



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

### TUESDAY, MARCH 27

6 pm, Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans

### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

6:30 pm, Mass of the Last Supper with washing of the feet  
Watch and pray with the Lord in Holy Adoration in the Burleigh Center until ten

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

9 am, Walk with Christ in Justice: Downtown Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm, Liturgy of the Passion/Veneration of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

8 pm, Solemn Vigil Mass

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Masses: 8:15 am, 11 am, 5 pm

Easter Egg Hunt: 9:30 am

The celebration of Chrism Mass is on Tuesday, March 27 at 6 pm at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans. Most Reverend Michael Duca will preside. The Holy Chrism, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens will be blessed, and the priests will renew their commitment to priestly service at this Mass. A reception will follow Chrism Mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone in the diocese is invited to attend.

## GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS – WALK FOR JUSTICE

Please join Bishop Duca for the traditional Good Friday Way of the Cross – Walk for Justice. The stations are represented by agencies within our community that follow Christ's example of outreach to our neighbors in need. The Walk for Justice will be held on **Good Friday, March 30, at 9 am** and begins in the parking lot of First United Methodist Church, head of Texas Street. In the event of rain, we will relocate to Holy Trinity Catholic Church.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

### FOLLOWING 8:15 AM MASS (9:30 am) ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Please bring plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy to Claire Bissell's office by March 25 for our Easter Egg Hunt. To help set up for Easter Egg Hunt, please contact Claire in the Church office.

## EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS:

place a donation with the name of the loved one in the collection basket or bring to the church office.

Cost: \$7 each but any donation welcome.

Envelopes are located in the foyer.



# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Rev. Timothy C. Hurd, Pastor**

**Jack Lynch, Deacon**

**Homer Tucker, Deacon**

**Mike Whitehead, Deacon**

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**SACRAMENTS/LITURGY/DEVOTIONS**

**MASS: Saturday: 4 pm**

**Sunday: 8:15 am, 11 am (Nursery: under 3 yrs), 5 pm**

**Holy Days: 7am & 6:30 pm**

**DAILY MASS**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 7:30 am,**

**Burleigh Center Chapel**

**1st & 3rd Monday, 9:30 am, Oaks of Louisiana**

**1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am, The Glen**

**2nd Tuesday, 9:30 am, Azalea Estates**

**ADORATION: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 8 am – 5 pm in the Chapel**

**RECONCILIATION: 3 pm-3:45 pm Saturday & by appointment**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION, Sunday, 9:30 am**

**INFANT BAPTISM: usually at Mass; preparation necessary**

**MARRIAGE: Six months notice needed for preparation.**

**CHOIR rehearsal Wednesdays, 6:30 pm/Su 10 am**

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**G.I.F.T. RELIGIOUS ED: Sundays 9:30am (4 yrs – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**MS & HS YOUTH GROUPS: Regular Gatherings (see *Youth Page*)**

**BOY SCOUTS: Mondays, 7pm**

**MOTHER'S DAY OUT: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9am-2pm**

**PARISH FELLOWSHIPS**

**ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY, Sundays, 9:30 am**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7 pm**

**OUR LADY'S LADIES EVENING CIRCLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6 pm**

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOC, Mo 6:30 pm (Feed My Lambs 1<sup>st</sup> Su)**

**ST. ANNE'S DAY CIRCLE, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10 am**

**YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GROUP, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7 pm**

**NEIGHBORHOOD FELLOWSHIPS**

**Ellerbe Road, 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm**

**Youree, 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm**

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS



*In Memoriam*

George Cailhouette (father of Jennifer Kleinpeter); Lois Forrester (aunt of Terry Broome); Darrel NeJame (brother of Crissy Rogers); Jerry Brodnax (brother of Debby Macy); Robert Pringle

*Please pray for our sick, including Sheri Alario, Ronnie Alexander, Nan Bedsole, Joe Bianca, Bernadette Biting, Kim Green, Peggy Hamiter, Doug Hill, Joe Llorance, Christine Mays, Ron Rice, Steve Rider, Merhl Lee Smith, Carol Thompson, Ray Vallillo*

## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PRAYS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: especially:

