



Rev. Mick Kopil

## Holy Matrimony

Several years ago, St. John Paul taught us about the universal call to holiness. He reminded us that each baptized person has blessings bestowed on them, blessings of adoption by God, incorporation into the Body of Christ, the Church, openness to the other sacraments, and the cleansing of original sin. He also taught that with baptism comes the obligation to holiness, holiness which is perfection in charity. Thus, all baptized persons are called and gifted by God to care about the needs of others and to do what we can to help satisfy those needs.

One of the other sacraments, the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, was also given by Christ to be a way that most people live out their obligation to love. In a parish mission that I gave some years ago, I reminded husbands and wives that the most important duty they have in love is to love their spouse to heaven. For if love means wanting and working for the good of others, and the greatest good for anyone is eternal communion with God (Heaven), than to love a spouse above all others is to work for their being in heaven more than all others. What a tremendous gift God has given to each husband and wife, the gift of their spouse. For a spouse gives each Christian the best opportunity to love someone with all they are and have. Likewise, a spouse is a gift in as much as each husband and wife knows their spouse's number one obligation in love is to love them to Heaven. God loves His children so much that He gifts most of us with a spouse to receive love from and to give love to.

All of God's gifts are given to be shared and to be used according to God's plan. In God's plan, couples are united in Holy Matrimony to establish a community of two persons, to be someone with whom to share love, and to participate in God's creative power by being open to being parents. When we deliberately misuse or abuse God's gifts, we call that sin. If the gift of Holy Matrimony is misused when one or both of the spouses refuses to offer themselves completely to and for their spouse. Self-centeredness, Infidelity, divorce, and refusing to be open to God's gift of children are all misuses of God's gift of Holy Matrimony. Neglecting to marry in the presence of a Catholic bishop, priest, or deacon is an abuse of the sacrament. Thus, the Church takes great pains to help married couples prepare for the sacrament, not just the wedding day, and requires her children to marry in the Church. As the Bride of Christ the Bridegroom, the Church does her best to help spouses receive the sacrament and live it faithfully.

Sometimes, for various reasons, spouses find themselves in a situation where they have not participated in Holy Matrimony according to God's plan. By failing to fully appreciate His gift, they may have deprived themselves of His blessings, and may even have fallen into sin. In nearly every case, there are remedies for these situations. It is important for couples in these situations to speak to their parish priest to discover how to make their marriages and relationships what God wants them to be.

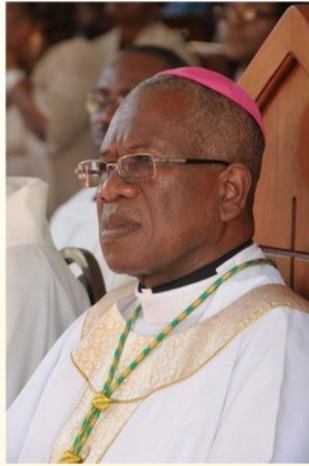
Marriage in Christ is one of the Lord's greatest gifts to His children. It is a gift that brings blessings in this life and in eternity. As with all His gifts, it is important to use them according to His plan. May God bless all of those married in Holy Matrimony. May those who live in love in Christ, be a sign to everyone of God's abiding love for us all.



<b>March 6th</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass</b>	<b>8:00 AM &amp; 7:00 PM</b>
March 8th	Stations of the Cross	8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
March 9th	Penance	3:30 PM --4:30 PM
March 10th	Rite of Sending	9 AM
March 15th	Stations of the Cross	8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
March 16th	Penance	3:30 PM --4:30 PM
<b>March 16th</b>	<b><u>Holy First Reconciliation</u></b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
March 22nd	Stations of the Cross	8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
March 23rd	Penance	3:30 PM --4:30 PM
March 24th	1st Scrutiny	9 AM
March 29th	Stations of the Cross	8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
March 30th	Penance	3:30 PM -4:30 PM
March 31st	2nd Scrutiny	11 AM
April 5th	Eucharistic Adoration	8:30-Noon
April 5th	Stations of the Cross	8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
April 6th	Penance	3:30 PM -4:30 PM
April 7th	3rd Scrutiny	9 am
April 8th	Reconciliation	3:30 PM -4:30 PM
<b>April 10th</b>	<b>COMMUNAL PENANCE: St. Elizabeth</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
April 12th	Stations of the Cross	8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
<b>April 13th</b>	<b>Vigil Palm Sunday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>April 14th</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM</b>



April 17th	Seder Supper	7:00 PM
<b>April 18th</b>	<b>Holy Thursday Morning Prayer</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	<b>Holy Thursday Chrism Mass</b>	
	<b>At Holy Angels Cathedral</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	<b>Holy Thursday Evening Mass of</b>	
	<b>The Lord's Supper (Adoration following)</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 19th</b>	<b>Good Friday Morning Prayer</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>April 19th</b>	<b>Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>April 19th</b>	<b>Living Stations</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 20th</b>	<b>Holy Saturday Morning Prayer</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>April 20th</b>	<b>Blessing of Easter Food</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>April 20th</b>	<b>Easter Vigil in the Night</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>April 21st</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Masses:</b>	<b>7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM</b>
<b>April 28th</b>	<b><u>First Eucharist</u></b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>



## HAITI VISIT AND UPDATE

Bishop Quesnel, Fr. Wilfin and Fr. Dorcin were very grateful for the welcoming from our church and from our Bishop Hy-ing. Father Anascar Fonrose has helped us communicate from Haiti and wishes us all Gods Blessings.

