

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH

MARCH 18, 2018 –FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The rectory may be called at any time for the Sacrament of the Sick and for arrangements to visit the sick or elderly with the Eucharist. Our local hospitals also have a Catholic priest chaplain available.

BAPTISMS: First & Third Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM. Only five (5) baptisms will be permitted on each designated bi-monthly Sunday. Arrangements must be made prior in person by either parent. No baptisms during Lent.

PRE-BAPTISM WORKSHOPS: These workshops are given on the last Tuesday of every month in the Religious Ed building at 7:00 PM. Both parents are encouraged to attend and must pre-register in advance by calling the Parish Center, 641-1480. This workshop is for adults. If necessary, please arrange a babysitter. We strongly suggest you attend the Baptism Workshop before the birth of your child. Certificates of Eligibility for Catholic godparents should be submitted no later than the Friday prior to the Baptism.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Regular use of envelopes provides a stable income to the parish. A record of contributions is kept and will be made available to contributors.

STEWARDSHIP: The Church of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is a Stewardship Parish, committed to serving the Lord with our God-given time, talents (abilities) and treasure (financial support). Parishioners are urged to support the Parish through volunteer services and also its programs through the use of regular weekly parish envelopes.

MARRIAGES: Ideally, arrangements should be made with the priest one year prior to the scheduled date. Pre-Cana Sessions should be arranged in plenty of time before the marriage.

PARISH REGISTRATION: All new parishioners are welcome to our parish family. Please register at the parish center. We would appreciate you letting us know when you move into the parish or when you move away from the parish. A letter for a reference cannot be issued to non-registered parishioners.

Your priests will be happy to meet with you anytime; appointments are recommended and appreciated.

Your priests are here to be of service to you in every way—to share your joys and sorrows, laughter and tears. We take seriously the words of Jesus “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life for the ransom of many.” (Matthew 20:28)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS): Every Saturday at 4 to 4:30 PM and 6 to 6:30 PM in Church.

THEME FOR TODAY’S MASS ...Everyone, great and small, will have God’s law written on their hearts, and their sins forgiven. The Lord reaches out once again to his people. God, ever faithful, extends his hand to those who break the covenant. No longer depending on prophets to communicate, under the new covenant each individual will know God’s law, his love, his mercy. God’s personal invitation calls for a personal response. Will we receive it?

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son’s prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father’s will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father’s name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

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THIS WEEK

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 7:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Galloway

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



MARCH 11, 2018

2018 SUNDAY Collection \$8,439.00
2017 SUNDAY Collection \$9,065.84

2018 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE Collection \$1,714.00
2017 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE Collection \$1,768.00

Many thanks for your generosity



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship of Gifts

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” – JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “**Stewards**” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.



The second collection on Palm Sunday, March 25th, will be the Rice Bowl Collection.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM Bensel & Conlon Families
 5:00 PM Collective
 Joyce Cesar / Steve & Margaret Hawkins
 Charlie Jarvis / Michael & Ruth Sheeran
 John Gallagher / Matt & Teresa Marmaro
 Lucila Manansala / The Lazo Family
 People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 AM Collective
 Bob Jordan / Wife, Iva
 Claudia Billings / Bible Study Girls
 Gina Mawhinney / Children & Grandchildren
 Liz Gideon / Bible Study Girls
 George Spohrer / Wife, Arlene
 10:00 AM Brenda Kadian / husband, Dennis
 11:30 AM Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Fraternity

MONDAY, MARCH 19

6:45 AM Marianna & Andrew Massari / Daughter-in-Law, Linda

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

6:45 AM Rose Caruso / Charlie & Carol

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

6:45 AM Special Intentions

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

6:45 AM Special Intentions

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

6:45 AM Tom McGuinness / Mary

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 5:00 PM Joseph J. Messick, Sr. / Wife, Joanne & Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 AM Cara Scardilli & Debann Pugh / Carmela & Kim
 10:00 AM Collective
 Stanley Lichtman & David Lichtman / Barbara Lichtman
 Goody Harvat / Sue Robbins
 Robert Colangelo / Gail Pizzino
 Mike Maguire / Sue Morgan
 Susan Giordano / Bill & Marie Jerdan
 11:30 AM Collective
 Tom Caffrey / Joan & Family
 Joyce Cesar / Pat & Matt Simons
 Frank Bakos / Tom Healy

