St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 29, 2018

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday • 8:00 a.m.
Monday - Wednesday - Friday • Noon

CONFESSIONS

- Saturday 11:00 a.m. to Noon
- 1st Sunday of each month 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- by appointment

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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 x221

MASS INTENTIONS

April 29 — **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

4:00 p.m. KATHRYN OLIVERIO by Mario Oliverio
7:30 a.m. NANCY FLECK by Hazel and Len
9:30 a.m. MARTIN AND SOPHIA GUDEWICZ by Family
11:30 a.m. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

April 30 — **Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter**
Acts 14:5-18 | Ps 115 Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory. | Jn 14:21-26

8:00 a.m. KATHLEEN CONNOLLY by Ed and Mary Lou Scheiber
12:00 p.m. HELEN AND CHARLES CAVANAUGH by Denny and Terry Cavanaugh

May 1 — **Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter**
Acts 14:19-28 | Ps 145 Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom. | Jn 14:27-31a

8:00 a.m. SYLVESTER & MCCONKEY FAMILIES by Tom and Ruth Sylvester

May 2 — **Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Acts 15:1-6 | Ps 122 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. | Jn 15:1-8

8:00 a.m. JOHN RAFFA by Ernie and JoAnn Deutsch
12:00 p.m. WILLIAM AND CATHERINE DELL by Family

May 3 — **Feast of SS. Philip and James, Apostles**
1 Cor 15:1-8 | Ps 19 Their message goes out through all the earth. | Jn 14:6-14

8:00 a.m. CHARLES FLORY AND MYRTLE FLORY by Family

May 4 — **Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter**
Acts 15:22-31 | Ps 57 I will give you thanks among the peoples, O Lord. | Jn 15:12-17

8:00 a.m. CARL MASSINI by Dave Ames and Sherri
12:00 p.m. BOB AND AGNES COLWELL by Bernice and Ruth Malingowski

May 5 — **Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter**
Acts 16:1-10 | Ps 100 Let the earth cry out to God with joy. | Jn 15:18-21

8:00 a.m. DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE VOGT & CHARITAN FAMILIES by Mary Jane Charitan
4:00 p.m. 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF SHARON & WALTER WOJCIECHOWSKI by Family

May 6 — **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | Ps 98 | 1 Jn 4:7-10 | Jn 15:9-17

7:30 a.m. JAMES PAJAK by John and Patricia Pajak
9:30 a.m. ED DVORAK by Kathi and Carole Dvorak
11:30 a.m. CHARLES F. DATO & ANTHONY AND JOAN DATO by JoAnne and Family

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ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

THIS WEEKEND: ON MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today at Mass you will hear about the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* decisions for your parish. In the announcement you will learn: **(1)** the final Parish Grouping that your parish will be in; **(2)** the clergy team assigned to serve the grouping; and **(3)** the maximum number of Masses for the grouping beginning October 15th. With these announcements, there are still many tasks ahead to bring about the vision for vibrant parishes in our communities. The first task over the coming weeks and months is to build relationships, especially between the parish communities in the grouping and with the clergy teams who are eager to begin serving you. As we continue to share in the joy of the resurrection of Jesus during the Easter season, we must not be discouraged by the challenges that may come. Instead, we are called to go forward with hope for the good of our parishes and for the good of our own lives with God. The information about your grouping and all the groupings is available online at **onmissionchurchalive.org** and will be shared in your parish bulletin and the Pittsburgh Catholic next weekend. May God bless the Church of Pittsburgh, our parish communities and each of us.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL *Fifth Sunday Collection* **TODAY!**

—see page 13 for details —

Parish Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 29
12:45 p.m. Luncheon with Leah Libresco

Monday, April 30
5:30 p.m. Second Grade Rehearsal for First Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Children's Faith Formation —Bayley Building Classrooms
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Preparation Class —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
7:00 p.m. Bingo —Bishop Canevin High School

Tuesday, May 1
6:30 a.m. Men's Faith Sharing Group —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
9:30 a.m. St. John Paul II Co-op —Bayley Building Classrooms
1:00 p.m. Men and Women's Faith Sharing Group —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal —Church
7:00 p.m. RCIA —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

Wednesday, May 2
12:30 p.m. Rosary to End Violence & Terrorism —Immaculate Conception Chapel
1:30 p.m. Golden Agers Meeting —St. Luke Hall
7:00 p.m. Fr. Robin's Bible Study —Bayley Building Classroom #5

Thursday, May 3
10:00 a.m. SEAS Moms Play Group —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
10:00 a.m. PIP Prayer Group Praying with you. —Holy Family Hall *until 1:00 p.m.*
12:00 p.m. Day of Adoration begins —until 7:00 p.m. *see page 14*
7:00 p.m. Christian Mothers and Guild Board Meeting —St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal —St. Cecilia Room
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting —St. Luke Hall

