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A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Trenton

MASSES

Saturday -----4:00 pm

Sunday ----- 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Please consult special schedule for Holy Day Masses, as times may vary.

Daily

Monday - Friday ---- 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

Saturday -----8:00 am

Daily Masses in All Saints Chapel unless otherwise specified.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 21, 2024

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Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs.--- 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday-----9:00 am to 12:00 pm

SERVED BY

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Sunday. Please notify the Rectory at least a month beforehand, so each parent may attend instruction.

MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual preparation. The couple should attend the Pre-Cana Conferences soon after their engagement. Arrangements should be made at the Rectory one year prior to the date of the marriage.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm in Church

SICK CALLS

In case of serious sickness or accident, call the Parish Office any hour, day or night 732-350-5001.

COMMUNION CALLS

For those who are homebound, disabled due to physical impairment, we will be happy to bring Holy Communion to you periodically in your home. Please call the Parish Office to notify us.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus speaks of a shepherd working only for pay, with no real concern for the sheep being well cared for. But Jesus is our shepherd and would lay down his own life for all those in his flock. God loves him for his willingness to sacrifice himself for the sake of all God's children.

For more information regarding Parish Ministries, please visit our website, www.seaswhiting.org.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20th

- 8:00 Billy Rega by mom & dad
- 4:00 Martha Haley by family

Sunday, April 21st

- 8:00 People of the Parish
- 10:00 James & Hazel Coughlin by Peter & Pat DeCataldo
- 12:00 **Confirmation**

Monday, April 22nd

- 8:00 Lillian Barrett by family
- 12:00 John Hemhauser by daughter

Tuesday, April 23rd

- 8:00 Frank Orsini by loving wife, Maria
- 12:00 Multi- Intention

Wednesday, April 24th

- 8:00 Augustine Kabagambe by Marion Berry
- 12:00 Joachim & Maria Gorski by grandchildren

Thursday, April 25th

- 8:00 Joseph M. Regan by Arlene & Corie
- 12:00 Julia & Pierce Shaw by Bernadette Livingston

Friday, April 26th

- 8:00 Dorothy Chabin by Maryann & Michael Riotto
- 12:00 John Murray by wife, Mary

Saturday, April 27th

- 8:00 Josephine Pienciac by Bernice Crimaldi
- 4:00 Mom & Dad by Annette & Cathy

Sunday, April 28th

- 8:00 People of the Parish
- 10:00 **First Holy Communion**
- 12:00 Ann & Robert Grootegoed, by Fran Musial

Offertory Totals

W/E 4/14-\$12,157.00

Online:

W/E 4/14- \$2,423.50

Deficit Solution:

W/E 4/14- \$1,050.00

Thank you! We are grateful to all those who financially support our parish and ministries each week. We especially thank those who faithfully use weekly contribution envelopes or online giving through Parish Giving.

The Bread & Wine in the Chapel

is offered this week in loving memory of Kathleen McCartan by children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren



The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church *is offered this week in loving memory of Theresa Curcio, by Irene Carbonaro*



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this week are offered in loving memory of Kathleen McCartan- by your children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Please pray for the Deceased
in particular:



*Geraldine T. Wiedner
Maryann A. DeCristofaro
Jane M. Maurer
Lawrence J. Fitzgerald Sr.*



Please also remember in your prayers those who have recently died, all the deceased members of our parish, and the souls in purgatory. May God grant them eternal rest. Amen.



Please pray for the hope and healing of the below mentioned:

Tracy Rickert, Dennis M. Morrelly, Joan Brennan, J.T. Murray, Edward Maloney, Kaitlyn Tallman, John Miller, Joseph & Walter Johnson, Sandra & Thomas Hendley, Jan & Jim Hendley, Christopher Cablis, Carol Clonen, Doug Costner, Bill Teborsky, Nick & MaryAnn Depalma, Maryann Graf, Doris Monroe, Justine Merlin, Marianne Smith, Patti Sturt, Esposito Family, Rosalind Tortorelli, Jeanette Koziol, Susan & Thomas Nieradka, Captiotti Family

To have a name added to the Prayer Request List, please call the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday 9am-3pm and Friday 9am – 12noon.