DAILY SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Please
 pray for
 the sick

Mary Anderson, Kay Arellano, Carol Badgley, Frank Baranowski, Dean Barnett, Joe Barrett, Kathleen Bird, Natalie Bocis, Ernie Braca, Bridget, Joseph Brown, Rose Brown, Bucky, Paula Burroughs, Ann Campbell, Debbie Capille, Mary Carr, Brian Catalano (teen), Gary Claus, Thomas Cleary, Luke & Grace Colluzzi, Leeanna Couplin, Dan, Michelle Daniels, Debbie Davis, Michael Day, Frank DeFeo, Lou DeFeo, Jr., Nichole DeGeorge, Rosalie DeRitis, Linda DeRogatis, Carol Ditmire, Frank Dominico, Marie Duffy, Dennis Dutton, Kiley Earl, Mario Formica, Frank, Rita Frassetto, Jim Garron, Maryann Gillane, Marguerite Guzzetti, Emily Hackney-Miller, Brenna Hasselman, Josh Heck, Peg Henry, Cathy Hesselgesser, Minerva Hirsch, Sam Hornikal (child), Dick Hudson, Pat Hudson, James Hulsizer, Dana Huston, **Dominick Idris**, Jarrod (child); James Joyce, Marie Kasper, John C. Kennedy, Lynne Kenny, Joyce Kern, Keith Knowles, Theresa Kobulnicki, Loretta Kopervos, Vince Leonetti, Barbara Lichtman, Linda, John J. Maderia, Madison, Elsa Maene, Robert Maguire, Joseph Martinsky, Anne Maslar, Josephine Maurino, Charlotte Rose McAuliffe, Eddie McLaughlin, Joseph & Frances McAnally, Wyatt Meinhold (infant), Andrew Messick, Mike, Maryanne Morley, Alexandria Lee Morton, Denise Murray, Lissa Neafsey, Nick Nedohon, Donna Nungesser, Ron O'Toole, Jr., Ron O'Toole, Sr., George Paletta, Lynn Papa, Kathleen Peterson, Jack Pfeifer, Marie Pruchnicki, The "R" Family, Joseph Raymond, Anna Reuben, Joel Rivera, Donna Robertson, Nancy Robinson, Sam, Lisa Schaefer, Emma Simons, Oscar Sprage (infant), Frank Stanton, Bert & Bill Stevens, **Dominick Stinziano**, Larissa Strosnider, Michele Tedesco, Teresa, Ethel Thomas, Greg Thompson, Anthony Totoro, Dianna Towe, Vivian, Janine Williams, David Weber, Neil Woloff. *Newly Added Names

If you are aware of any name that needs to be removed from this list, please call the Parish Office at 641-1480. Thank you.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY ... Tech SSGT Paul Becotte, U.S. Air Force; Tech SGT Kelly D'Adamo, USAF; SSSgt. Tim Davis, U.S. Army; SRA Michael Dargosa, US Air Force; Ens. John G. Hall, U.S. Navy; Capt. Steven Hansen, U.S. Army; Andrew Iroff, Navy Boot Camp; Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Kenney, Coast Guard; Airman E-3 Eric Logue, USAF; PO2 James Malecki, USCG; and his wife, PO1 Michelle Malecki, USCG; Robert Morgan, U.S. Army; Staff Sgt. Brian Nawrocki, US Air Force; SSG Michaelat J. Ong, 455th Chemical Brigade; Capt. Christopher Rzonca, US Marines; Brig. Gen. George M. Schwartz, U.S. Army; CS2 Joseph Showell, USCG; Lt. Cmdr. Bobby Smail, U.S. Navy; Michael Spinogatti, U.S. Army; LPL Angel Torres, U.S. Marines; Pvt. Tasey Venafro, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. Thomas A. Walsh, USAF and his wife, Cmdr. Marilyn A. Walsh, USN; Ens. Robert Warley, US

