

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
29 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 A.M. Mass 9:30 A.M. Mass 11:30 A.M. Mass 1:00 P.M. Confirmation II Online Giving Presentation after all Masses	30 Mass at Noon 7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council	31	1 2:00 P.M. Rosary



Scripture Readings for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7 ~ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1: 29-39

Parish Treasure Stewardship

1/22/12
Weekly Giving
\$4,536

Online Giving through 12/31/11
\$37,158

YTD through 12/31/11

Budgeted	Actual	Over<under>
\$489,600	\$464,989	<\$24,611>

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response

Thank you for generously sharing your gifts
of Time, Talent and Treasure!

Parish Staff

Rev. Stuart H. Pinette, Pastor
 Mike Shelto, Deacon
 Maria Berman, Minister to the Sick and Homebound
 Eileen Bransfield, Pastoral Minister
 Mary Ann Fagan, Coordinator of Faith Formation
 Pam Funk, Parish Secretary
 Elizabeth V. Husmer, Director of Music
 Randy Martini, Sexton/Custodian
 Rev. Ed McLean, Additional Clergy
 Gisele Reyngoudt, Parish Bookkeeper

Office Hours

Monday – Friday	10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
Sunday	8:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 P.M.
Sunday	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.
Monday & Friday	12:00 Noon

Sacramental Preparation and Celebration

Baptism

Preparation of parents to accept their role as teachers and sharers of the Catholic faith is done on an individual basis by appointment. The Sacrament of Baptism is preferably celebrated during weekend Masses. Adults who wish to become members of the Catholic faith are welcome in the R.C.I.A. process. Please call the office.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 P.M. Other times by appointment.

Matrimony

Preparation period of at least six months is required prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please call the office before making any other wedding plans.

Pastoral Care

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Members of the parish Ministry to the Sick and Homebound welcome the opportunity to visit and bring sacramental care to those who are at home or in a local hospital or long term care facility. Please call the church office and ask for extension #15 to leave a confidential message for Maria Berman, Minister of the Sick and Homebound. You can also email a message to maria@sesrockyhill.org or mail in one of the contact cards in the church foyer.

Prayer Line

If you would like us to pray for a particular intention, please call Ernestine at 860-563-3239 or Carol at 860-828-6027 or send an email to Jay at JMONTALBANO10@gmail.com.

To Place an Announcement in the Bulletin

To place an announcement in the February 5 bulletin, please submit it by Monday, January 30 at 9:00 A.M. Please send your announcement by email to Bulletin@sesrockyhill.org, Eileen@sesrockyhill.org or leave it at the Church Office.

Saint Elizabeth Seton Community Welcomes All New Members

If you'd like to register as a parishioner, please ask a staff person or greeter for a Welcome Packet. Each Sunday celebration is followed by time to enjoy refreshments and one another's company. Please join us!

Let Us Remember

At all Masses this weekend we will pray for those whose names are listed below. During the week let us remember them in our prayers.

William Rittmaier	Joanne Farley
Florence Swigut	Frank Farley
Charles Catania	Michael Abbruzese
Marie Colangelo	Helen Begin
Ruth Whinnem	Noreen Gibson
Sharon Deyorio	

Online Giving Demo ~ January 28/29

Have you been thinking about switching your treasure stewardship to Online Giving, but not been quite sure as to how to go about it? Our parish bookkeeper, Gisele, will be available in Classroom D after all Masses on the weekend of January 28/29 to give a demonstration on the process and to answer any questions that you might have. Stay for a few extra minutes after Mass and learn how to become an online giver.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, February 26 - Tuesday, February 28, 2012 Parish Retreat with Fr. Henry Frascadore

Fr. Henry Frascadore, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, continues serving God's people by offering retreats in which he shares his stories and reflections. In Fr. Frascadore's words, "Through the stories and recollections I share, I hope to lead my listeners on their own personal journey to discover Jesus as He reveals himself in the ordinary experiences of daily life as well as in particular Scriptural episodes. The outcome would be a personal encounter with Jesus, in a spirit of freedom, as someone who is still speaking and acting in our present world, rather than as a voice with nothing new to say to us today." Watch the bulletin for details on the special retreat that Fr. Frascadore will offer here at SES and plan now to participate!