Linden Adams, Dennis & Timothy Banks, Michael Bargmann, Marc Bradle, Jeffrey Bragg, Rodney Brown, Warren Carroll, Terry Christiansen, Mark Church, Kenneth & Trisha Cobb, Kateline Collier, Jack Delo, Todd Derrick, Gabby Dimaio, Michael Farley, Nicholas Godfrey, Randy Green, William & Waverly Hock, David Hume, David, Matthew, & Thomas Jeansonne, Melanie Jones, Aaron & Adam LeBlanc, Andrew Ligon, Alex & Jessica Luyando, Scott Maytan, Somer McFarlain, Jay Mitchell, Sean Murphy, Robert Nordberg, Chris Occhiuzzo, Alex Poimboeuf, Matthew Rambin, TJ Remedés, Joseph Roe, Dana Romero, Beau Skonieczny, Ben Smith, Randy Sorrell, Bradley Stevens, David Stringer, Matthew Titus, Joseph Torma, M. T. Turner, Danny Vento, Zachary Walsh, Scott Wilson, Jonathan Wyche, Josh Yarbrough, Dennis Zabka



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## What's Up in the Parish

→ **St. Vincent de Paul** meets **Mondays, 6:30 pm** in the 7th Grade Classroom; for more info contact Carl Bigner, 865-5808.

→ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets **Tuesdays, 8 pm** in the Youth House; for more info contact Bob, 393-1400.

→ **Yarn Angels** meet **Wednesdays, 1-3 pm** in the Burleigh Center; they make hats and lap blankets for those in need. Yarn or monetary donations are gratefully accepted. All are welcome! For more info contact Marie Vallillo, 797-9582.

→ **Knights of Columbus** will lead a Rosary in the Chapel on **Mon., Apr. 2, at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome.

→ **Knights of Columbus** will meet **Mon., Apr. 2, 7 pm** in the Burleigh Center for a meeting. For more information call Mike Torma at 773-0815 or email him at tormathree@gmail.com.

→ **St. Anne's Circle** will meet **Thur., Apr. 5, 10 am** in the Burleigh Center; All ladies are invited to attend. For more information about our group contact Bobbie Trust at 469-4285.

→ **Our Lady's Ladies** will lead a Rosary in the Chapel on **Wed., Apr. 11, at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome.

→ **Our Lady's Ladies** will meet **Wed., Apr. 11, at 6 pm** in the Burleigh Center for food and fellowship. Please join us. For more information call Donna Collins 426-6366

→ **Youree Fellowship** will meet on **Thurs., Apr. 19, 6:30 pm** in the Burleigh Center for dinner and a presentation. The topic will be *The Seven Wonders of Aging* by Sister Martinette Rivers, a Spiritual Gerontologist. Everyone is welcome! RSVP Jo Ann Williams 347-8675. For more information about our group contact Ann Weeks 797-3757.

→ **Young at Heart** will meet **Mon., Apr. 23, 7 pm** in the Burleigh Center. For more info contact Ray Vallillo, 797-9582.

## What's Up Elsewhere

☒ **Protecting God's Children** session is scheduled for the following dates: **\*Apr. 11, May 9; 6 pm, Catholic Center**  
All employees and volunteers with or responsible for children, who have not yet done so, are required to attend. Concerned parents, grandparents and other adults are strongly encouraged to attend. To pre-register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), click "Registration" on the left side of the screen, and follow the instructions in the middle of the screen.

☒ **The 2018 Palm Sunday Barbecue** will be held **Sun., Mar. 25 from 9 am until 2 pm** at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1558 Buena Vista Street. Dinners are \$8. Eat in or take out. Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund.

☒ **St. Mary of the Pines** will host a **Divine Mercy Sunday** Confession at 2 pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm on **Sun., Apr. 8**. To Prepare Ourselves for Divine Mercy Sunday We need to: sincerely repent of all our sins; place our complete trust in Jesus; go to confession; go to Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion; prayerfully recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet; venerate the image of the Divine Mercy; be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers. Come and experience the Mercy and the Blessings of God

☒ **St. Joseph Catholic Church** will host a Holy Hour in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 8**. The Holy Hour will begin at 2:30 pm and will include veneration of the Divine Mercy Image as well as praying the chaplet. The Sacrament of Confession will be offered after the Holy Hour until 5 pm. If you have any questions, please contact St. Joseph Parish Office: 865-3581.