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 The Lenten Mass will be celebrated this year at Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel on **Monday, March 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM.**

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the **Chrism Mass at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, March 27, 2018** at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**SATURDAY / SUNDAY
MARCH 24 & 25, 2018**

<u>MASS</u>	<u>*EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>
5:00 PM	*L. Steveline, C. Wagner M. Wagner, M. Williams F. Adamo, E. Cressey B. Garbowski	H. Steveline, K. Burns
8:00 AM	*J. Logue, C. Seher K. Bender, C. Cocuzza T. DaGrossa, J. Davis S. Havens	J. Mooney R. Potkay
10:00 AM	*T. Nell, B. Stokley G. Stokley, A. Triggs F. Blee, J. Chase M. Cropper	M. Reynolds C. Thomas
11:30 AM	*K. Walls, P. Green J. Parker, H. Berchtold MJ Dye, R. Dye	G. Zona J. Coffineau

***MASS COORDINATORS ARE BOLDED**

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM	Shelby LaVigna, Sara LaVigna
8:00 AM	Sean Finan, Chris Finan
10:00 AM	Romni Yakita, Antoinette Logue
11:30 AM	Connor Morrissey, Jo Parker

Please do not call the Parish Center when in need of a replacement. Please call another Minister.

SETON SCRIPTURE SERIES RESUMES



The Gospel of John

The Seton Scripture Series has one class left on the *Gospel of John* on **Thursday: March 22**. The class is held in the Parish Hall from 6:30 PM until 7:45 PM.

For further information, please call Frank Blee 641-0272 or Mark McNierney 412-6013.

SEAS PARISH EVENTS

CYRENEAN CLUB ... This week's winner is **#Ticket 857** held by **Chris Seher**. The Captain is **Chris Seher**. The winning ticket was drawn by Marge Quigley. Congratulations to **Chris**.

The special drawing dues winner for 2019 is **Ticket #514** held by **Kristie Jones**. The Captain is **Robin Eger**. The winning ticket was drawn by Kathie Carlsen. Congratulations **Kristie** and **Robin** who won paid-up Cyrenean tickets for the 2019 year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE... for the first time in 130 years the Knights of Columbus has opened its membership benefits to all Catholic families! If you would like to know how the KOFC can help your family and strengthen your Catholic life please contact Samuel Connahey FIC at (609) 276-4102 or samuel.connahey@kofc.org



PREP

(Parish Religious Education Program)

(609) 641-7043

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday – 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Monday – 4:30 – 8 pm (Family night only)

Tuesday – 3:30 – 6:30 pm

Wednesday – closed

Thursday – 9 am - noon

Friday – closed

Saturday – closed



Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. – 1 John 2:10

For further information about this parish ministry, please call Joan (609) 646-6872 or email: setonstephenministry@aol.com

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS ...Sunday, June 10, 2018 (any couple celebrating 25, 50, 60 or 70 years Wedding Anniversary) in Glassboro, Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish. Forms available in the Parish Center.

2017 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION REPORT

If you would like a copy of your 2017 Church Contribution report please complete the following clip-out form and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish Center. Your report will then be mailed to you.

**PLEASE DO NOT PHONE
COMPLETE AND RETURN THE REQUEST FORM**

YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
2017 Church Contribution Report Request**

Please mail my 2017 Contribution Report to:

NAME/S _____

ADDRESS _____

SUITE INSPIRATION LENTEN EXPERIENCE

***"The Passion, Death and Glory of Jesus Christ
Through Scripture and Song"***

**Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018
3:00 PM**

"We've presented this devotional experience for almost 20 years in our home parish, and at benefit events at other parishes over the last 10 years," said Judy Transue, the *Suite's* producer and music ministry director at the Absecon parish. 'It's an hour of music that transports you into a deeply contemplative and spiritual state that can only be brought about by beautifully meaningful lyric and harmony.'

