

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church


Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - St. Henry Mass Schedule and Intentions



Monday, March 14,	6:30 AM:	Johnny, Susan and Sidney Bajjalieh LIV
Tuesday, March 15,	6:30 AM:	George Gerson RIP by Fr. Deering and the Parish Family
Wednesday, March 16,	6:30 AM:	Francis Roganti RIP by Sharon Haley
Wednesday, March 16,	6:00 PM:	(<i>NO Stations this Wednesday at St. Henry</i>)
Thursday, March 17,	6:30 AM:	Arline and Tommie Chalkley RIP by Dennis Brooks
Friday, March 18,	6:30 AM:	
St. Henry Friday, March 18,	6:00 PM:	<u>Stations of the Cross at St. Henry in Warrior</u>
Saturday, March 19,	5:00 PM:	Barbara Townes RIP by Fr. Deering and the Parish Family
St. Henry Sunday, March 20,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, March 20	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS NO Stations of the Cross at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton this Friday, March 18th instead Stations will take place at St. Henry 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:
Prayer and Confession

RCIA UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday, March 22: 6pm No Meal – Practice in the Church
Tuesday, March 29: 6pm Mystogogia #1
Tuesday, April 5: 6pm Mystogogia #2



OPEN TO EVERYONE
FOLKS FROM ST. BERNARD WILL BE JOINING US
IN FRONT OF THE MINI STORAGE IN FULTONDALE
THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016
5 PM MARCH — 6 PM PIZZA TAILGATE

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.? Call the Church office, 631-9398, for open dates and more information or to reserve dates.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
MARCH 31ST — SIGN UP NOW!!
A proven plan of handling and controlling your money!

Classes taught by money expert Dave Ramsey in a series of 1 hour videos will be facilitated by Kelly and Carla Doss beginning **Thursday, March 31** and will run for 9 consecutives Thursdays at 6pm starting with a light meal. The cost is \$95.00 for a single person or a couple, but registered parishioners of St. Elizabeth and St. Henry who attend all nine (9) classes can have 50% of the cost reimbursed to them! If you are interested please sign the list.

“From the Pastor’s Desk”

“Why doesn’t the Catholic Church offer open Communion?”
Have you ever been asked that question?

I’m asked that question a lot ... most recently after the Funeral Mass for George Gerson last Wednesday. A man said to me at the reception, “*You know, your service was beautiful ... but why don’t you allow non-Catholics to receive communion?*”

I said first of all, Holy Communion is not about hospitality. As you can see from this lavish Funeral Reception, Catholics delight in showing hospitality. And he enthusiastically agreed.

I then said, Catholics believe that the Eucharist is more than communion ... it is Holy Communion ... for we believe that it is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

He said, “*I believe that too.*”

So I asked, “*Then why aren’t you Catholic?*”

You know if a person believed that Jesus was truly present somewhere, why would they go anywhere else?

Christians say that they love Jesus ... that they thrive on his words ... and that they long to be with Him in Heaven.

Well if you discovered that He was truly present somewhere this side of Heaven, why would you not drop everything and run to Him?

Jesus spoke of this in a parable “The Pearl of Great Price” He told of a man who was looking for a pearl and when he found it buried in a certain place, he went and sold everything he had and bought the land where the pearl was!

I thought to myself, if you really believed that Holy Communion is the True Sacramental Presence of Jesus, the Savior of the World, then why aren’t you at Mass every day?

Why would you wait until the next time you attend a Catholic Funeral or Wedding to receive Him?

You know, those questions apply to all Catholics too. How many there are who don’t go to Mass on Sunday and only come on Christmas and Easter. And even for those who do go on Sunday, why would you not come to daily Mass too? If you really believe that God, Love Itself, is there in the Eucharist, why would you not want to receive Him every day?

This man said that they have the same communion in his church, the Church of Christ, and it’s open to everyone.

I said the power to consecrate bread and wine was given by Jesus only to the Apostles, the first Bishops of the Catholic Church and that power has been handed on to Priests like me.

I said furthermore, Priests must use the very elements that Jesus used, which are unleavened bread and wine ... not the leavened bread and grape juice used in your church.

Jesus, the Pearl of Great Price is here, come and receive Him!

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: Monday, April 18, 5pm
PARISH COUNCIL: Monday, April 18, 6pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS:
General Council: Wednesday, April 6, 6:30pm
Fourth Degree will meet immediately afterward.

LADIES SODALITY:
Monday, April 4, 2016, 6pm



Right to Life

“Homicide is homicide, no matter how small the victim.” Archbishop Charles Kaput

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

Natural Family Planning Classes continue on **Tuesday, March 22 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. 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.

Our Knights of Columbus will be performing the **Reenactment of the Last Supper** at the following locations if you would like to attend.

Friday, March 18 at Sacred Heart in Cullman, after their Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm.


Saturday, March 19 at St. Teresa, Leeds, after their 5pm Mass
Sunday, March 20 at Mt. Olive Methodist at 6:30pm.



Bring your children for our Easter Egg Hunt
Holy Saturday, March 26 at 10am
on the grounds of our Parish Hall
Remember to bring your baskets!

5th Annual St. Mark Food Fest—Close to Hwy 280 and Hwy 119 April 30, 3:30—10pm

Come enjoy a varied food format from many of your favorite restaurants, Italian cookies, cannoli, dancing and singing, games and rides for the children and teens, a special Frankie Valli Show plus “Total A\$\$et\$ & Raz Ma Tazz” bands and a fireworks show! Tickets available online at www.feastofsaintmark.com.



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

Confirmation Class: Wed.-6PM and Sun.-9:30 AM

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!

High School PSR: Wednesdays-6:30pm

FATHER DEERING’S SUNDAY HOMILIES are now available on our website:
www.seasgardendale.org

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE			
DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS <i>C: Captain</i> ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday March 19 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 March 20 11 am	Donna Mealer	Donna Mealer Allen Belrose Ken Friedrich Melissa Cameron Deanne King	Dan L. Gardner C Jaimie Hand John Rogers Anthony Bishop ALTAR SERVERS Kevin Hand Ezra Bishop Tyler Putnam
Holy Week			Holy Week List