the story of Pharaoh’s oppression of the Hebrews, the call of Moses, the Passover, the deliverance through the Red Sea, the journey through the wilderness, the Covenant on Mount Sinai and much more. Exodus tells us how God’s miraculous intervention delivers the Hebrews from slavery, makes them a “people of his own” and leads them to the Promised Land.

PLEASE REGISTER NOW!

Registration Deadline: Monday, Jan. 7, 2013. Materials ready for pickup on Friday, Jan. 18, 2013.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Please check one:

Morning Session (9:45-11am) _____ Evening Session (7:30-9pm) _____

Fee: \$20 (Please make check payable to ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH).

For information, contact Mary Vlaming, 708-460-6235 or Father Gubbins, 708-460-9485.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**A REMINDER THAT FAITH SESSIONS
WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, JAN. 7TH
AND TUESDAY, JAN. 8TH.**



Seton Sprouts

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Family wishes joy and peace to these students who celebrated their First Reconciliation in December:

Emily Arduino
Chloe Alonso
Carlo Alvarez
Dominic Battiato
Tyler Bizewski
Emily Bobber
Joseph Boblak
Avery Bochenek
Elizabeth Bradford
Peyton Bragg
Brianna Brusokas
Konnor Bunge
Abigail Burgos
Daniel Caridi
Ariel Corona
Patrick Curry
Scott Czerwonka
Daniella Duran

John Dykstra
Troy Faille
Isabella Floress
Emily Gacek
Amber Gahse
Morgan Gallagher
Eric Garcia
Matthew Gaspardo
Rhea Gleespen
Marissa Grant
Mary Graves
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Maura Hannapel
Matthew Hurley
Patrick Irace
Charlianne Johnson
Natalie Kaslewicz
Grace Kehoe

Mikayla Kochniarczyk
Grace Labeledz
Isabella Labeledz
Julian Laxamana
Ryan Le
Marvin Lingan
Charlotte Lotesto
Ava Magana
Cooper Maniatis
James Mannion
Thomas Manzella
Timothy Matykiewicz
Salvador Miramontes
Mary O'Boyle
Michael Otway
Jaydan Overton
Skylar Overton
Stephanie Palka

Christine Pe
Anna Perez
Daniel Rediger
Haley Ryan
Emma Scarpelli
Adriana Scumaci
David Shiffer
Charles Soltys
Bradley Spinella
Mikayla Swiercz
Rachel Talusan
Joshua Tanquilut
Marielle Timola
Jacquelyn Vega
Stephanie Vogt
Charles Walker
Ryan Wojcik

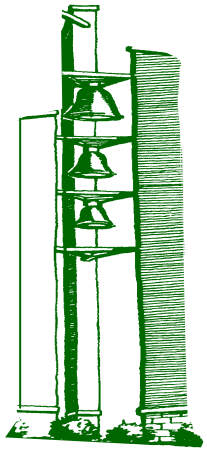
IMPORTANT RE DATES:

- **First Eucharist Presentation of Candidates** Saturday, Jan. 12th at 9am in the Church
- **Eighth Grade Confirmation Retreat** Sunday, Jan. 13th
Candidates should arrive by 12:45pm. Retreat will start at 1pm in the Parish Life Center and will end at approximately 4pm in the Church. Candidates must attend the entire retreat to fulfill the Confirmation Responsibility.
- **Fourth Grade Family Reconciliation Service** Monday, Jan. 14th at 7pm in Church.

BEST WISHES FOR A NEW YEAR FULL OF HAPPINESS AND PEACE!

Mrs. Elaine Pawlak

Mrs. Diana Barracca



Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

JANUARY 24TH

Gaelic Park Snowball

There will be a choice of stuffed pork tenderloin or roasted chicken and there will be a cash bar. Call Phyllis at 478-0471 for reservations. Last day for payment of \$25.00 per person is at the January 8, 2013 meeting.

FEBRUARY 18TH — ST. MARTHA'S

Bus Trip to St. Martha's Church, Morton Grove, Illinois. Departing St. Elizabeth's parking lot at 10:00AM. Lunch at White Eagle: Family-style meat 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 4:00PM. Reservations will be taken at the January meeting. Cost is \$60 per person.

*All of the
Seniors of Seton
wish everyone a
Happy and
Prosperous 2013*



Burial Cloth Workshops in January

Workshops to create burial cloths for the deceased of Haiti will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 8th from 6:30-9pm and Thursday, Jan 17th from 10am-12:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 171st and 70th Ave. in Tinley Park. Material is badly needed for girls dresses and diapers. Please ask friends and family to save their religious Christmas cards for use on the palls. Your donations can be dropped off in the Seton parish office.

Catholic High School Placement Tests

The Catholic High School Placement Test will be given at most Catholic high schools on Saturday, Jan. 12th at 8am. Students do not need to register for the test. Simply go to the Catholic High School where the student wishes to enroll. The placement test fee is \$25 payable either by cash or check on the day of testing. To find a high school where a student would like to take the test, please visit <http://schools.archchicago.org>.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

In a world of fiercely guarded corporate names and logos, it should be easy to understand this feast. The letters IHS are an abbreviation of *Jesous*, the Greek name for Jesus.

Although St. Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name

because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus "that name that is above every name" (see 2:9), this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of St. Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan.

Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century.

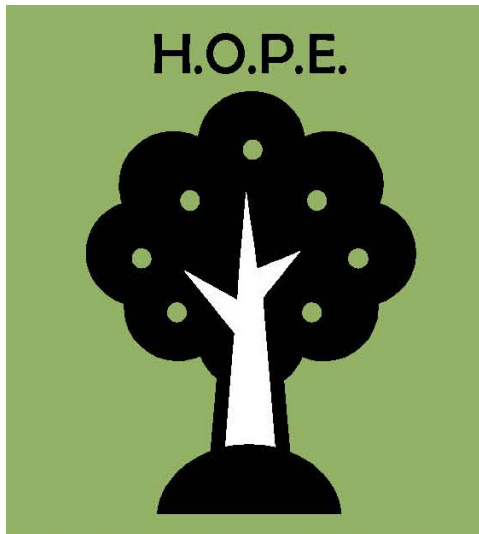
In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church.

COMMENT:

Jesus died and rose for the sake of all people. No one can trademark or copyright Jesus' name. Jesus is the Son of God and son of Mary. Everything that exists was created in and through the Son of God (see Colossians 1:15-20). The name of Jesus is debased if any Christian uses it as justification for berating non-Christians. Jesus reminds us that because we are all related to him we are, therefore, all related to one another.

QUOTE:

"Glorious name, gracious name, name of love and of power! Through you sins are forgiven, through you enemies are vanquished, through you the sick are freed from their illness, through you those suffering in trials are made strong and cheerful. You bring honor to those who believe, you teach those who preach, you give strength to the toiler, you sustain the weary" (St. Bernardine of Siena).



**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.).

1/5 & 1/6	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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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