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| **G:\Parish Pictures\inside church photos misc\Lent\20160218_181548.jpg**  **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church**  **105 Summer Road + Three Bridges, NJ 08887**  **Phone: 908-782-1475 + Fax: 908-782-6230**  **Parish Website:** [**www.easeton.net**](http://www.easeton.net)  **Diocese of Metuchen website:** [**www.diometuchen.org**](http://www.diometuchen.org) | | |
| **Parish Office**  **Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  **Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  **Email: parishoffice@easeton.net** | | **Religious Formation - 908-284-2929**  **Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  **Friday: Closed**  **Email: seasrf@easeton.net** |
| **C:\Users\JFerrari\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\K3NJKJML\IMG_6209.jpg**  **During these days of quarantine, many are being creative in keeping their Faith alive and finding ways to celebrate Mass. One family created their own home Altar and watched Fr. Mike Schmitz celebrate Mass in front of it.** | | |
| **Rev. Thomas J. Serafin, KCHS,** Pastor  **Rev. Edward A. Kearns,** Pastor Emeritus  **Paul J. Santella,** Deacon  **Michael S. Tomcho,** Deacon  **Kevin M. Kilcommons,** Deacon  **William P. Weber, Jr.,** Deacon  **Mariam Nawab,** Parish Catechetical Leader  **Diane Luceri,** Director of RCIA & AFF  **Brett Walzer,** Director of Sacred Music  **Jackie Ferrari,** Parish Administrative Assistant  **Ruth Pryor,** Baptisms / Parish Office  **Judy Koch,** Confirmation Preparation  **Gina Perez,** Religious Formation Admin. Assistant  **Becky Marchinda, Suzanne Wooby,** Teen Ministry  **James Letchford, Claire Long,** Lay Trustees  **Parish Registration**  All adult members must be registered to obtain sacramental eligibility notes, letters of recommendation, etc. Contact the Parish Office or visit our website for registration materials. | **Regular Weekend Mass Schedule**  **Saturday:** 5:00 PM  **Sunday:** 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** for Pre-K through Grade 4 at all Masses  **Daily Mass**  **Monday-Friday:** Mass - 9:00 AM  **Reconciliation [Penance/Confession]**  Saturday: 4:00 PM or by appointment  **Marriage Preparation**  Common Policy for New Jersey Catholic churches requires couples to contact the parish one year before the potential wedding date or making any wedding plans.  **Infant Baptism**  Expectant parents should register for the required formation session before birth or adoption and to receive our parish policy, ritual explanation and sponsor [godparent] requirement booklet. | |
| **Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 29, 2020** | | |

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***From the Pastor***

***5th Sunday of Lent - A***

***March 29, 2020***

***“LAZARUS, COME OUT!”***  This weekend, our readings take us to where many dread to go: to the grave. Through the Prophet Ezekiel, who lived 600 years before Christ, God promised: ***“O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them.”*** *[C.f. Ezekiel 37:12]* In the Gospel, at his friend Lazarus’ tomb, Jesus exclaimed: ***“Lazarus, come out!”*** *[John 11:43]* And in our Second Reading, Saint Paul assured us: ***“If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.”*** *[Romans 8:11]* So, if we welcome Jesus into our life, we will *NOT* be left out of God’s postmortem party!

This week we are encouraged to rise from the death of sin so that God’s Spirit can more fully live within us. Our ***LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE*** is ***WEDNESAY***, ***APRIL1*** at ***7:30 PM***. And since it is customary around ***Holy Week*** to visit the graves of loved ones, adorn their resting places with ***blessed palm branches***, ***Easter flowers*** and other signs of our Faith, and pray that God will ***forgive the sins of all the faithful departed***, I will offer reflections on three sets of orations: today, the ***Mass for All the Dead*-*2****;* next week, on ***Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion***, the ***Mass for All the Dead*-*3****;* and on Easter Sunday of the Lord’s Resurrection, the ***Mass for All the Dead-4.***

***Collect -*** ***For All the Dead - 2***

*Almighty ever-living God, life of all that is mortal and joy of the Saints, we humbly pray to you*

