



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LAKE RIDGE, VA

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## SETON SPOTLIGHT

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**PARISH OFFICE:**  
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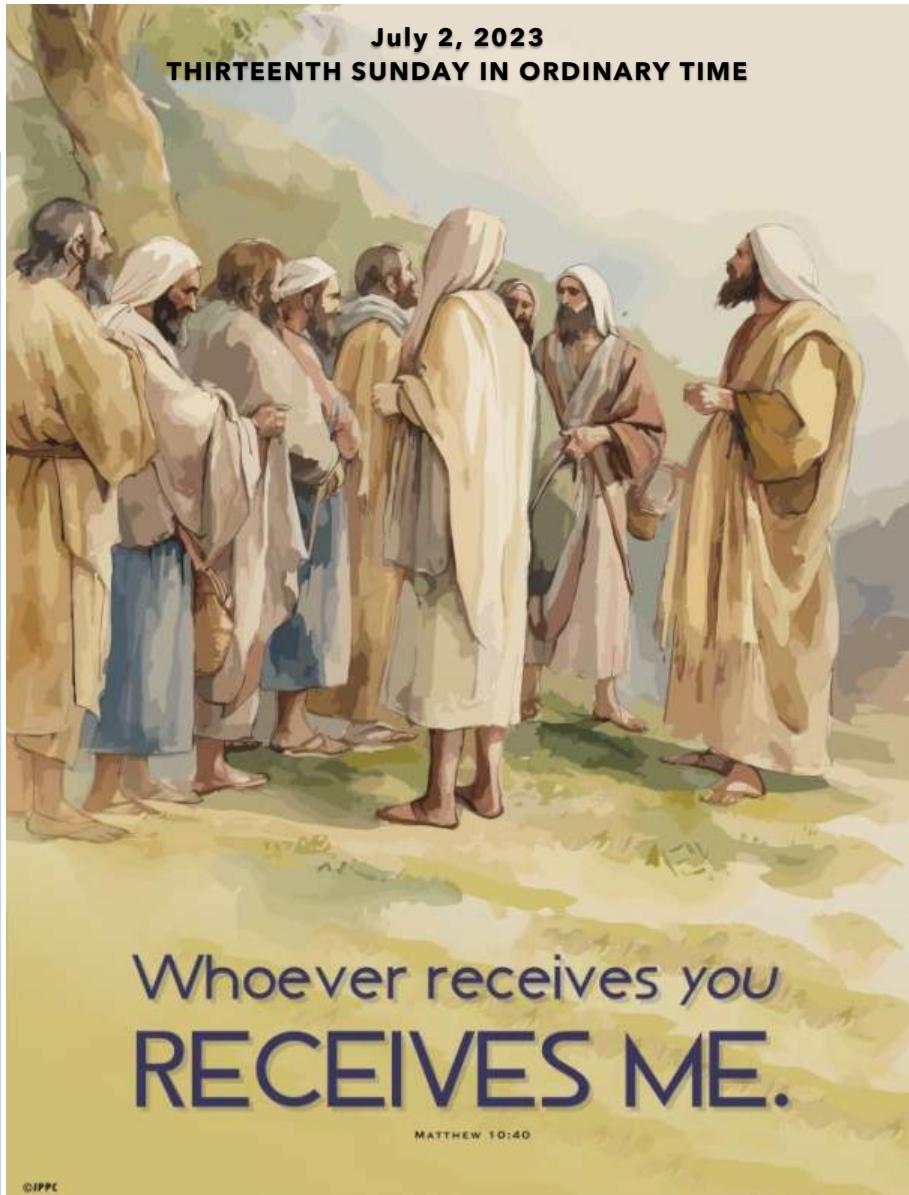
**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**Daily:** Monday - Saturday: 9:00am  
(Rosary at 8:25am)  
**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am,  
12:30pm  
**First Friday Evening Mass:** 7:00pm  
(*7:30pm during Lent*)

**MOTHER SETON FOOD PANTRY**  
Thursday 12:30pm - 2:30pm

### CONFESION SCHEDULE:

**Monday:** 7:00pm - 7:45pm  
**Friday:** 9:30am - 10:00am  
**Saturday:** 3:30pm - 4:30pm

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION:**  
**Tues/Thurs All Day Adoration:**  
9:30am - 8:30pm  
**Tuesdays Children's Adoration**  
4:00pm - 5:00pm  
**First Friday All Night Adoration:**  
7:30pm - 8:30am (Sat.)



