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Thursday 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm or by appointment

### Baptisms

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### Weddings

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**MAY 19, 2024**

### God bless you, Jim!

We are saying “Good Bye” and “Thank You” to Jim Dutton who has been our parish custodian since 2008. We lured Jim away from his crossing guard duties at Veteran’s Elementary School so that he could be the one to assist us in establishing our parish offices and ministry center. He helped keep our limited facilities in top shape and then made the transition to the current building. Jim was always ready to help anyone. He would set up rooms for ministry meetings and he was the handy-man par excellence! Jim’s cheerful disposition and warm heart have always been a blessing for those who know him. Jim also served as the first Grand Knight of our young Knights of Columbus Council. We wish Jim a blessed retirement and good health!

### Congratulations!

Our High School Confirmation Students will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation today (Sunday) at 6 pm with Bishop Brennan here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church! Thanks to all the catechists who shared faith with these young people for the past two years in preparation for this day! Thanks to Megan Pruett, our Director of High School Youth Ministry, for her great work in overseeing our Confirmation program. Let us pray for these young women and men as they learn to grow in their faith through the power of the Holy Spirit!

### The Parish Staff

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### Attention All High School Graduates!

We will be honoring all graduating high school seniors at the 11:30 am Mass on **Sunday June 2**. Please wear your gown and any academic awards you have earned. (No caps, please). You’ll receive a special blessing and small gift from our parish family as a congratulations on your graduation!

ALSO—we are offering our **Seton Scholarship** to our graduating 2024 High School Seniors. This Scholarship can be used for University, Vocational School or Military expenses. We want our young Catholics to know that we believe in them and we are here to support and encourage them to live out their Catholic Faith as they move into this next season of their lives. Completed Scholarship Applications must be in by Friday, May 31 at 2:00 pm. **For more info, visit the High School section of our website.**



Are you a superstitious person? Do you avoid stepping on sidewalk cracks? Are you fearful of walking under a ladder? Do you avoid using the number 13? There are lots of different superstitions that people have. Some are cultural; some religious. Almost all of them are based on irrational fears of the unknown. We all want to feel like we are in control. That's why some people will go so far as to waste money on mediums, palm readers and psychics.

Superstitious beliefs and practices can also creep into our religion. If you've ever been told to say a certain prayer a certain number of times in order to obtain a favor from God, you are dealing with superstition. If you heard that you should bury a statue of St. Joseph upside down in order to sell your home, you are dealing with superstition. Praying through the intercession of St. Joseph that your home find a buyer is OK. But once you attribute some divine favor coming from a religious object you are bordering on superstition.

Our faith needs to be well-placed, informed and mature. We are not pagans who employ all kinds of home-made rituals in order to sway God in one way or the other. These things are meaningless to God. What moves God's heart is our prayer and trust. We simply trust God to provide what we need without having to resort to all kinds of silly practices which find no basis in the Scriptures or in the ongoing Tradition of the Church.

So, go ahead and walk on those sidewalk cracks and feel free to pet a black cat and don't be worried about having fun on Friday the 13th. There is no power greater than God's ability to care for us and provide for us.

*Msgr Perry*

**DATE NIGHT**

The Amazing Race at SEAS? Look no further for your next date night in MAY! Hoping to connect with your spouse and meet other Catholic married couples? Join us for our **NEXT Date Night!** This **NEW** quarterly date with your spouse is designed for married couples with children ages 0 to 18. Our **FIRST** Date Night in February was a wonderful success! Please join us Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the St. Stephen Modular Bldg. here. Space is limited so RSVP by April 28. Email [MichaelaASims@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelaASims@gmail.com) to RSVP. If you are in need of childcare, please let us know.

*Conversations of Faith*

Msgr Perry will host 7 sessions about the Catholic faith for those who are **not** Catholic but may be considering joining the Church. These sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 1-2 pm beginning June 19 and extending through July 31. In a casual setting, a topic will be addressed and then discussed. Teens and adults are welcome! Invite your non-Catholic friends who might be interested! Put in on your calendar!

**Special Collection Today  
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**Please pray for all of our children and young people who received their First Communion on Saturday**

**Pray for all who need healing:**

Lillian Ma, Christina Samano, Trinnie Frausto, Mateo Figueroa, Ed Besenfelder

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

Saturday	Apr 27	5:00 pm	Intentions of parishioners	
Sunday	Apr. 28	7:30 am	+Theresa V. Jones	
		9:30 am	+Jack & Marge O'Rorke	
		11:30 am	+Irene Rosales	
Monday	Apr 29	7 am	Communion Service	<i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>
Tuesday	Apr 30	7 am	+Lillian Pelton	<i>St. Pius V</i>
Wednesday	May 1	7 am	+Mauro Naccarato / +Kevin Coodey	<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>
Thursday	May 2	7 am	Int. of Jose Iguain	<i>St. Athanasius</i>
Friday	May 3	7 am	+Teresa Fanucchi / Int. of Timothy D Salazar	<i>Ss. Philip &amp; James</i>

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