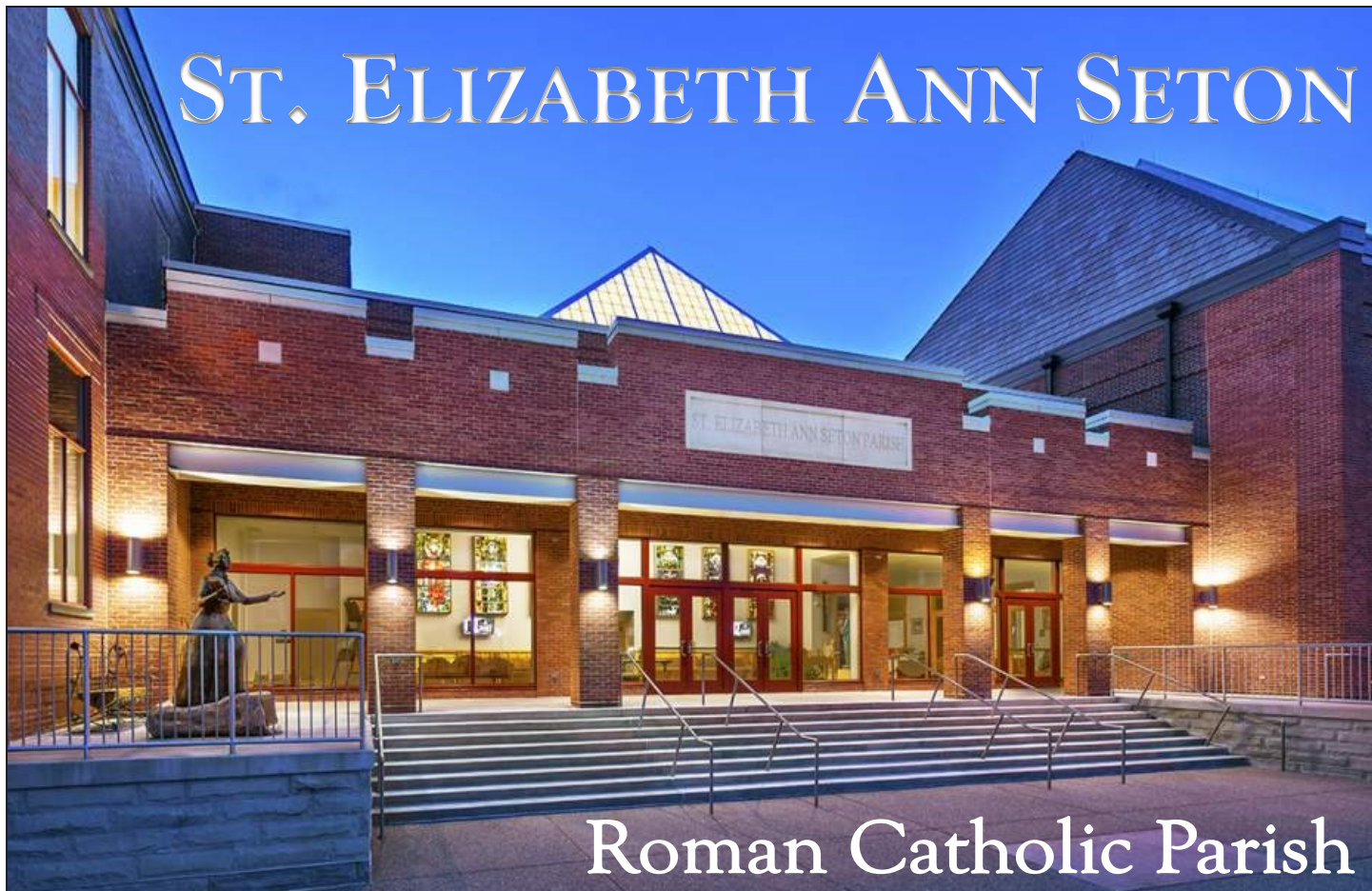


ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON



Roman Catholic Parish

330 Third Avenue
Carnegie, PA 15106

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Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m.