## **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Welcome to Seton Lake Ridge! Please complete a registration card found in the church narthex or by stopping by the parish office. 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 workshop.

## **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 wishing 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.

## **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

You can find Parish Funeral Information on our website: [www.setonlakeridge.org/liturgy/funerals/upcoming-funerals](http://www.setonlakeridge.org/liturgy/funerals/upcoming-funerals).

## **BLESSINGS:**

**Sacramental Blessings:** Every first Saturday of the month after the 9:00am Mass, a priest will bless Sacramentals near the Baptismal Font.

**Car Blessings:** Every Ember Day Saturday after the 9:00am Mass, a priest will bless your vehicles. Please park near Seton Hall for this blessing. (See Ember Days below)

**Note:** Previously blessed items are not to be blessed again.

## **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:**

Must be received, by email, **Monday, two weeks** before the Sunday publication date. Send to: [bulletin@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:bulletin@setonlakeridge.org).

**Note:** Due to space limitations, submissions are not guaranteed a place.

## **EMBER DAYS:**

Here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, we celebrate Ember Days as part of Living Liturgically in our parish. Ember Days are celebrated four times a year, following the seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall. Each season consists of three days of celebration: Reflection, Mass/Adoration/Confession, and Stewardship. More information will always be provided on pg.5 of the bulletin as we near our Ember Days each season.

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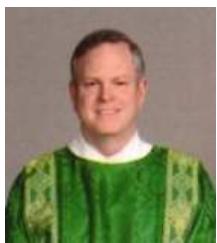
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## FROM OUR DEACON



In today's Gospel, Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

As a parent, it's tough to imagine anything or anyone that I would put before my relationship with my children, but that is what Jesus calls us to do. Nothing is more important than our relationship with Him. God comes first; all else takes a back seat. This is easier said than done because it will require sacrifice and or suffering along the way. That's why Jesus' words refer to us taking up *our* cross.

Suffering is not something we seek out, but something we will experience at some point in our lives. The truth is, we may not know the reason for much of the suffering we see or experience. We won't know the answers to so many questions until we meet Jesus face-to-face. This is often difficult because we expect immediate results. And if we don't get the results we want when we want them, we demand an explanation. And if no good explanation is forthcoming, our faith is shaken or lost completely.

It is certain that Jesus' life also had many difficulties. God does not try to trick us into believing otherwise. He is upfront and honest about suffering. In this life, it is clear that there is no guarantee that all will work out the way we want or hope. One of the only guarantees is that this life will end at some point. It is very temporary.

There is also another guarantee. That for those of us who have faith, this life is not the end, but a beginning. That is so important to remember. Where we are now is not our final destination. We are on our way there and Jesus is accompanying us on that journey. He does not abandon us in our suffering, He is with us always.

Difficulties and suffering can help us see things more clearly, to get perspective, to learn what is important from what is trivial. We often forget our blessings, but choose instead to focus on that over which we have little-to-no control and which really doesn't matter all that much. But be assured that although difficulties will come, Christ is with us always and looks forward to carrying us through difficult times to lead us to our true destination, to our true home — which is in Heaven.



## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### No Sensational Wonders

We easily get taken in by the sensational, and we wait for sensational events to strengthen our faith. But the sensational only reaches our senses. There are deeper levels where the senses cannot reach, and this is where faith is rooted. At this level, wonders happen all the time, but they aren't visible or unusual.

In fact, everything in creation is wonderful, the ordinary as well as the unexplainable. Saint Augustine tells us that the feeling of the five thousand wasn't more wonderful than what happens every day in each seed, just a little more unusual. But, he adds, God does unusual things from time to time to wake up those who sleep. A dead person has been raised, and we all wonder about it. So very many are born every day, and no one finds that unusual. When we reflect more closely on it, we realize that it is a greater wonder that someone — who was not — is, than that someone who was, is raised.

There is no need to be jealous of the disciples who daily experienced Jesus' wonders and signs. You get to live in the "greater works" (Jn 14:12) which Jesus predicted. All wonders aim to communicate some of the risen power of Christ. But in the Eucharist, the resurrection itself is present and you may eat and drink the body and blood of the risen One.

