

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - St. Henry Mass Schedule and Intentions			
	Monday, Feb. 15,	6:30 AM:	Walter Shapielak RIP by Paul and Dianne Young
	Monday, Feb. 15,	11:00 AM	(XYZ Mass in SEAS Parish Hall) Mary Tortorici RIP by Serena Porter
	Tuesday, Feb. 16,	6:30 AM:	Paul Maniscalco RIP by Fr. Deering and the Parish Family
	Wednesday, Feb. 17,	6:30 AM:	Johnny, Susan and Sidney Bajjalieh LIV
St. Henry	Wednesday, Feb. 17,	6:00 PM:	(Stations of the Cross at St. Henry)
	Thursday, Feb. 18,	6:30 AM:	Joe Vizzinia RIP by Josephine Vizzinia, Rose Marie and Noah Garst
	Friday, Feb. 19,	6:00 AM:	
	Friday, Feb. 19,	6:00 PM:	(Stations of the Cross at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)
	Saturday, Feb. 20,	5:00 PM:	Paul Maniscalco RIP by Lawrence and Paulette Johnson
St. Henry	Sunday, Feb. 21,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
	Sunday, Feb. 21,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Please join us for Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm Fridays during Lent followed by a Lenten Meal.

Would you like to donate flowers for our Altar in memory or honor of a loved one or in honor of a special event: birthday, wedding anniversary, etc.? The OPEN dates for the remainder of 2016 are: April 17, May 1, 8, June 12, 19, 26, July 24, Nov 20, Dec 11. Some dates have one opening, and some have two openings: one arrangement at \$25 or \$50 for two. Call the Church office, 631-9398, for more information or to reserve a date.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers! (RCIA)

Join us and invite your family and friends to come to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall and learn about our faith.

This week's topic:

Penance, Anointing, Marriage and Holy Orders

Natural Family Planning Classes take place on **Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall—upstairs.** Discover a natural way to postpone or achieve a pregnancy...the Art of Natural Family Planning® is based on an awareness of a woman's fertility. It's medically safe, 99% effective in postponing pregnancy, very low cost, often has a positive effect on the couple's marriage, and is morally acceptable according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. For additional information contact Harold or Kathy Gray at 205-999-6439, or e-mail kagray222@hotmail.com. Registration is online at www.ccli.org.

PASSION OF CHRIST

Film will be shown in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall March 11, 6pm
Everyone is Welcome!



YOUTH MARCH

WITH ST. BERNARD YOUTH

IN FRONT OF THE MINI STORAGE IN FULTONDALE

MARCH 16, 2016

“From the Pastor’s Desk”

Six years ago, we had our first **Parish Adult Retreat** up in Cullman. Fr. Mitch Pacwa was our Retreat Master for the weekend and the theme that we chose for retreat that year was:

“Growing in Holiness”

Two weeks ago we held our 6th Annual Parish Adult Retreat that some 70 parishioners attended. Fr. Leonard Mary, who like Fr. Mitch Pacwa also serves at EWTN, was our Retreat Master and the theme that we chose for retreat this year was:

“Growing in Holiness”

How about that? We had the same theme this year as we did the first year. And you know what? We've had the same theme for each of the 4 years in between!

“Growing in Holiness”

You see, this is the foundational goal of our lives ... it's the unchanging will and commission of God ... that we grow in our imitation and reflection of Him ... who is all Holy.

Fr. Leonard left us with many gems of inspiration and nuggets of wisdom to aid us on our journey. Here are a few:

In 1999, **Mother Angelica** responded to a woman complaining of loneliness by suggesting,

“If you're alone ... you're alone with God.”

Think of what that means ... it means that you're never alone ... so rest in the nearness of God and enjoy His company!

St. Paul says, **“Nothing can separate us from the love of God.”** This is why growing in holiness is so important ... that we choose God's love every day over the allures of the world.

Fr. suggested, **“The greatest wound of Jesus is our pain, the pain we bring ourselves when we choose not Him but sin.”**

Jesus said, **“I came that you would have life and have it to the full.”** How sad for us and Jesus when we choose something other than Him ... who is Life.

Fr. suggested, **“The reason growing in holiness becomes more difficult as we go is because ... as we get closer to God, we get to take off the blinders regarding our true holiness.”**

This can be very humbling for sure ... even intimidating ... but it's the necessary way of transforming our souls to be like Him ...and therefore ready to be in union with Him in Heaven.