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Monday - Wednesday - Friday • Noon

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Confessions Saturday 11:00 a.m. to Noon
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Baptism:

For arrangements
call 412-276-1011
x 210

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Call Fr. Dave or
Fr. Robin to
make
arrangements
(before surgery,
during illness, etc)

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements
must be made
with one of the
priests at least six
months before
the proposed date
of the wedding.

Sacrament of Penance:

Confessions
every Saturday
from 11:00 a.m.
to Noon
Also by
appointment.

Age & Illness

If you have a
family member
who has become
seriously ill,
homebound, or is
in a long-term
care facility,
please call
Tess Keddie
412-276-1011
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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 23

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. JOHN AND ANNE RINGEL by Family
7:30 a.m. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9:30 a.m. RUTH BELSTERLING & SONS by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Belsterling
11:30 a.m. SYLVIA DLUGOS by Rose Trombetta

Monday, October 24

Weekday

Eph 4:32-5:8 Ps 1 Behave like God as his very dear children. Lk 13:10-17

- 8:00 a.m. JOHN AND CARMELA MANZ by Lorraine Tornese
12:00 p.m. JOSEPHINE MONTELEONE by Michael Miller

Tuesday, October 25

Weekday

Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128 Blessed are those who fear the Lord. Lk 13:18-20

- 8:00 a.m. LLOYD AND CORNELIA STEMLE by John and Janice Schenk

Wednesday, October 26

Weekday

Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145 The Lord is faithful in all his words. Lk 13:22-30

- 8:00 a.m. AMBER DELL by Len and Hazel Spoharski
12:00 p.m. MICHAEL MAKAR JR. by Adeline Makar

Thursday, October 27

Weekday

Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144 Blessed be the Lord, my Rock! Lk 13:31-35

- 8:00 a.m. WLADYSLAWA JAROSZYNSKI by Krystyna

Friday, October 28

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2: 19-22 Ps 19 Their message goes out through all the earth. Lk 6:12-16

- 8:00 a.m. JAMES O. EGER by Family
12:00 p.m. FRANK AND ERNEST CHAIDO by Genevieve Chaido

Saturday, October 29

Weekday

Phil 1:18B-26 Ps 42 My soul is thirsting for the living God. Lk 14:1, 7-11

- 8:00 a.m. MARGARET REMENSKY by the Remensky Family
4:00 p.m. MARK PHILLIPS by the Phillips Family

Sunday, October 30

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22-12:2 Ps 145 2 Thes 1:11-2:2 Lk 19:1-10

- 7:30 a.m. DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CAIN FAMILY by Mr. and Mrs. Don Cain
9:30 a.m. JOSEPH MASSARO by Pat and Ed Stevens
11:30 a.m. JOSEPH KIEHART by Helen Kiehart

If you live in Carnegie or one of the nearby townships or boroughs, we'd like to know! Register as a member of the parish or get on our communication lists. Or you live farther away but visit us regularly, please consider registering as an interested non-member. Contact Fr. Dave or the parish office. You can also register online at www.seascarnegie.org/join-our-parish or click on the link on the homepage. Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you're not Christian, not Catholic, or just curious. Our staff is here for you! Contact Fr. Dave Poecking or Dee Fitzsimmons to learn **more**. Adults interested in becoming Christian, adult Christians interested in becoming Catholic, and adult Catholics in need of First Communion or Confirmation, please call Fr. Dave or Dee for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

To see or hear the Daily Readings, or for Daily Reflections, visit www.usccb.com or click the link on our homepage.



As we journey **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** may we be inspired to use our God-given gifts to build up the Church, which is The Body of Christ. The parish meetings are a chance to learn about the current realities facing our diocese and how we can best align our resources to provide ministry and outreach to everyone. (Our parish consultation sessions will be held on **Wednesday, November 9, and Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.**)

Visit **OnMissionChurchAlive.org** for more information on the draft models after our parish sessions are completed.

