

SETON LAKERIDGE

Parish E-Newsletter



We are so pleased to share our **Spring 2022** issue of our **SETON LAKERIDGE PARISH E-NEWSLETTER**. We hope you enjoy pondering what has transpired these past several months as we highlight and look forward to what lies ahead.

On that note, I would like to mention how pleased we are to welcome back one of our former parishioners, the Irish Tenor, **MARK FORREST**, who will be leading our Lenten evening of spiritual reflection on **Friday, April 8th at 7:30p.m.** (See page 15.) The **“COME WALK WITH ME “ NIGHT OF PRAYER** is a time, this Lent, for us to reflect on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. During the evening, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and Mark will guide us through music, reflection, and healing. Born in Dublin, Ireland, Mark’s melodic voice has filled concert halls and cathedrals worldwide. He has personally sung inspirational hymns for St. John Paul II and St. Theresa of Calcutta, and has entertained award-winning performers including Charlton Heston and Maureen O’Hara. Please do consider taking an hour with the Lord as He invites you to a closer walk with Him. A free will offering will be taken to support Mark and the wonderful work and witness to the faith.

We also want to encourage everyone to support our **“DONATE A BRICK MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN”**. Your personalized bricks will be used to create a new brick plaza and walkway from the front of the Church down to Seton Hall. (See page 9).

On behalf of Fr. Dort, Deacon Rob and our entire parish staff, I want to wish everyone a very blessed Lent, a glorious Easter, and a Paschal Season filled with Christ’s grace!
 ~ Fr. Bashista

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FAITH FORMATION

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Faith Formation Class



TEACHING MASS WITH FATHER BASHISTA



St. Lucy Project Reverse Advent Bags

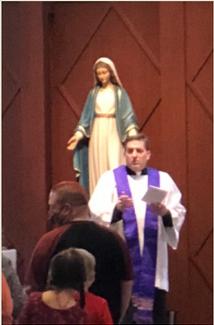


Thank you to *EVERYONE*
who donated to the
St. Lucy Project!
We collected
2,635 pounds of food!
God Bless!





Faith Formation



FIRST PENANCE

Fifty-five (55) children made their First Penance on December 11th, 2021. We were so grateful to Fr. Tipton, Fr. Townsend, Fr. Miserendino, and Fr. Smith for assisting with our First Confessions. It was a beautiful liturgy and sacrament.



Fr. Dort explained sacramentals and blessed water for all three faith formation sessions.



OUR PARISH SCHOOL — ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



BISHOP BURBIDGE VISITS AQUINAS

We welcomed Bishop Burbidge to Aquinas on February 14. He celebrated morning Mass and then toured the school, visiting the classrooms and speaking with students and teachers. As a regional school, Aquinas falls under the Diocese. Thank you Bishop Burbidge for your strong support of Catholic education!

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Visit our website at aquinastars.org for more information
Dominican PreK thru 8th grade Catholic School
Tuition Assistance Available

Aquinas is happy to be the Catholic School for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton!

MUSIC MINISTRY



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For our Winter Ember Days Stewardship, on December 4th, 2021, over 20 Seton Lake Ridge parishioners spread the joy of the season at Westminster Senior Living. The group sang Christmas carols in multiple parts of the facility and enjoyed sharing the gifts of music and the Good News of the Lord's birth with the residents.

WINTER EMBER DAYS 2021

We are blessed to have been able to include the Vigil Project during our Winter Ember Days for the celebration of the Mass, Adoration, and Confession.

Catholic Praise and Worship favorites The Vigil Project stopped by Seton Lake Ridge on December 3rd 2021 for one of the dates on their Advent tour. The evening featured Mass, Confessions and Adoration with an inspirational talk and uplifting music by the Vigil Project.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfasts are back! We had large turn-outs after all the Masses. With pancakes and sausage, everyone left energized for their day.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fridays in March:

Lenten Soup Meals

Fellowship Hall

March 19:

Blood Drive

Upper Seton Hall

March 27:

Pancake Breakfast after

the 7:30am, 9:00am &

10:45am Masses

April 2:

Document Shredding

Event

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

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Marriage & Family Life

Reconnect with your spouse and the sacramental beauty of your marriage!