☒ **God & Sex: Is the Catholic Church Out of Touch?** Dr. Christopher Manion will speak about **Too Many People? The Myth of Overpopulation**. Dr. Manion served as a staff director on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for several years. He has taught in the departments of politics, religion, and international relations at Boston University, the Catholic University of America, and Christendom College. He is also the director of the Campaign for *Humanae Vitae*. Come learn more and bring friends at St. John Berchmans Cathedral, **Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 pm**. Nursery available for all ages up to middle school. These talks are for middle school to adult. Please make nursery reservations if possible, 221-5296; [www.godsexandthechurch.org](http://www.godsexandthechurch.org)

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



*All donations are most gratefully accepted, however, this month we are most in need of:*

- ★ DIAPER RASH OINTMENT
- ★ DIAPERS, SIZES 4, 5
- ★ PULL UPS, BOYS, GIRLS SIZE 2/3; SIZE 4/5
- ★ SOCKS, 18 MONTHS—4 YEARS, BOYS & GIRLS
- ★ LOTION/BODY WASH
- ★ CAR SEATS: BOOSTERS, BABY SWINGS
- ★ HIGH CHAIRS
- ★ MONETARY DONATIONS

*For more information or to volunteer, contact Betty Mirts, 797-3247.*

**Meals on Wheels Delivery Drivers needed:** Thanks to our Meals on Wheels volunteers, 12 seniors receive a hot meal and a friendly hello every Monday through Thursday morning. If you are interested in serving as a substitute delivery driver, call Claire Bissell. The route takes less than an hour, and then you are on your way, secure in the knowledge that you have nourished the bodies and spirits of "the least among us."

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Claire Bissell, 798-1887, ext. 116 or [clairebissell@bellsouth.net](mailto:clairebissell@bellsouth.net)

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### High School Monday Evening Meetings

High School students meet on Monday evening from 6:30 – 8pm in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom for Fellowship and Faith Sharing. Amy Dean is the coordinator. Contact her at [deanandcrew@aol.com](mailto:deanandcrew@aol.com) or 455-0606 for more information.

### High School Youth Fridays in Faith

HS youth gather on Friday evenings from 6-9 pm in the Burleigh Center kitchen to Eat, Play and Pray. To sign up to provide a meal, please contact Mrs. Amy Dean, [deanandcrew@aol.com](mailto:deanandcrew@aol.com), 455-0606.

## Graduation Banquet News!!

High school seniors: The high school graduation banquet for graduating seniors and their families is **Sunday, April 22 at 6 pm** in the Burleigh Center following the 5 pm Mass. Our graduating seniors will be honored. RSVP by Sunday April 14 to Claire Bissell.

**All high school students/parents:** Our high school students and their parents host the graduation banquet each year. You will be receiving information soon on how you can help. For now please mark your calendar to help at the banquet the evening of Sunday April 22. Your support is essential for this tradition to continue.

**Stations of the Cross** – We are looking for youth and parent volunteers willing to help with Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 23 at 5 pm. All resources will be provided. There will be a fish fry afterwards open to the entire parish. For more information please contact Amy Dean.



**Mass at LSUS: April 11, 11 am, BH336.**

Presider: Father Tim Hurd.

All are welcome!

If you are a student at LSUS, please send Cathy Cobb your contact information so we can keep you informed of what's up. Go to Facebook and befriend LSUS Catholic or follow us on Instagram @lsuscatholic to stay up on all the latest.

**Theology on Tap** will be **Thursday April 5 at 6:30 pm** at Rotolo's Pizzeria in Shreveport. Theology on Tap is an opportunity to explore issues and topics that relate to the Catholic Faith in a fun and casual environment. For more information Like Theology on Tap Shreveport on Facebook.



## Monthly Service Opportunity For Middle School and High School Youth and their Families

Monthly Service Opportunity

Saturday, April 14, 2-3 pm

Azalea Estates

We will visit and play games with the residents.