Saturday, May 5
9:30 a.m. Ladies of Charity Mat Making —St. Luke Hall
2:00 p.m. SVdP Bundle Drive *until 5:30 p.m. See page 13*

Sunday, May 6
7:00 a.m. SVdP Bundle Drive *until 1:00 p.m. See page 13*
9:30 a.m. First Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. First Sunday Confession

—The Ladies of Charity Diaper Drive begins next weekend. See page 14 for details!—

This Sunday's Tabernacle Lamp burns in memory of the deceased members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Fri.
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Financial Stewardship

April 22 Regular Collection: $6,903

Parish Share Gifts: $1,874

Faith Direct for April: $19,791

Make a one-time gift, or enroll in Faith Direct! See our website for more information or scan the code to get started.

Please remember SEAS in your will!

From the Pastor

"Why are you standing around?"

I'm writing this column on April 20, but if you're reading it after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, then perhaps you've already heard me read Bishop David Zubik's letter to you, in which he discloses his decisions about the future of this parish and its associated clergy.

At the time I'm writing, however, I know very little. I likely learned the big picture only on Thursday, April 26, when the Bishop met with the priests and deacons concerning his decisions.

So, writing to you from a dimmer past, please allow me to encourage you for the future. Bishop Zubik launched his initiative, *On Mission for The Church Alive!*, in order that the Church of Pittsburgh, taking in all six counties of southwestern Pennsylvania, might live out her mission more robustly.

Though there will be many occasions for shared joy ahead, there will also be changes, and some of these may feel awkward. (I don't yet know.) But that's okay. If you're feeling any worry or distress, try to express it in the form of a question: "How will we…?" "How will I…?" These are good questions, and they keep us focused on how we as followers of the Lord Jesus can be faithful to him and fulfill his purpose in us.

The community of the faithful in the Carnegie area already underwent serious changes in the 1992 merger that created St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. So you, your presence in the community, and your ongoing affiliation with the Church all prove that it's possible to stay *On Mission* notwithstanding dramatic change.

I am reminded of Jesus' disciples in the moment after his Ascension into Heaven. Angels appeared suddenly and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." In other words: "You have a job to do before Jesus returns. Get to it!"

Bishop Zubik has asked every parish to host a special day of adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in prayer for the success of this initiative and for the ongoing mission of Christ and his Church. Our day comes up soon: Thursday, May 3, from 12:00 noon until 7:00.

✠ Please remember that our extraordinary guest, Leah Libresco, will be speaking in Saint Luke Hall after the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, April 29. A lunch will also be available (free-will offering).

—Fr. Dave

Date Changes: Adult Confirmation Classes

It is necessary that we change the class dates to Mondays, April 30, May 7, and May 14. These 3 sessions will prepare adults for the parish confirmations on May 22. If you or a family member still needs to take advantage of this preparation for their Sacrament of Confirmation, please call the Office for Initiation at 412-276-1011 ext. 225.

Confirmation Rehearsal

All Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors must attend a rehearsal on Sunday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m. We will gather in Holy Family Hall after the 11:30 Mass. Light refreshments will be served prior to the rehearsal which will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.

SEAS EVANGELIZES

HEARTS SPEAK TO HEARTS

"...whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."
~ Philippians 4:8

Maybe you have noticed that, so often in the life of us Catholics, it often comes down to these: Faith, Hope, and Charity, what Mother Church calls The Theological Virtues, gifts infused in us by God, beginning with our baptism. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that "A virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all his sensory and spiritual powers; he pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions. The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God." Let's look at these virtues now, in light of any and all changes that are upon us.

Faith: We believe that God has our best interests in mind, as well as the best interests of those who need to come to the faith through us or because of us. We also believe that "…all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) Faith has been described as a Fantastic Adventure In Trusting Him. Lord, we believe! Help thou our unbelief!

Hope: "Hope assures us that, with God's grace, we will see our way through what now seems such a daunting challenge. For believers, hope is not a matter of optimism, but a source of strength and action in demanding times." (USCCB)

Charity: this is the virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. (CCC) Who is your neighbor at this moment in time? How can we be more charitable toward each of those, and all of those, whom God places in our path?

Let us put our 'best foot forward' and continue bringing our neighbors, including our new neighbors, closer to Christ!

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in his arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.
~ attributed to St. Francis de Sales

All are invited to our Annual May Crowning

Monday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. with the children of our parish.
Join us for the Holy Rosary with music by the Contemporary Choir.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL
Fifth Sunday Collection

Not only is today the Fifth Sunday of Easter, but it's also a 'SVdP 5th Sunday Collection' day, since it's a month that has five Sundays in it this year! This means that your donations in the second collection will help the SEAS St. Vincent de Paul Conference live out their mission of helping the poor. In today's Gospel, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor you can "bear much fruit".