Names appear on the list for 4 weeks.

Multi-Intention Mass
Tuesday, April 23 2024 ~ 12:00pm
Mass held in the Chapel

In Loving Memory...

- Ninette Baviello by Barbara & Joe Bilotti
- Sr. Mary David, CSR Kopczynski & Edmund Kopczynski
- Kathleen McCartan, by children & grandchildren
- Patricia Kramer by Marilyn & Jack
- John Ciffo by Benjamin & Barbara Naimo
- Mike Kirby by his Mom
- Antonio Rescinito by son & daughter-in-law
- Vincent Diomede by wife, Liz
- Everette Quinton, Jr. & Timothy McCarthy by Liz
- Holy Souls in Purgatory by Liz
- Gerald Mendralla by the Klenke Family
- Thomas Zuchowski by the Klenke Family
- Thomas Cinque by Klenke Family
- Norma Reed by Nancy Fiore
- Neil Anthony Yap by Yap Family
- Marietta DeTata by family
- Louis Tyndell by Marian Lampert
- Maryann DeCristadaro by John & Eileen Gerraghty

Special Intention...

- Christine Cronin by brother, John & wife
- For the people of Ukraine by Amelia

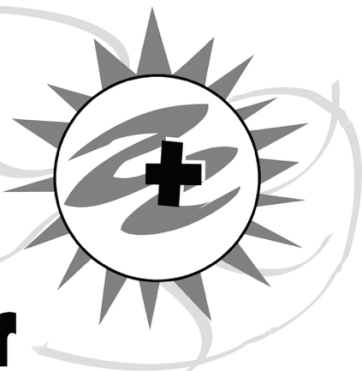
Healing...

- Rosalyn Pellegrini by sisters & Chuck
- Carol Clonen by Eileen & John
- Gay McKiernan by John & Eileen Gerraghty

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, April 20th		
Sunday, April 21st		
12:00 pm	Confirmation	
Monday, April 22nd		
12:00 pm	AA Big Book Mtg.	St. Mark's Rm
12:30 pm	BINGO	Parish Hall
	doors open at 10:00	
Tuesday, April 23rd		
9:30 am	Food Pantry	Parish Center
1:00 pm	Bereavement Support	St. Mark's
1:00 pm	Rosary of the Seven Sorrows	St. Matt's
Wednesday, April 24th		
1:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	St. Matt's Rm
1:30 pm	Rosary Makers	St. Matt's
4:45 pm	Religious Ed Grades 1-6 First Communion Practice, Grade 2	
Thursday, April 25th		
10:00 am	Chair Yoga	Parish Hall
11:00 am	Al-Anon	St. Mark's Rm
1:30 pm	Holy Spirit Prayer Group	Library
2:00 pm	Women's AA	St. Mark's Rm
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	St. Matt's Rm
Friday, April 26th		
11:00 am	AA Step Meeting	St. Mark's Rm
Saturday, April 27th		
Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions		
Sunday, April 28th		
Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions		
10:00 am	First Holy Communion	

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Parish News

Rosary of the Seven Sorrows Prayer Group

Please Join us on the 4th Tuesday of Each Month to recite the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows with prayers and meditations for each mystery given by Our Lady to Kibeho, "the Mother of the World." We meet Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:00 PM in St. Matthew's Room.



SEAS Gift Corner

will in the Church Narthex selling religious items & gifts after all masses the weekend of April 20th & 21st

On Sunday, May 26th our former Pastor, Fr. Pat will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:00 Noon. Following will be a casual reception open to all parishioners. If you would like to attend the reception, for planning purposes, we ask that you kindly call the main office at 732 350-5001 to register. Deadline for replies will be on May 15th.

