

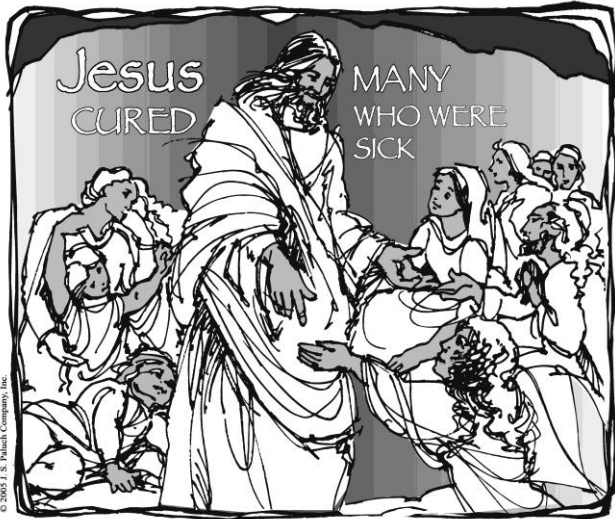
*The Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2012*

THE 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WOE IS ME

Often we think about the troubles in our lives and cry out, “Woe is me!” Like Job we might look around in despair at the misery in the world. Like Job’s friends we might look backward for something or someone on which to blame our suffering. We may decide that God—or we ourselves—must be to blame.

The Gospel today offers a different perspective from which to view earthly suffering. Jesus realized that there was nothing to be gained from looking around in despair or backward in blame. Instead, he looked forward in hope. He did not blame the sick and the possessed for their suffering, as many others did. And he did not give up hope, even though he knew he couldn’t cure all the sickness in the world. Jesus tried neither to eliminate human suffering nor to explain it. He simply did what good he could do in the time that he had.



WOE TO ME IF I DO NOT PREACH IT!

Above all, Jesus kept preaching the good news of the reign of God, a spiritual reality that triumphs over every form of suffering. This was his purpose. When we believe in this good news we may not be healed of physical illness or understand the reason for human suffering, but we do receive something much more valuable. We are healed of the sickness of despair and freed from the demons of guilt and blame. The Spirit energizes us to do what good we can do in the time that we have. With Paul we will want everyone to know about the healing, liberating reign of God. We might even begin to say, “Woe to me if I do not preach” the gospel!

Today’s Scriptures encourage us to look forward in hope, to do what we can, and to preach the good news of the reign of God. Copyright © 2005, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February’s gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God’s great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering.

In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter’s mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Last week, at Candlemas, candles were blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February’s customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ’s name. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

† *Father Ed Connelly*

MASS INTENTIONS

February 5 - 12, 2012

Sun	8:00am	Evelyn Lothan-D
	9:30am	Parishioners
	11:00am	Roberta Swift-D
	5:30pm	James Weidemann-D
Tues	9:15am	Msgr Robert Bozel-D
Wed	9:15am	Paul Cain Sr.-D
Thurs	9:15am	Arthur Lobner-D
Sat	4:30pm	Sandra Dlugonski-L
Sun	8:00am	Harry Kreider-D
	9:30am	Roberta Swift-D
	11:00am	Parishioners
	5:30pm	Brendan Walls Sr.-D

Lord, grant each one listed in our Parish Book of Intentions, health of spirit, mind and body.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

JANUARY 28 & 29, 2012

Monthly Budget Requirement	\$89,350.00
Total Attendance	1,342
Monthly Electronic Giving	\$23,310.00
Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$63,726.84
Non-Envelopes Month-to-Date	\$9,714.00
Children's Envelopes	\$9.36
Month-to-Date	



2011 Contribution Statements

Your 2011 Contribution Statements are available on request. Please call the office ahead of stopping in so the statement will be ready for you or it can be sent to you. 410-721-5770



POOR BOX

JANUARY 28 & 29, 2012

Christopher's Place - \$334.95

Next week's Poor Box will be for Haiti Outreach



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We would appreciate your prayers for those who are ill. **Bounhang Vilaythong, Brendan Farr, Marlyn Fish, Kenneth Santill, Leah Wilson, John Weimann, Andre Gaudreau & Suzanne Paradis**



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Fr. Ed's 25th Anniversary as Pastor of Seton Parish

This Thursday, February 9th marks a special day as we celebrate Fr. Ed's 25th year in service and leadership to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Please pray for his continued service and pastoral guidance of our parish family.

