St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

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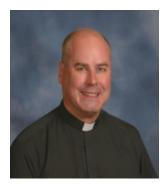
Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

Our Mass Times: Office Hours Monday - Friday: 8AM Monday-Thursday: 8AM-4PM Saturday: 8AM & 4PM Vigil Friday: 8AM-12PM Sunday: 7AM, 9AM & 11AM *There will be a communal rosary prayed 35 minutes prior to each scheduled Mass. **Reconciliation/Confession Parish Newsletter** Mass Readings Saturdav: **1PM-3PM Ministries and Groups:** St. Elizabeth Seton Staff St. Vincent de Paul Society 1st Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room CLERGY: 3rd Tuesday at 2PM, Deacon Tone Room Tina Prosenick, 623-583-7303 Pastor, Fr. Kilian McCaffrey, Knights of Columbus frmccaffrey@sescc.org 2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM, Parish Hall Priest in Residence, Fr. John Slobig Mike Wooldridge, 602-717-6700 frslobig@sescc.org Holy Spirit Prayer Group Dcn. Jeff Arner, jarner@sescc.org Every Wednesday at 9am-10:30am Parish Hall Dcn. Jim Brown, jbrownis@outlook.com Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379 Dcn. Sal Lema, salster49@gmail.com Faith Sharing—Weekly Gospel Discussion Dcn. Marty Pogioli, pogioli67@gmail.com Every Thursday at 9AM, Deacon Tone Room Dcn. Craig Reaktenwalt, dclr85351@gmail.com Parish Office, 623-972-2129 STAFF: Women's Seton Society Every Thursday at 9AM, Parish Hall Parish Manager, 623-866-5224 Margie O'Boyle, 623-738-8800/pmo99@cox.net Joseph Pergolizzi, jpergolizzi@sescc.org Healing Ministry Administrative Assistant, 623-972-2129 Every Wednesday10:45am-12Noon in the Sylvia Cabral, office@sescc.org Library. Maureen Kight, 602-503-5379 Liturgy & Music Director, 623-866-5233 Our Lady of Fatima Devotions Steve Raml, sraml@sescc.org 1st Saturday at 8AM, Church Jack Limberg, 574-286-1562 Facilitator of Evangelization, 623-972-2129 Sr. Mary Beverly, srmarybeverly@sescc.org Solo Group 1st Tuesday at 1PM, Palmbrook Country Club Faith Formation Director, 623-866-5221 John Battoe, 623-977-7073 Deacon Jeff Arner, jarner@sescc.org **Evening Prayer Group** Youth Formation Director, 623-866-5229 Monday—Friday 3:50PM, Chapel Linda Watkins, lwatkins@sescc.org Parish Office, 623-972-2129 Maintenance/Housekeeping, 623-866-5232 Chalice Apostolate Ministry Rachel Ruby, 623-972-1051 Jeff Adams, jadams@sescc.org Frank Raskey, fraskey@sescc.org Margarita Gonzalez, office@sescc.org

Mass Intentions			Votive Candles
Living ♥ Deceased †		Blessed Virgin : Anita Galec &	
Sunday, Ap 7 AM Pete & 9 AM Lucille 11 AM Marce	Martha Kappel † Doney †	Fr. Bill Fr. John Fr. John	Family Requested by: Dorothy Piett
<u>Monday, May 1st</u> 8 AM Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel William †		Fr. Tom	Tabernacle Candle: Ronald Presta
Tuesday, May 2nd 8 AM Devotion Holy Spirit		Fr. Kilian	Requested by: Donna Corea
<u>Wednesday, May 3rd</u> 8 AM Julia Lask †		Fr. John	Saint Joseph Candle: Joseph McCord
<u>Thursday, May 4th</u> 8 AM Ron Arner †		Fr. Kilian	Requested by: MaryLynn McCord
<u>Friday, May 5th</u> 8 AM Colleen Murphy †		Fr. John	To kindly and generously request a Mass Intention or Votive Candle,
		Fr. John Fr. Kilian	please contact Sylvia at the Parish Office 623-972-2129.
<u>Sunday, May 7th</u> 7 AM Parishioners ♥ 9 AM Aurora Alvarez † 11 AM Shelia Espinoza †		Fr. Bill Fr. Kilian Fr. John	
Readings for the Week			Stewardship
Sunday April 30th	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, -25/Jn 10:1-10	5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b	Your Financial Stewardship
Monday May 1st	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18		April 23rd, 2023
Tuesday May 2nd	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30		Plate: \$14,472.00
Wednesday May 3rd	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14		Online:\$4,575.25 Weekly Goal: <u>\$18,780.75</u>
Thursday May 4th	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 20	5 and 27/Jn 13:16-	
Friday May 5th	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11a	b/Jn 14:1-6	GIVEthanks
Saturday May 6th	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4	l/Jn 14:7-14	
Sunday May 7th	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 14:1-12	(22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn	FOR THE GIVER & THE GIFT