All Youth and families are encouraged to attend.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Claire Bissell, Coordinator; 798-1887, ext. 116 or [clairebissell@bellsouth.net](mailto:clairebissell@bellsouth.net)

## Baptismal Prep

If you are expecting or if your baby has already been born and you are seeking baptism for your child, please call Cathy Cobb in the parish office to set up an appointment for a baptismal preparation session.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Children's Liturgy of the Word continues at the 11 am Masses. This ministry is designed to help young children to learn to listen, reflect and respond to God's Word. To volunteer to help with this ministry, contact Claire Bissell.

## March—May Calendar

Mar. 25	9:30 am, GIFT; Palm Sunday
Apr. 1	No GIFT, Happy Easter!
Apr. 8	9:30 am, GIFT
Apr. 14	4 pm, Confirmation
Apr. 15	9:30 am, GIFT
Apr. 22	9:30 am, GIFT
	6 pm, Graduation Banquet
Apr. 29	9:30 am, GIFT
	Final deadline to turn in Rice Bowls
May 6	9:30 am, Last day of GIFT
	May crowning
	Noon, Parish Picnic
May 12	4 pm, First Holy Communion

**Note: GIFT religious education classes begin promptly at 9:30 am-10:45 am!**

## GIFT Lenten Project: Operation Rice Bowl

This Lent, we invite our GIFT families to pray, fast, learn and give through your participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Rice bowl "banks" were distributed to the children during Family Faith Formation and GIFT classes. Assemble the cardboard bank to hold cash that your family might otherwise have spent on dining out, purchasing candy, etc. You are also invited to give your child the chance to do extra chores to earn money to contribute.

The calendar that comes with the bank contains interesting information on the countries served by Catholic Relief Services, prayer suggestions, meat-free recipes from various countries, and stories of families who benefit from your contributions. For more information and resources, go to <http://orb.crs.org/>.

Return the rice bowl with your contributions to your child's GIFT class on Sunday April 29. All contributions will be pooled and sent to Catholic Relief Services. For more information, please contact Claire Bissell. Let's join with other U.S. Catholic communities in following the example of Jesus Christ to assist the poor and suffering in our world. Our solidarity can transform the world!

## First Communion News – Mark your calendar

- First Communion Rehearsal, May 6, 9:30 am
- May Crowning, May 6, 10:45 am, led by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Last Day of GIFT, Parish Picnic, May 6
- First Communion, Saturday, May 12, 4 pm Mass

## Confirmation News – Mark your calendar

- Rehearsal for Confirmation April 8, 9:30 am
- Confirmation will be at the 4 pm Mass on Saturday April 14 with Bishop Michael Duca

**Feeding Your Family's Soul**  
Bringing the Family Back to the Table and Teach the Faith!!

*Lunch Provided*  
*Childcare Available*

**SPEAKER**  
Donna-Marie Cooper-O'Boyle

# LITURGY

Larry Meier, Music Director; 798-1887, extension 115 or musicseas@bellsouth.net

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, April 6

8 am – 5 pm

Chapel in the Burleigh Center

Benediction is at 5 pm

Sign up in the foyer



## HOLY WEEK: A SPECIAL TIME FOR US

Yes, the Christian Initiation ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is a year-round process. Yes, you can join our church throughout the year. But Holy Week is still the quintessential time to become Catholic.

This Easter, we will have 12 individuals joining our church.

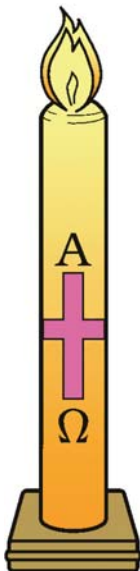
*Melissa Caster* and *Garrett Caster* are our Elect. Our candidates are *Kirsten Alford, Stuart Harris, Linn Herrin, Bree Hodges, Danny Hodges, Heather Kirchner, Kayla Lopez, Taylor Reeves, Kathryn Tilbury* and *Jesse Walton*.

Our Elect will receive the three sacraments of initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Our candidates will received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, since they are already one with us through their baptisms. All 12 individuals will be received into the church at our Easter Vigil Mass Saturday evening, March 31. Of course, our Christian Initiation group will participate in the Triduum, so please join us Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil to share in their journey of faith.

As I mentioned earlier, we have a process that is ongoing throughout the year. So, if you are ready to join our church, come join us. Or, if you just have questions about our faith, Christian Initiation is the perfect place to get started. We gather Sunday morning at 9:30. We meet in the Burleigh Center, Room D, across from the kitchen.