Fr. suggested, **“God is stretching us ... so He can fill us more completely with His love.”** Wow! What a new and holy way to look at the times when we feel stretched to our limit ... that God is simply shaping us to hold more of His love!

Please take these insights with you to prayer during these days of Lent. They're seeds for great meditation that will enable you to make great progress in God's universal call of:

“Growing in Holiness”

Have a Holy Lent. Love, Father Deering

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Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Mary Bauer Frances Horton Annette Kitchen Carol Oldfield
Rhonda Civacco Kelly Jones Dwayne Leslie Rose Parks

YOU MAY ADD TO OUR LONG TERM CAREBOOK located on the table at the side entry-way of the Church.

PARISH MEETINGS

FINANCE COUNCIL: To be announced
PARISH COUNCIL: To be announced

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

General Council: Wednesday, March 2, 6:30pm

LADIES SODALITY:

Monday, March 7, 2016, 6pm



Right to Life

Since the 1973 Supreme Court abortion decision over 55 million babies have been killed before they were born ...These were innocent human beings made in the image and likeness of God.

40 Days for Life— Now through March 20, 2016

Prayer and Fasting

Come Stand With Us!

Vigil Site Planned Parenthood, 7am-5pm.

Register at 40daysforlife.com/Birmingham or call

Ed Carrick: 205 305-0950

XYZ Mass, Luncheon and Games

will take place at 11am this **Monday, February 15** in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall. Everyone is invited especially those 50 plus!! Please call the Church office if you need a ride.



YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST All Catholic students grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 are invited to participate in the **2016 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.** Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of “The Importance of Religious Freedom”: 1st place winners for each grade will receive a check for \$100 and have their essay forwarded to compete on the national level. The deadline is Feb 29. Each student may compete in only one council. For entry forms and rules go to olsyouth.com/koc-essay-contest or contact Ferris Stephens, (205) 822-1080.

St. Barnabas Catholic Church will host a **Senior Adult Luncheon on Thursday, February 18.** Mass is at noon in the church, followed by lunch, bingo, and prizes in the Activity Building. The cost is \$5.00. The church is located at 1921 First Avenue North.

FATHER DEERING’S SUNDAY HOMILIES

are now available on our website:

www.seasgardendale.org

Bring your cans To SEAS! We recycle for Catholic Education

Get Your Cans to Church!! Bring empty aluminum drink cans to area behind Parish Hall, between storage sheds. **NO Food Cans Please**

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Youth and families- make plans to attend **Stations of the Cross on Friday February 19!** The youth will host the Lenten meal following Stations and will be a great time to spend together! Please let me know if you would like to help with the meal and if you plan to attend and help serve!

Confirmation retreat will be Saturday March 12 at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall. We will begin at 8:30 with breakfast and spend the day "Igniting the faith"! Lunch will be provided and we will end with the 5pm Mass which will be the March Youth Mass. We will need youth leaders and adults to help, so please let me know if you can attend!

Mark your calendars

for the **5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Retreat** at WorldSong Retreat Center on **April 15-17, 2016!** Please encourage all your children/grandchildren/godchildren in this age range to attend! We are also looking for responsible older teens 8th grade and up to serve as youth leaders and brave adult chaperones to serve as cooks/cleaners/picture takers/errand runners, etc.!!! Please let Andy and Laura know if you have any questions or would like to RSVP to attend or assist with the retreat in any manner!

Questions? Laurahollisot@gmail.com or 205-482-7414.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE			
DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS C: Captain ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday Feb. 20 5 pm	Kirsten Casella	Barbara McCray David Slovinsky Two additional needed	Michael Belton C Jimmy Slovinsky Donald Hand One additional needed ALTAR SERVERS Sam Pritchard
Sunday Feb. 21 11 am	Cindy Walker	Cindy Walker Jeanne Busby Dan L. Gardner Allen Belrose Caroline Gerson	John Rogers C Mike Brasher Joel Busby Jaimie Hand ALTAR SERVERS Ezra Bishop Kevin Hand Tyler Putnam
Saturday Feb. 27 5 pm	Shawn Holly	Shawn Holly David Slovinsky Lilo Belton One additional needed	Tom Townes C Larry Grimmett Skip Hall One additional needed ALTAR SERVERS Sam Pritchard
Sunday Feb. 28 11 am	Ken Friedrich	Ken Friedrich Dan S. Gardner Paulette Gardner Melissa Cameron Vicky Gill	Michael Wallace C Dan L. Gardner Allen Belrose Jerry Ingram ALTAR SERVERS Duncan Hodges Ben Hand