



Holy Mary, Pray For All Mothers

PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF THE LORD FOR ALL MOTHERS

*Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you.
We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood.*

*Dear Mother, thank you for your “Yes”
to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth
and changed human history.*

*You opened yourself to God’s word and the Word
was made flesh and dwelt among us.*

*Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers.
Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love
so that they could join with you in giving their own “Fiat.”
May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love
the very heart of the vocation of motherhood.*

*May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration
for all of us called to follow your Son.*

*On this Mothers Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate,
pray for us who have recourse to you.*

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

ABOUT THE NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of our Lord, Himself, when he sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only Novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and the strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

(This prayer, primarily used in the great Novena to the Holy Spirit that is recited every year between the Ascension and Pentecost, is also a good prayer to say every week, in order to rededicate ourselves to the Holy Spirit, and after Confession, to ask for the grace not to sin again.)

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light and listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion, to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening." Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are seven gifts granted to us through sanctifying grace. In this prayer, which is part of the famous Novena to the Holy Spirit recited every year between the Ascension and Pentecost, we ask Christ, Who promised the Holy Spirit to the apostles, to send His Spirit to us that we may receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.)

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that the Spirit may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth; the Spirit of Counsel, that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven; the Spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge, that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints; the Spirit of Piety, that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable; the Spirit of Fear, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

NINE-DAY NOVENA

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION-PENTECOST SUNDAY

■ DAY ONE

Verse for Day One

*Holy Spirit! Lord of Light! From Your clear celestial height,
Your pure beaming radiance give!*

Meditation Day One: "The Holy Spirit"

Only one thing is important—eternal salvation. Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared—sin. Sin is the result of ignorance, weakness, and indifference. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light, of Strength, and of Love. With His sevenfold gifts, He enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames the heart with love of God. To ensure our salvation, we ought to invoke the Divine Spirit daily, for "The Spirit helps our infirmity. We know not what we should pray for as we ought. But the Spirit Himself will ask for us."

Prayers for Day One

Almighty and eternal God, Who has promised to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and has given us forgiveness of all sins, promise to send forth from heaven upon us your sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

Pray: The Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be, and repeat these prayers seven times.

Pray: The Act of Consecration (see page two) to the Holy Spirit

Pray: The Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (see page two)

■ DAY TWO

The prayer, verse, and meditation remind us that the fear of the Lord, the first gift of the Holy Spirit, is the beginning of wisdom.

Verse for Day Two

*Come, Father of the poor. Come treasures which endure.
Come, Light of all that live!*

Meditation for Day Two: "The Gift of Fear"

The gift of Fear fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by sin. It is a fear that arises, not from the thought of hell, but from sentiments of reverence and filial submission to our heavenly Father. It is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom, detaching us from worldly pleasures that could in any way separate us from God. "They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and in His sight will sanctify their souls."

Prayers for Day Two

Come, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set you, my Lord and God, before my face forever; help me to shun all things that can offend You; and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Your Divine Majesty in heaven, where You live and reign in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, God, world without end. Amen.

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■ DAY THREE

We pray for piety, the submission to all rightful authority (including respect for our ancestors) that flows from love of God.

Verse for Day Three

*Thou, of all consolers best, visiting the troubled breast,
Does refreshing peace bestow.*

Meditation for Day Three: "The Gift of Piety"

The gift of Piety begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as

our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect, for His sake, persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those who are vested with His authority, His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church and its visible Head, our parents and superiors, our country and its rulers. He who is filled with the gift of Piety finds the practice of his/her religion, not a burdensome duty, but a delightful service. Where there is love, there is no labor.

Prayers for Day Three

"Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle therein such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in His service, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen."

Pray: The Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be, and repeat these prayers seven times.

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■ DAY FOUR

"Courage" is often used as another name for fortitude, but, as we can see in the verse, prayer, and meditation fortitude is more than courage: It is also the strength to do what is necessary to live a holy life.

Verse for Day Four

*Thou in toil art comfort sweet, Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.*

Meditation for Day Four: "The Gift of Fortitude"

By the gift of Fortitude, the soul is strengthened against natural fear, and supported to the end in the performance of duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which move it to undertake without hesitancy the most arduous tasks, to face dangers, to trample under foot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

Prayers for Day Four

"Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from Thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen."

Pray: The Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be, and repeat these prayers seven times.

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■ DAY FIVE

We ask for the gift of knowledge, so that we may truly understand that the world is ordered toward God and we may be able to perceive His will for us.

Verse for Day Five

*Light immortal! Light Divine! Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill!*

Meditation for Day Five: "The Gift of Knowledge"

The gift of Knowledge enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth—in their relation to God. Knowledge unmasks the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity, and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first, and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possess it."

Prayers for Day Five

"Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal rewards. Amen."

Pray: The Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be, and repeat these prayers seven times.

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DAY SIX

On the sixth day of the Novena to the Holy Spirit, our prayer, verse, and meditation focus on the gift of understanding, which helps us to grasp the meaning of the revealed truths of Christianity and to live our lives in accordance with those truths.

Verse for Day Six

*If Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in humankind will stay,
All good is turn'd to ill.*

Meditation for Day Six: "The Gift of Understanding"

Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion. By faith we know them, but by Understanding, we learn to appreciate and relish them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life. Our faith ceases to be sterile and inactive, but inspires a mode of life that bears eloquent testimony to the faith that is in us; we begin to "walk worthy of God in all things pleasing, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Prayers for Day Six

"Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Thy Light; and, in the light of glory, to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen."

Pray: The Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be, and repeat these prayers seven times.

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DAY SEVEN

"Counsel," our meditation for the seventh day of the Novena to the Holy Spirit tells us, "is supernatural common sense." With this gift of the Holy Spirit, we can translate our faith into action in everything that we do.

Verse for Day Seven

*Heal our wounds--our strength renew; On our dryness
pour Thy dew, Wash the stains of guilt away.*

Meditation for Day Seven: "The Gift of Counsel"

The gift of Counsel endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must be done, especially in difficult circumstances. Counsel applies the principles furnished by Knowledge and Understanding to the innumerable concrete cases that confront us in the course of our daily duty as parents, teachers, public servants, and Christian citizens. Counsel is supernatural common sense, a priceless treasure in the quest of salvation. "Above all these things, pray to the Most High, that He may direct thy way in truth."

