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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

LAKE RIDGE, VA

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November 19, 2023

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 12:00pm - 2:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Monday: 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Friday: 9:30am - 10:00am

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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. *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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FROM OUR DEACON



In today's gospel, Jesus uses the Parable of the Talents to urge us to be ready for the master's return. Jesus is that master who went on a journey when He ascended to heaven. After a long time, the master, Jesus, will return. This will be either the moment of our death or His Second Coming. At that time --whichever comes first--we will stand before Him with our talents and provide an account of what we have done with what He gave us.

It is important to note that the talents were not distributed to each servant equally in the parable. One servant received five talents, one received two talents, and one servant received one talent. Jesus said they were distributed to each according to his ability. Although the first two servants produced a different number of talents, the master said exactly the same thing to the servant who produced five talents as to the one who produced two talents,

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."

There is not even one word different in the master's response to the servants even though one had produced three talents more than the other. Why? The reward they receive is equal because each produced the most he could according to his ability. Each one did his best with what he was given.

The third servant, however, did not even try. He was wicked and lazy. He did nothing and suffered the consequences. It wasn't that he was terribly immoral; his sins were sins of omission rather than sins of commission. It was what he should have done and did not that was his sin. Like the other two, he also received a talent according to his ability. Even though he was given less, he could have been expected to have made at least one talent, but he didn't even try. Instead, he took the safe and easy route and made no progress to show his master at His return.

This is a good lesson for us. Now is the time to discern if we are either good and faithful servants or wicked and lazy servants. The Lord does not give us a blueprint for every hour of every day just as the servants in the parable were not told what to do with their talents. But the Lord expects us to use wisely the gifts He has given us. Through prayer, we have to ask God how we can best use the gift we have received. We are not expected to produce the same fruit as our neighbor, but we are expected to produce fruit for the kingdom. God expects us to be enterprising and entrepreneurial for Him. We are not to waste our time and abilities pursuing only comfort and security. Comfort is very nice and security is important, but when our lives become nothing more than a pursuit of finding ways to sit back, relax and do nothing, we are wasting what God has given us.

We have received so much from God that we take for granted. If, we have buried a talent, now is the time to dig it up and put it to God's good use so that when we meet our Lord face to face, we can hear Him say to us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy."

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Answers From Life

Someone asked Jesus: "Lord, will only a few be saved?" (Lk 13:23). Most of the pharisees believed that all of Israel would be saved. But certain apocalyptic circles were less optimistic and believed that only a small remnant would avoid judgement to come. Down through the ages, people have asked themselves this same question.

"Strive," Jesus says, "to enter through the narrow door." He doesn't respond to the question about who and how many. Our interest in statistics is completely foreign to him. The only thing important is life. "Make sure that you yourself -- indeed all of you who listen to me -- is on board. Do not waste your time with theories and deliberations. Start to live! Get going! Strive to enter through the narrow door." Eternal Bliss is a matter for discussion; it is the fruit of a struggle which each one of us must wrestle with *now*.

Life is too short to give us answers to all our questions. You have been given your time to live life. In Christianity, life comes before any speculation about it. And this life is extremely simple. Love God and your neighbors; that is what it all comes down to.

Experience shows that the one who lives this way, in love, will eventually receive answers to his or her questions. The answers grow out of life itself.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 19th

5:00 p.m. † Joseph Chac Pham

Vigil

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Peworchik-Katacinski Family

9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

10:45 a.m. Elizabeth Adkins

12:30 p.m. † Chantal Magnon

Monday, November 20th

9:00 a.m. † Louie Sciotto

Tuesday, November 21st

9:00 a.m. † Theresa Harris Garber

Wednesday, November 22nd

9:00 a.m. † Bob Hawkins

Thursday, November 23rd

9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Fowler

Friday, November 24th

9:00 a.m. † Gliceria Guia

Saturday, November 25th

9:00 a.m. † Ed Warzywak

5:00 p.m. † Frank and Anne Scala

Vigil

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2021

Capital Campaign 2021 (CC2021) Extension: We are off to a great start with almost 200 responses through the first weekend in November and almost \$600,000 pledged, so we are \$1,600,000 short of our goal but only 3 weeks into the Extension period! I will now provide a few points of clarity on the CC2021 Extension. The redemption period for pledges to the current CC2021 runs through December 31, 2024. The redemption period for pledges to the Extended Campaign runs from 1 Jan 2025 – 31 December 2026. Pledge payments on the Extended Campaign are welcome for those who have already completed their current CC2021 pledges, but please note "Extended Campaign" on your contribution. I will be sending a letter to all who have made pledges to the Extended Campaign next weekend (mail date on or about 15 November) to ensure we have accurately recorded your intended contribution and other details from your pledge card, while Father Bashista will be reaching out at the same time to those who have not yet responded. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all who have contributed and encourage all who have not yet responded to do so if your budget will allow it. God bless you and Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Sincerely, Robert Yates,

Business Manager (r.yates@setonlakeridge.org)



READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: **The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)**
2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: **St. Cecilia (Memorial)**
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: **Sts. Clement I and Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro (Opt. Memorial)**
1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44; Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: **St. Andrew Dung-Lac (Memorial)**
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: **St. Catherine of Alexandria; BVM (Opt. Memorial)**
1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The sick of our parish family: James Combs, Thaitan Vinnyoopongphan, Gerard Zimmerman, Eugenio Planas, Margaret Martin, Lorraine Smyth, Charlotte Cosgriff, Janet McPherson,

The deceased of our parish family: Josefina De La Paz Gonzales, Juan Leus, Christopher Odeli, Alice Johnston, Kelly Miklas,

COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2023

Collection (<i>Average Weekly</i>)	\$ 27,282.80
Capital Improvements	\$ 4,232.00
Poor Box	\$ 667.00
Votives	\$ 2,095.03
Special Collections	
Porto Charities	\$ 1,490.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 4,881.00

Thank you to all those who support our parish!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS CARD & LIVE WREATH SALES

November 12- December 12

The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas", Christmas Cards will be sold after all Masses!