We hope to see you soon.

*Deacon Mike Whitehead, Christian Initiation Coordinator*



## April Musical Notes

*Sing a new song to the Lord, for He has done marvelous deeds. Psalm 98:1*

♫ **Saturday 4 pm Mass:** If you are interested in joining the Contemporary Ensemble for the Saturday evening Mass, please contact Suzan Atkins through the church office or meet with her following the Saturday evening Mass. Rehearsal for the 4 pm ensemble is 2:45 pm on Saturday. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome!

♫ **11 am Mass Music Ministry Practice:** 11 am Mass Music Ministry Practice: The Music Ministry for this Mass practices every Sunday morning at 10 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. New members are welcome and please call Larry at 798-1887 for more information

♫ **Orchestra:** Strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion; practice at 10 am on Sundays in the church.

♫ **Cantors (High School & Adults)** If you are interested in becoming a Cantor for Masses please call Larry in the office.

Call Larry in the church office if you are interested in joining the music ministry.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH,

PLEASE CONTACT

- DEACON MIKE WHITEHEAD, 525-7705
- CATHY COBB, 798-1887

# WELCOME

## OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

*Radek, Tabitha & Evelyn Ciszkievicz*

*Trey & Courtenay Dean*

*Larry & Toni Gutman*

*Brandon, Amy, Marguerite, Pierce & John Papa*

*Scott Welsh*



*Dear God: Is it on purpose that our names are spelled the same, only in reverse?*

## BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

*Parrish Leigh Parker, March 10, 2018*

## 2018 COLLEGE GRADUATES

*If you or a family member is graduating from college this year, we'd love to hear about it. Call the office with the name of the graduate and college.*

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN SERVICE APPEAL

Thank you to everyone that has made a recent pledge or gift to support our 2018 Diocesan Stewardship Appeal. It is still possible to support this cause by filling out a pledge card located in the church foyer. Consider your pledge to our Appeal today so that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church can go on to our many other matters of importance, resting in the knowledge that we assisted Christ's work in our entire diocese. At this time, we will also receive any one time gifts to the Appeal if a pledge is not possible. May God bless you for your commitment to His work in our diocese.

Hope Connections has discontinued their evening meal. Christian Services is now located next to Hope Connections and they serve a hot breakfast and lunch until 2 pm each day. The clients on the Hope Connections campus no longer need the evening meal. We can still support them with donations of razors, shaving cream, body wash, and deodorant for the shower areas. Please drop off any donations with Claire Bissell in the church office. Many thanks to the dedicated volunteers who have participated in this ministry of service with casseroles, brownies, supplies for sack lunches and your time to make this work for about 10 years. Bless you for your commitment and stay tuned for volunteer opportunities in the future at Christian Services.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Vacation Bible School 2018

**July 16-20, 8:45 am to noon!**

### Shipwrecked VBS– Rescued by Jesus

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play team-work-building games, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, meet Bible



Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and making super fun crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

We want all the kids to participate and to bring their friends. We will need lots of adult help! Signup sheets for adult crew leaders, MS and HS crew helpers, and kids ages 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (fall 2018) are in the bins outside Claire Bissell's office. Mark your calendars and sign up today!

## SECOND COLLECTIONS IN APRIL

**Diocesan Church Vocations**, March 31-April 1  
**Diocesan Home Mission Appeal**, April 28 & 29  
Please be generous

### SAINT OF THE MONTH ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA FEASTDAY – APRIL 28

Gianna Beretta was born on October 4, 1922 in Magenta, Kingdom of Italy to Alberto Baretta and Maria de Micheli both members of the Third Order of St. Francis. She was the tenth of thirteen children, and came from a family that included many priests and religious relatives. When she was three, the family relocated to Bergamo where she grew up, making her First Communion on April 4, 1928 and her Confirmation on June 9, 1930.

In 1942 she began her studies in Medicine in Milan, and received her medical diploma on November 30, 1949 from Pavia College. In 1950, she opened an office close to her hometown where she specialized in pediatrics.

In December 1954 she met Pietro Molla, an engineer, and the pair married on September 24, 1955, going to St. Peter's Square as part of their honeymoon.