MERCY 2016
CHANGES THE WORLD

WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH; GIVING LIFE-CHANGING HELP TO MISSION CHURCHES IN TERRITORIES COVERING MORE THAN HALF THE GLOBE.

LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY GIFT AT WWW.PROPFAITH.NET

PARISH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 6:00 p.m. Living Jesus Program —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
- 6:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes —Bayley Building Classrooms
- 7:00 p.m. Bingo! —Bishop Canevin High School

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Faith Sharing —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
- 9:00 a.m. St. John Paul II Homeschool Co-op —Bayley Building Classrooms
- 2:00 p.m. Men and Women Faith Sharing Group —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
- 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal —Church
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA 7 Week Study Program —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 12:30 p.m. Rosary to End Violence & Terrorism —Immaculate Conception Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Ladies of Charity Blanket Making —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
- 3:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 4:00 p.m. Journey of Divine Mercy —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour —Church
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal —St. Cecilia Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 9:00 a.m. Spiritus Sanctus Home School Co-Op —Bayley Building Classrooms

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 3:00 p.m. Bundle Drive —4th Street Parking Lot *until 5:30 p.m.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 7:00 a.m. Bundle Drive —4th Street Parking Lot *until 1:00 p.m.*
- 12:30 p.m. Kinect Group

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**Sunday
Collection
October 16**

**Regular
Collection:
\$7,426**

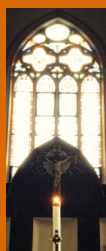
**Parish Share
Gifts:
\$3,950**

*See the article on
page 16 regarding
next Sunday's
second collection.*

Enroll in
Faith Direct!
See our website for
more information
or scan the code to
get started.



*Please
remember
SEAS
in your
will!*



Rest in Peace
Larry Byerly



**This Sunday's
Tabernacle Lamp burns
In memory of
Lloyd and Cornelia Stemle
By John and Janice Schenk**

ELEVATOR PITCH

An “elevator pitch” is a succinct speech highlighting the value of an idea, commodity, or event. Imagine sharing a brief elevator ride with someone rich or powerful enough to change the world. What would you pitch? You may never ride that elevator, but practicing your elevator pitch improves you: It focuses you on your priorities and refines your thoughts and words in preparation for future opportunities.



So followers of the Lord Jesus might consider their “elevator” profession of faith. It’s hard to imagine anyone wanting to hear a brief statement of your faith, out of the context of your life and family and community. But working on it anyway can improve *you* as a follower of Jesus, because it focuses you and opens your mind and heart more widely to the Spirit.

For the past two weeks, I’ve been writing bulletin articles meant to move you to elevator-pitch articulations of your Christian faith:

- How does Jesus free you from guilt for your offenses against God and others?
- How does the Lord Jesus make up for your past failures to do or become what you should?
- How is Jesus moving you to love others more profoundly?
- How does Jesus invite you to share his life in the Church or in the Holy Trinity?
- How do you see Jesus saving your community through the promise of justice and judgment?

Don’t indulge yourself by thinking long, circuitous thoughts about how you might answer these questions. That’d be a little like thinking hard about exercising: It misses the point! Instead, write out a one- or two-sentence answer to each question. And if you can’t do it—well, *then* you have some hard thinking to do.

- ✠ Please note that instead of a fall rummage sale, we’re hosting a bundle drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donate clothing, household items, and small (working!) appliances October 29 and 30. Load them right onto the truck in the parking lot! Your donations fund the SVdP Society and its good works on behalf of needy families.
- ✠ All Saint’s Day, November 1, is a holy day of obligation. The special Mass schedule will be posted in next week’s bulletin. Alongside your Hallowe’en celebrations, please attend a Mass celebrating the victory of the Lord in so many of our brothers and sisters.
- ✠ The following day, November 2, is All Souls’ Day. That morning, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, we’ll drive to St. Ignatius & St. Mary Cemeteries to pray for those buried in our parish cemeteries and for all the dead. That evening, at 6:30 p.m., we’ll celebrate our annual Mass for all the dead, naming especially those of our community who died in the past year. All are welcome to both observances.