Prayers for Day Seven

"Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do Thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of Thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long. Amen."

Pray: The Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be, and repeat these prayers seven times.

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DAY EIGHT

Our prayer, verse, and meditation for the eighth day of the Novena to the Holy Spirit focus on wisdom, "the most perfect of the gifts" of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom shows that the Christian Faith involves the head as much as the heart, and reason as much as the will.

Verse for the Eighth Day

*Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen, warm the chill. Guide
the steps that go astray!*

Meditation for Day Eight: "The Gift of Wisdom"

Embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. Of wisdom, it is written "all good things came to me with her, and innumerable riches through her hands." It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, while the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words of the Savior: "Take up your cross and follow me, for my yoke is sweet and my burden light."

Prayers for the Eighth Day

"Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power, and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help me to attain them and possess them for ever. Amen."

Pray: The Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be, and repeat these prayers seven times.

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DAY NINE

The gifts of the Holy Spirit that we've been praying for over the past seven days are supernatural graces. As we cooperate with those graces by performing acts of virtue, we grow in the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, which reinforce our desire to do good.

Verse for the Ninth Day

Thou, on those who evermore Thee confess and Thee Adore, in Thy seven-fold gift, Descend; Give Them Comfort when they die; Give them Life with Thee on high; Give them joys which never end. Amen.

Meditation for Day Nine: "The Fruits of the Holy Spirit"

The gifts of the Holy Spirit perfect the supernatural virtues by enabling us to practice them with greater docility to divine inspiration. As we grow in the knowledge and love of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit, our service becomes more sincere and generous, the practice of virtue more perfect. Such acts of virtue leave the heart filled with joy and consolation and are known as Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These Fruits in turn render the practice of virtue more attractive and become a powerful incentive for still greater efforts in the service of God, to serve Whom is to reign.

Prayer for the Ninth Day

"Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that I may never weary in the service of God, but, by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration, may merit to be united eternally with Thee in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen."

Pray: The Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be, and repeat these prayers seven times.

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Living The Word

Reflections for
PENTECOST
SUNDAY
May 19, 2013

NEXT SUNDAY'S FOCUS: HOLY SPIRIT, MEGA-GIFT

The Easter Season concludes with the great feast of Pentecost, celebrating the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. The Spirit comes as the final stage of God's love affair with the world. Through the Spirit God continues to touch our lives.

FIRST READING

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak (Acts 2:1-11).

Pentecost was already a pilgrimage festival for the Jewish people, hence the large Jewish crowd from all over the world who were there when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and Mary. The fact that they are from all the countries foreshadows the fact that the Gospel would spread to all nations and in fact, be a list of all nations that had already received the Gospel when this book was written. The strong wind is reminiscent of the Spirit of the Lord that hovered over the

waters on the first day of creation. This was a new creation in which the people of God were being made into the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. The tongues of fire was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel that the Spirit would come upon God's people. We are no longer filled with loneliness, alienation and fear. There was a healing of the confusion of languages as the apostles could speak in their own language and everyone could understand them.

SECOND READING

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

The community of Corinth suffered from some misunderstandings concerning the role of the Holy Spirit. They considered the gifts they had received to be signs of power that

made them better than others. St. Paul attempts to correct their arrogance by teaching them the gifts are given for the common service. They are not for our own profit.

GOSPEL

As the Father sent Me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

In John's account, Jesus breathes upon the disciples to give them the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is in imitation of how God created Adam. God breathed His Spirit into Adam and he came to life. Jesus breathes His Holy Spirit into the disciples and they are given new life in Him. The gift of the Holy Spirit is

also associated with the forgiveness of our sins. The Spirit is God's love and is so filled with mercy that it brings us pardon. The sin against the Spirit is to believe that our sins are unforgivable or to presume upon God's mercy by only pretending to be sorry for what we have done.

Readings for the Week

May 13th-May 18th:

Mon.: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tues.: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Wed.: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thurs.: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Fri.: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-1
Sat.: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

REFLECTION

A theologian once quipped that we might possibly think of the Holy Spirit as the Cinderella of the Trinity because the Holy Spirit does the work while the Father and the Son get the attention. Everyone laughed—but these readings highlight the many ways the Holy Spirit enters our lives and gets to work. Begin with the images of the Spirit found in the scripture: a strong, driving wind; hovering tongues of fire; the lavisher of languages; the giver of the spiritual gifts; the breath of the Risen Lord; the

power of forgiveness—and these are only a few of the names given to the Holy Spirit. Turn to the Gospel of John, in which Jesus refers to the Spirit as the Paraclete or Advocate, the Teacher, the Witness. Find the Sequence for the Feast of Pentecost in a worship aid and you will discover even more insights into the role of the Spirit cast in a poetic form: father of the poor, the comforter, sweet refreshment, grateful coolness, healer of wounds, renewer of our strength. And two great lines: "Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill." The work of the Holy Spirit is to bring us to life and then to make us life-givers for others. Paul reminds us that all the gifts of the Spirit are given for the common good. The Church was born after this mega-gift was given to a small group of disciples who were disciples of a crucified Galilean. The Spirit is truly the Gift That Keeps On Giving. What gift of the Holy Spirit would you ask for, not only for yourself, but for the good of those you love?

*Come Holy Spirit;
Bring peace, mercy,
forgiveness, justice,
and wisdom to our
world and its leaders.
Make your home in me
that I might bring your
light into the world.
Amen.*

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mother's Day is one of the most beautiful days we celebrate in the course of the year....

The respect to our mothers has developed since our childhood. This link of love which connects us with our mothers is a very precious gift of God. On this Mother's Day I share a few suggestions to all of us:

♥ It is good to call Mom and say, "I love you." It is basically all I can do (as my mom, Mary, lives in Poland).

♥ The gift of time is the most beautiful gift we can offer to our mothers.

♥ Don't forget others 365 days a year.