Food Pantry News

February will be **peanut butter and jelly** month. Please bring jars of **peanut butter** (plain or crunchy) and jars of **jelly** (grape or strawberry) each week. Thank you for all your donations.

Our Respect Life Message

Marvland Catholic Conference Lobby Night 2012: Join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents' Day – Monday, February 20 for the 28th annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis and *stand strong in the public square*. Lobby Night will be held from 3:00-8:00 pm at St. Mary's High School, 109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis. Tell legislators that we all have a duty to serve the poor and vulnerable, build up the common good and respect human life and dignity. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including abortion clinic regulations, support for pregnant women, poverty, immigration, Catholic schools, the death penalty and marriage. Registration is required. Call 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979 for more info.

Respect Life Meeting will be held this Thursday, February 9th, at 7:30pm in the first floor conference room of the Connolly Parish Center. All are welcome.

Adult Spiritual Enrichment



Lenten Faith Sharing Groups

Lent will soon be here - Ash Wednesday is February 22! We will again offer a program where groups meet once a week either at the parish or in various homes during Lent to share the Sunday lectionary readings. Reflection booklets will be provided for each participant. This weekend, February 4 & 5 members of the Adult Spiritual Enrichment Committee will be available in the narthex to explain the program and help you select a group that meets on a night (or day) convenient for you. This is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your faith life and meet new parishioners. If you are interested in facilitating and/or hosting a group, contact Sister Katherine at Katherine.Odonnell@seaseton.org or 410-721-5770 ext. 233.

Little Rock Scripture Study

Little Rock Scripture Study will be held **Tuesday, February 7 from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Ark**. The topic is the *Book of Revelation* - facilitated by Deacon Fred. The commentary and study guide for the program will be available in the parish office – the cost is \$13 for both books. All are welcome!

Awaken Your Catholic Faith

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm in the Ark**. Our topic will be "*Can Mass Make My Life More Meaningful?*" Mark your calendar and bring a friend! For more information, contact Sister Katherine at 410-721-5770 (ext. 233) or e-mail Katherine.Odonnell@seaseton.org.

On Your Way Home

This is an opportunity for the men of our parish to meet on their way home from work to reflect on and share the Sunday Readings. The next meeting will be this week - **February 7 at 6:00 pm** in the Conference Room. **All are welcome!** For more information, contact Bill Conroy at 410-721-9327 or via e-mail WJConroy@verizon.net.

Caregivers' Support Group

We will meet on **Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 pm** in the Ark. For many years, we have been blessed to have Mary Fridley BSN, RNC facilitate this group. If you are feeling the stress of caring for an ill or elderly loved one, please join us for these monthly meetings.

Parish Interest

A Journey to the Holy Land

Join Fr. Jim Sabak on a once-in-a-lifetime 'Journey to the Holy Land,' November 6 to 17, 2012. Includes visits to Tiberius, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem & more! Only \$2999 from Dulles IA, plus airport taxes and tips. To download brochure and registration form, visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Sabak or contact Bill and Mo Sapero at 410-721-9163 or bsapero1@verizon.net. Space is limited. Register today!

Sweethearts Ball

Enjoy an evening of fine dining, dancing and romancing to benefit the Crofton Regional Community Center. Saturday, February 18 from 6:30pm – 11pm at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant. Black tie optional. Tickets are \$100/individual and \$150/couple. Call John Hollywood at 301-261-3515 or visit the CRCC on the web at www.croftonregionalcommunitycenter.net.

