



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
LAKE RIDGE, VA

**PARISH OFFICE:**

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily: Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am
(w/nursery service) and 12:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation: 7:30pm
Vigil; 9:00am, 6:00pm and 7:30pm

First Friday Evening Mass:
7:30pm

Mass in the Extraordinary Form:
(Third Friday): 7:30pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Monday: 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Friday: 9:30am - 10:00am

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Other times, by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tuesday: 9:30am - 6:00pm

First Friday: 8pm - 8:45am (Sat.)

Holy Hour w/Intercessory Prayer:
(Third Wed.) 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Beginning January 3, 2018:

Holy Hour for Vocations:
(First Wed.) 7:30pm - 8:30pm

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to SEAS! Please complete a registration card found in the church vestibule or by stopping by the parish office. Also, please remember to notify us if you move, or of any changes to your contact information.

RETURNING CATHOLICS:

Everyone is invited to rediscover the gift of our faith and the unique role that each of us has in this family of God. *Welcome home!*

RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISMS:

Occur most Sunday afternoons. Please contact the parish office to set a date and to register for the required Baptism class.

PASTORAL CARE of the SICK:

Please notify us of parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound. **Holy Communion** and the **Sacraments of Penance** and **Anointing of the Sick** are arranged by the parish office. In a danger-of-death situation, call the parish emergency line, 571- 455-0402.

MATRIMONY:

Congratulations on your engagement! Registered parishioners who wish to be married here, or elsewhere, are

asked to contact one of the parish clergy at least six months in advance of their intended wedding date to begin the Pre-Cana preparation process.

HOLY ORDERS & CONSECRATED LIFE:

Seeking information about the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated religious life? If so, please contact one of the parish clergy or the diocesan Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514.

BULLETIN NOTICES:

Must be received, in writing, by **Friday at 9:00am, two weeks** before the Sunday publication date. Please send submissions to bulletin@seas1.org.

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Merry Christmas!



Welcome to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church! Whether you are a member of our parish, visiting family or friends in the area, or are here for the very first time, I am so glad you came to worship with us on the Feast of the Birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In a world of darkness and sin, a light has shown forth, offering the fallen world redemption and hope.

Human beings are fascinating, exciting, and beautiful creations of God. People are capable of heroic and incredible acts of love. Parents raise their children to be productive, contributing members of society by teaching them to be responsible students and participants in school and community

activities. They make sacrifices so that their children may grow up to be all they were created to be. Neighbors care for one another, helping each other out, sharing in one another's joys and sorrows. Adult children care for aging parents while also caring for their own children. People try to be "the best we can be", contributing to the good of their families and to the good of society.

While people are loving, they are also broken. Relationships can be challenging, illness and disease strike, unemployment affects many, poverty exists, addictions develop, and many among us are wounded physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Hope can seem far off and many despair as they see no possible improvement to their lives or to the world situation at hand.

In His gracious love and mercy, God has provided His creation a reason for hope. He has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to become one of us, to show us the way to light, truth, and love. He has revealed to us that His plan is to have us be with Him forever in heaven, giving purpose and meaning to our lives here on earth. He has taught us that love is sacrifice, but the rewards for living a life of love are eternal with the God who loves us deeply. Through Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit of love, God has promised that we would never be alone in our sorrows. Jesus came on the earth to proclaim the Father's love, to show us that love by being willing to suffer and die in obedience to His Father, and to rise again. He walks with us now, through His disciples, through His church. This is the Good News (the Gospel) that offers hope to a broken world.

If you find yourself searching for a deeper fullness to your life or desire to discover greater meaning and purpose in your life, I invite you to come to know God. While the world promises happiness in many forms, only God gives meaning to our lives and enables us to live with true and lasting joy. The community of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church welcomes you to come and see what a difference having Jesus Christ in your life can make!

If you are Catholic and live in the area, we invite you to worship with us on a regular basis. Please see the front cover for our Mass schedule. If you've been away from the sacraments for a while, I welcome you home. God is always ready to shower His graces and mercy upon you. If you are not Catholic but are curious about learning more about the Church, please give the Parish office a call at 703-494-4008.

On behalf of Fr. Perez, Deacon Warner, and our entire staff, I wish you and your loved ones a very blessed and Merry Christmas, and a grace-filled New Year!

In Christ's Love,
Fr. Brian Bashista

Parish News

SEAS Feast Day Dinner

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their 2nd Feast Day Dinner honoring St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on **Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 7:15pm** following Mass in the Fellowship Hall.