Father Romuald Pierre will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on February 22-24 to visit with us. Father Romuald is looking forward to meeting and speaking to St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners and share prayers from his church St Roch in the town of Grosse-Roche. The Twinning between our churches will continue to grow with Gods help and our prayers.

Thank you to everyone for your help, love, and prayers to bring our people together in our hearts from St Roch to St Elizabeth Ann Seton.

May God Bless everyone,

This past Christmas our Ministry again experienced a high volume of flower deliveries to the bereaved and homebound. Your generosity of spirit brought countless numbers of smiles to those who mourn a loss and to those who are unable to participate in parish life.

I applaud the many of you who gave of your time, and those who went the extra mile to bring joy and the true spirit of hope to your fellow parishioners. Thanks to your help, forty-eight homebound and bereaved parishioners received a Christmas flower.

We want you to know that many people called thanking us for the flowers **and for the kindness of your visit!**

Many Thanks, Mary Hollis





At St Helen  
**March 8th: 4:30 -7pm**  
 At St. Seton  
**March 22th: 4:30 -7pm**  
 At Holy Spirit  
**April 5th: 4:30-7pm**



Check us out on our  
 Website and Facebook.




*With Deepest Sympathy*

Dorothy Guba  
 Norma Libauskas

Maryann Bara  
 Bennie Roskowski



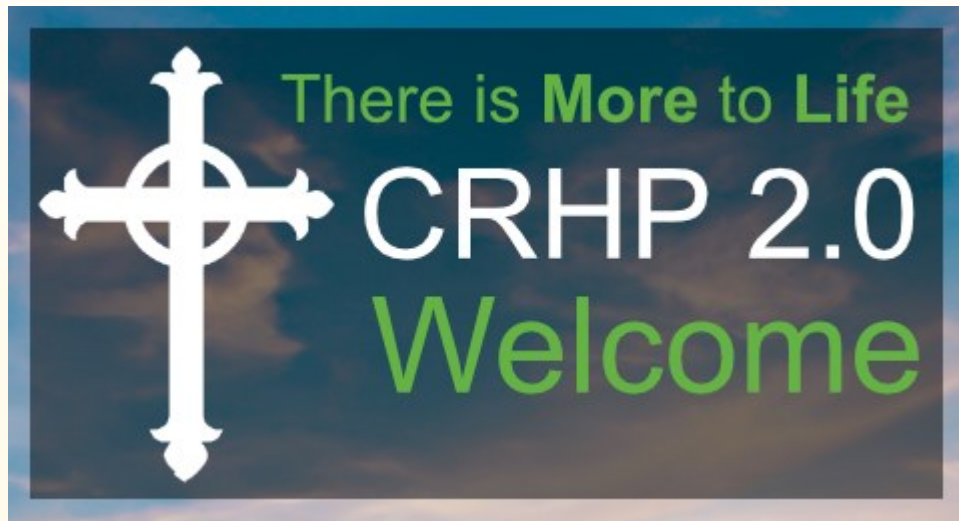
## Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

- **Formed.org:** Spiritual opportunities for Adults, Teens and Children. Enter parish access code **QH8MQK**.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday, February 1 & March 1, April 5, 2019
- **Christ Renews His Parish:** Women-Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Men- Thursdays at 6:30 pm
- **Scripture Study:** Tuesday mornings at 9 am and 7 pm Monday evenings

## Save the Date

- **Christ Renews His Parish Retreat: January 26th & 27th Men's**
- **Christ Renews His Parish Retreat: February 23rd & 24th Women's**
- **Ash Wednesday: March 6, 2019**
- **Stations of the Cross: Fridays, March 8 to April 12, 2019 -- 8:30am & 7 pm**
- **Fish Fry: Friday, March 22, 2019 at 4:30-7pm**
- **St. Elizabeth Seton Communal Penance, Wednesday, April 10, 2019**
- **Seder Meal: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7 pm**
- **Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 7 pm**
- **Good Friday-The Lord's Supper: Friday, April 19, 2019 at 3 pm**
- **Living Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 19, 2019 at 8 pm**
- **Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 8:00 pm**
- **Easter Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9 & 11 am**





YOU'RE INVITED!

Welcome Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) 2.0 Men's and Women's 2019 Retreats

### What is Welcome CRHP 2.0?

Welcome is an overnight weekend experience held right here at the parish for parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Through fellowship, faith sharing, hospitality, music, individual and group activities, Mass and more, participants have the opportunity to step back from the everyday and to reflect on their lives and their spiritual journeys and build meaningful relationships.

Most of the people that you see everyday feel like something is missing in their lives. Welcome is an incredible experience that helps them discover what that something is- and what to do about it. It's run by parishioners, for parishioners, and it's re-energizing parishes across the country one soul at a time.

Please make plans to attend, there is no charge, all we ask is your time for what could be a spiritually life-changing experience.

### RETREAT DATES:

Men: January 26-27, 2019. Contact: Denny Erickson (630) 632-2275, email: [denny@racosteel.com](mailto:denny@racosteel.com)

Women: February 23-24, 2019. Contact: Maryanne Krug (219) 510-5559,  
email: [tattletale57@gmail.com](mailto:tattletale57@gmail.com).

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Masses: Mon. Tues., Wed. & Fri. at 8 am  
Saturday, 5 pm

Sunday, 7:30 am, 9 am & 11 am