Pastor's Letter:

April 30, 2023 **Fourth Sunday** of Easter:

The Good Shepherd:

"The sheep follow the Good Shepherd because they recognize his voice."

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always called Good Shepherd Sunday and is the traditional day of Vocations awareness. This image of The Good Shepherd is the enduring and shows God's care, love and mercy for all of us.

Nobody wants to be called a sheep. It has some strange connotations. But in the eyes of God, we are these most profoundly gentle and pastoral creatures.

The ideas of the good shepherd is as ancient as the Bible. Yet we see how little has changed over thousands of years: we still need good leadership in our world and in our Church.

Indeed it was St. John the Baptist who pointed Jesus out as "the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the World."

If Jesus can be likened to a lamb, why can't we? There is something so essential about how God sees us and wants us to be gentle, meek, humble and kind.

As your shepherd, I have worked very hard to serve and protect you all and it has been an amazing experience, despite all challenges, and it is so good to see so many parishioners returning to St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

I have anointed many heads and hands with time with and listen to the voice of Jesus, the oil; our cup overflows.

With the Good Shepherd, we always triumph!

You don't meet many shepherds in Sun City.

I met a real shepherd a few years ago up in Oregon, Dan Kraemer by name. It was a pleasure to know him. He



was a good man and a good shepherd.

I will speak a little about Dan this Sunday. Here is an excerpt from his 2017 obituary:

"Dan was a farmer, as was his father, and his grandfather. Though farming defined much of his life, it was only one part of who he was. It would be more accurate to say that his true callings were to nurture, to grow and to build. He built a farm alongside the entire extended Kraemer family; he was a voracious reader who never tired of learning new things, growing in spirit and knowledge until the day he left us; and he nurtured his crops, his animals, his family and, truly, anyone he ever met.

Dan possessed a warmth of spirit, a depth of character and a wealth of generosity which led him to help others wherever and whenever he could. Dan was the sort of man whose instinct was to share, to treat others with respect and equanimity, to trust others implicitly, and to forgive, always. Anyone who walked into his home was treated as an honored guest; anyone who spent enough time with him became a member of his family."

The whole world needs to be evangelized with great examples of faith in action, with new ways, new enthusiasm and even languages.

Each week, I have spread the table before you. However, a good shepherd has to first spend Good Shepherd and this comes through deep faith, Adoration and Prayer time.



Fourth Sunday of Easter -April 30, 2023

Today we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday", where we reflect on Jesus' care and love

and hear his words. "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

The theme of both the Gospel and the reading from St. Peter are that of the Good Shepherd who has a caring relationship with his sheep. He protects them and directs them gently back to the fold when they have gone astray.

When we visit our neighbors, we offer them concrete help with food, rent, utilities and more. As good shepherds, we accept them as they are and listen carefully to their needs and concerns. We also provide emotional and spiritual support and give guidance and advice as appropriate to their situation.

We've had a substantial increase in requests for assistance this month. We also note that our volunteers assembled 42 Easter baskets for a local assisted living facility to be opened on Easter morning. Thanks so much as always for giving us the resources to carry out our mission on behalf of our neighbors in need.

On June 3rd and 4^{th,} we will hold a special drive for jeans and T-shirts to benefit our homeless neighbors. More details will be forthcoming.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it"

St. Francis de Sales

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SVdP can pick up donations directly from your home. Just call (602) 254-3338 to schedule a pick-up.



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Free your driveway and send hunger down the road

Your vehicle donation is tax deductible and pick-up is free! Call (602) 266-HOPE



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Did You Know...

Our thrift stores not only generate funding for our programs for the homeless and working poor, they also act as distribution points for families in need of essential items like clothing, beds and household items.