Credo Catholic Singles

Credo is a community of single, widowed or divorced Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford. Credo is Latin for "I believe." Our Christian faith is the foundation that unites us in spirit. Through planned events that are spiritually, socially or service oriented, our members are invited to grow in their relationships with God and one another. No one with faith stands alone. For a free newsletter send name and address to Credo Catholic Singles, P.O. Box 175, Glastonbury, CT 06033 or visit www.credocath.com.

Catholic Graduates Club Scholarships

The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford will award two \$1,000 scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year. Any Catholic student who is a Hartford County resident now attending an accredited secondary school, and who wishes to attend a four year college beginning in 2012, is eligible. The criteria for selection include need, scholarship, character, leadership and achievement. Application deadline is March 15, 2012. Interested persons should speak to their principal or guidance counselor or visit www.Catholicgraduatesct.org.

Archdiocesan Mass in Honor of Black History Month

The annual Archdiocesan Mass in honor of Black History Month will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. The Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop of Hartford will preside. Homilist will be the Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. All are invited to attend.

Open House at Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, encompassing grades Pre-K through 8, will host an Open House on Wednesday, February 1 at 8:30 A.M. at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Parents and children are invited to visit while classes are in session. For more information, please contact the school office at 860-529-5487.

Catholic High Schools Collection Thank you!

The Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dale R. Hoyt, extends his deepest gratitude to all who contributed to last week's Catholic High School Collection. "Your gifts will help us place more secondary students on the path to success by providing them with an excellent education imbued with faith. Your support of the educational mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford is sincerely appreciated."

Sign Up NOW for Lenten Bible Study at SES ~ Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. February 28 through April 3, 2012

Plan now to participate in a six-session Bible Study on the books of minor prophets Joel, Amos and Micah. The Lenten themes of sinfulness, forgiveness, fidelity, redemption and discipleship will be explored. The first session will include lecture and Q&A to provide an overview. Subsequent sessions will include discussion of assigned texts. The series will be facilitated by Barbara Gawle, a former teacher of religious studies, who created and facilitates a Bible Study program at Incarnation Parish. Please sign up in the foyer, if you'd like to participate.

Help Needed to Deliver Cereal to Amazing Grace

For several years the Community of Saint Elizabeth Seton has honored our commitment to collect 200 boxes of cereal each month for Amazing Grace Food Pantry in Middletown. Amazing Grace has always arranged for pick up of the collected cereal. However, it has come to our attention that it would be quite helpful, if we were able to make the delivery ourselves.

If enough people are interested and able to help, we could create a few teams who would be responsible: (1) for picking up the cereal here at church on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning following the third Sunday of the month and (2) delivering the cereal to Amazing Grace which is located on Stack St in Middletown. Volunteers at Amazing Grace will help with unloading. The facility has a large parking lot, so parking is not a problem. If you think you'd like to help out or would like more information, please see Eileen after Mass or connect with her at Eileen@sesrockyhill.org or 860-529-3222, ext 14.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

"And the Lord said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kinsmen, and will put my words in his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command them. If any man will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it'...." What does this mean? A completely new teaching in a spirit of authority.

Do we realize that from the first days of biblical history, God chose people to lead and guide the chosen people. We are able to name names, such as Moses today, the four great prophets of the first testament and the minor ones as well. Their role was to call the attention of the people, and call His people back to the way of the Lord.

Throughout history, prophetic voices continue to speak. The letters and speeches of the Holy See continue to reflect the teaching of the Lord. Great individuals speak by the witness of their lives. Today, through word and example, lessons are offered for us all. We find these voices in the church, and outside our own Christian communities. Spiritual writers and teachers open the way for us to hear the Lord in our own time, in our own tongues, in our own need.

Names of persons as Oscar Romero, Ita Ford, Dom Helder Camara, Ghandi, Blessed Mother Teresa and John XXIII are easily recognizable, and they too are prophetic voices. What names would you add to your list? And now, the bigger question: Are you listening to that voice?