Molla's medical career went in tandem with teachings of the church which strengthened her resolve to follow conscience while coming to the aid of others who required assistance. She dedicated herself to charitable work amongst older people and was involved in Catholic Action. She also aided the Saint Vincent de Paul group in their outreach to the poor and less fortunate.

In 1961, during the second month of her fourth pregnancy, Molla developed a fibroma on her uterus. The doctors gave her three choices: an abortion, a complete hysterectomy, or remove the fibroma only. She opted for the removal of the fibroma to preserve her child's life, knowing there was a possibility of her own death. On April 21, 1962, -Holy Saturday-her daughter Gianna Emanuela was delivered by C-Section. Molla died of septic peritonitis one week later. Her daughter still lives and is a doctor of geriatrics.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Milan promoted the opening of a canonization process on November 6, 1972. Two miracles have been attributed to Gianna Molla – one in October 1977 and a second in 2003 – both involved maternity cases.

Gianna was beatified on April 24, 1994 in St. Peter's Square, Vatican City by Pope John Paul II, and canonized in St. Peter's Square, Vatican City, on May 16, 2004 by Pope John Paul II. Her husband and children were present at the canonization – the first time that a husband had ever witnessed his wife's canonization. (He died in 2010).

St. Gianna Beretta Molla is the inspiration behind the Gianna Center in New York – the first pro-life and Catholic health care center for gynecology in New York. Her patronages include: Magenta, Mothers, Physicians, Wives, families, and unborn children. *Karen Tucker, Lay Ecclesial Minister*

## Enroll in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Automatic Withdrawal Program for contributions

It's easy! The Automatic Withdrawal Program is a complement to our existing envelope contribution program. It allows St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to offer parishioners a safe and secure option to schedule financial contributions. Parishioners will love the control they have over their donations: determining when and where and how much they contribute to various funds. Pick up the necessary form from the church office.

## WILLS

### **INCLUDE ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLAN**

Bequests to the Congregation of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church make it possible to undertake special projects and new initiatives that our regular income and annual gifts cannot cover. Every gift, large or small, helps to put St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on a firm financial footing for the future.

The Diocese of Shreveport has set up an anonymous and completely confidential phone line for you to report instances of known or suspected misuse of parish, school or diocesan assets including fraud, excessive waste or fiscal abuse. The telephone number is (318) 219-7222. This line goes directly to a voicemail that is addressed only to Bishop Duca. Should you need to call this number to report incidents of fiscal abuse, be assured that Bishop Duca will act on the information in a confidential manner to make positive changes. This new phone line is being established now in order to increase our commitment to being transparent in our financial affairs and to maintain the "good practices" proposed by our insurance company to insure a responsible level of accountability. It is not being established in response to any suspected problem present in any parish or Diocesan facility.





CHRISTIANS of Karamales in Iraq NEED our HELP and there's a "fun and games knight" coming to aid them at SEAS

On Saturday, April 28, in the Burleigh Center, there will be a "Fun and Games Knight" from 7-10 pm. All proceeds will benefit the Knights' Christian Refugee Relief Fund, in this instance specifically for the Christians of Karamales. "While SEAS Council 9260 is hosting the event, Councils from all over the Diocese are helping

out," said K of C Diocesan Administrator, Mike Rose. Tickets are \$30/person (adults only), which covers heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a packet of \$100 in "fun money" to give a good launch to the evening. In addition to casino, bingo and other games there will be a silent auction, and prizes for the three highest "fun money" winners. The tickets are now available through parish K of C Councils, or through Program Director, Joe Sawyer, at 294-5937. They will also be available at the door.

Why, one might ask, specifically to benefit the people of this ancient town of Karamales on the Nineveh plain? In short, it's a special target for K of C relief." Here's why. In 2014, Fr. Bazi, residing there, was tortured and nearly killed by ISIS terrorists. His church and the town itself were reduced to rubble because his church had become a home for Christian refugees facing genocide. More recently, many inhabitants of Karamales have begun to return home and start the rebuilding process. This is in part due to the defeat of ISIS, and in part to a commitment of \$2 million by the Knights of Columbus to help restore much of the town's infrastructure, in addition to providing tons of food and supplies (which have already been distributed). If this article engages you, either attend the "Fun and Games Knight," or contribute directly at [ChristiansatRisk.org](http://ChristiansatRisk.org)