If you hadn't purchased flowers for your Mom as of yet, you can do so in the Narthex of our church. Fresh flower bouquets are available this weekend through the efforts of the St. Elizabeth Seton Social Action Ministry. All proceeds from this sale supports women in crisis pregnancies through the Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. What better way to remember your mother than sharing the gift of life. Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATE

Seton Men's Club would like to provide a Sunday afternoon cookout for the parish to enjoy one another's company, as well as an opportunity to "meet and greet" our new pastor, Fr. Bill Corcoran. Hamburgers/hot dogs and DJ will be provided. The tentative date is: Sunday, July 14, 2013. Stay tuned to future bulletins for more details.

DON'T WASH YOUR CAR!

Instead, please bring your "dirty" car to the church parking lot on Saturday, May 18th from 9am-Noon where our Branches Teens will be waiting to wash and vacuum your cars. This fundraiser will help our Branches Teen Group to go on their Mission Trip this summer.

God bless you,

Fr. Stan Kucza

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION FOR 5-5-13: **\$23,317.35**

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: **\$51.35**

Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME

Robert McDonald

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to these parents on the baptism of their child on May 7, 2013:

Gianna Nicole, child of Jose Campos and Ashley Nagel
Angelo Joseph, child of John Moncada and Jamie Gushi
Camden Scott, child of Scott and Kristen Prieto

WEDDINGS

Please pray for those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:

Christine Tucker and Justin Funke; 5-17-13
Katie Bryan and Josh Burnham; 5-25-13
Mary Brennan and Mike Naughton; 5-31-13
Caitlin Burns Bekta and Gregory Palagi; 6-1-13
Andrea Guzzino and Robert Ruglio; 6-14-13
Valerie Andrews and Jeffrey Gossage; 6-15-13
Lindsay Doyle and Shaun Farrell; 6-15-13

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Cass Piorkowski
Guillermo Reyes
Jim Bond
Ed Bakotic

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., May 11th (5pm) **Anna Vallort; June Tunelius; Yolanda Politano; Marie Skibinski; Raymond Durkin; Josephine Tarantino; Ronald Dresden**

Sunday, May 12th

(7:15am) **Mary Lou Naponiello**
 (8:30am) **Joan Sipowicz; Eleanor Michalski; Adeline Smigiel; Julia Kovach; Joseph Kelbus; Phyllis J. Minnick; Helen Paciga**
 (10am) **Teresa Siwec; Clara McMullen; Mary Keane; Evelyn Mniszewski; Willard and Estelle Bush; Maureen Haas**
 (11:30am) **Corinne Gillis; Robert Roeper**

Mon., May 13th (9am) **Floyd Brombeck; Anna Herman; Ed Chianelli**

Tues., May 14th (9am) **James Smith; Mary Hayden; Lydia Irwin**

Wed., May 15th (9am) **Clara McMullen; Stephanie Donofrio;**

Ryszard Maly

Thurs., May 16th (9am) **Paul Baumgartner; Rev. Joseph Traube**

Fri., May 17th (9am) **Ryszard Maly; Jack Smith**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reconcile Yourself To God And Others

A reflection from *LIVING LITURGY*
By Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S.,
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THE ENGLISH WORD "HOMAGE" COMES FROM THE LATIN *HOMO* MEANING "MAN". In Medieval times it was the ceremony by which a vassal pledged his allegiance to his lord. Homage, then, predicated relationship, obedience, service, respect, fidelity. Jesus' last earthly gesture toward the disciples was to bless them. In response, the disciples "did him homage" and experienced "great joy." This response was not to Jesus' departure from them, but was an expression of a new relationship to him, the risen One. Now instead of accompanying him in his ministry, they were "clothed with power from on high" to be his presence and do his ministry. In essence, Jesus' last gesture toward the disciples was to empower them to be "witnesses of these things." His blessing empowered them to live a wholly new relationship with him, one that would be expressed in their obedience to his word, in their serving his saving mission, in their respecting his continued presence, and in their continued fidelity to everything Jesus had taught them.

ALTHOUGH JESUS "WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN," the ascension does not end Jesus' work but inaugurates a new way of carrying it out: Jesus passes the mission on to his disciples ("you are witnesses of these things") and promises them the power to fulfill it ("clothed with power from on high"). The mission and the power are now theirs. With Jesus' ascension, the necessity of



A NEW START

"As He blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did Him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the Temple praising God."

— Luke 46:52-53

discipleship is clear. The ascension prepares the way for the powerful and enduring presence of the Holy Spirit in the disciples who continue his ministry.

TRUE, THE ONE IN WHOM the disciples had placed their hope had ascended to the right hand of God. Interestingly enough, rather than leaving the disciples alone, Jesus' ascension leads them to grasp what being a community of disciples really means. They witness, pay homage, and are "continually in the temple praising God." With Jesus' ascension and blessing, the disciples live a whole new relationship with him. Rather than simply as vassals to a lord, their relationship is response to the Lord of Life who now dwells within them through his Holy Spirit. *Now we are his disciples, we are the ones in whom the*

Holy Spirit dwells. We are the living presence of the risen Christ in our world today!

THE CHALLENGE WHICH REMAINS is to make all this practical in our daily living. Perhaps we could begin the habit of thinking about those we are with every day in terms of "Body of Christ." Perhaps we could make it a point to say an encouraging word to someone each week. Perhaps we could encourage others who have been absent to come to church to worship on Sunday. In all these ways we are disciples, making Jesus' risen life present to others. In all these ways we are making visible our own relationship with the risen Christ, witness to how we have grafted our life onto his, how our discipleship continues his own ministry.

Lord, this day enthrones you in the midst of all human activity. It turns sorrow into joy. It enables us to converge in a moment of worship. You are rising to new glory everywhere in our lives. Grant us the faith to recognize your wonderful presence and to be witnesses of your glory through all the earth. Amen.

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Fresh flower bouquets will be sold after all Masses next weekend, Saturday, May 11th and Sunday, May 12th

Volunteers are needed to help sell bouquets in the Narthex after Masses.

To volunteer, please call Carol at 708-403-9447.



Grand Garden Hydrangea Bouquet	\$30
Bouquet of Gerbera Daisies	\$20
Springtime Floral Bouquets	\$10
Bouquet of Roses	\$13 2/\$25
Bouquet of Carnations	\$8 2/\$15

Please Note: Single Stem Roses will not be available for sale during this fundraiser.

