



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Website: www.easeton.net

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Parish Office

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Email: parishoffice@easeton.net

Religious Formation - 908-284-2929

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday: CLOSED

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Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors took part in a Confirmation Retreat last week.

Very Rev. Thomas J. Serafin, VF, KCHS, Pastor

Michael S. Tomcho, Deacon

Kevin M. Kilcommons, Deacon

William P. Weber, Jr., Deacon

Paul J. Santella, Retired Deacon

Mariam Nawab, Parish Catechetical Leader

Diane Luceri, Director of OCIA & AFF

Brett Walzer, Director of Sacred Music

Jackie Ferrari, Parish Administrative Assistant

Ruth Pryor, Baptisms / Parish Office

Gina Perez, Religious Formation Admin. Assistant

Gillian Pinter, Confirmation Prep / Teen Ministry

James Letchford, Claire Long, Lay Trustees

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Regular Daily Mass Schedule

Monday - 6:15 PM

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation [Penance/Confession]

Saturday at 4:00 PM and **MOST** Mondays at 5:00 PM

[see inside for this Monday's schedule]

or by appointment

Marriage Preparation

Common Policy for New Jersey Catholic churches requires couples to contact a 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 to receive our Parish policy, ritual explanation and sponsor [godparent] requirement booklet.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024



From the Pastor
5th Sunday of
Easter - B
April 28, 2024

What a joy it truly is to welcome our little children to the 'Big Table.' It took me many years to emerge from the 'Cousin's Table' in the basement and join the adults at the 'Grownups' Table' in the

dining room. It was many 'rites of passage' many, if not most of us went through. So, too, with the **Church**: most of us started with **Baptism** as infants, and gradually progressed through the other **Sacraments** to live out our **Faith** as adult **Catholics**. How are the ages for the '**Sacramental Steps**' by which we become full-fledged **Catholics** determined? Here's a brief history of the **Sacraments of Initiation**.

BEFORE THE 13TH CENTURY. From the **Church's** beginning until the 1400's, it was normative that **Baptism**, **Confirmation** and **First Eucharist** were all celebrated at the same time. Around 160, an **African Church Father, Tertullian**, wrote about the **Baptism** of infants; by the 5th Century, the **Baptism** of the children born to **Christians** was the norm. The child was also Confirmed AND received **First Eucharist**. A drop of **Precious Blood** was administered by the **Priest**, who dipped his thumb into the chalice and then placed it into the child's mouth. As these baptized children grew, they would consume the crumbs and fragments leftover from the **Hosts** that the adults had received. **Tabernacles**, which began to be used between the 4th and 8th Centuries, were not found in every **Catholic Church** until the 11th Century ... so leftovers **Hosts** had to be consumed.

THE 13TH CENTURY & THE 'AGE OF REASON.' The **Western Church** restricted **Holy Communion** to those who had reached the 'age of discretion' or 'reason' and had gone to **Confession**, which is the **current** policy for **Roman Catholics**. **Eastern Rite Catholics** still celebrate the three **Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist**, during infancy. While our culture considers 7 to be the 'age of reason,' it has varied worldwide over the years up to 14. However, the **Universal Church** has never determined the actual 'age of reason' and leaves that up to local **Conferences of Bishops**; the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** - the **USCCB** - set the age at 7.

RECENT CHURCH HISTORY. In 1866, **Pope Pius IX** condemned the practice of overly delaying the reception of **First Communion**; however, he did not set a universal age. In 1910, the **Sacred Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments** determined that the age of discretion should be considered to be around 7, but he did not mandate it as such. **Pope Saint Pius X** approved and published the decree.

The current **Code of Canon Law**, promulgated in 1983, does **not** define the 'age or reason' **nor** the age at which children can be admitted to the **Eucharist**. It simply states: "**For the administration of the Most Holy Eucharist to children, it is required that they have sufficient knowledge and careful preparation so as to understand the mystery of Christ according to their capacity, and can receive the Body of the Lord with faith and devotion**" and be "**able to distinguish the Body of Christ from ordinary food and receive Communion reverently.**" [CC#913 §1, 2] And it places the responsibility to prepare the children on the **Parents**, and to see that they are properly prepared, on the **Pastor**.