—Fr. Dave



HEARTS SPEAK TO HEARTS

SEAS EVANGELIZES

"OUR MISSION IS THE MISSION JESUS CHRIST GAVE TO HIS DISCIPLES"

"...in a sense, we all have the same vocation. We are all called to be holy, and we are all called to be priests of God. More than that, we are all called to be apostles. Our mission is the mission Jesus Christ gave to his disciples: to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations... Whatever our vocation, we find the complete fulfillment of it only in the Church, bringing our labors together with the labors of every other Christian." —Mike Aquilina, *Sharing Christ's Priesthood*

World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. The theme this year is "Mercy Changes the World," and is a call to put faith in action. Our generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious, and catechists to reach out to communities, families and children in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances. ... Life-changing help is provided to mission churches in territories covering more than half the globe.

If you miss the collection today, it's not too late to act on this! As long as your donation clearly indicates that it's for World Mission Sunday, you can drop it in the basket next Sunday, putting your faith into action, living out your mission.

SEAS evangelizes!

Hearts speak to hearts, bringing the light of Christ into the darkness of our world!



YOUTH GROUP!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

12:45-2:45 PM

CARNEGIE
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



GAMES
Foosball
PIZZA

Air Hockey
Basketball
FAITH

"The bread in your box belongs to the hungry; the cloak in your closet belongs to the naked; the shoes you do not wear belong to the barefoot; the money in your vault belongs to the destitute."

—St. Basil the Great

The challenging words of St. Basil who lived from 330 -379 AD are still timely today. Spend some time this week pulling together some donations of clothing, small appliances, and household goods to donate on October 29 and 30 to the St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Drive, so that others may live more completely.

See full details on page 16.



Please join us for

Holy Hour

Thursday, October 27
6:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS AND EVENTS

- The Sixth Grade Class begins their three-year preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation with a presentation ceremony at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on October 30. Each student will come forward to accept the gift of a teen study Bible that they will use in class each week through their Eighth Grade year.
- There will be an important meeting for all Eighth Grade students and their parents on Monday, November 14, at 6:45 p.m. in St. Luke Hall. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Church for prayer led by the Sixth Grade Class.
- Reminder: Classes will not be in session on Monday, October 31. Have a safe and happy Halloween!
- Parents are encouraged to attend the Patriotic Rosary on November 7 (see below).
- The next Family Fun Night: Monday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m. This will be an event to remember: come crawl through some caves with your children, and give thanks for the blessings in our lives. Teens: help is needed for this event! See Steve or Mrs. Smith.



YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUTH

Sunday, November 6

We will be packing lunches for the
Red Door Ministry of
St. Mary of Mercy Church.

**Meet at 10:30 AM (right after Mass)
in St. Luke Hall**

COME AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2017 Enjoy Coupon Books – The 2017 *Enjoy* coupon book is available from our Knights of Columbus at the same price as last year: \$30 per book. You can realize savings on such things as car washes, florists, dry cleaning, fine dining, golf course green fees, movie tickets, fast food, ice cream, travel and many other offerings. The *Enjoy* coupon book makes a great Birthday, Anniversary, Christmas, Thank You, or “Just Because” gift. Look for the 2017 *Enjoy* coupon book sale in Holy Family Hall or contact:

Bob Greek

412 787-2537

Terry Cummings

412 279-6735

Jim Miller

412 276-8093

The books may also be purchased at the Parish Office.

Please join us in praying the PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Presented by members of
**FATHER DENYS BARON ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 939**

with
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

WHERE: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

WHEN: Monday, November 7 | 6:30 p.m.

GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

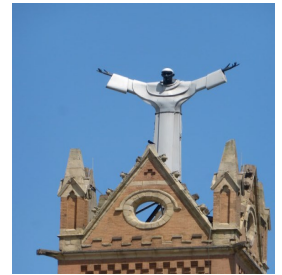
As you plan your giving for 2016 consider that there are ways to make revocable or irrevocable planned and deferred gifts to the parish in addition to outright cash. Here are some options to consider.