Menu: "All-American Cuisine"
Garden salad, Grilled Flank Steak with Wild Mushroom Demi-Glace Sauce, Twice-Baked Potato, Seasoned Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese Americana, (Feast Day – Jan. 4) and Apple Pie a la Mode.

The cost is \$12 for 15 years old and older and \$7 for 14 years old and younger. Ticket sales will be after all Masses on **December 30/31**. Don't miss out on this special evening of fine food and fellowship.



Hoops Challenge Versus Seminarians

Sunday, January 7, 2018; 3:00pm - 6:00pm
St. John Paul the Great High School Gym
17700 Dominican Drive, Dumfries, VA 22026

It's the annual High School Quo Vadis Basketball Game against the Diocese of Arlington Seminarians

Guest referees: **Bishop Burbidge** and **Fr. Christopher Vaccaro**, Chaplain at the University of Mary Washington. Come and cheer for your favorite team!

To add to the fun, it's **Brother - vs. - Brother!**
Our own SEAS parishioner and Athletic Director at St. John Paul the Great High School, **Mr. Chris Vander Woude** will coach the **Arlington Seminarians Team**, and Athletic Director at Seton School, **Mr. Dan Vander Woude**, will coach the **Quo Vadis Team**. There's also a spirit award and cheering competition, as well as some vocation stories and a pizza supper to follow the game. Families are welcome!

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*Tuesday, January 16th from 7:30pm-9pm,
Wednesday, January 24th from 3:30pm-5pm,
Saturday, January 27th from 10am-11:30am
or Sunday, January 28th from 4pm-5:30pm
in the Main Church.*





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Christmas, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we are profoundly aware of the need to pray that His peace will reign in our world, in our nation, in our homes and in our lives. We are witnessing much turbulence, unrest and division in our midst. Yet, we do not despair. Our newborn King has shown us the way to peace and unity.

We pray that the leaders of our nation and those throughout the world will allow the Lord to guide their decisions, being ever mindful of the sacredness of all human life and the dignity of each and every human person. We pray that all people will recognize that they are united as God's holy family and respond by treating one another with charity and respect. In our own lives, we pray for the grace to love, honor and forgive each other. In a special way, may our prayer always lead us to seek peace not in the empty promises of the world but in the One who alone can sustain and protect us.

It is my hope and prayer that what we do at Christmas will continue throughout the New Year: to keep our relationship with the Lord our highest priority; to share our gifts and resources with all those in need; and to be instruments of His peace in our communities, workplaces and homes.

Please be assured of a special remembrance at the Masses I will celebrate on Christmas. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus fill you with his choicest blessings at Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bishop Michael Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

SEVEN WAYS TO KICKSTART YOUR *Spiritual Life* IN 2018

1. SPIRITUAL DIRECTION. If you've never considered spiritual direction before, make this the year. Priests, sisters, and even lay people are trained to listen and gently nudge you to see the presence of God working in your life and hear God's voice calling.

2. DAILY QUIET. In the digital age, every waking moment is filled with stimulation. It's exhausting, but more importantly, it drowns out the voice of God. Take ten minutes a day, or even five, to "be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

3. ATTEND WEEKDAY MASS ONCE A WEEK. The crazier life is, the more important that brief respite from the things of the world becomes.

4. CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION MORE FREQUENTLY. The Church asks us, at minimum, to receive the sacrament before Easter, and preferably before Christmas. For many, communal penance services offered during Lent and Advent are less than satisfying. Instead, make time to go to the weekly confession times in your local parish.

5. GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PARISH. If you already volunteer, examine your commitments to be sure you are making the best use of your time and unique gifts. If you have never (or rarely) volunteered, think about your skill set. Can you be a catechist? Provide child care in the nursery? Coordinate an enrichment night for married couples? Be a lector or extraordinary minister of the Eucharist? Visit the sick? Fold letters? If you get stuck, your parish office likely has lots of suggestions!

6. EXPLORE A TEACHING OF THE CHURCH THAT IS DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO ACCEPT. Approach the topic with a mind willing to learn and a heart willing to hear the voice of God. Study the catechism or papal writings, and don't be afraid to be honest with God in prayer.

7. SET ASIDE SUNDAY AS A TRUE DAY OF REST. In this interconnected age, work often continues through the weekend by email and text, even when it isn't really necessary. Stay off work email. Minimize shopping, lest Sunday becomes "errand day." The Sabbath was made for us (Mark 2:27) because we need it. Use it!

Merry Christmas

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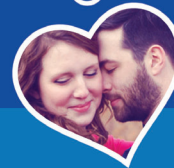


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