LOVE

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Special Guest Presenters:
Kristin and Robert Brown



Marriage Ministry kicked off with an Enrichment Retreat on Saturday, February 19th, 2022, fifteen (15) couples enjoyed lively conversation, moving presentations, Mass, and Lectio with Fr. Dort.

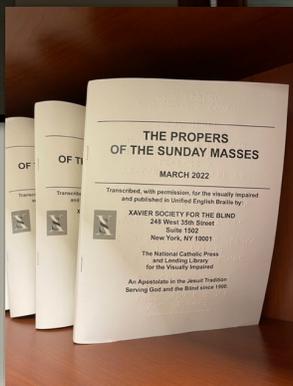
Don't miss out on the next big event! Join the Marriage Ministry Communications list by sending Melissa an email at: m.maleski@setonlakeridge.org.



SETON LAKE RIDGE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Our Special Needs Ministry has received some new resources! 1) A location/room for people with a special need can sit in sound and light controlled comfort towards the back of the church near the Chapel 2) Braille books.

Do you have a child/young adult/elderly person that could benefit from our Special Needs Ministry?



Contact Stephanie Hanley at
specialneedsministry@setonlakeiridge.org

SETON LAKE RIDGE YOUTH MINISTRY

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GRATIA PLENA



On February 20, 2022, Seton Lake Ridge Youth Ministry hosted Gratia Plena, a non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the faith life of Catholic girls in high school, for a conversation about *"Dating with Grace"*.

YOUTH MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE; Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC; May 22, 2022; Join us for Mass, tours of both churches and the crypt, & a walk through the gardens. RSVP required: please email Melissa Maleski at m.maleski@setonlakeridge.org



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

CC2021@SETONLAKERIDGE.ORG



Fall 2021 saw the kick-off our parish capital campaign, *Legacy of Faith, Foundation for our Future*, with a goal to raise \$4million. Three short months after the public phase of our CC2021, we are more than three-quarters of the way toward our goal with pledges and gifts totaling over \$3,309,000. Gifts and pledges continue to come in so if you haven't yet made a pledge, or would like to increase your pledge, please contact Mary Gildersleeve at 703-494-4008, or m.gildersleeve@setonlakeridge.org.

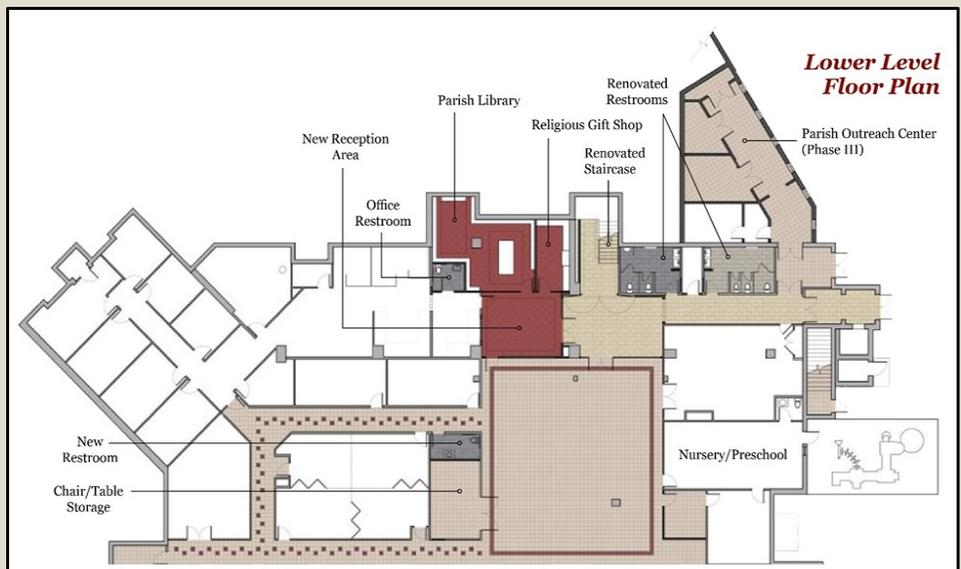
The Campaign is raising funds for the Master Plan phases II and III. **Phase II**, which includes renovations to the lower level of the Church for increased security, as well as renovations to the Narthex and hall bathrooms upstairs and down, is estimated at a construction cost of \$1.2 million.