*for your servants (N. and N.) that, freed from*

*the bonds of mortality, they may possess*

*your Kingdom in everlasting glory.*

*Through our Lord Jesus … for ever and ever. Amen.*

***THE BONDS OF MORTALITY***. The term ***‘the bonds of mortality’*** is not a banking term or a financial matter; it refers to our many finite, mortal, human limitations. However, although we are *physically* ***limited*** by time and space, we are *spiritually* ***unlimited*** by time and space. This means that - even now - through prayer - we are still united with our deceased loved ones - and they with us - despite the ***‘bonds of mortality!’***

***Prayer over the Offerings - For All the Dead - 2***

*Receive, O Lord, in your kindness the sacrificial offering we make for your departed servants*

*(N. and N.) and for all who sleep in Christ,*

*that, set free from the bonds of death by this singular sacrifice, they may merit eternal life.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***THE BONDS OF SIN AND DEATH.***  After Jesus called forth Lazarus from his tomb, he was still bound by the Jewish ceremonial burial cloths in which he [and Jesus] were buried. Curiously, Jesus did not remove Lazarus’ burial cloths; He directed Lazarus’ family and friends, the onlookers and others who were present to: ***“Untie him and let him go.”*** *[John 11:44]* Through our prayers and sacrifices, offered on behalf of the dead, we have the ability and honor to untie and be released from the bonds of their sins the dead for whom we pray! [I hope many people pray for me to be freed from my sins after I die!]

***Prayer after Communion - For All the Dead - 2***

*As we participate in the divine mysteries we pray, almighty God, that they may advance our salvation and bring pardon to the souls of your servants, for whom we implore your mercy.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***THE BONDS OF LOVE***. In the poetic Preface for the ***Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I***, we hear these powerful words said of God: ***“Never did you turn away from us, and, though time and again we have broken your covenant, you have bound the human family to yourself through Jesus your Son, our Redeemer, with a new bond of love so tight that it can never be undone.”*** However, our ***‘bond of love’*** with Jesus is often taken for granted, ignored or even left unused.

In these final days of ***Lent***, and throughout ***Holy Week***, we are gifted with so many opportunities to ***bond*** or ***‘re-bond’*** with Jesus! We can remove any obstacles that hinder our relationship with God by confessing away our sins at the Penance Service. We can join in the once-a-year, grace-filled events that make present the deeds by which God saved us. What will we do to fortify our ***‘bonds of love’*** with God and one another?

***In His holy Name,***

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***Rev. Thomas J. Serafin, KCHS***

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| **Mass Intentions** |
| ***All public Masses are cancelled until further notice. Father Tom will offer these intentions when he privately celebrates Mass each day.***  **Saturday Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**  **Sue Ann Cattano**  *r/o: Pirog family*  **Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent**  **Patricia Taber**  *r/o: Joan Jorgensen*  **Helen O’Malley**  *r/o: Susan Apisa*  **Johanna & Theodore Mykulak**  *r/o: family* |
| **Monday**  **Michele Schrade**  *r/o: Pat Rivero*  **Tuesday**  **Jim Bowers**  *r/o: Betty Franck*  **Wednesday**  **Michele Schrade**  *r/o: Sharon Boehmer*  **Thursday**  **Michele Schrade**  *r/o: her husband, John*  **Friday**  **Joanne Jennings**  *r/o: Frank & Barbara Lieto* |
| **Saturday Vigil: Palm Sunday of the**  **Passion of the Lord**  **Irene Ciccarino**  *r/o: Kennedy family*  **Sunday Palm Sunday of the**  **Passion of the Lord**  **Rosemarie Tramontano**  *r/o: Anita & Larry Wuest*  **Jerry Hug**  *r/o: Susan Apisa*  **Bob Mykulak**  *r/o: family* |

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| The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in memory of **Stella Wojcik**  as requested by  **Maureen & John Lybarger.** |

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| **Private Prayer & Stations of the Cross**  SEAS church is open Monday - Thursday, 8 AM - 5 PM, and Friday, 8 AM - Noon, for private prayer. Stations of the Cross booklets are available on the shelf near the Parish Prayer Book. |

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| **Easter Decorations**  To have your remembrance included in the special bulletin insert, please return your envelope by **Monday, March 30**. |