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The Catholic Daughters Of the Americas



The Catholic Ladies of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Also St. Clement of Rome and St. Joachim & Anne Parishes host our monthly meeting in the Parish Hall
from 12 PM to 3 PM every 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information please contact: Bernadette Labat (602) 565-6429



(RCIA) The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been curious about the Roman Catholic Church and how it might fit for you in your faith journey? Are you wanting to know more about the Catholic Church before you decide that it is the place for you before you make the next step? Perhaps, you have been Baptized but haven't receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist and you would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation.

We meet in the **Guadalupe Room** by the parish office from **9am to 10:30am on Sunday's**.

We are excited to have 12 individuals who desire to be received into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist:

Philip Boynton, Maria Campos, Julian Rosales Lopez, Dazy Sanchez, David Sanchez, Joseph Zamora Torres, Jennifer Henderson, Mason Henderson, Jimmy Nquyen, James Smith & Israel Valadez.

Please continue to show your support by praying for each of these individuals. If you are interested in being a prayer sponsor, please choose a name and commit to praying for them weekly. You can also send notes to these individuals by dropping your notes off at the parish office and we will get them to these amazing Candidates and Catechumens.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon Jeff Arner, the Director of Religious Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at:

jarner@sescc.org for an appointment.

Make every day awesome



St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, April 30, 2023

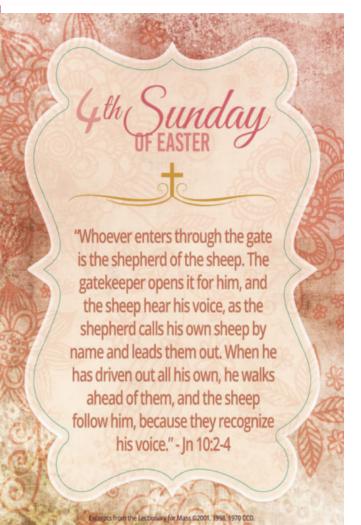
8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Parish Hall

Contact Dick Milanese at (623) 566-8222 or visit www.donors.vitalant.org (Blood Drive Code: P2AQ5)

For more information or to schedule a donation, call **877.258.4825** or visit vitalant.org. Find us @vitalant: () () ()







Grieving with **Great HOPE is a SIX-WEEK grief support workshop** using a video-on-demand format. It offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member, or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include, two priests, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good

Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. Contact Dcn. Jeff Arner for registration information. We will begin this <u>6-week course on each Wednesday beginning on April 26 through</u> <u>May 31 from 2 to 4 pm in the Guadalupe meeting room.</u>

Order of Christian Initiation of Adult's (O.C.I.C)

Have you been curious about the Roman Catholic Church and how it might fit for you in your faith journey? Are you wanting to know more about the Catholic Church before you decide that it is the place for you before you make the next step? Perhaps, you have been Baptized but haven't received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist and would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact Dcn. Jeff Arner for an appointment at 623-866-5221 or jarner@sescc.org.



<u>Get Ready for VBS (Vacation Bible School) "Cool Kingdom Party"</u> **Cool Kingdom Party!** Our children going into Kindergarten through 5th grade are officially invited to spend a royal week with the King and Queen of Heaven and Earth. Enter through the gates of the Cool Kingdom

and learn all about Mary, our Blessed Mother, and how she leads us closer to her Son, the King of Kings. **This is scheduled for July 10th through July 14th from 5 pm to 8:30 pm.**

We are looking for a number of volunteers to help out from planning, decorating, hospitality, leading the children to and from their sessions, games, skits, etc We will have our first planning meeting on Thursday, April 27th in Seton Hall beginning at 5:30 pm.

If you want more information please contact Dcn. Jeff Arner, Director of Formation at 623-866-5221 or email at jarner@sescc.org.

Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion Celebration.

<u>Please pray for our youth and adults who will be receiving the Sacraments</u> <u>of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 13th at 10 am.</u> This is a very special time for these families and our community of faith. They will be on retreat Saturday, April 29th and are very excited to be completing their

Sacraments of Initiation.

If you have children who will be entering Kindergarten through High School and would like to have them in our Faith Formation Program please contact Ms. Linda Watkins at 623-866-5229 or watkins@sescc.org for more information.



St. Elizabeth Seton Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Drive for First Way Pregnancy Center!

Bottles will be collected during the weekend of April 29th.