CONFIRMATION. As the **Western [Latin or Roman] Church** grew, and that part of the world became more urbanized, **Bishops** retained the privilege to **confirm**. So, while **Deacons** and **Priests Baptized** and administered **Eucharist**, which **Deacons** cannot confect, **Bishops 'confirmed'** what had been done by a **Deacon** or **Priest**. This put the age for **Confirmation** any time **after First Eucharist**, which has led to a hot debate between **Liturgists** and **Catechists**.

To maintain the ancient order of the **Sacraments of Initiation**, as **Eastern Rite Churches** do, **Liturgists** prefer **Confirmation BEFORE First Eucharist**, which also highlights the **Blessed Sacrament** as the **most important Sacrament**. **Catechists** counter that without the 'prize' of **Confirmation** after 8 to 12 years of **Religious Formation** [some **Bishops** only confirm those near the **end of High School!**] we would lose them. That might be very true, but it is certainly not the best reason to delay a **Sacrament**. Who knows what the future will hold, but ... now you know ... a brief history of the **Sacraments of Initiation**.

In His holy Name,

Very Rev. Thomas J. Serafin, VF, KCHS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM **Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter**
Donald Hudson
r/o: Patrick & Alyson Graziano

Sunday 8:00 AM **5th Sunday of Easter**
Sara Webb
r/o: Anita & Larry Wuest

9:30 AM **Raymond Wenstrom**
r/o: Laura Lynch

11:30 PM **Barbara Prokopik**
r/o: Maria & Ricky Uy

Monday 6:15 PM **Johanna Zaccone**
r/o: Barbara Zaccone & Kevin Fredrick

Tuesday 9:00 AM **In celebration of the 1st Wedding Anniversary of Andrew & Sarah Gelston**
r/o: their mother Pauline Martino

Wednesday 9:00 AM **Armand J. Verrath, Jr.**
r/o: Tanteras family

Thursday 9:00 AM **Mary Jane Duffy**
r/o: Carolyn Girvan

Friday 9:00 PM **Saint Philip**
Joyce Zaccone
r/o: Barbara Zaccone & Kevin Fredrick

Saturday 5:00 PM **Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter**
Louise Regeci
r/o Terry & Peter Macor


Sunday 8:00 AM **6th Sunday of Easter**
Edna Mae Cosgrove
r/o: Rich Kilpatrick

9:30 AM **Gam Pui Liu**
r/o: Aurea Diokno & family

11:30 PM **Gene Puruggnan**
r/o Maria & Ricky Uy

Monday Confessions

Confessions will be heard on Monday, April 29 at 5:00 PM.



The **Bread and Wine** will be offered this week **in celebration of the 60th Anniversary Jack & Karen Zalewski**
 requested by their children Sharon, John & Kevin

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week **in memory of Gerald Mathes**
 requested by **Angie & Mike Conti**



Parish Prayers


"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

a time to be born ...

a time to heal ... We pray for the sick; especially for:


Nancy Balunis	Dorothy LaMotta
James Benson, Sr.	Eileen Levandowski
Sr. Mary Cabrini	Ellen Lodato
Joan Drake	Msgr. James Moran
Charlie Ferrari	Mariam Nawab
Jackie Ferrari	Kathleen Rutar
Selene Fisher	Deacon Paul Santella
Emily Granneman	Pat Snyder
Naeem Harry	Greta Thwaites
Dolores Heim	Hart Walzer
Mary Ellen Heim-Harris	Bernie Weinheimer
Ken Kimmel	Kenneth Weinheimer

a time to die ... Ralph Trecozzi, Inge Wieland




This year's Paschal Candle has been generously donated **in Loving Memory of Sharon Pace** from her family.


First Friday Eucharistic Adoration - May 1
 On the first Friday of each month after the 9:00 AM Mass, we spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in silent prayer until 10:00 AM. We then pray the Rosary and follow with closing prayers, ending by 10:30 AM. All are welcome!




First Saturday Fatima Rosary - May 4
 On the first Saturday of each month a group meets in the church at 4:15 PM to pray the rosary. We need to pray for ourselves and the whole world. Please consider joining us for this special prayer!



Bring Bells to Mass
 Bring bells [or borrow one of ours!] to ring out our joy during the Gloria throughout Eastertime!



Mother's Day Remembrance
 Please use the envelope provided in your packet if you wish to honor your loved ones with a Mother's Day remembrance. **In order to be included in our special Mother's Day bulletin insert, your request must be received by Sunday, May 5.**



Parish Ministry Contact

For info on any ministry, leave a message on the Ministry Info voicemail [908-782-1475 x1116](tel:908-782-1475), email ministryinfo@easeton.net or visit our website.