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| **Parish Prayers** | |
| ***“For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven …”*** | |
| ***a time to heal …*** We pray for all the sick of our parish and especially for: | |
| John Althamer  Mary Bartolomeo  Christine Brower  Karen DiLella  Jeanette Dilley  Rosalinda Giles  Rev. Edward Kearns  Linda Klug  Mary Alice Laird  Julianne Mazur  Rev. Msgr. James Moran  Irene Nagel | Mariam Nawab  Cecil Rajendra  Rena J. Rotella  Tom Stock  Anna Sutphin  Greta Thwaites  Kevin Timko  Paul Urban  Beth Vidal  Daniel Walker  Riley Sue Walker |

**The Parish Office and Religious Formation Office are currently closed. Phone messages and email are being checked and will be responded to; we are happy to assist you in any way!**

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| **All public events and ministry meetings are cancelled until further notice.**  **We are working on live streaming Mass and hope to do so soon.**  **Upcoming Cancellations** | |
| **Teen Ministry** | Sunday, March 29 |
| **Adult Choir Practice** | March 31, April 1, April 7 |
| **Women’s Spirituality** | Thursday, April 2 |
| **First Saturday Devotions** | Saturday, April 4 |
| **Rosary for Respect Life** **Causes** | Sunday, April 5 |
| **Respect Life Eucharistic Adoration** | Monday, April 6 |
| **‘Keeping Watch’ with the Blessed Sacrament** | Holy Thursday night - Good Friday |
| **Children’s Passion Play** | Friday, April 10 |
| **Easter Eggstravaganza** | Saturday, April 1 |
| **Prayer Shawl Ministry** | Thursday, April 10 |
| **Seton Men’s Club** | Thursday, April 10 |

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| **Knights of Columbus #15540**  **6th Annual Comedy Night on Saturday, April 25**  **at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church - on hold**  The Knights of Columbus will soon make a decision whether to go on as planned, reschedule to a later date, or cancel the event. Please email [KoC15540@gmail.com](mailto:KoC15540@gmail.com) or call 908-797-6500 [Ed] or 732-354-7580 [Pete] with any questions. |

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| **Parish Ministry Contacts** |
| **For ministry info, email** [**ministryinfo@easeton.net**](mailto:ministryinfo@easeton.net) **or leave a message on the Ministry Information voicemail 908-782-1475 x1116. For a complete list of SEAS’ ministries, go to:** [**www.easeton.net**](http://www.easeton.net)**.** |

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| **Fifth Sunday of Lent** |
| **First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**  This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.  **Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**  Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.  **Gospel: John 11:1-45**  John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, “I am the Resurrection and the Life,” Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.  ©1998 Bon Venture Services, Inc. |

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| ***C:\Users\JFerrari\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\H50XZ5G4\grateful_7286c1[1].jpg*** | **Last Weekend’s Collection**  **March 22 $4,669.00**  **Thank you!** |

**Many thanks to all who have continued to offer their weekly donations via the mail or when they make a visit; your generosity is most appreciated!**

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| **SEAS Mortgage Information** |
| Mortgage (5/1/2015) $1,865,560.60  **As of January 1, 2020:**  Current Balance $ 885,267.28  Monthly Payment $ 12,406.89 |

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| **2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal**  **Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action**  Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop’s Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.  **To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling $69,689.33 and payments totaling $57,066.28 from 197 parishioners. This represents 53.6% of our $130,000.00 goal. Thank you!** |

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| **Mother’s Day Remembrance**  Collection for Mother’s Day remembrances is beginning. Please use the envelope provided in your packet if you wish to remember your loved ones in this way. **In order to be included in our special Mother’s Day bulletininsert, your request must be received by Monday, April 29.** |

 March 29, 2020

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Presently, there are 28 retired diocesan priests. We have all been blessed to have been the beneficiaries of their sacred ministry: countless Holy Masses, baptisms, weddings and confessions. They bring us the healing hand of Christ at the hour of death and they mourn with us when they bury our dead. Where would we be without their sacrificial gift of their lives for the Church?

Our priests have selflessly offered decades of service to the faithful. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us in our journey of faith. As our priests age and retire they often experience ongoing challenges that require our continuing care and attention.