Transue noted that the *Suite* has performed Christmas concerts for more than two decades. "We really enjoy performing Christmas music, but we feel that people seldom get to hear the wealth of music that tells the story of the rest of Christ's time on earth."

"This isn't a concert, it's a musical story, a journey like Lent itself. And it's an opportunity to reflect on what that journey is all about, Transue explained.

The *Suite* consists of a percussionist and six vocalists/guitarists. Barbara Gallagher, a well-known area harpist, joins the Suite for its annual Lenten observance.

The hour-long experience begins at 3:00 PM. This observance is free, welcoming everyone of any faith. For further information, call Judy Transue at 609-748-1583 or go to www.suiteinspiration.org.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Action Office is open **MONDAY** and **WEDNESDAY** mornings **ONLY** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in the Parish Center (Rear Entrance). Other days this office is closed. Phone: 641-1480 Extension 104. Leave a message and someone will get back to you.

EASTER CARDS



Once again, Social Action has the Easter baskets in the Gathering Space. We have the names of our communion calls, shut-ins and group home residents in them. Please take a name and purchase an Easter card and return it to the basket by Palm Sunday, March 25th. SAC will deliver the cards. Remember ... The baskets will be there **ONLY ONE WEEK!**

NO MORE WINTER CLOTHES are needed at this time. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you for your support.

EASTER DINNER ... make some needy family happy by donating a free **HAM**. It would be greatly appreciated. Please put it in the freezer in the shed located in the backyard of the rectory.

ASSUMPTION REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Joan Dollinger, Principal

Phone: 652-7134

jdollinger@arcsgalloway.org

Dear Friends,

Peace and all good this 5th Week of Lent!

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded that God brings new life out of suffering and death. The grain of wheat in this week's Gospel, symbolizes that in death we bear the fruit of new life. The path to new life is through sacrifice and death. By dying to our selfishness and concentrating on loving others, we are able to experience the fullness of life in Jesus. Throughout Lent, we have been focusing on the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our students have been participating in the Lenten Kindness Journey, Operation Rice Bowl and the Diocesan *Faithful* Food Drive. They will have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 21. Our weekly Stations of the Cross enable the students to journey with Jesus in a deep and profound way.

Over 400 young people gathered last week at Assumption Regional Catholic School for the Diocesan Youth Congress, *Live the Truth*. What an amazing day it was! The participants had the opportunity for prayer, conversation, evangelization, and community building. They also were part of something much bigger than themselves, preparing 40,000 servings of food for our dear neighbors in need. Jesus's words, "*When I was hungry you gave me to eat*", have a whole new meaning for our young people. Bishop Sullivan joined in the day and celebrated liturgy for all gathered. It was a great privilege to host this life-changing event. God is good!

Our registration for next year's classes continues. If you, or someone that you know, would like a tour of our school or perhaps have a child "shadow" for the day, we would be very glad to meet with you. We are having Open House on Wednesday, March 21 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Please contact Cathryn Flammer at cflammer@arcsgalloway.org if you are planning to attend. We would love to have you be a part of our vibrant faith-filled school, where our mission is to *create, inspire and nurture an environment that embraces Gospel values*.

Our Varsity Girls Basketball team won 1st Place in the Atlantic County Public School league and 2nd Place in the Cape-Atlantic Catholic League. Congratulations to all of our basketball teams and their volunteer coaches for their efforts this season!

Our production of *Once on this Island* is in full swing. Tickets will be available shortly. Shows are April 20th and 21st at 6:30 p.m. in our gym.

All are invited to attend the Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 21st at 1:30 p.m. Our 7th Graders will be leading us through this very special re-enactment of Jesus' journey to the Cross.