Last Week's Collection
April 21, 2024 **\$17,475.00**
Thank you!

Thank you to all who continue to offer their weekly donations via the mail or when making a visit; your generosity is most appreciated!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

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**2024 BAA: STAY WITH US, LORD:
Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission**

If you missed it, you can still see the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going online to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Watch it and see all the good work being done in your name, thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift today!

SEAS BAA Update

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$174,565.50 and payments totaling \$144,312.50. This represents 126.5% of our \$138,000.00 goal pledged and of 104.6% goal received. Thank you!

First Holy Communions at SEAS

This weekend we begin celebrating First Holy Communion at most Masses for the next few weeks. Please observe the reserved pew signs in the church for First Communion families. Also, please be sure to utilize the whole parking lot. It is especially important NOT to park along the curb leading to the front of the church as emergency vehicles need to access the property. *Please park your vehicles in designated spaces only.*

Liturgical Ministers: Celebration, May 5

5:00 PM

Sacristan: Fran Riccardi

EMs: Pauline Martino, Mariam Nawab, Judy Koch, Susan Mania, Tom O'Connell, Pat Ramachandran, Ed Koch, Mike Hibo

Readers: Jim McQuade, Barbara Galaini

Altar Servers: Charlotte McLoughlin, Brie Goodwin, Billy Goodwin, Abigail Motley

8:00 AM

Sacristan: Barb Lieto

EMs: Larry Wuest, Anita Wuest, Susan Boylan, Barb Lieto, Sarah Wooby, Mike Wooby, Carol Altomare

Readers: Jerry Vecchio, Fred Fischl

Altar Servers: Connor Simpson, Rory Simpson, Eileen Beykirch, Brendan Simpson

9:30 AM

Sacristan: Christine Kukel

EMs: Linda Williams, Walter Urban, Kathy Urban, Michelle Sibiga, Aileen Giordano, Kelly Robison, Laura Porrovecchio

Readers: David Geisler, Helen Thornton

Altar Servers: Bodhi Pirog, Faith Loftus, Anna Porrovecchio, Abigail Kaecker

11:30 AM

Sacristan: Maria DeSapio

EMs: Paola Kornspan, Mariam Nawab, Chris Phelan, Sanjeev Silva, Pat Norris, Helen Schuler, Mike Schuler, Laurie Markowski

Readers: Tom Donohue, Joe Lang

Altar Servers: Danny Kornspan, Tighe Carter, Michael Kalita, Brendan Carter

Second Collections

Today - Native & Black American Collection / Catholic Relief Services

Today's 2nd collection benefits the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services which helps provide relief and support for struggling communities and supports work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Thank you for your generosity.

Next week - Development of the People [Church in Latin America, Eastern Europe & Catholic Home Missions]

Next week's 2nd collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe as well as the Catholic Home Missions. A portion of the donations supports the Church in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule building the future in this region. The Catholic Home Missions funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States.

Children's Faith Formation

'Do This in Memory of Me'

Congratulations to the children of our Parish who celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend.



April 27 - 5:00 PM Mass:

Harlyn Alligier	Anna Schott
Henry Bontempo	Emma TenKate
Casey Gray	Colton VanHorn
Genevieve Kelly	Adriana Zielinski
Nolan Pachuta	Meghan Ziemba

April 28 - 9:30 AM Mass:

Emily Cosgrove	Ryan Monaco
Joseph Doell	Briella Ramirez
Daniel Hirasek	Ainsley Rosa
Aiden Loftus	Avery Sidorski
Kaiden McHale	

April 28 - 11:30 AM Mass:

Geneva Bradley	James Lucignano
Victoria Busichio	Luciana Russo
Beau Conte	Paityn Rutledge
Marinna Iannella	Salvatore Testa
Brooklynn Imperato	



Congratulations On your First Holy Communion!

Praying that Jesus, the Bread of Life and Cup of Eternal Salvation, will always nourish your faith. May you always feel love and presence of the Lord as you receive Him in the Holy Communion.