THANK YOU, COMMUNITY OF SAINT ELIZABETH SETON!

Dear Fr. Stu and Saint Elizabeth Seton Family,

How can I thank you for your many years of loving friendship and caring generosity! My heart dwells here with all of you and I am so grateful.

I pray that God will hold you close to His Heart as I hold you close to mine.

Fr. Ed

Dear Fr. Pinette,

Thank you so much for your 12/7/2011 gift of \$200 to Mercy Center. Your kindness is the kindling that keeps the dream of a brighter future burning brightly. It only takes a spark of hope to light the fire. Once that step is taken, we fan the the fire with ongoing care.

Each day we witness the healing power of community bring isolated and frightened women out of the shadows of invisibility and transform them into thriving, self-sufficient members of a newly created extended family. Equipped with a new confidence in their potential to succeed, coupled with practical skills for a healthy and productive life, they see a new world of possibilities...

May your generosity be rewarded many times over with the joys of life, both simple and grand, and the continued belief that anything is possible.

Peace,

Mary Galeone, RSM
Co-Executive Director
Mercy Center, Bronx, NY

Joseph S. Durr
Co-Executive Director

Dear Mrs. Fagan and Saint Elizabeth Seton Community Youth Outreach,

I understand you have been very instrumental in providing meals for the students at the Center for the past 2 years, and assisting the children with homework and game night.

Again, I would like to thank you for your time and commitment to the children of I Have Friend Youth Center, Inc.

Sincerely,

Sebastian N. Giuliano
Mayor (former)

Friends at Saint Elizabeth Seton,

We are grateful for the gifts and donations that you have so generously shared with us... Your ongoing and generous support of our ministry is greatly appreciated! Thanks so much!

Ron Krom
Executive Director, St. Vincent DePaul Place

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your most generous gift to the Hartford Catholic Worker. God bless all of you for your generous support. You are awesome!! May all of you have a most wonderful New Year!

Peace,
Brian

Dear Friends at Saint Elizabeth Seton,

Thank you for your generous gifts to Tabor House residents this Christmas. The men of Tabor House, who live with HIV/AIDS, are grateful for your magnanimous gifts, which allowed them to celebrate the holidays knowing that there are those who truly care.

God bless you.

Sister Ann Kane and the Staff and Residents of Tabor House

Dear Friends at Saint Elizabeth Seton,

Your generous donation has been received. We are grateful for your gift. Our feelings are shared by the thousands of men, women and children in need who turn to the House of Bread and its many services throughout the year. Please accept our thanks and blessings. We greatly appreciate your generosity. God bless.

Sincerely,

Sr. Maureen and Sr. Theresa

To the Church of Saint Elizabeth Seton,

On behalf of the young ladies and babies currently residing at St. Agnes Home, I would like to thank you for your contribution of \$250. Donations such as this foster the spirit of giving both among our residents and in the greater Hartford community and your generosity serves as a fine example to our young ladies.

We wish you many blessings during the New Year!

Sincerely,

Lorna Little, LCSW

Executive Director, Saint Agnes Home, INC

Dear Fr. Stu,

I thank you and the parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Seton Church for the very generous donation of \$500 to the Town of Rocky Hill Food Pantry. As you know, we completely depend upon donations to supply our pantry. The Saint Elizabeth Seton parishioners have a long supportive history in serving our disadvantaged residents.

Please extend my appreciation to all your parishioners for their continued kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Mark Williams, Human Services Director

Dear Rev Pinette,

Thank you so much for the Church of Saint Elizabeth Seton's willingness to again generously support our Alpha Prison and Community Ministry. We did receive your check for \$400 and are very grateful for the recognition of the importance of this work both for the inmate participants and our communities. Data is being collected to support our strong belief that the Alpha program is effective in reducing recidivism. There is significant evidence of positive life changes as offenders grow in their faith.

We very much appreciate your understanding of our Ministry and your encouragement, very generous support and leadership. Thank you!

Lawrence P. Mayer