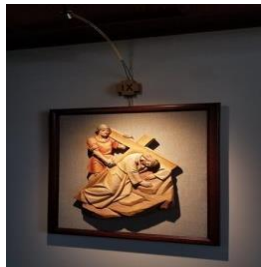


April 4, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Seton Lake Ridge,

Along with Fr. Dort, Deacon Rob and our entire staff, I first want to assure you of our thoughts and prayers as tonight we enter into our celebration of the great **Holy Week!** If you tried to tune into our "Live-streamed" Masses last week, we regret any difficulties we had with our internet connections. Thanks be to God, we think we have all those "bugs" worked out, so please do try to "join-us" once again. We miss you and certainly wish we could have all been together during this most holy time of the year. Although we cannot be physically present, our faith tells us that we are no more intimately connected than when we recognize our oneness rooted in Christ, and through our baptism, the shared indwelling of His Holy Spirit within each of us! (*Romans 8:11*)



OUR CHURCH REMAINS OPEN

Sunday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. All are welcome to come for private prayer or to make individual **Stations of the Cross** (*Photo w/new station lighting now installed*). Please keep in mind "social distancing" and gathering in groups of 10 or fewer. **Confessions** continue to be offered during the normal posted times. Ushers will be present to assist with the social distancing directive. We appreciate your cooperation and

support.

HOLY WEEK – TRIDUUM – EASTER "LIVE-STREAMING" SCHEDULE (*Also See [Holy-Week Live-Streaming Schedule](#)*)

**Please Note: The entire Church Building will be closed during the Triduum and Easter Sunday "Live Streaming". Everyone is encouraged to remain at home and prayerfully join us for any of the liturgies listed here by simply clicking the blue links below or visiting our website www.setonlakeridge.org*

PALM SUNDAY, April 5th

[MASS at 9:00 a.m.](#) (*Rectory Chapel*)

[MASS at 10:45 a.m.](#) (*Rectory Chapel*)

[Click Here for Palm Sunday Gospel Booklet Year 'A'](#)

April 6th - 8th

[DAILY MASS at 9:00 a.m.](#) (*Rectory Chapel*)

[ADORATION and EVENING PRAYER at 4:30 p.m.](#) (*Rectory Chapel*)

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9th

[MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER at 7:30 p.m.](#) (*Main Church*)

Eucharistic Procession to Altar of Repose 8:30 p.m.-12a.m. (Chapel)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10th

STATIONS of the CROSS at 3:00 p.m. (Main Church)

LITURGY of the PASSION at 7:30 p.m. (Main Church)

[Click Here for Good Friday Gospel Booklet Year "A"](#)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11th

EASTER VIGIL at 8:30 p.m. (Main Church)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12th

MASS at 9:00 a.m. (Main Church)

MASS at 10:45 a.m. (Main Church)

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Human Concerns Ministry has volunteers who are able and willing to shop for groceries and pharmacy items for other parishioners who are unable because they are in a high-risk category. For those who are in financial hardship and are in need of non-perishable food items and/or toiletries, our **MOTHER SETON FOOD PANTRY** is OPEN from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays (but not Holy Thursday 4/9). Simply come to the reception area of the Parish Office and ring the bell for assistance. Please note that at this time, children will not be permitted into the pantry. If you are in need of food but are in a high risk group, volunteers can make up "to go" bags based on your needs which can be picked up at the parish office or can be delivered if you are unable or do not feel comfortable coming to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact **Betty Maher**, Human Concerns Outreach Coordinator, at b.maher@setonlakeridge.org or **703-494-4008, ext. 145** and leave a message.

PARISH OPERATIONS AND OFFERTORY

Please know of my deep gratitude for your faithful support of our parish and our diocese through the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). As you know, our parish has continuing operating needs and our weekly offertory is the main source of revenue to meet our expenses. As you can image, these collections are down about 30% from an average of \$25,000 per week to around \$17,000. While this is still a very generous continued response by many, I do realize that others have less (or even no) income and are therefore unable to give at this time, which is completely understandable. However, many others still have their regular income. Please know that sustaining our financial support is so necessary to **maintain our payroll** and **parish operations** as well as meeting the additional expenses related to our **increased outreach efforts to those in need**, to **housing our two new seminarians**, and the increased expenses related to the **"live-streaming" and related technologies.**

For those who are mailing or dropping off your contributions or using Faith Direct, **I thank you for your continued support.** Mailing your donation is always an option but I strongly encourage everyone to consider using other electronic means of making your weekly donation. These options include: **TEXT-TO-GIVE**, enrolling in **FAITH DIRECT**, or enrolling in **BILL PAY** through your financial institution. You may go to the link below so that you can help us maintain our mission at this critical time.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FREE TIME- FOR MOVIES, VIDEOS OR OTHER LEARNING

There are many resources online that you can access at this time. I encourage you to seek out ways to grow in your personal relationship with Jesus. **Formed – The Catholic Faith on Demand** is one option that our parish has access to for individuals or families to be entertained with a movie or to seek to grow in our faith. The information for our parish account is as follows:

1. Go to: Formed.org
2. Click on: “Sign Up”
3. And then: “I belong to a Parish Organization”
4. Type Parish Name or Organization: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5. Click on: 12805 Valleywood Dr.
6. And then: “NEXT”
7. Add you name and E-mail
8. Click: “Sign Up”

PLEASE STAY CONNECTED!

While the Parish Office is closed, staff are monitoring their emails and phone messages and essential staff are periodically coming into the office and monitoring the drop-off mail slot in the the reception office area. Should you need to drop anything off. Simply utilize this mail-slot that is located on the inside office door in the reception waiting area.

We are still publishing our weekly bulletin in reduced numbers. These hard copies are located in the Church Narthex. We also encourage you to sign-up to receive the bulletin each week via email or by visiting our parish website. Click the links below:

[**SUBSCRIBE TO SETON LAKE RIDGE CHURCH BULLETIN**](#)

[**VIEW SETON LAKE RIDGE CHURCH BULLETIN**](#)

[**GET OUR SETON LAKE RIDGE PARISH APP**](#)

If you know of someone who is not signed up for parish or diocesan emails, please utilized the following links, and please make this email available to them in any manner you are able.

[**UPDATE SETON LAKE RIDGE PARIS REGISTRATION**](#)

[**SIGN-UP for DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON E-NEWSLETTER**](#)

Both Fr. Dort and I are available for **SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES**, for those who are in danger of, or near death. The **Sacramental Emergency Phone** number is: **(571) 455-0402**

Anyone can also visit our own web-site www.setonlakeridge.org for the most up to date notices, and the Diocese of Arlington web-site www.arlingtondiocese.org for additional information and latest press releases.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON and ST. CORONA, PRAY FOR US!

Finally, I offer the attached article by Heather King entitled, [St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Patroness of the Quarantine](#). It also appears on the [Seton Shrine Website](#).

Below, I also offer this prayer to **St. Corona in Time of Epidemic**. Hard copies of this prayer will be made available in the Church Narthex in the weeks ahead.

As I noted, this Lent is like none we will ever remember. Let us pray for one another and the most vulnerable and sick at this time. Once again, be assured of my gratitude for your financial support of our parish in these uncertain times, and, know I will remember you and your families as I pray and offer Mass each day. I humbly ask your prayers for me as well.

May God bless and protect us all!

Fr. Brian Bashista

Pastor

Prayer to St. Corona in a Time of Epidemic

Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation.

Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.

Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims,
pray for us.