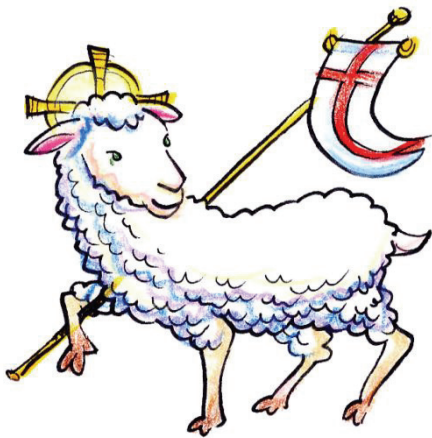
In the Risen Lord,

Blessings,

Mariam Nawab PCL

"Children are a gift from the Lord." PS.127:3

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!



Blessings and Easter Joy to all Catechists, Aides, Hall Monitors, Building Coordinators, Parents, Children and Parish Families! We will remember you in our prayers throughout the Easter Season. Love and gratitude,

Mariam Nawab PCL
SEAS-Three Bridges, NJ
908-284-2929 Ext 1123
mnawab@easeton.net

2024-2025

Fall Religious Formation

Fall Registration is on!



The registration discount HAS BEEN EXTENDED until Wednesday, May 24, 2024. Hurry and enroll your children.

Forms are in the RF Office, the foyer of the Parish Hall, and on www.easeton.net

Catechists Needed for 2024-2025:

We Need Your Help

Monday 4:45-6:00:	Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6
Monday 7:00-8:30:	Confirmation Prep - Grade 8
Tuesday 4:45-6:00:	Grades 3, 4, 7
Tuesday 6:30-7:45:	Grades 1, 3, 4, 5
Weds. 4:45-6:00:	Grades 1, 3, 6

Confirmation

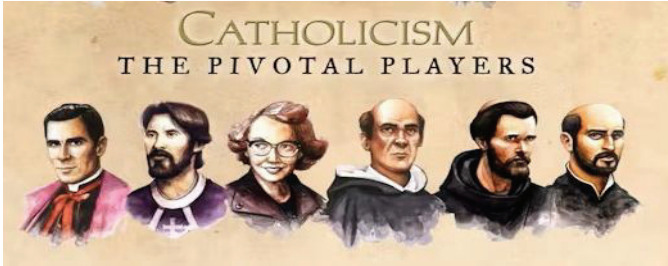
Tuesday, May 28 2024
5:00 pm



Adult Faith Formation

Happy Easter! Take some time this Easter season to grow in faith by participating in an **Adult Faith Formation program** at SEAS! Please see this page for details. If you have any questions or would like to register for a program, please contact:

Adult Faith Formation Director: Diane Luceri
 908-782-1475 X 1114 or dluceri@easeton.net



Catholicism: The Pivotal Players II
 Wednesdays, April 17 - May 29
 9:30-11:30 am or 7:15-9:15 pm

This spring, join us for Bishop Barron's inspiring film series, *The Pivotal Players*, which illumines several saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but also changed the course of civilization. Following is the schedule:

THIS WEEK ~ Fulton J Sheen

Fulton Sheen was a talented communicator with a great sense of humor and a keen understanding of human nature and the culture. Join us to find out more about this Pivotal Player!

Remaining Schedule:

- May 8** Flannery O'Connor ~ **The Storyteller**
- May 15** St. Ignatius of Loyola ~ **The Founder**
- May 22** Bartolome de las Casas ~ **The Activist**
- May 29** Michelangelo ~ **The Artist**

Sessions consist of watching the film and discussing it in groups. **Each session stands on its own. There is no cost, no materials and no home study required.**

Inspirational Catholic Books & CDs

Inspirational books and CDs offer the perfect opportunity to put Christ back at the center of our lives! Stop by the display in the hallway outside the narthex of the church or the kiosk in the foyer outside the parish hall for a variety of titles about our Catholic Faith. [\$3 per CD, \$4 per book]

Easter Special: 3 books or 4 CDs for just \$10!

Be sure to check out the new titles on the kiosk:

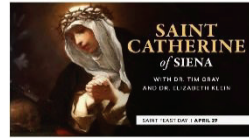
Arise from Darkness: When Life Doesn't Make Sense

Remade for Happiness by Fulton Sheen

The Shadow of His Wings~ true story

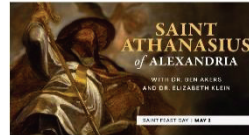
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 28, 2024



Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.



Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph

Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINIAN INSTITUTE and SPIRITUAL PRESS



Have you or someone you know been considering the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church? *The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)* is the way in which adults become fully active, participating members of the Catholic Church. Through weekly sessions, non-Christian adults are prepared for Baptism, Confirmation and first Eucharist, and non-Catholic Christians and Catholics who are only baptized are prepared for Confirmation and first Eucharist.

We now extend an invitation to "Come and see" to anyone who might be searching or discerning if the Catholic Faith is a way to commit more deeply to the call of Jesus. Be assured that now is the time to listen and to be open to the Spirit of God. Commitment to the process may follow in the months ahead. For more information or to set up a meeting about what the RCIA process entails, please contact

Diane Luceri at 782-1475 X 1114 or dluceri@easeton.net. High school students and adult Catholics needing only the sacrament of Confirmation should also contact Diane.

SEAS / Ministry Information

Women's Spirituality Group - Upcoming Events
Meetings 7:00-8:30 PM - Holy Family Room

May 2 Annual Baby Shower for the Pregnancy
Aid Center, Raritan, NJ

All women are welcome. For more info or to offer
assistance, contact us at seaswsg@gmail.com.

SEAS Women's Spirituality Group & Respect Life Ministry

Baby Shower - 2024



(supporting Pregnancy Aid & Info Center, Raritan NJ)

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024

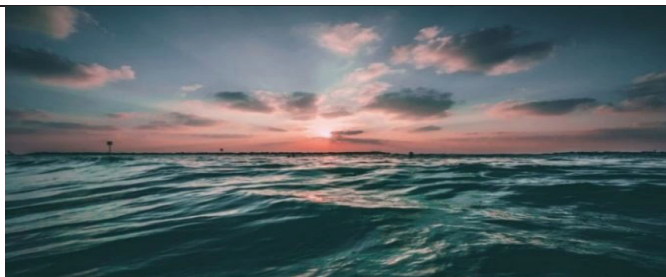
Time: 7:00 pm

SEAS Holy Family Room

Donations may be placed in the Pack N' Play in
Parish Hall anytime from April 15th – May 5th

Suggested Donations: Diapers- all sizes, especially size 3, 4, 5 and Wipes;
Pull-ups 3T/4T (boys and girls); Sippy Cups, Pants/Shorts and Tops; Formula,
Toddler Girls and Boys clothes; Baby clothes, Baby Layette, Baby Blankets, Baby
Shampoo, Lotion and Soap, Gift cards from *Shop-Rite, Target and Walmart*.

Contact: SEAS WSG at seaswsg@gmail.com with questions



SEAS Men's Club

All men of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish [18 or
older] are invited to attend the monthly meetings
[2nd Thursday of every month] of the Seton Men's
Club. It is an opportunity to relax and spend some
quality time with your fellow parishioners.
Meetings begin at 7:30 PM in the Holy Family Room
and include snacks, drinks & guest speakers.

Next meeting is May 9. Hope to see you there!

Parish Bus Trip to see "Daniel"
Sight & Sound Theater - Lancaster, PA
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 - 11:00 AM Show



Time: Mass at 7:15 AM; Bus leaves SEAS at 7:30 AM for
Lancaster and returns ~ 4:30 PM.

Back at SEAS, stay for Evening Prayer and an optional
catered supper.

Cost per person (non-refundable):

\$135.00 - Includes show ticket, bus, tips, bag with
bagel breakfast, snacks, water

\$165.00 - all above & includes optional dinner at SEAS.

Contact Mary Frain at maryc.frain@comcast.net to
register.

Seats are still available

Register and pay to secure a seat.



Knights Korner



Mother Seton Council #15540

Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Events

Business Meeting (5/1)

Mother's Day Carnations

Social Meeting (5/16)

Field of Flags (5/25)

Looking Ahead

The Knights will host a Casino night in
support of local charities on June 8.

Help us make a difference in our Parish,
consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

Contact: Grand Knight - Richard Dool
rdool@earthlink.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting
will be on
Thursday, May 9 -
10:00 AM - 12
Noon. ALL are
welcome! If you
know someone



who could use the comfort of one of our prayer
shawls, or for more info, please contact Judy
Herdman at 908-782-1475 x1116.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have enabled us to bring back our CLOW ministry every weekend during 5:00, 9:30 and 11:30 masses. We would like to be able to offer CLOW to our 8:00 mass children as well and we need your help to do that. Obligations for this ministry are limited - You are assigned once a month during your regularly scheduled mass time and the weekly readings and script to follow are provided to you. All you need to do is review the content before mass. This is a great opportunity for adults and confirmed teens to educate and inspire our youngest parishioners. If you would be willing to help with CLOW during 8am or any mass, please reach out to our ministry leader, Kelly Critelli, at ClowSeasTB@gmail.com.