## SVdP February Report Card:

Utility bills have always been one of our consistent expenditures, but with your assistance, we were able to help many, including:

- paid gas and electric bills for two different single mothers, one undergoing unexpected surgery and another with a seriously ill child;
- paid electric and water bills and provided food and clothing for a senior citizen with custody of two grandchildren;
- provided food to five separate households and two senior Veterans facing unexpected expenses;
- paid partial rent and electric bill for a single mother with 5 children who lost employment;
- paid two electric bills, one for a family facing bankruptcy and another with extensive medical expenses; and
- paid car insurance for a single mother recently employed to ensure transportation to work.

Our conference often helps other SVdP conferences in the Shreveport/Bossier when resources are limited. Thank you all!!

Call Carl Bigner at 865-5808 for more information.

### SEAS SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPONSORS

## FEED MY LAMBS

weekend of April 7-8

*All donations are most gratefully accepted, however, this month we are most in need of:*

- ☒ MONETARY DONATIONS
- ☒ HARDY SOUPS
- ☒ CANNED MEATS
- ☒ GRITS
- ☒ CANNED FRUITS (no sugar)

*(PLEASE AVOID HIGHLY PERISHABLE, SPICY OR EXOTIC FOODS)*



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
SPONSORED BLOOD DRIVE &  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 9 AM**



## OUR LADY'S LADIES SPRING BAKE SALE APRIL 21-22 AFTER ALL MASSES

Make plans now to purchase those scrumptious goodies from some of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's great cooks!

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

●**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study:** Our scripture study/faith sharing group meets every Sunday at 9:30 am in the Library. Newcomers are welcome.

●**RCIA, Sundays, 9:30 am** in the Burleigh Center Facilitator: Deacon Mike Whitehead

●**Sunday morning Adult Formation, 9:30 am** in the Burleigh Center! **The Intentional Disciple: Not A Haphazard Christian!** Sherry A. Weddell is a convert to the Catholic Church whose book has made many Catholics stop and rethink their approach to their faith. Join us this spring as we look at what it means and how to become an Intentional Disciple for Jesus Christ. Contact Michelle Brown for more details at [mdbrownjd@bellsouth.net](mailto:mdbrownjd@bellsouth.net).

●**Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study, 9:30 am** in the Burleigh Center. All are welcome. Facilitator: Cathy Cobb

●**Matthew Bible Study, Wednesdays, 6 pm** in the Burleigh Center; *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* is an exciting study that explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel. It is 24 sessions and the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the three part foundational study following the Great Adventure Bible Study. *Matthew* demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ, who establishes a New Law and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Participants will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. Set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture, this study will help us understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today. For more info or to sign up please contact Cameron Dean, 734-8848, [cmdean.mail@gmail.com](mailto:cmdean.mail@gmail.com)

●**Thursday Night Bible Study:** The class will run from January 11 until April in the Burleigh Center. The class will begin at 6:30 pm and end around 8 pm. We will be using the book published by Baker Academic **Hebrews Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture** by Mary Healy. Facilitator: Deacon Jack Lynch.

●**Pillar 1: The Creed - Thursdays, 6 pm** in the Burleigh Center; *Pillar 1: The Creed* is a 12 week study that begins an amazing journey through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. You say you “believe” every Sunday as you recite the Creed. But do you know what you’re saying you “believe” in? Do the truths of the faith—listed in the Creed—really permeate your life? Learn how these ancient truths contain the promise of peace, joy and happiness for our lives. Don’t miss this opportunity to take part in a compelling and inspiring learning experience that is sure to draw you closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of the teachings of His Church. For more info or to sign up please contact Cameron Dean, 734-8848, [cmdean.mail@gmail.com](mailto:cmdean.mail@gmail.com)

### **Vocation View**

*The stone is rolled back, the tomb is empty! We are to go and tell the Good News. Rejoice in the power of the resurrection! Alleluia!*

## **Diocese of Shreveport Catholic Schools**

● Cathedral of St. John Berchmans Catholic School  
Mrs. Jennifer Deason, Principal  
221-6005