Jesus has said that the one who believes will move mountains,. In the Eucharist, the Church gets to move all of heaven to earth. Is that not something "greater"?

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. Intentions of John Cowden and Family

### Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Ryan Heckman

### Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Genevieve Peworchik

### Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Gerome Ring

### Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Howery Family

7:00 p.m. Dawn Hughes

### Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Christian Peetz

5:00 p.m. Bill and Louise Costello

### Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. † Julius Wailand

9:00 a.m. † Dennis Kardos

10:45 a.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

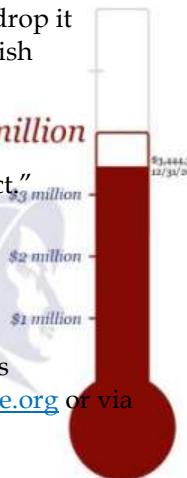
12:30 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Jeannot Family

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2021

First, the pledged amount as of 7/1/2023 is: \$3,453,012  
The Capital Campaign redemption period continues with almost \$500,000 to go to reach the goal of \$4,000,000 established from the outset. As you can see, great progress has been made, thanks to your generosity, both upstairs and down! If you are able, please contribute by writing "CC21" in the memo line on your check to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and drop it in the Sunday Collection basket, by the Parish Office or mail to 12807 Valleywood Drive Woodbridge, VA 22192.

If you prefer, you can also contribute to the project electronically via "Faith Direct."

For further information on the project or how to pledge and contribute to making our Church even more beautiful, please see the display in the Narthex, website or contact our Business Manager, Robert Yates either via e-mail at [r.yatesA@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:r.yatesA@setonlakeridge.org) or via phone at 703-494-4008 ext. 127. Thank you and God bless you!



## READINGS OF THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>St. Thomas the Apostle (Memorial)</b> Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
<b>Friday:</b>	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The sick of our parish family:** Tom Pedagno and Andrew Costello

**The deceased of our parish family:** Janet Bergesem, Frank Mazzella, and Fr. Phil Majka

*Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen*

## COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 2023

Collection (Average Weekly)	\$ 27,530.86
Capital Improvements	\$ 5,750.19
Poor Box	\$ 381.00
Votives	\$ 1,843.74
Flowers	\$ 206.00
<b>Holy Day</b> The Ascension	\$ 2,567.00
<b>Special Collections</b> Special Parish Needs	\$ 4,328.00
Catholic Communications Campaigns	\$ 1,546.00

**Thank you to all those who support our parish!**

## PARISH EVENTS

### YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY OF SETON: FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

July 7 | Mass (7:00pm), Holy Hour (7:30pm), Fellowship (8:30pm) | Mass and Adoration open to all



Attention all young adults! Join us THIS FRIDAY for first Friday Mass, Holy Hour with Praise and Worship, and a fellowship to follow. This is a great way to start a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and be in community with our Seton Young Adults.

Each month, our young adults gather to attend First Friday Mass and while Mass and Adoration is open to the whole parish, the Holy Hour that follows will have praise and worship music geared towards our youth and young adults. We would love to see you there!

For details about where we will gather after First Friday Mass and Holy Hour or for more information about our Young Adult Ministry, send us an email at [yamos@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:yamos@setonlakeridge.org)!

### WELCOME RECEPTION FOR OUR NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR, FR. CHARLES W. MERKLE III

July 9 | 12:30pm Mass; 1:30pm Reception | Fellowship Hall

After the 12:30pm Mass on July 9, we will be having a welcome reception for our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Merkle! All parishioners are invited to join us in welcoming him to our parish. Light refreshments will also be served!



### YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY OF SETON SUMMER PICNIC

July 29 | 12:30pm | Occoquan Regional Park

On Saturday, July 29, we will be having a summer picnic at Occoquan Regional Park and all young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join us! We encourage you to bring your friends and for our young families, your little ones are more than welcome to come as well!

#### What to Bring:

- Small dish/something to share with the group
- Picnic Blankets/Lawn Chairs
- Games (outdoor or board games)

For more information about this event, please contact us at [yamos@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:yamos@setonlakeridge.org)!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YARD SALE

Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6

Upper Seton Hall

Come and check out the Knights of Columbus sponsored Annual Yard Sale! We are NOT taking any furniture!