Proceeds from the sale of flowers help support the life-saving work of

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

Phone: 773-794-1313

www.womens-center.org



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

The Road To Emmaus

By Margie Guadagno
St. Elizabeth Seton Pastoral Associate

Happy Mother's Day!

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.

I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT I HAVE TO DO major housecleaning after being in this house for only twelve years. When we moved here in 2001, we had already cleaned out 35 years worth of 'stuff.' For most of it we were glad to finally pitch it. However, for some of it, it was gut-wrenching. It was so difficult to let go of the cribs, walkers, bouncy chairs, wind-up swings, and all the darling little outfits so meticulously packed away that had turned yellow and dingy anyway. After we were ensconced in our new house, I figured I would not have to ever do *that* again. But... here I am, going through closets and boxes and now, horror of horrors, a computer hard drive of all things!!

I am by no means a geek when it comes to techie stuff, but I can get around a computer and know how to search directories and files. Since I will be passing my computer on to my son, I wanted to make sure any sensitive information was gone and clear the hard drive of "junk" so he has room for his "junk", oops, I mean important stuff.

I was sailing along uninstalling programs I no longer use and thought I was done until last week when, looking at the main drive that lists all the programs on a computer, I found a directory named My Pictures. I started to look them over. For some of my grandchildren, 12 years is their whole life so it was taking me quite some time. Then, I found a picture of a recent dinner. There were my two cousins, their mom, my sister and I, and my mom and her sister! It literally took my breath away.

When I was a child this particular group got together often, but for the last 20 years, it has not been so easy. My mom looked particularly happy. Her sister is her last sibling living and my aunt her last sister-in-law. She was fairly beaming. Then it occurred to me that if it wasn't for her, I wouldn't be sitting

here reliving my own life filled with memories of my children and grandchildren. Because of that tiny, little woman (only 5' 2") dedicating her life to raising my sister, brother and me and giving us a wonderful, love-filled home, I am a healthy, happy woman able to pass on that legacy to my own family. I was especially overwhelmed with love and gratitude for her in that moment. I am so grateful to God that she is my mother. I am very much like her and she is very much like many of the women God has given us as our own ancestors in faith.

THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES in Scripture (though we rarely hear their stories proclaimed on Sundays).

There was Deborah, an Old Testament judge, who led an army to protect her people. Ruth, an ancestor of Jesus, was a woman of fierce loyalty to her family. The mother of the Maccabee brothers was a source of encouragement for her sons' bravery when they were faced with dire adversity and Esther and Judith were queens who put their lives on the line to save their people. We may be more familiar with the New Testament women: besides Mary, Jesus' mother, and Mary Magdalene, we have Phoebe, a deaconess of the early Church who spent her life helping those in need, and Lois and Eunice, a mother and daughter who passed on their faith in Christ to their children. All resilient women gifted by God with strengths and virtues that have been passed down through the ages to all of us as models to emulate. I know God has graced my mother with them, as I am sure God has graced your mother with them.

May we always remember them and may we always be blessed by their lives.

Happy Mother's Day to all!

PALL WORKSHOPS HAVE RESUMED

Burial Pall Workshops resume at Zion Lutheran Church, 17100 S. 69th Ave., Tinley Park on Thursday, May 16th from 10am-12:30pm; St. Damian Church, 5300 W. 155th St., Oak Forest, on Friday, May 17th from 6:30-9pm. Your donations of gently used sheets and pillowcases will be accepted in the church office. Thank you for your support.

SEWING KITS FOR HAITI AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Dress/pants/diaper kits are now available in the church office to sew for the children of Haiti. All items needed are provided (including pattern). Please return garment to the St. Elizabeth Seton church office.



Newborns in Need

The Seton Sowers chapter of Newborns in Need will be meeting Monday, May 20th at 9:15am (please note time change) in the downstairs church meeting room. If you knit, crochet, or sew, we can use your skills to make clothing and

blankets for newborn babies who need to spend time in the hospital. We can also use donations of yarn and fabric. For more information please call Carol Dimer at 708-479-6994.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

Thank

Photo © John Zich



If as children we were trained to be polite, the words "thank you" may roll off our tongues dozens of times daily. Of course, it's good to be polite, but, in the routine of saying thank you, we may have lost its deeper meaning. In its fullest and deepest sense, to thank someone is to acknowledge their gift or their favor and also to acknowledge that

we cannot give something back in return. To thank someone in this more authentic sense means to stand grateful but also indebted before someone who has been so good to us.

"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." We hear the invitation at Mass, and it is not an invitation to repeat a commonplace, hastily spoken thank-you. To give thanks to the Lord is a full and humble acknowledgment of God's goodness to us manifested in the Death and the Resurrection of Jesus. There is truly nothing we can offer to "pay back" the Lord for all his goodness. Together, we stand before God grateful and indebted. God has done great things for us. We will never forget.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO + STRATEGIC PASTORAL PLAN
YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS / YEAR OF FAITH

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IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS PROMISED his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise.