October – December 2016 Issue

How to Initiate a Tax Free Gift from Your IRA if You Are Over

70½ Years of Age

- Call your IRA fund custodian/investor/broker.
- He/she may have a form for you to sign giving instructions regarding the charity(s) you wish to receive gifts and when you wish to make these donations from your IRA.
- The fund custodian will then send a check made payable to the charity from your IRA minimum distribution or principal. (If requested, the check can be mailed to you to send out personally.) To avoid declaring that amount as taxable income, the check must be made payable to your parish/school/diocese (or other charity).
- It is helpful to have the check sent directly to you. You can then send it (with your name and address) to the charity, as many IRA custodians do not identify the donor's name and address when they send the check directly to the charity.
- The charity/parish/diocese will send a special letter of acknowledgement to the donor indicating that the gift from the IRA was received and the date it was received. This will verify that the gift should not be claimed as taxable income.
- Your broker/fund custodian/investor may have other instructions for you. You may not claim an income tax deduction for this type of gift.



St. Benedict the Moor Church
Hill District

10 Ways to use planned gifts for Our Campaign for the Church Alive! pledge

payments or new gifts

1. Use **cash**; 2. Use an **IRA charitable rollover**. Have check made payable to Our Campaign for the Church Alive! (see above); 3. Appreciated securities (**stock**) (see below); 4. Make a charitable provision in your **Will** (see below) (cannot be credited toward your parish goal); 5. A **Charitable Gift Annuity** helps the campaign and provides you with income for life; 6. A **Charitable Lead Trust** may be ideal for six figure gifts, helping the Church now, and your family later; 7. **Charitable Remainder Trusts** are also great possibilities; 8. Don't forget about using a **life insurance policy**; 9. Your **retirement fund** may generate a gift, either during life or after your lifetime; 10. With the **Gift Annuity Enhancement** program you can make an immediate gift and receive income for life in the process.

Compare: A Bequest through your Will vs. a Charitable Gift Annuity

Say you make a provision in your Will to benefit your parish. But if you use up your assets (nursing home, etc.) there may be nothing remaining to benefit anyone, including your parish. One option is to create a Charitable Gift Annuity now. These funds will be immediately removed from your estate. The annuity will guarantee mostly tax-free income for you (and possibly a second annuitant) for as long as you live. You will also receive an immediate income tax deduction. Capital gains tax savings result if you use appreciated securities to fund the gift annuity. After your death, the remainder of your gift annuity will go to help your parish. 50% of the value of your gift annuity may count toward a pledge made to "Our Campaign for the Church Alive!" For a free prospectus, call (412) 456-3055.

Gifts of Stock Eliminate Capital Gains Tax

A gift of appreciated securities (stock) can provide you with a significant income tax deduction. You may receive an income tax deduction of up to 30% of your adjusted gross income, and will not be required to pay capital gains tax in the process. Larger deductions may be carried over for five additional years.

Easy to make a Bequest in your Will

Instruct your attorney to make a provision in your will or living trust using this language: "I give, devise and bequeath \$ ____ [specify dollar amount] [or % ____ percentage of my estate] [or ____ % percentage of the remainder of my estate or property] to ____ Parish at [include legal address of your parish or school]."

Please remember your parish as you plan your estate. Consult your attorney or tax advisor for more specific advice. For information on any current or deferred gift option, such as a trust, insurance policy, will, retirement fund, endowed fund, stock transfer, charitable gift annuity, or bequest intention document, please contact Paul Stabile, Director of Planned Giving, Office for Stewardship at 412-456-3055 or pstabile@diopitt.org.



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"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

—1 Corinthians 9:10-11

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement,
who encourages us in our every affliction,
so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction
with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God.*

~ 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4



Do you know anyone who has died in the past year?

Do you know anyone who has been buried from our parish in the past year?

Do you know anyone who is feeling the loss of a loved one in the past year?