We are asked to share our blessings bestowed upon us so that our retired priests can continue to celebrate Mass, assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, continue to bring Christ’s love to the sick and serve as spiritual leaders. While the retirement age for the majority of our diocesan priests is 75, their administrative responsibilities end but their pastoral and sacramental ministry continues. The retired priests, who for health reasons cannot minister in the parishes, gratefully also continue to support our local Church through their prayers and example.

Next weekend, April 4 and 5 we celebrate Palm Sunday, and the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to acknowledge those priests who have faithfully served our diocese by responding to the ***Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests***. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to support our retired priests who reside at the Maria Regina Residence in Somerset.

Your generous response to next week’s special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service. Thank you for your continued generosity and grateful heart.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

 Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

Bishop of Metuchen

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| **This Week’s 2nd Collection - Operation Rice Bowl**  Today’s ‘Fruit of our Fast’ collection will be added to the Ash Wednesday collection and both of our ‘fasting’ collections will go to support **Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl.** Thank you! |

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| **Religious Formation** |

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| **2020-2021 Fall**  **Religious Formation**  **C:\Users\gperez\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\R52VUXYJ\Megaphone.svg[1].png**  Fall Registration is on!  Register by April 21 - Take a $50.00 discount.  **Forms are now online at www.easeton.net**  Mail forms or drop them off to the mailbox in the parking lot.  **Please contact Mariam Nawab,**  **Parish Catechetical Leader**  **at 908-284-2929 x1123 or mnawab@easeton.net**  **for any RF concerns.** |

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| **Confirmation**  **June 1, 2020** |

**SRF 2020 Dates:**

July 6-9 & July 13-16, 2020

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| **Sign-up for 2020-2021**  **Have you thought about being a Catechist, but have never given it a try?**  We have Catechist opportunities for grades 1-8 just waiting for you! We have childcare on Wednesdays for your younger children. We will give you the curriculum and books and help you choose the grade that is best for you. Thank you for your time and talents.  **Catechists Needed for 2020-2021:**  Monday 4:45-6:00: 4th, 5th, 6th Grades  Monday 7:00-8:30: 8th Grade  Tuesday 4:45-6:00: 2nd, 3rd, 5th Grades  Tuesday 6:30-7:45: 2nd, 4th Grades  Weds. 4:45-6:00: 1st, 3rd Grades |

**Fifth Week of Lent**

**Jesus the Liberator**

**“Untie him and let him go!”**

**John 11:1-45**

**Pope Francis on Lent**

****Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS

Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE

Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE

Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE

Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD

Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY

Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL

Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY

Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others

Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED

Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen

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| **All Religious Formation Classes are Cancelled Until Further Notice**  Home Instruction Schedule as follows:  Grades 1-6: Week of 3/30 -  Complete Chapter/Unit Test for Ch. 27  Grade 7: Week of 3/30 -  Complete Pgs. 224 & 225  Email to gperez@easeton.net &  mnawab@easeton.net |