Saturday, August 5 | 7:00am – 7:00pm

Sunday, August 6 | 8:00am – 2:00pm

**Item Drop-Offs:** All slightly used household items, dishes, plates, pots and pans, small working appliances, flatscreen TV's, books, DVD's, CD's, hand tools and yard tools, toys can be donated during the drop-off times:



Mon., July 31, - Thurs., August 3  
| 6:00 to 8:00 PM from

Please direct any questions to Joe Pevarnik at 703-608-2050 or email at [joepevarnik@gmail.com](mailto:joepevarnik@gmail.com).

### SAVE THE DATE EXALT IS COMING BACK!

August 16 | 7:00pm – 8:30pm | Main Church

Join young adults throughout the Diocese of Arlington for **Exalt: An Evening of Worship**.

Each month, Exalt travels throughout the regions of the Diocese to gather young adults for a night of inspiring witness and worship. Come and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by music and periods of silent meditation.



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (K-8)

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

July 17–21 | 8:30am –12:30pm | Seton Hall



Enter through the gates of the Cool Kingdom and learn all about Mary, our Blessed Mother, and how she leads us closer to her Son, the King of Kings. Join us as we help the children and their leaders explore, learn and grow in their Catholic faith.

### Breakdown of Each Day:

Children are to be dropped off at Seton Hall by 8:30am each morning. We will **begin our day** with Mass followed by an opening assembly, five small group stations, and a closing assembly at 12:30pm where parents are invited to join us as the children sing the songs they learned that day.

The **activities** in this VBS program focus on a central theme and virtue that are designed to reinforce the day's teachings and enhance the child's faith learning experience. The **stations** will include: Faith, crafts, games, music, and snacks!

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Mark your calendars!

### Volunteer Meeting for VBS Planning

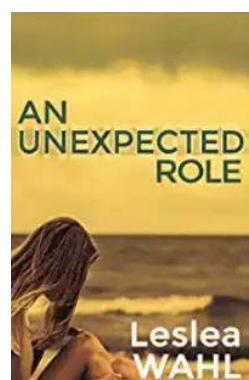
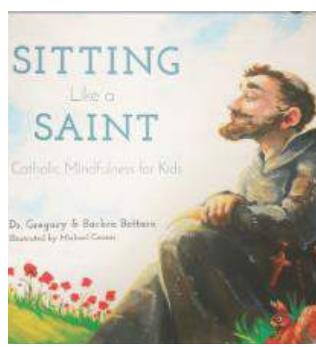
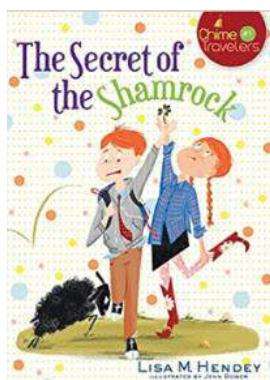
July 5 | 4:00pm –5:15pm | Trinity 2 and 3

### VBS Set-Up

July 14 | 10:00am –12:00pm | Seton Hall

## SUMMER FUN WITH THE FAMILY

From books and games to movies and places to visit, we've got you covered for the summer! This week we're sharing some of our suggested summer reads:



More of our suggestions can be found on our website at [setonlakeridge.org/summer-reading-and-activities](http://setonlakeridge.org/summer-reading-and-activities)

# LITURGICAL LIVING

## July Precious Blood

**DEVOTION: LITANY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**VIRTUE:  
INDUSTRIOUSNESS**

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS**

**July 3  
St. Thomas**



## Patron Saint of Architects and Construction Workers

St. Thomas is known for his famous words, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my finger into His side, I will not believe." An important thing to note is that if he doubted, he also believed. He gave Christians a prayer that will be said until the end of time, "My Lord and My God." ([www.franciscanmedia.org/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/))

# LITURGICAL LIVING

## How to Grow in the Virtue of Industriousness



We now have entered the month of July, which means our virtue of the month has changed. It is now Industriousness. What does the virtue of industriousness look like in our daily life? Well, a few months ago our virtue was diligence and it happens to be that industriousness and diligence go together. They lead one to undertake the job that has to be done, not one we feel like doing. We have to fight against laziness, one of the seven deadly sins and "mother of all vices." This looks like putting something off that we find difficult to accomplish and giving priority to something that takes less effort. St. Josemaria Escriva tells us all that, "relying on flimsy excuses, we become too easygoing and forget about the marvelous responsibility that rests upon our shoulders."