Thank you in advance for any way you can help. Checks may be made payable to "SEAS-SVdP", to be used for our food pantry and case management work. Thank you for your generosity! Please pray for us as we work with the poor.

P.S. Next weekend remember to bring your clothing and small household items to the 4th St. lot as we hold our SVdP Spring Bundle Drive. Come before or after any of the Masses. We'll be there with muscles and smiles!

Ladies of Charity Diaper Drive

Dates: May 5 thru May 13

It's that time of year again that The Ladies of Charity are holding their annual Diaper Drive. Items needed are diapers, lotions, wipes and all other articles for babies.

Any donations that you can make for The Ladies of Charity to submit to Catholic Charities for women who are in need will be greatly appreciated.

A container for drop off will be placed in Holy Family Hall (the narthex) of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity and assistance with this project.

-Co-Chairpersons: Denise Davis and Victoria O'Bosky

First Holy Communion

Next week we will celebrate the First Holy Communion of our Second Grade students at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please be aware that the first 7 to 8 pews on each side of the church will be reserved for the families (and guests) of the First Communicants. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we welcome our little ones to the table of the Lord!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISH

Join us on Thursday, May 3, from Noon to 7:00 p.m. to pray for our parish and our new parish grouping, for our clergy and for the Church of Pittsburgh as we prepare for the implementation of *On Mission for the Church Alive!*

Please sign up for a time of adoration in Holy Family Hall this weekend, or online at SEAScarnegie.org

May God bless us and may God bless our Church!

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Partners in Prayer

PIP is Meeting this week.

Our *Partners in Prayer* Prayer Ministry Group will be meeting this Thursday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Holy Family Hall.

Stop by at any time and join them in prayer. Our PIP group will be ready to hear your intentions and pray with you and for you! Come and see what it is all about!

Mother's Day Flowers

Pay tribute to a special woman in your life, living or deceased, with a $12 donation towards the purchase of flowers for the sanctuary on Mother's Day. Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, and other special women may be included!

Please PRINT Information *(one letter per box)*

Name of person you wish to honor:

Please check one: ☐ **person is living** ☐ **person is deceased**

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Donation: $_____

Name & phone number of contact: _____

Make check payable to SEAS Parish.
Return to: SEAS Parish, 330 Third Avenue, Carnegie, PA, 15106,
by Friday, May 4, with your $12 donation per name.

Widows/Widowers

We will be meeting on Monday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m. (last time at Peter's Place). Please come and share food and conversation with us. Call Dorothy Montani at 412-279-5872. If possible, please bring an item for our SVdP Food Pantry.
Hope to see you there! —Dorothy

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Penance Opportunity
A priest will hear confessions after the 9:30 Mass and before the 11:30 Mass next Sunday, May 6.

Kids can play – Moms can talk.

This Thursday, May 3,
in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

To see or hear the daily readings, visit our website and click the link on the homepage!
The Bulletin can also be found online in full color! Don't forget about movies, videos and books that we offer through the *Formed* link on the homepage. You can also update your parish registration, email the staff members, donate through *Faith Direct*, or even join the parish! There is much to do and see right at your fingertips at SEAScarnegie.org.

Golden Agers

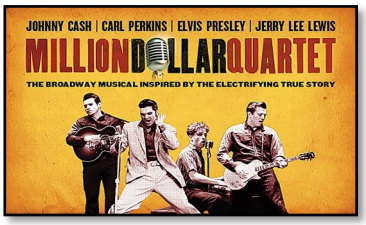
Taste of Home Brown Bag Tour

featuring Holmes County, Ohio
Wednesday, June 13.
Depart SEAS at 7:30 a.m.

Travel via deluxe highway coach to lovely Holmes County in Central Ohio. This is home to the largest settlement of Old Order Amish in the country. Receive a small gift at each of our scheduled stops. Embark on a delightful backroads tour through the picturesque countryside and receive a loaf of homemade bread. Visit Hershberger's Amish Farm and Bakery for a choice of Fry Pie. Continue on to Coblentz Chocolates for a small box of chocolates. Following a lunch break visit Swiss Village Bulk Foods and enjoy an ice cream cone. Enjoy a glass of Sangria at Broadrun Cheese House and Victorian Gifts. Our day concludes with a delightful Amish-style dinner at a local restaurant in Holmes County. Following dinner we begin our journey home and arrive back in Carnegie at approximately 8:30 p.m.

$98 must be paid by May 19

We also have our trip to the
Mountain Playhouse
to see Million Dollar Quartet on July 18!



$80 – Must be paid by June 9

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