The **2025 Mass Book** will be open for intentions beginning on Wednesday, May 8th and Thursday, May 9th between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in the Parish Library. There is a limit of 4 Individual Masses per person.

Individual Mass: \$15.00

Multi-Intention Mass: \$10.00

Mission Perspective

“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The fourth Sunday of Easter, also euphemistically known as “The Good Shepherd Sunday”, is upon us. Traditionally, this is a Sunday when we celebrate vocations especially to the priesthood and religious life. We join the rest of the Church to pray for and offer moral and material support for vocations.

Here at SEAS, we shall also celebrate the confirmation of six candidates at the noon Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred upon them to help them complete the sacramental grace of their Baptism through the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, uniting them more firmly to Christ and binding them more closely to his Church. We thank their parents and catechists who have been involved in their formation in the faith since their childhood. Christopher Albin, Connor Pushkal, Lucia Street, Khloe Taylor, Valentino Vaccarella and Kristin Wysokowski, congratulations! Many Catholics your age mistakenly think that Confirmation implies “graduating Church” but as for you, you know better that by your confirmation, you have joined us who were confirmed a long time ago in being official ambassadors of Jesus Christ and are empowered to spread and defend the Christian faith by word and deed. You will only successfully accomplish that mission if you continue to be active members of Mother Church through whom you were spiritually born in Baptism and have been empowered in Confirmation.

There is a common question nowadays which goes, “What keeps you awake at night?” If you asked me that question, I would give you a twofold answer, “The spiritual wellbeing of the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the financial wellbeing of the parish.” Your cooperation and participation on both fronts soothe those anxieties every day but there is always that “what is” in comparison to “what should be”. Specifically, on the financial side where the outcomes are more easily noticeable and measurable, your generosity to the *Deficit Solution* has really made a significant difference. For the new members in the parish who may not know the background of the *Deficit Solution*, it was initiated in July 2023 to help us overcome, you guessed right, the deficit by each family donating at least \$100 for the entire year, which breaks down to 27 cents per day. A couple of months towards the end of this campaign, we have exceeded half of the intended target and although we are not where we expected to be, we have been able to plug some holes. A deficit is still reflected in our monthly *Finances at a Glance* but at least it is no longer as big as before this campaign started and has helped us to keep our

hands out of our money markets. Therefore, as I thank all of you who have donated to this cause, I also appeal to you who haven’t done so to please donate, so that we may plug the remaining holes within these couple of months. Thank you in advance!

Starting this week of the Good Shepherd, let us ask him to keep all of us in his sheepfold so that his Kingdom may expand here below, as we continue to support each other unto eternal life.

Yours in the Master’s service,

Fr Evarist.



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- prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France

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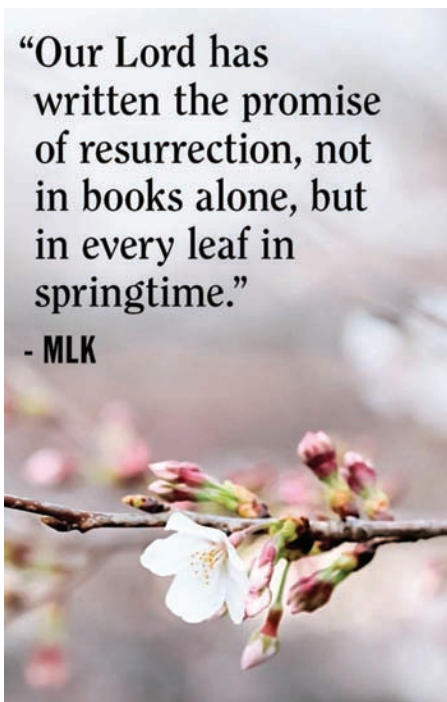




Whether you lost a loved one recently or a while ago, please consider this an invitation to attend our meetings, typically held the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in St. Mark’s Room. We are an informal gathering to share and help one another, there’s no commitment to attend each meeting. Discussion is confidential. Our next meeting will be April 23rd.