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## OUR PARISH SCHOOL



### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Now Accepting Applications for limited openings for the 2023-24 Dominican PreK through 8th Grade Catholic School  
Tuition Assistance Available

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- Advanced Courses in Math and Language Arts
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- Diverse Student Body
- Interactive Boards in every classroom

Please contact admissions for additional information at [admissions@quinastars.org](mailto:admissions@quinastars.org) or visit our website [quinastars.org](http://quinastars.org). Aquinas is happy to be the Catholic School for St. Elizabeth Seton Parish!

## EVANGELIZATION & ADULT FORMATION

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### SENTINEL MONTHLY MEETING: TEA TASTING

Monday, July 10 | 7:00pm | Fellowship Hall

- Teacup Devotional story
- Learn about a few different kinds/types of teas
- Tea Tasting
- Eat Petite Foods
- *BYO favorite Tea Cup!*
- Wear a "Fastener" (hat)

As a service opportunity, bring a non-perishable item to **donate to the ACTS Food Drive!** Visit the [SIGN UP GENIUS](#) to see what you can bring: [setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1815787](http://setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1815787)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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Although it may not seem like a patriotic hymn, in a roundabout way *Immaculate Mary* is the most Patriotic hymn we can sing as Catholics. In 1846 the bishops of the United States proclaimed Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception the patroness of the whole country.



So, when we sing this hymn as a sung postlude at Mass this weekend, let us all join our voices and ask Our Lady to heal the wounds, division and sinfulness in our country and unite us all under her patronage!

## REGISTRATIONS ARE CLOSING SOON!



### STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE 2023

July 14 -16 | Franciscan Univ. in Steubenville, OH

Rising 9th - graduating seniors are invited to join us from July 14-16 for the Steubenville Conference, a powerful weekend of worship, adoration, inspiring talks, and fun with hundreds of other Catholic youth from around the region. We will be joining 12 other parishes from the Diocese of Arlington at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith and make new friends! Visit [setonlakeridge.org/youthministry](http://setonlakeridge.org/youthministry)



### DAMASCUS 2023 SUMMER CAMP

July 30 – August 4 | Centerburg, OH

Rising 6th-8th grade teens, join us on our summer trip to Damascus Summer Camp, an unforgettable week-long adventure in the great outdoors. At Damascus, you'll have the chance to participate in all sorts of activities, from zip-lining and canoeing to Mass and personal reflection time. You'll also hear from dynamic speakers and grow in faith alongside other young Catholics from all over the country. Visit [setonlakeridge.org/youthministry](http://setonlakeridge.org/youthministry) for more!

## HUMAN CONCERN

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### WEST VIRGINIA DONATIONS BIN- DONATIONS NO LONGER ACCEPTED

Many of our parishioners, for many years, have lovingly donated gently used clothing and other items for impoverished families in West Virginia. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we must, unfortunately, discontinue collecting these items until further notice.

Please do not leave anything in the Mother Seton Food Pantry bin other than the items listed on the lid of the pantry collection bin in the Fellowship Hall. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



### JULY IS ACTS FOOD COLLECTION MONTH!

When shopping, please consider picking up an extra item or two for struggling families. Donations of non-perishable food, personal care items and cleaning supplies should be placed in the marked bin in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a list of urgently needed items on the lid of the bin.

*"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me'.* Matthew 25:40



The 2023 General Assembly report is available for you to read at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org). An easy to read chart shows how your legislators voted on crucial issues of social and economic concerns, life, children & families and religious freedom. If you are not already a member of the Virginia Catholic Conference, please sign up.!

### BACK2SCHOOL PENCIL TREE



The Back2School Pencil Trees will be in the Church Narthex beginning the weekend of July 8/9! We will be collecting new clothing and school supplies for the children of St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional & Maternity Housing Program in Woodbridge. More details in next week's bulletin!

**What is the St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional and Maternity Housing Program?** This program serves single mothers with wrap-around support to help them re-establish stability and independence. Participating families are provided with housing and personalized assistance while residing in the program. If you are in need of assistance or are looking for more information, please feel free to reach out to our Director of Human Concerns, Betty Maher at [b.maher@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:b.maher@setonlakeridge.org).



## ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA NEEDS CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS!

St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional & Maternity Housing, a pro-life ministry for pregnant and single mothers in the Diocese, is seeking childcare volunteers on Wednesday nights, from 6-7 p.m. so that the mothers can attend Life Skills classes. Please consider giving an hour of your time to help families grow in mind, body, and spirit! Please call (703) 910-4845 or email [smc@ccda.net](mailto:smc@ccda.net) for more information.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

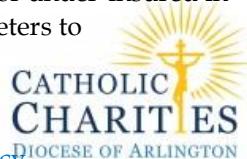
### CATHOLIC CHARITIES: INTERPRETERS NEEDED FOR MOTHER OF MERCY FREE CLINIC

Mother of Mercy (MoM) Virtual Interpreters Needed!

MoM's mission is to provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured in the Diocese. The majority of MoM's clients speak Spanish. The Clinics are in need of Virtual Interpreters to help improve communication between the client and the medical providers.

All interpreting services will be remote via **Zoom** | Training provided.

If you can help one 4-hour shift a month, please register here: <http://bit.ly/VolunteerMotherofMercy>



### 13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



### FD SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP EGIVING INITIATIVE

As summer approaches, we recognize that many families in our parish will be traveling for vacations and other reasons. During this time, we encourage you to participate in our Summer of Stewardship eGiving Initiative, ensuring that your support for our parish remains consistent even when you're away!

By Setting up eGiving through our parish's online platform, Faith Direct, you can make a meaningful impact on the ministries you care about most, even while you are away. Your recurring gifts will not only sustain our parish throughout the summer months, but you will help our staff steward God's resources well by reducing our costs for envelopes and paper and spend less staff time processing cash and checks, allowing more time for missions and ministries.

Getting Started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up:

Visit [faith.Direct/ VA105](https://faith.direct/VA105)

Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757

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Text "Enroll" to 703-570-1535



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Daily Rosary:** Mon-Sat | 8:25am–8:55am | Main Church

**Daily Mass:** Mon-Sat | 9:00am–9:30am | Main Church

### Monday, July 3<sup>RD</sup>

10:00am–12:00pm	Seton Crafters	Trinity 2,3
11:00am–12:30pm	Mission Strategy Team Meeting	Office Conference
7:00pm–8:00pm	Al-Anon	St. Paul Room
7:00pm–11:00pm	Practice Sacred Heart House Inclusive Production	Seton Hall

### Tuesday, July 4<sup>TH</sup> – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:30am–8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am–10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel

### Wednesday, July 5<sup>TH</sup>

9:30am–11:00am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Trinity 1
10:00am–11:00am	Construction Meeting	Office Conference
4:00pm–5:30pm	VBS Planning	Trinity 2,3
6:30pm–8:30pm	Mother of Joy Intercessory Prayer	Chapel
7:30pm–9:00pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Seton Hall

### Thursday, July 6<sup>TH</sup>

9:30am–8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am–10:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle Holy Hour	Chapel
12:30pm–2:30pm	Mother Seton Food Pantry	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm–11:00pm	Planning Meeting for American Heritage Girls	Lower Seton Hall

### Friday, July 7<sup>TH</sup>

10:00am–11:30pm	Legion of Mary	Trinity 2,3
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Main Church
6:00pm–8:00am	American Heritage Girls	Lower Seton Hall
7:00pm	First Friday Mass	Main Church
7:00pm–9:00pm	Young Adults (YAMOS) First Friday Mass & Holy Hour	Main Church & Chapel
7:30pm	All Night Adoration	Chapel

### Saturday, July 8<sup>TH</sup>

8:25am	Daily Rosary	Main Church
9:30am–10:15am	First Saturday Devotions	Chapel
9:30am–11:00am	Women's Summer Study	Bayley's Cellar
10:00am–2:00pm	Practice Sacred Heart House Inclusive Production	Seton Hall
7:00pm–9:00pm	Music Potluck	Upper Seton Hall

### Sunday, July 9<sup>TH</sup> - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:30pm–3:00pm	Fr. Merkle's Welcome Reception	Fellowship Hall
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## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

On Tuesday, July 4, the Parish Office will be closed in observance of 4th of July.

The Parish Office will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th.

*Happy 4th of July!*

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