The bulk of the project, Phase III, includes much-needed and long-postponed repairs and landscaping of our parking lot with a walking path around the entire property. New construction on our site would include an Outreach Center, landscaped and paved plaza and grand staircase to link Seton Hall, a proposed Columbarium and new façade on the Church, adding a

vestibule (greatly reducing the wasted energy to heat/cool the Narthex).

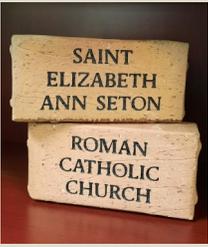
In December, we started offering Memorial Opportunities as a way to honor a loved one. Many parishioners have reserved these memorials, but there are a few remaining.

- Amphitheatre Grand Staircase \$150,000
- Pre-school and Office \$75,000
- Pre-school Playground \$75,000
- Religious Goods Book/Gift Shop \$75,000
- Outdoor St. Elizabeth Shrine \$75,000
- Main Entrance Cross \$50,000
- Main Entrance Statue #1 \$50,000
- Main Entrance Statue #2 \$50,000
- Office Reception/Coffee Nook \$50,000
- Walking Path: Stations of the Cross:
 - 7th Station (Jesus Falls 2nd time) \$20,000
 - 9th Station (Jesus Fall 3rd time) \$20,000
 - 10th Station (Jesus stripped of garments) \$20,000
- Planters (18 available) \$1,500 each
- Trees (16 available) \$1,000 each
- Benches: Waiting List Available



Legacy OF FAITH, FOUNDATION FOR OUR Future

A Campaign for Seton Lake Ridge



In the next several weeks, we will begin "engraved brick paver" sign-ups. As you can see by the pictures here, pavers on the

plaza give a perfect palette for those who would like to purchase bricks for family, friends and others.

For more information about this Campaign, and ways for you to participate, please see the display in the Narthex or in Fellowship Hall. You can also watch our website for further information as we move forward with these latest projects to our Parish Home!

**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
DONATE A BRICK
MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN**

Your personalized bricks will be used to create a new brick plaza and walkway from the front of the Church down to Fellowship Hall.

For best appearance, we recommend a maximum of 3 lines, 15 characters per line. (Lower letters look better). Punctuation and spaces count as characters. All text will be in caps and centered. We reserve the right to edit or reject any wording deemed to be inappropriate.

Please fill in the information below.

EXAMPLE

IN	MEMORY OF
THE	FAMILY OF
FAMILY	OF

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO "Print Brick" on the Memo Line:
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 12607 Valleywood Drive, Lake Ridge, VA 22172

NAME _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ STATE _____
CITY _____ AMOUNT PAID _____
EMAIL _____ ZIP _____

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPE # _____

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church is a qualified 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and donations are tax-deductible at the full extent of the law. No gifts or services will be provided in exchange for any gift. Please consult your tax advisor regarding specific questions about your donations. If you need an EIN for tax purposes, please contact Mary Chaturvedi, Parish Business Manager, 703-494-4000.

EACH BRICK \$250

Legacy OF FAITH, FOUNDATION FOR OUR Future

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\$4 million

\$3,309,123
03/01/2022

\$3 million

\$2 million

\$1 million



"The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly to do it because it is his will."
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton





A "SENIOR CITIZENS"
ORGANIZATION
55+ YEARS OR OLDER

SILVER FOXES

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Silver Foxes Advent Day of Reconciliation - November 19, 2021

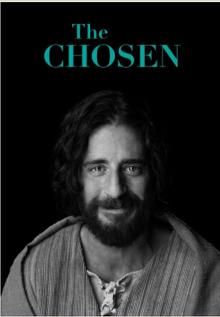
It was a beautiful day of Reflections with Fr. Dort . The tables were decorated with Advent Wreaths designed by Janie Warzywak, they were the door prizes, won by Gerry Nowinski & Mary Ann Giandoni, Thank you to Janie & Ed Warzywak, our luncheon was delicious, prepared by LaPrima Catering. Making Coffee in Seton Hall is a challenge, but thank you to a quick recovery by Guillermo Giandoni, as he made a quick dash to DD for Regular Coffee. Many of us had our first taste of decaf.

Thanks to Frank & Judy Guerro for the Continental Breakfast. We had many Sister Churches attending from throughout the Community.

A perfect start to Advent.