“The Power of Love: Mohandas Gandhi and Nonviolence in the 21st Century”

Rev. Dr. C. Anthony Hunt, professor of moral, practical and systematic theology, will be the presenter for the **February 10** “Fridays with the Faculty,” sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary’s Seminary & University. The event, free and open to the public, will be at 7pm in Laubacher Hall. Call 410-864-4208, email eisupport@stmarys.edu or visit www.stmarys.edu/ei.

Sarah’s House Benefit

Bull and oyster roast at Michael’s Eight Avenue, Glen Burnie on Sunday, 4 March from 1-5pm. Enjoy pit beef, ham, turkey, oysters on the half shell, chicken tenders, hotdogs, sausages and side dishes with soft drinks, wine, beer. Also, silent auction, prize wheels, kids games, face painting and music. Have a fun-filled afternoon with family and friends and support the work of Sarah’s House, a housing program for homeless families. For tickets call Sarah’s House: 410-551-7722.

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Faith Formation



K-10 Faith Formation Lessons for February 9th

- Grade K Faith First** Chapter 16, We Thank God at Mass
- Grade 1 Faith First** Chapter 16, We Live as Family; Chapter 17, We Live as Community
- Grade 2 Faith First** Chapter 17, We Give Thanks to God
- Grade 3 Faith First** Chapter 17, The Sacraments of Service
- Grade 4 Faith First** Chapter 17, Created in God’s Image
- Grade 5 Faith First** Chapter 16, Jesus’ Work of Healing
- Grade 6 Family Life**
- Grade 7 Church and Sacraments** Chapter 6, Give Thanks to the Lord
- Grade 8 Jesus in the New Testament** Chapter 5, The Gospel of Luke/Acts of the Apostles
- Grade 9 Understanding the Catechism – Prayer** Chapter 5, Living Water
- Grade 10 Catholic & Capable/Moral Life** Chapter 8, Dating and Waiting

First Eucharist

First Eucharist Preparation has begun. The Rite of Enrollment takes place today, February 5th at the 9:30 Mass. The next parent and children meeting will be held Monday, February 6th at 7:00pm in the church. Please visit the parish website for additional information.

Confirmation

Sponsor/Youth Meeting

Monday, February 6th at 7:00pm in the Connelly Parish Center. All youth and sponsors are required to attend. Please remember to bring your signed Sponsor Form with you!

General Session 6

GS 6 will be Monday, February 13 from 7-8:30pm in the Connelly Parish Center. Youth are required to attend.

Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Group – our next meeting will be February 12, 2012.

High School Youth Group Upcoming Events

February 10– Lock-in with Holy Apostles
Please visit the Events section on the Seton Parish Face Book page for more information.



School of the Incarnation

SOTI Presents: Pinocchio the Musical, Fri., Feb. 10 at 7:30pm; Sat., Feb. 11 at 2pm & 7:30pm. Tickets are \$5. Contact: Marian Newell at 443-370-5188 or marianenewell@yahoo.com.
Save the Date! Irish Fest - March 10, 2012, 12-4pm. More info to come!
Box Tops & Labels for Education - Please continue to support SOTI by dropping your Box Tops and Labels for Education in the bin in the Vestibule! If you have questions about the Shop & Save programs please email us at grocerycards@hotmail.com. Thank you!



Saturday, February 11, 2012

Since 1992, Pope John Paul II and now Pope Benedict XVI have called the worldwide Church to raise its awareness of the faith community's role in the work of health care. In his message for this day, Pope Benedict reflects on St. Luke's account of the cure of the 10 lepers (Lk. 17:11-19). He also notes that the sacraments of Healing, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are expressions of God's loving presence through concrete signs of hope and compassion.

This day also coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. For many around the world, Lourdes is a place of hope; a symbol of the promise of healing offered by Jesus. And so, with the same hope that brings so many pilgrims to Lourdes, let us pray in solidarity with those who are sick and those who serve the sick around the world. May we also renew our commitment to heal as Jesus healed.