**SRF Requirements for Parents**

**~ Attend Mass Regularly**

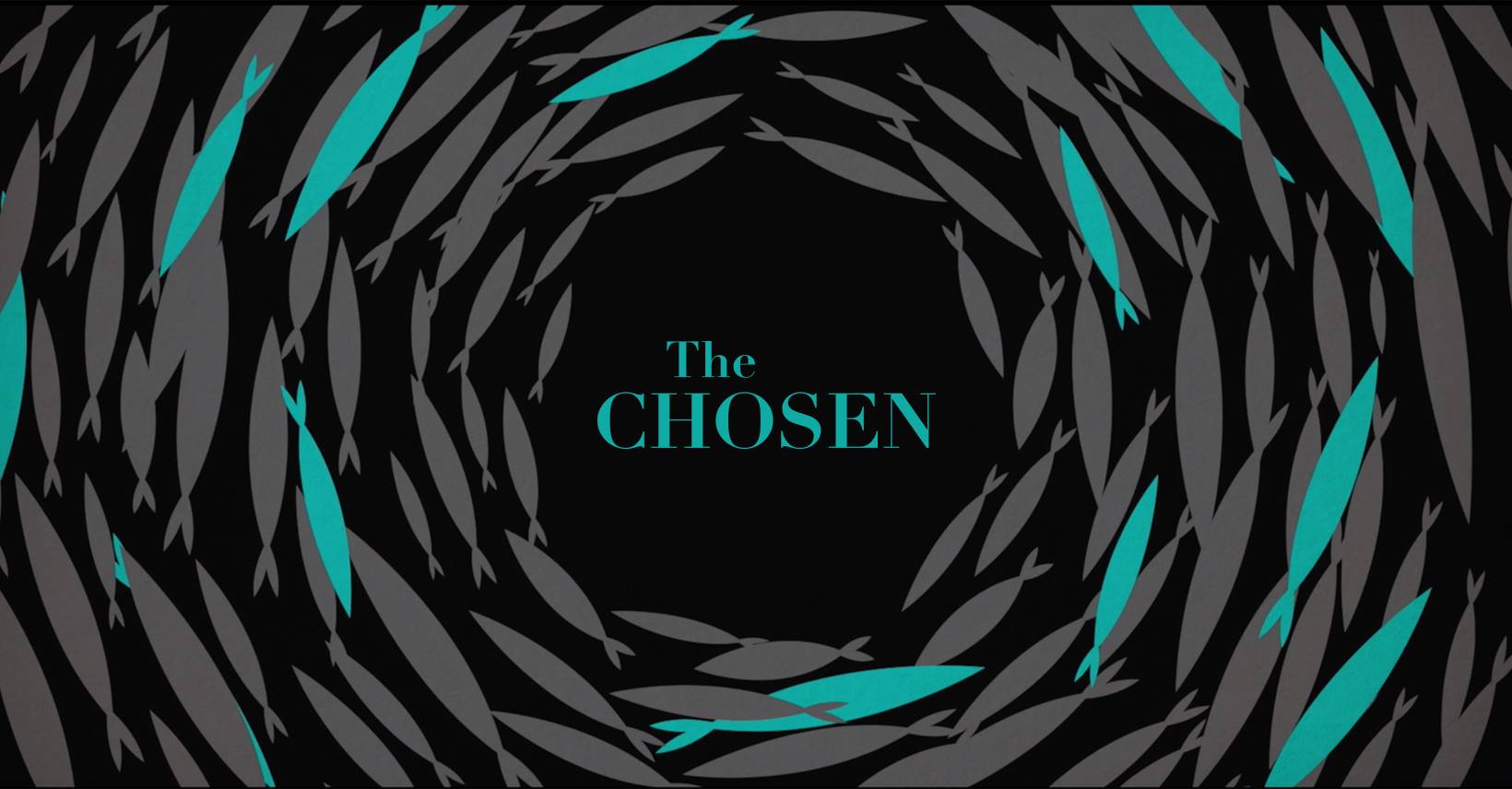
**~ Weekly Envelope Submission**

**~ Parent Involvement: 2 Day Commitment**

**for each Child**



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| **Adult Faith Formation** |

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All adults are encouraged to take some time to grow in faith and deepen your relationship with Christ by participating in an **Adult Faith Formation** program at SEAS! See this page for details. For more information or to register for a program please contact:

**Adult Faith Formation Director:** **Diane Luceri**

**908-782-1475 X 1114 or** [**dluceri@easeton.net**](mailto:dluceri@easeton.net)

***Lenten Reading Book Club***

We invite all women to join us in reading a book during Lent and then meeting after Easter to discuss the book:

***Blessed are You ~***

***Finding Inspiration from our Sisters in Faith***

This Lent use the stories of the saints, our sisters in faith, to help you grow in your spiritual life. Through the qualities of these exemplary women saints you will find ways to live more fully the Gospel values of Christian life.

**Book Discussion Date/Time:**

**Tuesday, April 21**

**9:30-11:00 am *OR* 7:30-9:00 pm**

***Please register no later than April 15 if you’d like to take part in the book discussion***



***Lenten Bible Study: No Greater Love***

***A Biblical Walk through Christ’s Passion***

We will be completing this study on our own and tentatively meeting on April 15 to discuss Session 4 & 5 and to watch the Resurrection video.



***GET FORMED FOR LENT!***

Now is the perfect time to take advantage of the dynamic online platform called FORMED. SEAS church *gifts* every parishioner with 24/7 access to the best Catholic content, including bible studies, movies, talks and books. It is *FREE* to register at easeton.formed.org. Once you set up your profile, you can access the material at any time. Be sure to take advantage of the numerous resources for Lent at no cost to you!