Do you recall a time in your life when you were supported in a loss by the compassion of your faith community?

A "yes" to any of these questions could mean that you may be blessed and/or be a blessing to others by attending our November 2nd 6:30 p.m. All Soul's Day Mass/Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, where we will remember, by name, each of those buried from our parish during the past year.

You are also invited to the cookies and beverage reception afterwards, where you can have an opportunity to express your condolences, share your stories, and generally support the loved ones of our beloved dead with your presence, and also receive support that you may need.

Our Bereavement Ministry members, including our Funeral Mass Choir members, and our Adult Altar Servers for funerals will look forward to hosting you as we all come together to support the grieving members of our faith community.

Please join us, one and all!

(additional Masses on November 2: 8:00 a.m. & Noon)

WHO ARE THOSE CATHOLICS?

Catholics are Christians who believe that Jesus Christ reveals who God is and shows us how to live our faith to the fullest through a Catholic way of life. Catholics celebrate that Good News of God's love and mercy particularly in what they believe, worship, live and pray.



.....Now if God is inviting you to seek a deeper relationship with Him, or if you are simply curious about what Catholics believe, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you. It is a process through which the Catholic Church shares its faith with those who want to discover it.

The parish community of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton offers ongoing sessions on Tuesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 pm in the Maximilian Kolbe Room. Call the RCIA office for more information or just drop by on a Tuesday evening. We encourage you to respond to God's invitation now!

NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE Visits St. Thomas More Church

Friday,
November 18
7:45 a.m. to
3:15 p.m.

If you plan to visit, please note that the church will be locked during the 8:45 a.m. Mass with the school children.

**See a complete schedule of events for the day at
www.stmpgh.org**



GET READY, CUZ' HERE THEY COME!

Our regular SEAS St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection is next week, October 30th.

Our first ever SEAS St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Drive is next week, October 29th & 30th.

Our Gospel readings both this week and next week lend themselves to an understanding of God's desires for us to help the poor. Our reading from the Gospel of Luke today (October 23) tells us that the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When *we pray and give alms to the poor*, we allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts:

Since our last 5th Sunday Collection at the end of July, through your gifts, our Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to many local families, providing approximately \$6,000 in food, and \$8,300 for utility and rent bills, furniture, etc. Please make your check payable to SVdP – SEAS Conference. Thank You for your faithful generosity!

Our reading in next Sunday's Gospel (October 30) has Luke telling us that Zacchaeus accepted our Lord joyfully, and the sign of his acceptance was his open house and his resolution to *give half of his goods to the poor*.

For the first time, our SEAS SVdP is doing a Bundle Drive next weekend, October 29 and 30! Bring your clean clothing, small household items, and small working appliances to put on the SVdP truck. This is a great opportunity to give as much as you have and don't need (half of your goods?) to the poor.

Look for us in the 4th Street parking lot!

Saturday, October 29, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 30, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



SECOND COLLECTION ON OCTOBER 30 TO BE SPLIT

A letter to Fr. Dave from the Very Reverend Lawrence DiNardo, Vicar General/General Secretary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh:

October 14, 2016

Last week Hurricane Matthew ravaged the Caribbean and southeast United States with torrential rain and damaging winds. While our own country has been affected by flooding, the destruction in Haiti is much worse. Reports indicate that nearly 900 people have died in Haiti alone and tens of thousands of homes have been destroyed throughout the Caribbean. Support will certainly be needed to help rebuild homes. However, food, water, and hygiene products are the most immediate needs so that those who have been displaced can be nourished and the spread of disease be minimized.

Catholic Relief Services is already providing direct aid throughout the Caribbean, but especially in Haiti. The Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked each diocese to take up a second collection to aid the victims of Hurricane Matthew. I am asking that you take up a special collection the weekend of October 29-30, 2016 that would go towards the work of Catholic Charities in the United States and Catholic Relief Services in the Caribbean.

Thank you for your consideration as we seek to assist our brothers and sisters in need. May we continue to pray for all who are suffering because of this tragedy and may God give rest to those who have died.