● St. Joseph School  
Dr. Judith McGimsey, Principal  
865-3585

● Loyola College Prep  
Mr. John LeBlanc, Principal  
221-2675



### **Financial Assistance for Catholic Students**

Application packets for tuition assistance from the Theresian Endowment, the Daughters of the Cross Educational Fund, and the Bishop's Tuition Assistance are now available for the 2018-2019 school year. Partial tuition assistance is available on a needs-basis for Catholic students in the Diocese of Shreveport. Parents may contact any Catholic school office for application packets, or may apply online at [www.tuitionaid.com](http://www.tuitionaid.com). **Deadline for application is March 31.** For more information, contact the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office at 219-7253

### **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Tuition Assistance (based on financial need) Scholarship Program**

forms for students in Catholic schools may be obtained from the church office. **Deadline for application is April 30.**

**Shreveport Catholic Schoolhouse**, a local Catholic homeschool program, is currently registering students for the 2018-2019 academic year. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly that includes Mass, prayer, chorus, 2 hours of classical education classroom instruction, science experiments, art projects, & opportunities for field trips. Preschool through elementary ages with potential for a dialectic group (7th-10th grade) using IEW materials. Contact Katie Aranda (702-335-3009) or Amy Leighton (612-384-2151) for any questions and/or come for an **OPEN HOUSE** on April 12 at St. Mary of the Pines between 9am-12:15 pm.

Check out: [www.shreveportla.catholicschoolhouse.com](http://www.shreveportla.catholicschoolhouse.com).

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Calendar of Events, April, 2018

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Mass Sat. Vigil 4pm; Sun. 8:15am, 11am, 5pm**  
 Sundays: 9:30am, GIFT, Religious Educations Sessions, RCIA  
 HS Youth Mondays, 6:30 pm; Fridays, 6 pm  
 Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 am—2 pm, Mother's Day Out

## COMING UP IN MAY

6, Last day of GIFT  
 6, noon, Parish Picnic  
 12, 4 pm, First Communion

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Easter</b> Mass times: 8:15 am, 11 am, 5 pm 9:30 am, Easter Egg Hunt	2 6 pm, HS Youth Group 6:30 pm, SVDP 7 pm, Knights of Columbus	3 8 pm, AA	4 9:30 am, Bible Study 1 pm, Yam Angels 4:15 pm, Youth Choir 6 pm, Bible Study 6:30 pm, Adult Choir	5 10 am, St. Anne's 6 pm, Bible Study 6:30 pm, Bible Study	6 8 am, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30 pm, HS Youth Group	7	
8 Feed My Lambs 9 am, Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast	9 6 pm, HS Youth Group 6:30 pm, SVDP	10 8 pm, AA	11 9:30 am, Bible Study 1 pm, Yam Angels 4:15 pm, Youth Choir 6 pm, Our Lady's Ladies 6 pm, Bible Study 6:30 pm, Adult Choir	12 6 pm, Bible Study 6:30 pm, Bible Study	13 6:30 pm, HS Youth Group	14 4 pm, Confirmation	
15	16 6 pm, HS Youth Group 6:30 pm, SVDP	17 8 pm, AA	18 9:30 am, Bible Study 1 pm, Yam Angels 4:15 pm, Youth Choir 6 pm, Bible Study 6:30 pm, Adult Choir	19 6 pm, Bible Study 6:30 pm, Youree	20 6:30 pm, HS Youth Group	21	
22 Our Lady's Ladies Bake Sale 6 pm, Graduation Banquet	23 6 pm, HS Youth Group 6:30 pm, SVDP 7 pm, Young at Heart	24 8 pm, AA	25 9:30 am, Bible Study 1 pm, Yam Angels 4:15 pm, Youth Choir 6 pm, Bible Study 6:30 pm, Adult Choir	26 6 pm, Bible Study 6:30 pm, Bible Study	27 6:30 pm, HS Youth Group	28 7 pm, Knights of Columbus Fun and Games Knight	
29	30 6 pm, HS Youth Group 6:30 pm, SVDP						
<b>DAILY MASS SCHEDULE</b> 7:30 am, Mondays through Thursdays, Burleigh Center Chapel 9:30 am, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Oaks of Louisiana 9:30 am, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, The Glen 9:30 am, 2nd Tuesday, Azalea Estates							