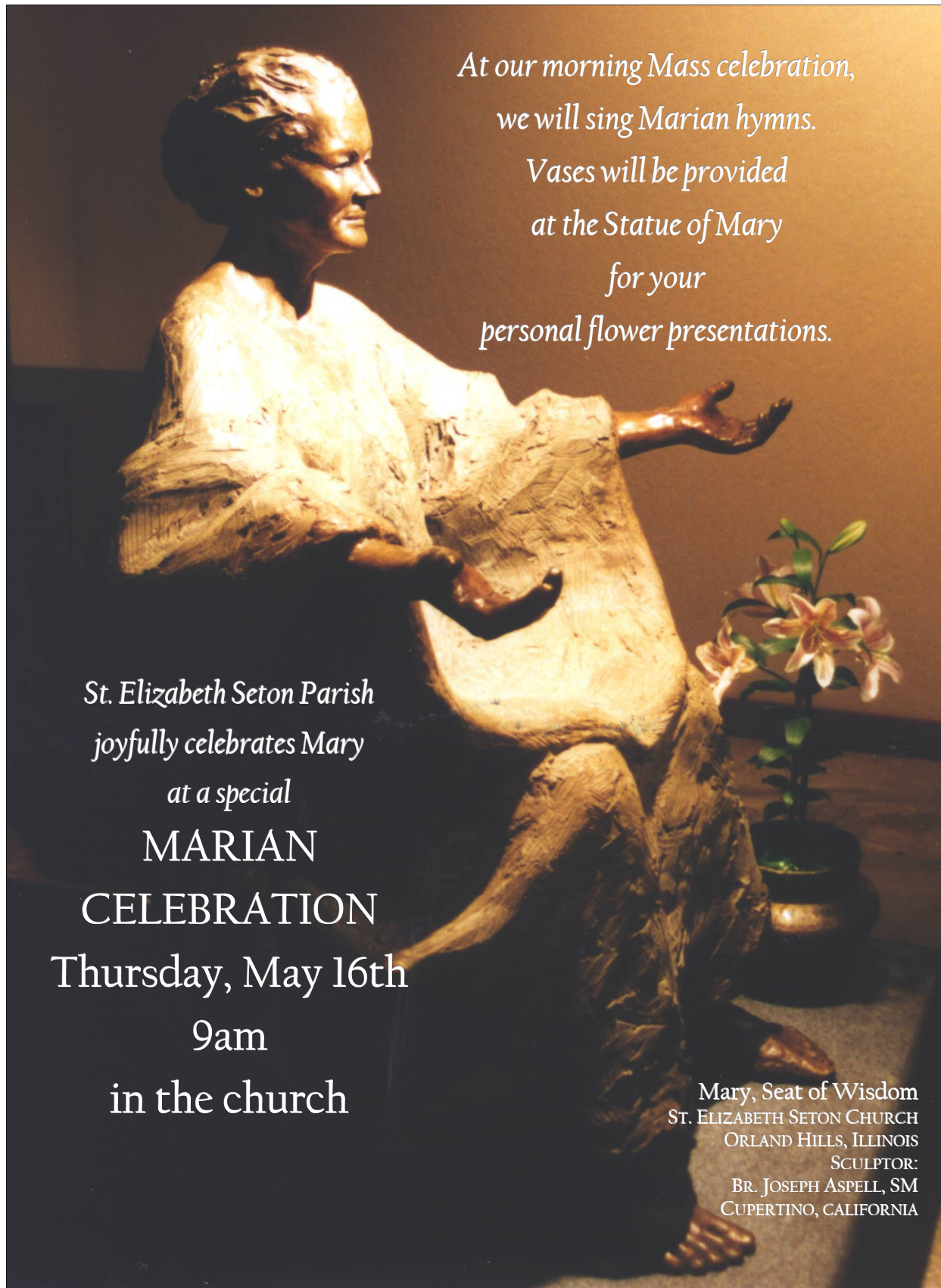
If you think God is calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood, contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or email at bwelter@archchicago.org or visit their website at www.ChicagoPriest.com.

For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at eramirez@archchicago.org or call 312-534-5240, and for the Permanent Diaconate Program, contact Deacon Bob Puhala at bpuhala@usml.edu or 847-837-4562.

Vocation Cross 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.

*Holy Spirit,
open the hearts and minds
of young women and men
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.*



*At our morning Mass celebration,
we will sing Marian hymns.
Vases will be provided
at the Statue of Mary
for your
personal flower presentations.*

*St. Elizabeth Seton Parish
joyfully celebrates Mary
at a special*
**MARIAN
CELEBRATION**
Thursday, May 16th
9am
in the church

Mary, Seat of Wisdom
ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH
ORLAND HILLS, ILLINOIS
SCULPTOR:
BR. JOSEPH ASPELL, SM
CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA



St. Elizabeth Seton Church FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate these First Communicants
on the celebration of First Eucharist
on Saturday, May 4, 2013:

*Chloe Alonso
Carlo Alvarez
Emily Arduino
Dominic Battiato
Tyler Biszewski
Emily Bobber
Joseph Boblak
Avery Bochenek
Elizabeth Bradford
Payton Bragg
Brianna Brusokas
Konnor Bunge
Abigail Burgos
Daniel Caridi
Ariel Corona
Patrick Curry
Scott Czerwoka
Daniella Duran
John Dykstra
Troy Faille*

*Isabella Floress
Emily Gacek
Amber Gahse
Morgan Gallagher
Eric Garcia
Matthew Gaspardo
Rhea Gleespen
Marissa Grant
Mary Graves
Sabrina Guzik
Maura Hannapel
Matthew Hurley
David Ignacio
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
Matthew McGuinness
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*

A REMINDER:

Registration for the 2013-14 Faith Year is in process. In order to secure the Early Bird fee, registrations must be turned in to the Religious Education office by June 13th. For more information please call 708-403-0137.



Seton Sprouts

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR 2013-14 FAITH YEAR

As we have begun to plan for the upcoming year we are currently in need of volunteer Catechists for Grades 1-4 on Monday afternoons from 4:30-6pm and Grade 7 on Monday evening from 7-8:30pm. Training is provided. If interested, please contact Elaine Pawlak in the RE Office at 708 403-0137 ext. 118.

**FIRST EUCHARIST DAY
MAY 4, 2013**

It was a beautiful spring day last Saturday, the sun was shining outside and the love of Jesus was shining in the faces and hearts of the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. It is always such a privilege to witness these young people gathering around the Lord's holy table for the first time. May the love of our Lord continue to grow in their hearts in the coming years.





Visit Branches on Facebook for updates/added events!

Branches Youth Group

WHO CAN JOIN? ALL TEENS EIGHTH GRADE THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Branches Mission Trip



**Only
\$7 car
\$10 van**

**Saturday, May 18th
9am-Noon**

Fundraiser to benefit our
Branches Teen Group
Mission Trip this summer



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Every Wednesday in May with Games in June and July**
SOFTBALL ON THE GREEN 5:30-7PM

Any parish teens and their friends are welcome to join the Seton Saints Summer Softball Team.

- **Sunday, May 19th FAMILY MASS AND DINNER 5:30-8:30PM**

.Mark your calendars for this traditional end of the year celebration of Mass, dinner, and fun and games with your parents and siblings!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Bruce Hall, Adult Co-Leader, brucew.hall@gsa.gov or 708-403-7834.