Of course we'll help! But this means that our second collection next week will be split. Since our St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection was already planned (and needed) we will be dividing our gifts to provide aide to those in Haiti *and* Carnegie! Please be generous. If you would like to donate to a specific cause, please note it on your check or envelope.

Remember, you can also make a one-time donation using Faith Direct! Scan the code to get started And be sure to note **"Hurricane Relief"** or **"St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP)"**. Don't have a smart phone? Just click the *Faith Direct* button on our homepage for easy access: www.SEASCarnegie.org



Know the Positions of the Presidential Candidates

In keeping with its mission, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The information listed here has been compiled from policies, public statements, official and campaign websites and other resources to help voters form their consciences before entering the voting booth. The issues that appear here do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The PCC neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office.

Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care. Therefore, Catholics should eagerly involve themselves as advocates for the weak and marginalized in all these areas...*But being 'right' in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life.* Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the 'rightness' of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community. If we understand the human person as the 'temple of the Holy Spirit' -- the living house of God -- then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. *All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house's foundation.* These directly and immediately violate the human person's most fundamental right -- the right to life. -- From *Living the Gospel of Life*, No. 22 with original emphasis (Pastoral Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1998).



ABORTION

"I believe we need to protect access to safe and legal abortion, not just in principle but in practice," Clinton said at a rally in January.

Clinton supports the repeal of the Hyde Amendment and the Democratic Party Platform states, "We will continue to oppose—and seek to overturn—federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment." The Hyde Amendment restricts the use of federal funds to pay for abortions.

While Trump previously described himself as "pro-choice," in August 2015 Trump said he has "very much evolved" on the issue of abortion and "I am pro-life." He said he supports exceptions in the case of rape, incest and when the life of the mother is at risk.

No statement by Trump on the Hyde Amendment could be found, but the Republican Party Platform calls for "codification" of the Hyde Amendment, "We call for a permanent ban on federal funding and subsidies for abortion and healthcare plans that include abortion coverage."

DEATH PENALTY

During a February 2016 debate, Clinton said regarding the death penalty, "I do for very limited, particularly heinous crimes, believe it is an appropriate punishment, but I deeply disagree with the way that too many states still are implementing it."

In 2011, Trump said he is "very much in favor of the death penalty."

DOCTOR PRESCRIBED SUICIDE

During a February Town Hall Meeting, Clinton said doctor prescribed suicide "is a crucial issue that people deserve to understand from their own ethical, religious, faith-based perspective...I want as president to try to catalyze that debate." The Democratic Party Platform makes no mention of doctor prescribed suicide.

No statement by Trump on this issue could be found, but the Republican Party Platform states, "We oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide."

EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

In 2007, Clinton said, "I'll tell you why I won't support vouchers. Number one, I don't think they're constitutional. But number two, I don't see how you would implement them without having a lot of people get vouchers for schools that would be teaching things antithetical to American values."

In his book *The America We Deserve* (2000), Trump wrote, "we've got to bring on the competition—open the schoolhouse doors and let parents choose the best school for their children. Education reformers call this school choice, charter schools, vouchers, even opportunity scholarships. I call it competition—the American way."

These comments, policies and statements are snapshots from each candidate's public career, campaigns and websites as of August 2016. For embedded links to these resources, visit www.pacatholic.org. The candidates also represent the platforms of their political parties, which can be viewed at www.democrats.org and www.gop.com. Information appears here for informational purposes only and does not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. PCC neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office.

HILLARY CLINTON**DONALD TRUMP****ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Clinton's campaign [website](#) states that her energy "plan is designed to deliver on the pledge President Obama made at the Paris climate conference" where over 190 countries agreed to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and meet existing financial commitments to an international climate fund.

During a May 2016 policy address on energy, [Trump said](#) that in his first 100 days in office, "We're going to cancel the Paris Climate Agreement and stop all payments of U.S. tax dollars to U.N. global warming programs."