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| ***Inspirational Catholic***  ***Books and CDs***  Spending more time at home? What better way to spend this time of Lent to read an inspirational Catholic book or to listen to an inspirational talk. Be sure to check the kiosks in the hallway outside the narthex and in the foyer of the parish hall for a wide selection of topics. [book $4, CD $3 ] |
| **LENT SPECIAL**  **Buy 3 books or 4 CDs for $10** |

**COMING THIS SPRING at SEAS …**

***The Chosen***

***Wednesdays, April 22 ~ June 10***

***9:30-11:15 am or 7:15-9:00 pm***

Come see the gospels presented in a new and intriguing way! In this series you will see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. You will be introduced to people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew and, of course, Jesus in a way never before seen on film. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus Christ, this program is for you!

All are welcome! There is no cost, no materials and no homework required with this program. Each session stands on its own, so come whenever you can … and bring a friend who has been asking about Jesus! For planning purposes, please contact Diane to sign up!

**Get used to different**

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| **RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  Please continue to pray for our RCIA candidate, **Eileen Crane**, who is preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. If you would like to find out more about Eileen and her faith journey, be sure to check out the poster in the narthex. We invite you to become a ‘Spiritual Sponsor’ for Eileen by remembering her in prayer throughout the season of Lent and by sending a note of encouragement to the Parish Office marked “attention RCIA.” If you have any questions about the RCIA process, please contact **Diane Luceri** at  [**dluceri@easeton.net**](mailto:dluceri@easeton.net) **or 782-1475 x1114** |



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| **SEAS Information** |

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| **SEAS Pre-Employment Group**  In the current economic crisis we are in, the SEAS Pre-Employment Group is available to assist anyone requiring guidance with resumes, interviewing, marketing, networking, time management as well as the use of social media when seeking employment. More importantly, our group supports one another as we pray and learn God’s plan for our lives and career.  If you are unemployed, underemployed, or are employed and seeking an alternate career path, we are here to support you in finding the right position. Anyone is welcome to join the group!  If you need help/support, please contact Deacon Mike Tomcho at [mtomcho@easeton.net](mailto:mtomcho@easeton.net) or 782-1475 x1112 with any questions. |

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| **Chemo Caps for Lent - NOT cancelled!**  G:\Parish Pictures\2018\No Greater Love\IMG_2062.JPGKeep yourself busy while indoors and join our Lent project of knitting or crocheting chemo caps to donate to local cancer centers. A pattern for knitted and a pattern for crocheted caps are available at the collection box located outside the Parish Office. For more info please contact Pat Rivero 782-1475 x1116. |

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| **Prayer Shawl Ministry**  [Crochet Hook And Yarn Clipart](https://images.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search;_ylt=A0LEVjXt_Ala4pUA9A8PxQt.;_ylu=X3oDMTEydm50Y203BGNvbG8DYmYxBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDQjE4MzRfMQRzZWMDc2M-?p=free+clip+art+of+crochet+shawls&fr=ush-mailn_02&th=114.1&tw=189&imgurl=http://images.clipartpanda.com/hook-clipart-as2670.gif&rurl=http://worldartsme.com/crochet-hook-and-yarn-clipart.html&size=10KB&name=Crochet+Hook+And+Yarn+Clipart&oid=4&h=151&w=250&turl=http://ts4.mm.bing.net/th?id%3DOIP.Ox-WsnvMH6fhDg6YUUCBQgD6CX%26pid%3D15.1%26rs%3D1%26c%3D1%26qlt%3D95%26w%3D189%26h%3D114&tt=Crochet+Hook+And+Yarn+Clipart&sigr=11pgcd6ke&sigit=130km7jum&sigi=11fb27v3d&sign=10tnqfbb8&sigt=10tnqfbb8&hspart=att&hsimp=yhs-att_001)The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Thursday, May 14at 10 AM-12 Noon and 7:00-8:30 PM. ALL are welcome! If you know someone who could use the comfort of one of our prayer shawls, or for more info, please call Judy Herdman at 782-1475 x1116. |