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.”

- MLK



Counters Schedule

Date	Team	
April 22	Team C	
April 29	Team D	
May 6	Team A	
May 13	Team B	



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Apologist's Corner

Question 1

A scripture this week spoke of Jesus walking on water toward the apostles' boat 3 or 4 miles off the shore. They would have taken him into the boat, but IMMEDIATELY they reached the shore. This sounds like another miracle worked by Jesus – 3 miles away to reaching the shore in an instant... Am I reading too much into this?

Answer 1

Apparently, you are referring to the Gospel Reading for Saturday of the Second Week of Easter (John 6:16-21). To show that there was no other miracle involved apart from Jesus' walking on the water, let us revert to verse 19 which reads, "When they (the apostles) had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they began to be afraid." So, it is not that they were three or four miles away and then swiftly reached the shore on seeing Jesus but had already rowed three or four miles and by the time they saw Jesus walking on water, they were approaching the shore.

Question 2

I have heard of pros and cons about yoga that it's idol worship of animals and some say it's just stretching and exercise. I know it's permitted in this parish as "Chair Yoga". I know there is good and bad in everything and it depends on how it is used and directed.

Answer 2

In the previous answers to questions concerning Yoga, a distinction was made regarding Yoga as exercise only, Yoga as exercise and some kind of "worship" involving some words such as "Oohm..." invoking Eastern mystical gods and Yoga as fully-blown idol worship. The first type – Yoga as exercise – is innocuous and therefore acceptable even to Christians, while the other two types are not. Chair Yoga which is done here falls under the acceptable category of mere exercise, according to the way it was advertised. Due to conflicting schedules, I haven't personally been able to attend those sessions, but if you or anybody else have found it suspicious and therefore divergent from the purpose of being mere exercise, please let me know so we can clarify to the sponsors that any superfluous stuff beyond exercise is not acceptable here.

Question 3

There is a magnet on a car in the parking lot that says, "Science doesn't love you" with a crucifix for the "T". I feel that science is the study of God's laws. Thus, science helps us to see God's love for us because his laws are for our good. If people misuse the laws of nature, that is not the fault of God or science. I hesitate to talk to this person (they also have an NRA sticker

on their car). Lately, there have been a couple of confrontations in the parking lot, so I would rather express my views this way. What is the Church's view on science? To me, what this magnet says makes no sense.

Answer 3

Your observations about science are right-on that it “is the study of God’s laws. Thus, science helps us to see God’s love for us because his laws are for our good.” That is why so many faithful Catholics, including the clergy were and are still involved in scientific discoveries. Just a few examples of priest scientists include: Fr. Giovanni Battista Riccioli (a 17th century Jesuit astronomer and the first person to measure the rate of acceleration of free-falling objects), Fr. George Searle (a Paulist priest of the early 20th century who discovered six galaxies), Fr. Benedetto Castelli (a Benedictine monk of the 16th century who worked on research with Galileo), Fr. Francesco Grimaldi (a Jesuit priest who discovered the refraction of light), Fr. Gregor Mendel (an Augustinian monk who was the first one to study genetics), Fr. Georges Lemaître (formulator of the Big Bang theory of cosmic origins), Fr. Teilhard de Chardin (a 20th century Jesuit priest who wrote extensively on paleontology) and Fr. George Coyne (a contemporary Jesuit priest and astrophysicist who has ran the Vatican Observatory outside of Tucson, Arizona for so many years). Those are but few examples to show that science is not inimical to faith or reason as some people, religious and irreligious alike, mistakenly think. So, the wording on the car magnet you mentioned is likewise mistaken and for that reason, should indeed not make sense.