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

[Clinton described](#) the First Amendment Defense Act as "taxpayer-funded discrimination by those who cite religion as a reason to deny services to LGBT people nationwide." The First Amendment Defense Act would protect against adverse federal actions directed toward individuals and organizations whose religious beliefs and moral convictions indicate that marriage is between one man and one woman.

In a December 2015 letter [Trump wrote](#), "If Congress considers the First Amendment Defense Act a priority, then I will do all I can to make sure it comes to my desk for signature and enactment."

HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR THE UNINSURED

According to [her website](#), Clinton will "defend the Affordable Care Act and build on it to slow the growth of out-of-pocket costs." Her plan would also provide health insurance for the lowest-income Americans by incentivizing states to expand Medicaid, and make enrollment through Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act easier.

According to [his website](#), Trump "will ask Congress to immediately deliver a full repeal of Obamacare." He also said, "As we allow the free market to provide insurance coverage opportunities to companies and individuals, we must also make sure that no one slips through the cracks simply because they cannot afford insurance. We must review basic options for Medicaid and work with states to ensure that those who want healthcare coverage can have it."

IMMIGRATION

According to [her website](#), Clinton will "introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to full and equal citizenship within her first 100 days in office." She will "defend President Obama's executive actions" to provide deportation relief for DREAMers and parents of citizens and lawful residents; "end family detention and close private immigrant detention centers" and "promote naturalization."

According to [his website](#), Trump will build a wall across the southern border, paid for by Mexico. To defend the immigration laws, Trump proposes to triple the number of ICE officers (currently 5,000); create a nationwide e-verify to "protect jobs for unemployed Americans"; return "criminal aliens" to their home countries; detain "illegal aliens" at the border until they are returned to their home countries; defund "sanctuary cities"; enhance penalties for overstaying a visa; cooperate with local gang task forces and end birthright citizenship.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

According to [her website](#), Clinton will defeat ISIS by "intensifying the coalition air campaign against ISIS fighters, leaders, and infrastructure; stepping up support for local Arab and Kurdish forces on the ground and coalition efforts to protect civilians; and pursuing a diplomatic strategy aimed at resolving Syria's civil war and Iraq's sectarian conflict between Sunnis and Shias—both of which have contributed to the rise of ISIS."

[Trump said](#) he would bring about the defeat of ISIS by destroying the source of its funding, oil and banks that funnel money to the organization, "take the oil...the oil that ISIS is pumping, where they're getting tremendous amounts of revenue. I've said, hit the banking channels. You know, they have very sophisticated banking channels...they're taking in tremendous amounts of money from banking channels."

MARRIAGE

In response to the Supreme Court's decision to strike down state laws defining marriage as between one man and one woman, [Clinton tweeted](#), "Proud to celebrate a historic victory for marriage equality."

In 2015, [Trump said](#), "I'm (for) traditional marriage."

POVERTY

In 2013 while members of Congress were debating the details of the Farm Bill, [Clinton tweeted](#), "What happens to kids in families cut from unemployment insurance & food stamps? They're #2SmallToFail, & deserve an equal chance to succeed."

In a June 2015 interview, [Trump said](#), "We have to create incentives that they actually do much better by working. Right now, they have a disincentive. They have an incentive not to work." When asked if he would insist people work for food stamps and other welfare assistance, Trump said, "Well, you could - you could start looking at things like that...The problem we have right now, we have a society that sits back and says we're not going to do anything. And eventually the 50 percent cannot carry, and it's unfair to them, but cannot carry the other 50 percent."

REFUGEES DISPLACED BY TERRORISM

[Clinton said](#) the U.S. should do more to help Syrian refugees, "We're facing the worst refugee crisis since the end of World War II...I think the United States has to do more, and I'd like to see us move from what is a good start with 10,000 to 65,000 [refugees permitted in the U.S.]."

[Trump said](#) regarding refugees, "It is a very, very disturbing thing that's going on in Europe. And we're going to have it over here, too. And they just can't do what they're doing...We're not going to keep them here. They're going back."



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