READY...GET SET...
**RESPOND
 NOW**
 5K Run for Hunger

June 8, 2013
Bicentennial Park
Olympia Fields, IL
8 a.m. Start • \$20

Help us fight hunger!

The 2nd Annual Respond Now 5K Run / Walk for Hunger begins at Bicentennial Park in Olympia Fields and takes participants through a scenic, tree-lined neighborhood. Serious runners love the flat, fast, USATF certified course, and helping a great cause. Casual runners and walkers also love having a healthy, fun way to be a part of the efforts to combat hunger in the south suburbs.

Registration & Sponsorship Info...

To register online or to sponsor a participant, please visit the 5K Race / Walk website at respondnow5k.org. Event sponsorship opportunities are also available.



"Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water...it will make ripples throughout the entire pond."

— Jessy and Bryan Matteo



Women's Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, May 15th**
Parish Life Center doors open at 6pm
Meal served at 6:30pm
Special Entertainment from 6:45-7:15pm
Installation Meeting starts at 6:30pm

Installation of officers and a delicious meal catered for all of us with special entertainment. If you have not already signed up for the meal — please contact Lynn Miller at 708-460-6113, so we have an accurate count for the food to be ordered.

Please bring your feedback and ideas to this meeting as we begin to look at what we loved this year and what other fun things we could add to the agenda for next year. See you Wednesday!



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013 at 2:45pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State St., Chicago. Couples married in 1963 interested in attending this celebration should contact the St. Elizabeth Seton parish office to register at 708-403-0101. For information visit www.familyministries.org or call 312-534-8351.

"If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Paraclete to be with you forever." -John 14:15-16

Father Tom Byrne

First Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, May 19th at 11:30am

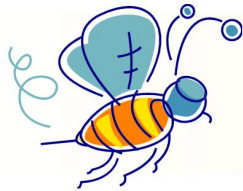
St. George Church, Tinley Park

The parish family of St. George Church cordially invites you to the celebration of the First Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Tom Byrne on Sunday, May 19th at 11:30am (Solemnity of Pentecost) at St. George Church, 6707 W. 175th St.. Tinley Park.

Fr. Tom Byrne is a Tinley Park native and grew up in St. George Parish. He attended St. George Grammar School and Andrew High School (Class of '02).

All are invited to attend a reception and First Blessings to follow in the Cahill Center.

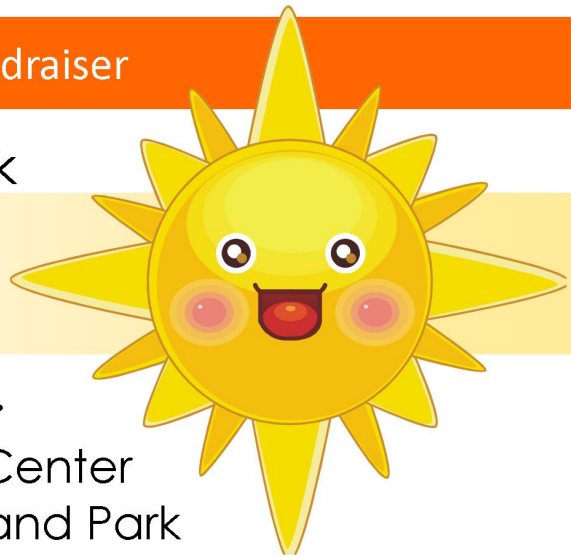
St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Club Fundraiser



When you think

MAY

think about...



Every Bloomin' Thing Garden Center
located at 7648 W. 159th St., Orland Park



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Garden Center

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plants to our Club for the
entire month of May!

Come out and visit their
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WOMEN'S CLUB

NAME

TOTAL PURCHASE

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Present this ad upon
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Leave form with
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Garden Center.



St. Elizabeth Seton Annual Golf Outing

Sponsored by the Men's Club



Friday, July 12th

2 PM Shot Gun Start

Broken Arrow Golf Club - Lockport

\$110.00 per Golfer - All Welcome

Includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Dinner, Prizes, Raffles, Golf Contests

Hole in One on Selected Par 3 Wins a Car

Compliments of Manteno Ford, Manteno, IL (www.mantenoford.com)

Golfers - 60 Slots Available

Hole Sponsorships available - \$75 New Sponsor/\$50 Returning Sponsor

For more information contact:

Lee Junkans (708) 478-5905 (ajunkans@aol.com)

Please fill out form below and mail to (with payment):

Lee Junkans, 17725 Pennsylvania Court, Orland Park, IL 60467

Name: _____ Phone: _____

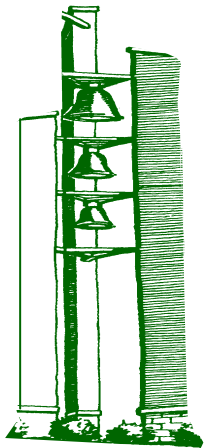
Please include in my group: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

(you do not need to have a team lined up; individuals are most welcome)



Seniors of Seton

UPCOMING EVENT

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH 10:30AM
REMINDER: HIGH TEA
PICKWICK SOCIETY TEA ROOM

A reminder for those going to the Tea party, don't miss our High Tea at the Pickwick Society Room, 122 Kansas Street, Frankfort. Be there by 10:30am.

JUNE 12, 2013 (WEDNESDAY)
A TASTE OF GENEVA, ILLINOIS

A Taste of Geneva, Illinois Tour includes: Motor coach transportation, Geneva Driving Tour, Visit the Geneva History Center, presentation and samples at the Spice House, Lunch at Villa Verona, Wine tasting at the Wine Seller and stop at Graham's Chocolate Shop at the Little Traveler. The tour will leave the Seton parking lot at 9am and return at 4pm. The price will be \$74 per person. In interested, call Phyllis at 708-478-0471.

St. Anthony Feast

St. Anthony Parish, 11533 S. Prairie Ave. in Chicago welcomes all to their St. Anthony Feast on Sunday, June 9th from 9am-6pm. Italian, American, Mexican food; Beer Garden; Entertainment; Activities; Raffles. Rosary procession at 9am. Holy Mass at 10am. Call 773-468-1200.

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.