Regarding your avoiding confrontation, that is applaudable because if in your calculation you see that engaging the owner of that car to try to put your thoughts across will lead to quarrels or even fights, you are better off keeping quiet. That is what St. Paul warns us about in 2 Timothy 2:23-26 regarding unnecessary arguments. The only profitable thing you can do is to pray for that person’s openness of mind and for your own calmness.

Question 4

*I have heard of the **three days of darkness** of darkness. From what I have read, it is a preparation of the end times; a chance for believers and unbelievers to repent and believe in Jesus Christ. I also have my blessed 100% beeswax candle ready, just in case this happens in our lifetime.*

Answer 4

There is a lot to unpack here. First, we need to explain what the “Three Days of Darkness” prophecy says. Second, we need to weigh it in view of Church teaching to find out whether we are required to believe it as authentic or not.

The prophecy of the “Three Days of Darkness” claims that the world will be plunged into darkness for three days, during which time demons will roam the earth and cause great destruction and suffering. The faithful are urged to stay indoors during this time, with their

doors and windows closed and covered, and to pray and repent for their sins. The prophecy also states that during this time, a great purification will take place. Those who have prepared themselves spiritually will be protected, while those who have not will suffer greatly. The faithful are urged to make use of sacramentals such as holy water and blessed candles to protect themselves and their homes. The first date given for this to happen was supposed to be in 2012 but here we are in 2024. Much of this likely comes from the words of Blessed Anna Maria Taigi who is the most known seer of the Three Days of Darkness. You can read about this at <https://ucatholic.com/blog/the-prophecy-of-the-three-days-of-darkness-in-catholic-tradition/>

The claims of the “Three Days of Darkness” come from private revelations of several Catholic saints and mystics. Some people have wrongly claimed that it is the message in the Third Secret of Fatima, but they are wrong because it is not. Surprisingly, the Church Magisterium has never investigated the claims of the private revelations about the Three Days of Darkness to establish their veracity nor has it encouraged people or discouraged them in that regard. Since paragraph 67 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that private revelations such as this one don’t bind us, you are free to believe what is said by the literature about the Three Days of Darkness or not to believe it. You may also listen to Karlo Brussard’s explanation here: <https://www.catholic.com/audio/cal/open-forum-927>

There is a danger in taking seriously any claim(s) which the Church has not approved in that such claims may lead to undue anxiety which sometimes may even distract us from true religious faith which professes that we are saved by the grace of God not because we have done things correctly from A to Z, but rather that despite our failures, God’s grace accomplishes his work in us. Better to follow God’s commandments, live by legitimate Church teaching, participate in sacramental life, pray and guard against sin than to spend time doing things we hear from unapproved private revelations hoping that our salvation depends on them. So, if anybody believes in the predictions of the Three Days of Darkness, the best way to prepare for them, if they will ever happen at all, is by living a holy life.

Question 5

I thought that the Readings at Mass consisted of one from the Old Testament and the second from the New Testament. I noticed these first two weekends they were both from the New Testament. Is that because of the Easter Season? Are there other times where both Readings are from the Old or the New Testament?

Answer 5

Your observation is right; the First Reading for other Sunday Masses comes from the Old Testament. However, during the Easter Season Sunday’s First Readings are taken from the New

Testament – specifically from the Acts of the Apostles. This is because the Church wants us to know the roots of our faith right from the early Church with the Apostles in Jerusalem, all the way into other lands where they either were dispersed due to persecution or intentionally went to evangelize. It is only during the Easter Season that the First Reading for Sunday Mass comes from the New Testament.

PS: Over time, I have not been able to answer certain questions because no matter how much I try, I fail to decipher some words due to illegible handwriting. So, when you submit a question, I request that you please write legibly. If need be, please type your question. Thank you!

*Please be sure to read the Apologist's Corner each week.
Your Question may be one of those answered!*

Apologist's Corner

This form is for questions you have on *Faith and Morals*.

Please write clearly.



“Finances at a Glance” March 2024**Standard Monthly Income: \$79,735.93**

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