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| **The WAY Teen Ministry**  **Meetings are from 7:00-8:30 PM**    **Sunday, April 19 - Joy in God’s Divine Mercy**  **Sunday, May 3 - Go out! Joy in Evangelization**  **Sunday, May 31 - Senior Night!**  **Sunday, June 7 - End of year cookout**  **Sunday, July 17-19 - Steubenville Retreat**  Questions about Teen Ministry? Please contact Becky Marchinda at [teenministry@easeton.net](mailto:teenministry@easeton.net). |

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| **Seton Seniors**  Please contact Jennie & John Giancola at 908-371-0606 for info about the group or schedule. |

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| **Apply for a $10,000 College Scholarship!**  If you are a graduating high school senior entering a full time Bachelor’s Degree program this fall or are already enrolled at an accredited 4-year college or university and continuing your undergraduate studies, you are eligible to apply for the James R. McFarland Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $10,000.00. You must be a parishioner at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and your educational institution must be accredited by the U.S. Department of Education (ED). This scholarship applies to 4-year post-secondary colleges and universities for the 2020/2021 academic year and is made possible through the generous contribution of the McFarland family. The application process is sponsored by the Military and Veterans Outreach Ministry at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Three Bridges, NJ.  Your application must include a personally written essay of between 500 and 600 words that addresses the question - ***Sent forth at the end of Mass to “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life”, what actions will you take over the next year and beyond to witness the love of Christ and encourage others to do the same?*** It must be typed on white paper in at least a 10-pt font and should be well written, grammatically correct and easy to read.  **The DEADLINE is April 23, 2020** and the scholarship will be awarded on June 7, 2020. Please check the Social Outreach Ministries web page for additional information concerning eligibility, application requirements and award details or go to [http://easeton.net/wp-content/ uploads/2020/02/CollegeScholarship.doc](http://easeton.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/CollegeScholarship.doc).  College Scholarship 2020 QR Code  You may also pick up the Scholarship Application Form and eligibility requirements from the Parish Office or scan the QR Code. |

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| **Vacation Bible School - June 29 - July 3**  **Hey Party Animals!**  It's time for VBS again. We're getting ready to throw a huge ***BIRTHDAY BLAST!!*** and are hoping you'll join the week long party! Stay tuned for sign up info! |

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| **Women’s Spirituality Group**  The next meeting of the WSG is Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 PM. For info about WSG, email us at [seaswsg@gmail.com](mailto:seaswsg@gmail.com) |

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| **Seton Men’s Club**  The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 14. |

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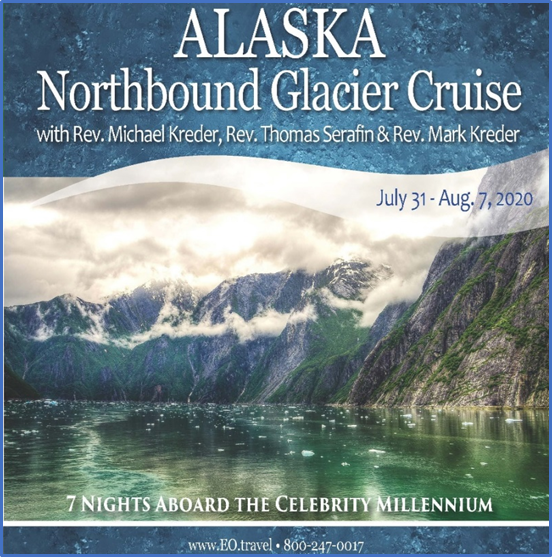
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St. Mary, (Rutherford)

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| **Military Outreach Ministry**  **The M.O.M. would like to build a slide show of veterans, past and present, connected to SEAS Parish. If you know of anyone who is serving or has served, we'd like as much of the following information as possible to create their slide:**  **1. Recent picture or one from when they served**  **2. Branch of service**  **3. Rank (current or last achieved)**  **4. MOS (military job)**  **5. Dates of service**  **6. Locations served or current location (if not secret)**  **7. Awards or citations earned**  **8. Requester’s name (must be SEAS parishioner)** |

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| *“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” (John 11:40)*  Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren’t going our way, do we really believe and put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God’s active presence in our daily lives. |

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| **Other Information** |

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| St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church of Hillsborough, NJ, has cancelled their April 8. |

**Catholic School 2020-2021 Tuition Assistance**

**Online Application Process Open**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2020.** Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.