Continued thanks for all that you do to support our school. We are most grateful!

Lenten blessings,
B. Joan Dollinger
Principal

Welcome
to
Open House

COMMUNITY

FRANCISCAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION on Sunday, March 18 from 1 to 4 pm at our regular meeting time in our parish.. The day will include Adoration and talks with music provided by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Any questions, please call (609) 805-7503.

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST... Absecon Nursery School will host its third annual breakfast with the Easter Bunny, **Saturday, March 24th** from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at 100 Pitney Road (upstairs in the great hall of Absecon Methodist church). Tickets are \$10 per adult; \$5 per child. There will also be a Chinese auction for a change to win great prizes. Call 609-646-6940 for tickets by March 19th.

RELIGIOUS GIFTS FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION... The Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts, 2249 Shore Road, Linwood, have a varied selection of gifts. You are most welcome to stop by Monday-Thursday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Friday, 8:30 to Noon. Religious articles are located in our office building on the corner of Shore and Royal Avenues on the same grounds as Villa Pieta. (Phone: (609) 927-5600).

7th ANNUAL iRACE4VOCATIONS

On **Sunday, April 22, 2018**, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville Crosskeys Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080) for our 7th annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations/at 1:00 p.m. followed by our 5k run/1 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese. We need our parishioners, all ages, to say yes to this intergenerational day. We need YOU. For more information and to register for the event, visit camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations/.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Absecon, NJ

Embroidered Sweatshirt/T-Shirt Fundraiser

The Sweatshirt has a zip front and hood. It is available in a light-heather gray.

The T-shirt has short or long sleeves and is all cotton. It is available in a medium shade of blue, athletic heather gray and classic pink.

Both styles are available in adult sizes Small to 3X.
Sweatshirt - \$35 Size 2X – add \$3 Size 3X – add \$6
Long sleeve T-shirt - \$24 **Short sleeve T-shirt** - \$18

Name _____
Phone No. _____ Size _____
Style _____ Color _____
Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____

Put order with payment in the collection basket, mail it to 591 New Jersey Avenue or bring it to the Parish Center.

WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2018**

“Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip who was from Bethsaida in Galilee and asked him ‘Sir we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew, then Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them ‘the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.’”

It is not rare for someone to use another to get help to get a job, admission to school, or even just to meet someone of importance. In the political field we call them lobbyists. Today we find some Gentiles using Philip, and he another apostle to gain access to Jesus. The same Andrew is the one who told Peter he had met Jesus and we know how important that meeting was.

How many other persons are seeking Jesus, today without knowing it or Him. They have need for access to the Lord. Our restless world turns, but people do not know to whom to turn. Each one of us can assume the role of Philip or Andrew, to bring them to s Jesus or Jesus to them. The grain of wheat will then produce much fruit.

MARRIAGE COUPLES: It's spring training time. Playball with your spouse and sign up to hit a home run at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are March 23 – 25 and May 4 – 6, 2018. For more information, call 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org

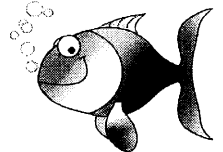
MARRIAGE PREPARATION *Pre-Cana Program

Dates: April 21, July 21 & Oct. 20, 2018 Jan. 19, 2019
8:45 am – 6:15 pm

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Gabriel Hall
35 E. Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Due to space constraints we can only accept 30 couples. Sessions fill up quickly. Please register early to reserve your spot. Registration fee \$60. Registration required 609-287-9205 / 609-827-2127. For more info, please call.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FISH DINNER



Date: Friday, March 30, 2018-GOOD FRIDAY
Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Where: SEAS Parish Hall
Cost: Adult - \$12.00 Children under 12 yrs. - \$6.00

**MENU: Baked Cod Fish, Macroni & Cheese,
Coleslaw, Applesauce, Roll & Butter
Beverages**

**TAKEOUT AVAILABLE
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR
For more information, please contact:
Lou Bonelli 609-226-5668**