Mother's Day Plant Sale

May 11 & 12 at SEAS

Sponsored by SEAS Military Outreach Ministry

On May 11 and 12 after all Masses, the Military Outreach Ministry will be selling Gerber Daisy and Geranium plants. Sizes and donation prices to follow.

Plants can be pre-ordered by emailing us at seasmilitary@gmail.com. Colors and flowering varieties may vary.



Gerber Daisy

Donation price:
TBD

Colors and flowering
varieties may vary.

Celebrate Mom
and support
Veteran Outreach!



Geranium plants

SEAS Food Pantry Needs

Canned Fruit (prefer in juice)
Coffee (ground or instant) Tea (decaf & regular)
Breakfast Cereals Mac & Cheese
Soups Canned Tuna

The Food Pantry also needs empty egg cartons
Please drop off donations in the Food Pantry bin
outside the parish office.

THANK YOU so much for your generosity!!!

Vacation Bible School 2024 June 24-28 - 9:30 am -12:30 pm



At Scuba VBS, your kids explore what it means to have a friendship with a real, loving, trustworthy God - a friendship that lasts forever! You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, snacks and epic adventures that help kids grow in faith!

Forms can be found in the narthex and the foyer by the Parish Hall. Questions? email us at seasvbs105@gmail.com.



The Knights of Columbus will host a

Casino Night on June 8 (6:30 pm) at SEAS.

It will be a night of fun, prizes and food. ALL net proceeds will go to local Charities.

The night will include 10 gaming tables (e.g. Poker, Blackjack and Roulette), a DJ, over 20 Raffle prizes (including a big screen TV, wine bundles, Keurig Coffee Makers and more), hot & cold snacks, Desserts, Sorbet Bar, Chocolate Fountain and Beer & Wine. Every Admission receives \$100 in Casino Cash.

1st Ticket \$100, 2d Ticket \$50
100% of net proceeds will go to local Charities

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Other Information

Young Adult Events

Join us on our next Hike on Sunday, April 28th. Meet us in the back parking lot of St. Magdalen's Church in Flemington at 2:00 PM. We will be carpooling or caravanning to Round Valley Reservoir to hike on the trails. Our next YA Meeting is on Sunday, May 5th, at 6:30 PM in St. Magdalen's Spirituality Center, Room 7. We are having discussions on the Eucharist, & will be planning more events. Come with your ideas. For more info & learn more about other young adult events, contact us at flemingtonyoungadults@gmail.com Any young adults between the ages of 18-39 are welcome.

*Marian Shrines
Pilgrimage*

**SAVE THE DATES
November 11-20
2024**



Peter's Way Tours

www.petersway.com

Combined Parish Pilgrimage

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
Three Bridges**

Very Rev. Thomas J. Serafin, V.F., KCHS, Pastor

**Church of Saint Mary
Rutherford**

Very Rev. Michael J. Kreder, V.F., KCHS, Pastor

**Church of Saint Justin the Martyr
Toms River**

Rev. Mark A. Kreder, Pastor

FRANCE, SPAIN, & PORTUGAL

We invite you to join us on a pilgrimage to honor Our Lady!



Our journey includes a visit to Fatima Portugal, the site of one of the most famous apparitions of the Blessed Mother. In 1917, on the 13th of each month between May and October, three young peasant children - Saints Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco - received an apparition of the Blessed Mother. Today, Fatima is visited by pilgrims from around the world who search for and find the messages of peace left by Mary for the world.



We will also travel to Lourdes, France, one of the most popular destinations for pilgrims in the world. We will pray in the grotto where the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, revealed herself as "the Immaculate Conception," and gave us the healing waters of Lourdes.



We'll visit Santiago de Compostela in north-west Spain, which is the final destination of a large network of ancient pilgrim routes stretching across Europe and coming together at the Cathedral of St. James the Apostle, where we will venerate his tomb.

Along the way we'll encounter stories of saints who walked before us. We hope you will consider joining us!

What is the cost of the pilgrimage travel package?