2013 Golden Opportunities
Now discounted for only \$10 available in the parish office!

Golden Opportunities Coupon books offer 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 valid once a month.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT NEREUS SAINT ACHILLEUS

First Century

DEVOTION TO THESE TWO SAINTS goes back to the fourth century, though almost nothing is known of their lives. They were praetorian soldiers of the Roman army, became Christians and were removed to the island of Terracina, where they were martyred. Their bodies were buried in a family vault, later known as the cemetery of Domitilla. Excavations by De Rossi in 1896 resulted in the discovery of their empty tomb in the underground church built by Pope Siricius in 390.

Two hundred years after their death, Pope Gregory the Great delivered his 28th homily on the occasion of their feast. "These saints, before whom we are assembled, despised the world and trampled it under their feet when peace, riches and health gave it charms."

COMMENT:

As in the case of many early martyrs, the Church clings to its memories though the events are clouded in the mists of history. It is a heartening thing for all Christians to know that they have a noble heritage. Our brothers and sisters in Christ have stood in the same world in which we live—militarist, materialist, cruel and cynical—yet transfigured from within by the presence of the Living One. Our own courage is enlivened by the heroes and heroines who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith and the wounds of Christ.

QUOTE:

Pope Damasus wrote an epitaph for Nereus and Achilleus in the fourth century. The text is known from travelers who read it while the slab was still entire, but the broken fragments found by De Rossi are sufficient to identify it: "The martyrs Nereus and Achilleus had enrolled themselves in the army and exercised the cruel office of carrying out the orders of the tyrant, being ever ready, through the constraint of fear, to obey his will. O miracle of faith! Suddenly they cease from their fury, they become converted, they fly from the camp of their wicked leader; they throw away their shields, their armor and their blood-stained javelins. Confessing the faith of Christ, they rejoice to bear testimony to its triumph. Learn now from the words of Damasus what great things the glory of Christ can accomplish."



WE ARE YOUR PARISH SCHOOL!

REGISTRATION *Ongoing for 3PK – 8th Grade!*

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School continues to accept applications for 3-year-old Pre-K through 8th Grade ... and we will do so until all spaces are filled.

Call Mrs. Cindy Devlin at 708-403-6525 extension 127 for information or visit our website at www.cjbschool.org.

3-Year-Old Pre-K:

If your child will be three on or before September 1st, he/she is eligible for CJB's 3PK (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday) program. The morning session begins at 7:40am and dismisses at 10:40am. The afternoon session begins at 11am and dismisses at 2pm. 3PK tuition is \$1,820.

4-Year-Old Pre-K:

If your child will be four on or before September 1st of this year, he/she is eligible for CJB's 4PK programs. **New for 2013-14:** in addition to a half-day program, we are also offering a full day 4PK program! For our half-day program (Monday through Thursday), the morning session begins at 7:40am and dismisses at 10:40am. The afternoon session begins at 11am and dismisses at 2pm. Tuition for half-day 4PK is \$2,317. Our five-day full-day 4PK program (Monday through Friday) begins at 7:40am and dismisses at 2pm. Full-day 4PK tuition is \$4,514.

Kindergarten:

If your child will be five on or before September 1st, he/she is eligible for our Kindergarten program. CJB's Kindergarten is a full-day program (7:40am-2pm) Monday through Friday! Tuition is \$4,514.

Grades 1-8:

At present, we have some space available in Grades 1-8. Tuition is \$4,514 per student (no additional book fees!).

In addition to an excellent faith-based and blue ribbon education, Cardinal Bernardin School lots of extra-curricular activities, athletics, and an Extended Day program (before- and after-school – opening at 6:30am and closing at 6pm).

Visit www.cjbschool.org for more information.

Crisis Center for South Suburbia Auxiliary
presents

A Day of Tea, Wine, Roses ...and More!

Saturday, May 18

10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Lake Katherine Nature Preserve
7402 Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights

Stop by and enjoy:

Plant sale (annuals & perennials)

Tea and cookie sampling

Wine and snacks (after 12pm)

Raffle, Live Music, and Shopping!



Vendors scheduled to participate include:

Neat Repeats Resale, Simply the Best, Inc., Bling, IN.PURSEinators, Stampin' UPI,

Silk Originals by Linda, Dove Chocolate Discoveries, Glory Bee,

Cottage Creations, Bag Lady, Angie Knitting, Serving

in Style, Pickwick Society, The Missing Lynx, and music by

The Grand Prairie Dulcimers

\$5 Admission includes a free beverage and one raffle ticket.

Additional raffle tickets will be available for \$2 each or three for \$5.

No charge to attend the plant sale only.

All proceeds benefit the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

For more information visit www.crisisctr.org.



The Crisis Center for South Suburbia's mission is to provide emergency shelter and essential services for victims of domestic violence.

Shop at Neat Repeats!
9028 W. 159th St. Orland Park
7026 W. 111th St., Worth



A Holy Hour for Pope Francis

Local parishes are hosting Holy Hours and Inspirational Concerts for Pope Francis with International Irish Tenor, Mark Forrest and Concert Pianist, John-Paul Kaplan. Event format: Praise and Worship; Exposition of the Holy Sacrament; Scripture Meditation; Silent Adoration; Procession and Blessing with Blessed Sacrament; Benediction (Confession optional). Event dates/locations (7pm unless noted):
May 19, St. Gerald, 9349 S. Central, Oak Lawn
May 21, St. Germaine, 4240 W. 98th St., Oak Lawn
May 22, St. Thomas Moore, 2825 81st Ct., Chicago
May 23, 126 Herrick Rd., Riverside
May 25 (Evening Mass at 4pm)
St. Dennis, 1214 Hamilton St., Lockport
May 26 (Musical Tribute to the Pope Francis at 3pm)
St. Constance, 5843 W. Strong St., Chicago
Call James Gilboy at 708-636-2995 for information.

Will You Spend an Hour with Jesus?