Prayer for the Sick

God of hope and healing,
 Be with those whose bodies
 burn with fever, rage with pain,
 struggle for breath,
 cry out for limbs that used to be,
 or crave addictive substances.

Be with those whose minds and emotions
 face the wait of a diagnosis,
 wrestle with the choices for treatment,
 adapt to a life altered by chronic illness,
 recover from abuse,
 or push against the encroaching
 clouds of dementia.

Be with those whose spirits
 are exhausted by the quest for health,
 doubt the existence of love,
 question the fairness of life,
 or stare into the face death,

Cool the fever,
 bring balm to the pain,
 ease the fight for air,
 adapt the body for new ways to move,
 and calm the cravings.

Ease anxiety and fear.
 Build trust in your everlasting love and care.
 God of all, hear our prayer. *Amen.*

CALENDAR ♦ February 6 - 12, 2012

Monday	4:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church Connelly Parish Center Church Conference Room Dove Church
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Sponsor & Youth Meeting	
	7:00 p.m.	First Eucharist Meeting	
	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation	
	7:00 p.m.	Communications Committee Meeting	
Tuesday	9:45 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	Ark Conference Room Ark Dove Kitchen Ark/Dove Brendan's Office Ark Church
	10:00 a.m.	Scripture Study	
	6:00 p.m.	On Your Way Home	
	7:00 p.m.	Caregiver Support Group	
	7:00 p.m.	Welcoming Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Cooking for Sarah's House	Church School of the Incarnation Ark/Dove Conference Room Church Connelly Parish Center
	10:00 a.m.	Mom's Morning Out	
	4:30 p.m.	Teen Instrumentalist Rehearsal	
	7:00 p.m.	Awakening Faith	
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	9:30 Choir Rehearsal	Church Church School of the Incarnation Ark/Dove Conference Room Church Connelly Parish Center Church Church Youth Room Youth Room Church Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation	
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	
	7:30 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	
Friday	7:30 p.m.	11:00 Choir Rehearsal	Church Connelly Parish Center
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Lock-in	
Saturday	5:45 p.m.	Baptism	Church Church Youth Room Youth Room
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	RCIA Dismissal	
	9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children	Youth Room Youth Room Church Youth Room
	11:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children	
	4:30 p.m.	Teen Choir Rehearsal	
	6:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group	

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Mass is signed for the hearing impaired*

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Nursery available at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses (September through June)

Eucharist at Neighboring Parishes

Holy Family, Davidsonville, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Church of the Holy Apostles, Gambrills, Sun., 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

St. Joseph, Odenton, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00

Our Lady of the Fields, Millersville, Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 and 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please advise us if you would like Communion brought to a member of your family.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Attendance at a baptismal preparation program is required before Baptism can be scheduled. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements. Preparation may begin any time during pregnancy.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

According to Archdiocesan policy, couples are required to make an appointment with a priest or deacon of the Parish at least six months in advance of the date they plan to celebrate their wedding in order to accommodate mandatory marriage preparation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Adults interested in full membership in the Catholic faith are asked to call the Parish Office for information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (R.C.I.C.)

Children, ages 8-17, whose families are interested in initiation into the Catholic faith, please call the Faith Formation Office.

Readings for February 6 - 12, 2012

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalm 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalm 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Psalm 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Psalm 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Psalm 106:6-7, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Priest Presiders February 11 & 12, 2012

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Father Vince Cushing
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Father Jim Sabak
	9:30 a.m.	Father Ed Connelly
	11:00 a.m.	Father Jim Sabak
	5:30 p.m.	Father Ed Connelly

Sick or Hospitalized?

Please notify the office or a staff member when someone in your family is sick, hospitalized or homebound. If you or a family member is admitted to Anne Arundel Medical Center, **please inform them that you are Catholic and your affiliation is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.** This should be part of your admission process.