

St. Elizabeth Seton Church



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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 4, 2009

MASSES

Tuesday to Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Website: www.st-elizabeth-seton.com

Email: stelizseton@sbcglobal.net

Religious Education Offices

Call and leave message: 585-8821

Youth Group Office: 585-2905

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Second and Fourth Saturdays of the month
at 4:00pm in the Church or by appointment.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Parish policies for Baptism and Marriage
are available on the table in the
Gathering Area and at the parish office.
Please call the office for appointments.

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, as a community united in the spirit of Christ, are called to grow in our relationship with Him, to proclaim His Gospel and to serve others. We are striving to become a worshipping, loving, welcoming and serving faith community.

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Pastor's Note: We depend on all in our parish to make people aware that we welcome new members. Perhaps you have a family member, neighbor, friend or coworker who has expressed interest in Catholicism. Please let them know that St. Elizabeth Seton has an active Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program. Our RCIA sessions begin on Wednesday evening October 7th, at 7:00 pm in the parish rectory. For more information, please call our parish office or make your request known by using our parish email address on the front of this bulletin.



As you have seen in earlier bulletins our Fall Programs commence this first week of October. These programs include Religious Education, Senior and Junior Youth Groups, RCIA and Catechism of the Catholic Church. They are also listed in this issue for your convenience.

There is still time for you to consider participation in our Progressive Dinner on Saturday evening, October 10th, 2009. You will find further information within this bulletin.

Fr. John

Spiritual Reflection

In a world where marriage was taken lightly because divorce was managed easily, Jesus calls everyone to go back to the beginning to uncover the original plan of God. It is a call to return to the roots of marriage, an invitation for man and woman to see their commitment to each other in the light of God's seeing. This is not to punish people with idealism, but invite them to live in loyalty to God's original call.

Experience teaches us that things do go terribly wrong. People do make mistakes. Infidelities do happen. Hurt does appear on the agenda. Spouses do become victims and oppressors. Endless silences do happen. Marriages do collapse. There are legions of casualties to prove this, the walking wounded of broken marriages.

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The Church does try to make provisions for human failure and inadequacy, even if the help seems to many to be slow in coming. Nevertheless, the Church must submit to the vision of Jesus, and that vision remains the norm. Because we believe that marriage is a sacrament, we refuse to see it as a casual experiment for adventurous people. In recalling Genesis, Jesus invites all of us to catch up with our beginning.

P.S. Progressive Dinner next Saturday evening, October 10th, 2009

Second Offering weekend of Oct. 17th, & 18th, 2009, is for World Mission Sunday

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

The Senior Youth Group, for teens in Grades 9–12, meets on Sunday evenings from 7–8:30 pm.

Come and hear about all the exciting things planned for this year! Contact Michael Cresta at 849-3237. ***First meeting on October 4, 2009, in the large meeting room.***

Junior Youth Group

Middle School Students are invited to attend the first meeting of the Junior Youth Group at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 7th. Registration forms to join our program are available in the church gathering area and parish office. **Please note our new meeting date is Wednesday.** Contact Liz Ritchie with questions about the program, 585-1823.



RCIA

Do you or some you know want to learn more about the Roman Catholic Church?

Have you been away from the church for a while, and have questions? But who can you ask?

Would you like to update and/or refresh your faith?

The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults formation classes are starting next week.

There will be some light reading each week, followed by a lively discussion.

We gather in the Rectory each week and our first meeting is Wednesday, October 7, 2009, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Please join us. For more information, call Fr. John or Liz Black 584-1914 (evenings).

CONFIRMATION 2010
Beginning January 5, 2010



The SES Confirmation Team Leaders, Ed Charbonneau and Maricclair O'Connell have put together the SES Confirmation class schedule for 2010. Classes will begin on January 5, 2010, at 7pm with the first meeting to be held in the Cry Room adjacent to the Church. We ask that at least one parent attend this first meeting with their Candidate. The Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st, 2010, at the 5pm Mass. We are expecting to limit the class to registered parishioners and, to avoid any confusion, your student must be a Sophomore (10th grade) or Junior (11th) at least 15 years old. We would appreciate it if you could forward an email to Maricclair at mcoc@sonic.net with the name and age of your student, address and high school he/she attends; or you can leave a message at 318-3919 at your earliest convenience. We will forward to you Registration and Sponsor forms, preferably by email, so you can bring them with you to the first class or drop them off at the Church office.

Be Part of a Wonderful Evening!
Annual Progressive Dinner
Saturday October 10, 2009
6:30p.m.-11:30 p.m.