St. George Parish, 6707 W 175th St., Tinley Park, is blessed to offer the opportunity for private prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament present on the altar. Since 1994 Holy Family Chapel has been open continuously, except Holy Thursday eve until Holy Saturday eve, and in cases of severe weather. There are 168 hours per week, and each hour requires one person (preferably two or more) who come to pray during that hour each week, or arrange for someone to take their place. Would you be willing to spend an hour with Jesus each week in Holy Family Chapel? Open one hour time slots are:

Sunday: 1am; Monday: 2am, 3am
Tuesday: 3am, 6am, 2pm Thursday: 10am, 1pm
Friday: 8am, 9am, 11am

Call Bill Beckman at 708-429-2762.

Moving On With Grace Grief Support

One of the blessings of our faith is that we belong to a community of faith. Especially in times of difficulty, it's important to remember that we are the Body of Christ, here as a blessing for one another. If you, or someone you know, is grieving the death of a spouse, please know you are welcome to join us from 9am-1pm on Saturday, June 1st at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, 1224 W. Lexington St., Chicago, for a morning of healing, hope and remembrance. Tell a friend or be a friend and accompany someone on this journey. Speaker Nationally-known speaker Amy Florian will present "Moving On With Grace". \$25 fee. Call 312-421-3757 or email spudelek@ourladyofpompeii.org.

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 info call Warren, 708-429-2507 or Therese at 708-269-9853.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Preschool Summer Camp



Open to all three and four year olds. Must be potty trained.

JUNE 24th-28th

Around the Calendar

Summer has arrived! Get ready to go through the seasons of the year and learn about the different weather and activities the months of the year bring. What will be your favorite season?

JULY 15th-19th

Safari Sensations

Join us on an imaginary safari through the grasslands of Africa. We will use our binoculars to discover all the amazing animals, and if we're lucky, we might even get our picture taken with a lion.

AUGUST 5th-9th

Teddy Bear Olympics

Bring your favorite teddy bear along as we learn all about bears. The week ends with our Teddy Bear Olympic Games - just right for you and your teddy bear to try to win a gold medal!

Camp meets Monday thru Friday from 9:30—11:30 AM

Camps include story time, crafts, and hands-on learning activities.

Spaces subject to availability. Minimum of ten students needed to hold session.

For more information call 708-403-6525 ext. 150 or mail the registration form below.

Registration Information

Please return this form with your check payable to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School by May 31st, 2013.

Child's name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent's name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Home number _____ Cell number _____

Please indicate your camp choices. Select one, two, or all three camps for a summer of fun! Each camp is \$45 or attend all three for \$120.

_____ June _____ July _____ August

Attn: Preschool Summer Camp, Cardinal Bernardin School
9250 West 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL, 60487



JJC BASKETBALL ACADEMY, INC.

2013 SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS AT
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin/St. Elizabeth Seton's Home Gym!
9250 West 167th Street Orland Hills

4 DAY BASKETBALL FUNDAMENTAL CAMP

Entering 2nd & 3rd Grade Girls & Boys

DATES: JUNE 17-20

TIME: 9:00-11:30AM COST: \$95

4 DAY BASKETBALL FUNDAMENTAL CAMP

Entering 4th & 5th Grade Girls & Boys

DATES: JUNE 24-27

TIME: 9:00-12:00PM COST: \$110

3 DAY BASKETBALL SHOOTING/SCORING CAMP

Entering 2nd-8th Grade Girls & Boys *(Campers will be divided by age).*

DATES: JUNE 24-26

TIME: 12:30PM-2:30PM COST: \$50

All Camps Includes: Experienced Instruction, JJC Camp t-shirt.

Coach Eileen Copenhaver has over twenty years experience as a basketball player, Division I head coach and currently Providence Catholic Girl's Basketball Head Varsity Coach. The camp's daily focus is excellent instruction on the fundamentals of the game including (but not limited to): shooting, footwork, passing, ball handling, dribbling, rebounding and defense.

JJC Basketball Academy coaches have participated in past camps and bring experience, enthusiasm and a desire to teach the fundamentals of the game. We try to keep the coach/player ratio to 1:8 so space will be limited.

For more information visit:

www.jjcbasketballacademy.com,

email emc@jjcbasketballacademy.com or

call Eileen Copenhaver at 708-243-7563.

SEE REGISTRATION FORM ON BACK PAGE!

JJC BASKETBALL ACADEMY, INC

BASKETBALL CAMPS AT CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN/SAINT ELIZABETH SETON HOME GYM!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ **Other**

Phone: _____

Participants Entering Grade: _____ **T-Shirt Size (Y or A):** _____

School: _____

Boy: _____ **Girl:** _____ **2nd & 3rd Camp** _____ **4th & 5th Camp** _____ **Shooting/Scoring**
Camp _____

Payment Information: To register make check payable to: JJC Basketball Academy, INC
Complete this form and send payment to:

JJC Basketball Academy, INC
c/o Eileen Copenhaver
17455 Westbrook Drive
Orland Park, IL 60467

Enrollment Agreement & Release

In consideration to my enrollment and participation in JJC Basketball Academy (hereinafter referred to as JJC) programs, I hereby release and discharge JJC, together with their agents, employees, officers, owners, volunteers, and all other participants forward on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, and assigns as follows:

1. I acknowledge that the sport of basketball involves known and unknown risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death or damages to participants, to myself, to property, or to third parties, and that such risks simply cannot be eliminated. To that end, I further acknowledge that JJC is not responsible for a participant's fitness, abilities, or the equipment being used.
2. I acknowledge and agree to accept and assume my and all of the risks attendant to this activity. My child's participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I elect to participate notwithstanding the risks.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless JJC from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my child's participation in this activity or my use of JJC equipment or facilities whether "on" or "off" the court, including any claims which allege negligent acts or omissions on the part of JJC.
4. In the event JJC, or anyone acting on their behalf, is required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless for all such fees and costs.
5. I certify that my child has adequate insurance coverage for any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, and I agree to bear any and all costs of such injury or damage. I further certify that my child has not medical or physical condition which could interfere with my safety in this activity, and I am willing to assume all risks and costs that may result, directly or indirectly, from any such condition.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my child's participation in this activity, I have waived my rights to *maintain a lawsuit against JJC.*

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this document. I understand it and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Participant's Name (Printed)

Participant's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

5-18 & 5-19	5:00PM	7:15AM	8:30AM	10:00AM	11:30AM
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SATURDAY-SUNDAY: 8AM-1PM

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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