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Every Wednesday, for nine weeks, more than 20 parishioners have been gathering together in Fellowship Hall to watch and discuss Season One of The Chosen. This series uses artistic storytelling and cultural relevance, while staying true to the message of the Gospels, to offer viewers a glimpse into what the daily and extraordinary life of Jesus Christ and his disciples might have looked like 2,000 years ago.



We plan to run Season One again Wednesday mornings after Easter, and Season Two Wednesday evenings/late summer, early Fall. Watch the bulletin and our website for updates!

What the women in the Parish are doing...
MAGNIFY – PURSUING VIRTUE AS A FEMININE GENIUS!

30 women signed-up to participate!
Join us! Two groups meet weekly to grow in friendship, and to encourage one another in pursuing and strengthening virtue.

Friday evenings at 7:00pm or
Saturday mornings at 7:30am



What the men in the Parish are doing...
TMIY - THAT MAN IS YOU!

Wherever you are in your spiritual life, Jesus Christ wants to encounter you right there and take you further.

Journey as a community of men.
Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast followed by video presentations addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture.



HUMAN CONCERNS OUTREACH

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CHRISTMAS GIVING TAG TREE PROGRAM – NOV/DEC 2021

A tremendous **THANK YOU** goes out to all parishioners who participated! We collected close to 1,000 gifts of clothing, personal items, toys, linens, kitchen appliances & more for two Diocesan programs: *St. Margaret of Cortona* in Woodbridge and *Christ House* in Alexandria. Special gratitude is extended to all Human Concerns volunteers who helped to make this program such a huge success!

St. Margaret of Cortona provides stable, safe housing for single mothers/mothers-to-be & their minor children, who are either fleeing domestic violence or unsafe living conditions. Aside from the provision furnished apartments, services also include intensive case management, individual, child and family therapy, financial

management classes, legal assistance, career advancement opportunities & educational assistance for both parents and children.

Christ House offers safe, clean, and welcoming transitional housing to single homeless men, reclaiming their self-sufficiency and independence. Christ House focuses on workforce development by connecting its residents with vocations that match both their interests and skill sets and providing intensive case management, psychological counseling and job coaching.

The program also welcomes homeless & low-income individuals to enjoy a nutritious evening meal at three different seatings every night of the year as well as a **Food Pantry**.



Tag Making





Human Concerns

49TH MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON DC – JANUARY 2022

On Friday, January 21st, a busload of more than 50 parishioners braved temperatures in the upper teens to travel to Washington, DC to join in the 2022 National March for Life.

Aside from the March itself, the day included a pre-March Rally featuring Members of Congress, Bible in a Year Narrator Fr. Mike Schmitz, Down Syndrome advocate Katie Shaw, Duck Dynasty star Lisa Robertson,

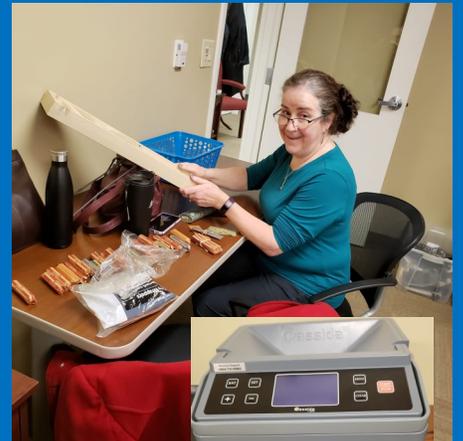


actor Kirk Cameron, and other prominent pro-life leaders whose stories inspired marchers

to build a culture of life. Some of our parishioners ended the day by attending the Rose Dinner

Ever wonder who counts all of those God's Gift Baby Bottle Campaign donations?

Why, it's our fabulous Seton Lake Ridge Money Counters combined with our marvelous Respect Life Committee members and, this year, with an assist from our new coin counting machine. Thank you to all who volunteered!



Trivia Night-February 26, 2022



MC: Cynthia Vivien

Stellar Staff



After a year off due to Covid, the Seton Lake Ridge Respect Life Committee hosted their annual *Trivia Night* fundraising event on Saturday, February 26, 2022. Twenty teams filled Upper Seton Hall and a total of \$2,459.00 was raised for Birthright of Woodbridge. Thank you to all who attended! What a fun night of food and fellowship for a great cause!