Our annual "Progressive Dinner" will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10th from 6:30 – 11:30 PM. All adults are invited to participate. Sign up by Oct. 3-4.

You can choose which course you'd like to prepare:
Appetizer/Salad & Bread/ Main Course/ Dessert

Any questions on this event?
Just contact: Nora John 584-1944.

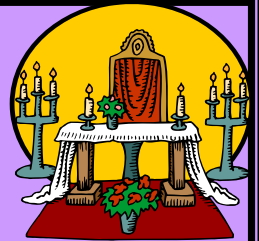
Spiritual Enrichment Center Presents :
The Spirituality of St. Ignatius



The THEOLOGY series begins this month on Saturday, October 10th from 9AM to 12noon at St. Eugene's Parish Life Center. Dr. Lisa Fulham from USF will present "The Spirituality of St. Ignatius." Requested donation \$25.

For further details, contact the Spiritual Enrichment Center at 707- 546-1781 or by e-mail: Director_SEC@hotmail.com

New Class at St. Elizabeth Seton
Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church



This year we are going to read and study our Catechism of the Catholic Church in a class given on Sunday afternoons in a classroom here at St. Elizabeth's. The class will be led by Maureen Sheridan-Scott. This class will help us deepen our knowledge and understanding of our faith by reviewing: the profession of faith, the sacraments of faith, the life of faith, and the prayer in the life of faith. **All are welcome.**

Jackets!



St. Elizabeth Women's Guild is collecting coats and jackets for the "**Living Room**" (abused women and children). No matter how used, if in good condition, we will transition them. Please leave them in the Gathering Area. The collection will take place from October 5-October 18, 2009.

Mass Intentions

October 6 – October 11, 2009

Tuesday	October 6, 2009	8:30 am	John Richardson, dec.
Wednesday	October 7, 2009	8:30 am	Hugh Patrick McGovern, dec.
Thursday	October 8, 2009	8:30 am	Rosa Morales, dec.
Friday	October 9, 2009	8:30 am	Patricia Clemons, dec.
Saturday	October 10, 2009	5:00 pm	Michael Nehring, dec.
Sunday	October 11, 2009	8:30 am	Elizabeth Dolcini, dec.
Sunday	October 11, 2009	10:30 am	Kathleen Brennan, dec.

UPCOMING SAN DAMIANO-SPONSORED RETREATS

Saturday, October 10, 2009 • Young Adult Retreat: Be the Change You Seek • Young Adult Leadership Team • \$45 • 9:30 – 4 pm • Lunch included

Saturday, October 17, 2009 • Workshop: Transforming Addictions, The Journey Through Hunger, option for 6 CE units • Shoshana Kobrin, MA, MFT • \$95 with 6 CE units for MFT, LCSW, RN and LVN'S, \$75 without units • 9:30 – 4pm • Lunch included

Musicians Scheduled for weekend of Oct. 10/11

Saturday, Oct. 10

5:00pm

Living Spirit

Sunday, Oct. 11

8:30am

Crystal/Maricclair

10:30 am

SES ETUDES Choir



Greeters will be taking the "Annual October Count" at all masses during the month of October.

CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS
OF THE LORD'S BLESSINGS
Summary of Offerings for the Month of September 2009

Plate Offerings:

September 6 & 7	\$3,870.00
September 12 & 13	2,882.00
September 19 & 20	2,515.00
September 26 & 27	2,807.50

Seminary: September 19 & 29 \$1,921.00

Catholic University: September 6 & 7 \$1,321.00

SCRIP

SCRIP Profit \$202.90

THANK YOU!

Please Remember St. Elizabeth Seton in you Will and Living Trust.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2009

Wisdom 7:7-11 (143B)

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

R & S Lawn Care

Stan Ottolini and Roman Enriquez

(Two College Students for Hire)

Cell: (707) 548-6312

Home: (707) 206-0855

Lawn Care, Hauling Green Waste, Weeding,

Yard Clean up,

Odd Jobs

(Reasonable Rates)

MEMORY WALK: The Alzheimer's Association of the North Bay will hold their Annual Memory Walk at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 17 at Shollenberger Park in Petaluma. Please mark your calendar and join us for our Annual Fundraising as WE ARE ON THE MOVE TO END ALZHEIMER'S. There are presently over five million people in the U.S. living with this disease; 225,000 in Northern California, so please help us to help those caregivers and their families. The Alzheimer's Association offers free informational programs, support groups and a 24/7 helpline; their excellent website is www.alznorcal.org or you can call the office (415) 472-4340 for information and assistance.