Package pricing ranges from \$2,545 to \$3,645 per person based on double occupancy. Single rooms are limited and, if confirmed, a single supplement will apply.

Where can I get details and enrollment information?

Email your request with your name and parish you belong to. Send requests to: CONTACTMARYFRAIN@GMAIL.COM
Mary will reply with acknowledgement of your interest.

How will enrollments and deposits be accepted?

Enrollment forms will be emailed first to those that emailed interest, in the order received by parish.

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***Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes
November 11-20/21, 2024***

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Proposed/Tentative Itinerary:

Day 1 - 11/11 - Monday: Newark to Portugal Flight

United Airlines overnight flight from Newark to Lisbon;
Dinner, breakfast & beverages on board

Day 2 - 11/12 - Tuesday: Lisbon & Fatima

Highlights: Orientation; Visit: 1195 birthplace of Saint Anthony of Padua, Lisbon Cathedral, Belem Quarter, Belem Tower, 25 April Bridge, Discoveries Monument, St. Jerome Monastery, Fatima Shrine; Hotel check-in; holy Mass at Fatima Shrine; 9:30 PM Rosary in the Chapel of the Apparitions; tentative Candlelight Procession; Overnight in Fatima hotel

***Day 3 - 11/13 - Wednesday:
Fatima, Valinhos, Aljustrel***

Highlights: holy Mass in the Chapel of the Apparitions; Tour of Fatima Shrine; Visit: Tombs of Fatima's Child Saints, Basilicas of Our Lady of the Rosary and the Holy Trinity, Aljustrel [hamlet where the three children lived], Valinhos [site of post-prison apparitions]; tentative Stations of the Cross & Chapel of Calvary; Independent lunch; Afternoon for private devotions; 9:30 PM Rosary in the Chapel of the Apparitions

***Day 4 - 11/14 - Thursday:
Coimbra, Santiago de Compostela***

Highlights: Leave Fatima; Carmel of Coimbra [Sister Lucia's longtime home]; Holy Mass at the Carmel; Independent lunch; Visit: Cathedral of Saint James; Overnight in Santiago de Compostela

***Day 5 - 11/15 - Friday:
Coimbra, Santiago de Compostela***

Highlights: Walking a portion of the 'Camino de Santiago'/Pilgrim's Way; Attend the Pilgrim Mass at the High Altar; See the famous Botafumeiro huge thurible; Venerate Saint James' relics; Independent lunch;

Afternoon for private devotions; Overnight in Santiago de Compostela hotel

Day 6 - 11/16 - Saturday: Leon & Burgos

Highlights: Travel to Leon; Independent lunch; Travel to Burgos; Sightsee ancient Cathedrals and historic sites; Overnight in Burgos hotel

Day 7 - 11/17 - Sunday: Loyola & Lourdes

Highlights: Visit: Loyola & Monastery of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, holy Mass at Shrine of Saint Ignatius; Independent lunch; Travel via the Pyrenees to Lourdes; Overnight in Lourdes hotel

Day 8 - 11/18 - Monday: Lourdes

Highlights: Tentative Mass at the Grotto; Independent lunch; Afternoon for private devotions: tentative options: Water Gesture [Baths], Rosary at the Grotto, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Lourdes film; Overnight in Lourdes hotel

Day 9 - 11/19 - Tuesday: Montserrat & Barcelona

Highlights: Travel to Montserrat & independent lunch; Visit: Benedictine Abbey, Shrine of the Black Madonna, holy Mass at the Shrine; Travel to Barcelona; Visit: Site of 1992 Olympics; Farewell Dinner; Overnight in Barcelona hotel

Day 10 - 11/20 - Wednesday: Barcelona & Newark

Highlights: Barcelona airport

***OPTIONAL Day 10 - 11/20 - Wednesday:
Barcelona, Sagrada Familia***

Highlights: tentative holy Mass at the Cathedral; Visit: art deco work of Antonio Gaudi, Gothic Quarter, Independent lunch; Self-tour of Barcelona; Overnight in Barcelona hotel

***OPTIONAL Day 11 - 11/21 - Thursday:
Barcelona & Newark***

Highlights: Barcelona airport

Other Details

Round-trip economy class airfare; First-class hotels; Daily Breakfast and Dinner with 2 glasses of wine; 1 bilingual tour guide per each of the two buses/coaches; Worship Guide for all services provided. Brochures with package prices and details will be available early April. To reserve a potential seat, email

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