Vintage YAMOS



Show Me the Money





Synod Listening Sessions at Seton Lake Ridge

In preparation for the 2023 Synod, our Holy Father has asked every diocese, guided by their bishop, to undertake their own synodal phase of listening, dialogue, and community discernment, in which every person can participate and contribute.

Father Bashista encourages everyone to attend one of the following three sessions, in which we will prayerfully ponder questions, in a spirit of openness and charity. Save one of the following dates:

1st Session: Thursday, March 24, 2022; 7:00pm-9:00pm

2nd Session: Saturday, April 2, 2022; 9:45am-11:45am

3rd Session: Sunday, April 10, 2022; 3:00pm-5:00pm

More details can be found on our website at: <https://bit.ly/SynodListeningSessions>

ALPHA – COMING MARCH 30TH

Alpha is a FREE meal and a series of videos to watch, followed by conversations that explores life, spirituality, and faith through a Christian lens.

Join us every Wednesday!

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Fellowship Hall

The link to register is on our website at:

www.setonlakeridge.org/evangelization/alpha

Or you can find registration forms in the Narthex.



MUSIC | MEDITATION | PRAYER



TICKETS ARE NOT NEEDED
FREE-WILL OFFERING ACCEPTED



FEATURING
IRISH TENOR
MARK FORREST



SETON LAKERIDGE

LENTEN / EASTER SCHEDULE 2022

LENT	ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 2 Mass Times: 6:30am, 9:00am, 6:00pm, & 7:30pm With Distribution of Ashes CONFESSIONS DURING LENT Mondays 7:00pm – 7:45pm Wednesdays 6:30pm – 8:00pm “The Light is on for You” Fridays 9:30am – 10:15am Saturdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm	EMBER DAYS REFLECTION Wednesday, March 9 th , 7:00pm, Main Church <i>“Witnesses to the Walk”</i> : A Testimonial Journey along the Via Crucis ADORATION & CONFESSION Friday, March 11 th Lenten Soup Supper, Fellowship Hall (5pm – 7pm), Stations of the Cross, Main Church (7:00pm), Adoration and Confession, Main Church (7:30pm – 8:30pm)	
	STATIONS OF THE CROSS - MAIN CHURCH Fridays During Lent Children’s Stations: 5:00pm-5:30pm Regular Stations: 7:00pm – 7:30pm (April 8 th No 7:00pm Stations) KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN SOUP SUPPER Every Friday During Lent 5pm – 7pm, Fellowship Hall Soup and Grilled Cheese Provided Bring Soup or Meatless Dish to Share	STEWARDSHIP Saturday, March 12 th Brown Scapular Enrollment Following the 9:00am Mass Chapel Spring Spruce Up! 10:00am-2:00pm <i>Let’s beautify the parish grounds together!</i> See page 5 and our website for details and to sign up. NIGHT OF PRAYER WITH IRISH TENOR MARK FORREST Friday, April 8 th , 7:30pm, Main Church <i>Come walk with Me – Music, Meditation, Prayer</i>	
TRIDUUM	HOLY THURSDAY <i>Thursday, April 14th</i> Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30pm <i>Reposed Adoration Upper Seton Hall</i> 8:30pm – 12:00midnight (No All Day Adoration)	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>Friday, April 15th</i> Confessions 9:00am -11:00am Stations of the Cross 3:00pm – 3:30pm Divine Mercy Novena 3:30pm – 4:00pm Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service 7:30pm	HOLY SATURDAY <i>Saturday, April 16th</i> Blessing of the Easter Baskets 9:00am – 9:15am Main Church Divine Mercy Novena 3:00pm Main Church (No Confessions at 3:30pm)
	EASTER VIGIL MASS – APRIL 16TH 8:30pm (No Vigil Mass at 5:00pm)	EASTER SUNDAY MASS – APRIL 17TH 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm	
	GUIDELINES	LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent for those 14 years and older. • Fast at least on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, everyone between the ages 18 and 59. • Note: Exempt from these regulations are pregnant and nursing mothers, and anyone who ought not follow them due to sickness or disability. 		<p>One FULL meal, as well as two smaller meals (together not equal to a full meal), may be eaten according to one’s needs and sufficient to maintain one’s strength. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Medications, taken according to need do not break the fast.</p>	