We invite everyone to take home a bottle to fill with a check or cash.

(Coins are no longer being accepted in large amounts at the bank).

Please make checks out to First Way Pregnancy Center. All proceeds go to benefit First Way.

We deeply appreciate your support for life!

Our Lady of Fatima 1st Saturday Devotion at St. Elizabeth Seton is right after the 8:00 am mass

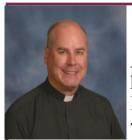
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We in the Catholic Church today are called to make devotion to Mary part of how we live our faith and to share it in any way we can. Mary is the model of Christian descipleship, and of everything the Church is and hopes to become. Her Immaculate Heart reflects perfect faith, hope and love, the virtues that make us most like Christ.

Please join us after the 8:00 am mass this coming 1st Saturday for Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

Special Pastor's Message: Moving On In July



As I mentioned at all Masses last weekend, our new Bishop John Dolan, has recently asked me to become the new Pastor of **Blessed Sacrament Parish** in Scottsdale, beginning on July 1st, 2023.

This was certainly a surprise development and it came out of the blue.

Bishop Dolan has also named Fr. David Kulandaisamy (pictured on the right)

as **Parochial Administrator of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish**, also beginning on July 1st, 2023. Fr. David is a great priest and he is currently the Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) of St. Gabriel Parish in Cave Creek.

Fr. John Slobig worked with Fr. David at St. Gabriel's for two years and has a very high regard for him. I will have much more information on Fr. David soon.



Blessed Sacrament Parish is my home parish.

I moved to Phoenix almost 25 years ago and looked up the closest parish to where I lived.

I walked into Blessed Sacrament Church on Mothers' Day, May 10th of 1998 and I was made feel welcome immediately. It became my spiritual home and also the parish is where I truly discovered my vocation to the priesthood; it was where I first spoke with the-then Pastor, Fr. Patrick Robinson, and then applied to the Diocese of Phoenix Vocations Office with the view to becoming a seminarian; and it is also where I celebrated my First Mass on June **3rd**, 2007 nearly 16 years ago. What a day that was!

It truly has been a wonderful six years serving you as your Pastor as St. Elizabeth Seton Parish and I am sad to be moving on, but I am not moving too far away. God Bless You All.



Knights of Columbus Annual Raffle

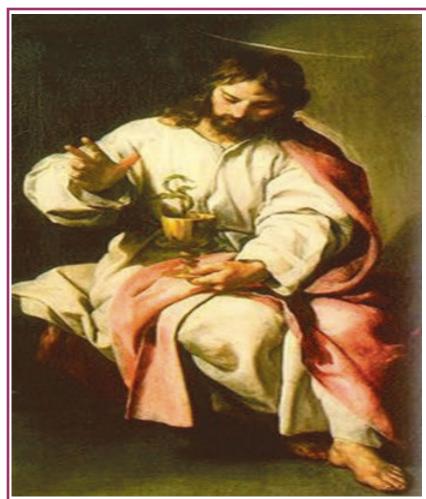
The Knights of Columbus are once again holding our annual State Raffle to support local charities. These efforts include our work with Special Olympics, Pro-Life, Veterans, and Seminarian Support to name just a few. <u>10 Cash Prizes will be awarded, with a top prize of \$10,000!!!</u>

Drawing will be held May 20th. Ticket prices are as follows: Each Ticket: \$5.00 Each Book of 5 Tickets: \$20 30 Tickets: \$100

Tickets will be sold after Masses On: <u>April 29th/30th & May 6th/May 7th</u>

To Purchase Tickets in Advance, Contact: Dan Kudulis-Raffle Chairman 602-647-3551 <u>dansiluduk@cox.net</u>





The Beloved Disciple

A short play about the apostle John, who through the patient teaching of Jesus Christ, was slowly transformed

from being a "Son of Thunder," into the Beloved Disciple

'the one whom Jesus loved."

Do you know that you are also a **"Beloved Disciple,"**

of our Lord Jesus Christ, if you choose to be?

Have you experienced the "perfect love" of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Do you clear out your temple every day? Are you ready to be a servant of others in the way Christ is?

Our Good Friend José Quiñtero <u>Presents His Latest One-Man Show</u> **St. John:**

The Beloved Disciple

at 1PM, Sunday, April 30th in the Parish Hall

Right after the Knights of Columbus Blood Drive



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