Price: \$10.00/box of 10 cards (envelopes included)

This year's card, "O Come Let Us Adore Him" features the inside of our church and card recipients will be remembered at the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. Additionally, the Knights will also be taking orders for Live Wreaths.

HOPE AND HEALING WORKSHOP

Saturdays | 9:30am – 11:00am
Bayley's Cellar



Everyone of us goes through suffering and for many, it can be a stumbling block to faith in God and the catalyst to an unhappy life. But it doesn't have to be this way. Join us for **4 Saturday morning sessions** to explore resources from Dr. Bob Schuchts, founder of the John Paul II Healing Center. This workshop will help to offer hope to life's difficult questions concerning the meaning of suffering. **Space is limited, so register now at:** setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

November 26 | 8:00am – 12:00pm | Fellowship Hall

The Knights of Columbus Council # 8183 invites you for a Pancake Breakfast! Join us for an all-you-can-eat breakfast that will include a variety of pancakes and other breakfast items such as sausages, fruit, coffee, and juice! Bring your family and spend some quality time with a great breakfast.

Fee: \$5/person | \$20/family

CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Sunday, November 26 | 3:00pm – 4:00pm

The Christ the King procession is a Catholic tradition that takes place on the Feast Day of Christ the King which falls on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Meant to recognize Christ as the King of all creation, join us as we process through the streets praying and singing hymns. (See insert for more)



MOTHER SETON LIBRARY AND GIFT SHOP GRAND OPENING AND DEDICATION

December 2 | 6:00pm | Gift Shop/Fellowship Hall

We are pleased to announce the Grand Opening and Dedication of the Mother Seton Gift Shop! All are invited to join us for the Grand Opening and Dedication on December 2 after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. Please stop in to purchase your Sacramental gifts, cards, apparel and much more! If you are interested in volunteering, please visit setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2023974; you can also contact our Gift Shop Manager, Karen Kiesner at giftshop@setonlakeridge.org

Library Volunteers Needed: If you are interested in volunteering to assist at our library, please sign-up at setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2024010! We will reach out to you with further information once all details are finalized. For additional questions, please reach out to our Librarian, Laura Plourde, at library@setonlakeridge.org



ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION—FINDING JESUS WITH MARY

December 10 | 7:00pm | Main Church

Aside from being the moment of the "second greatest Miracle" in human history, **the Annunciation** provides one of the clearest glimpses into the deepest Mysteries of Eternity as they converged in the Immaculate Heart of our Mother. All are invited to join us for this Advent Evening of Recollection. We will begin with a praying of the First Joyful Mystery and then will "treasure and ponder" St. Luke's account of the angel Gabriel's visit to the home of a young woman betrothed to a man of the house and lineage of David... *"and the Virgin's name was Mary."*

Fr. John Riley of the **Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center** will present the conference (*with a "little help" from Pope Benedict XVI*). All are welcome to join us and the "cost of admission" will be the decade of the Rosary that we pray together—for Bishop Burbidge and his intentions!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (K-12)

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SMALL GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Group B: Week 5 | 10:39am

As required by Diocesan Guidelines, the topic for today's discussion will be "*Formation in Christian Chastity*" and will be discussed at an age-appropriate level with each small group

Due to the Thanksgiving Break, Group A will reconvene on December 3rd and Group B on December 10th.

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord." Psalm 128

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

November 1 – December 1 | Open to all youth ages 5 through 14

To keep Christ in Christmas, we must incorporate celebrations and engage in dialogue that honor his birth! Jesus Christ is the greatest gift to mankind, he came to earth as our Savior, to redeem us from our sinful ways. The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to bringing back the true spirit of Christmas and to reminding families that the season is about more than Santa Claus and presents.

We provide a foundation of faith for our children and parish community by reinforcing the idea that Christmas is not the commercial holiday portrayed on TV. It is the ultimate celebration of tolerance and the Holy Family. Christmas has become a secular holiday for many, especially children.

To combat this, the Knights of Columbus has introduced the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. This program allows youth to engage their creative talent and imagination while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

For **RULES** and **FULL** details about *rewards, judging, etc.* please visit setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/51482

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 17 | 2:00pm | Upper Seton Hall

RSVP is required and will close on December 10 at 12:00pm (noon).

Hosted by our Knights of Columbus, this celebration is open to all families in our community and will include various crafts, coloring pages, a scavenger hunt, and a special visit from Santa!

There is **NO charge** for the event and light refreshments will also be served.

RSVP at setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2020790



LITURGICAL LIVING

November

DEVOTION:
POOR SOULS (ALL SAINTS)

VIRTUE: COURTESY

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

November 25
St. Catherine of Alexandria



Patron Saint of...
Students, unmarried girls, and apologists

LITURGICAL LIVING



World Day of the Poor (November 19)

Pope Francis' Message
The Dicastery for Evangelization
reiterated the Pope's message.

"The World Day of the Poor, a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy, comes for the seventh time to support the journey of our communities. It is an appointment that the Church is progressively rooting in her pastoral, in order to discover more and more the central content of the Gospel. Every day we are committed to welcoming the poor, yet this is not enough. A river of poverty flows through our cities and gets bigger and bigger until it overflows; that river seems to overwhelm us, so much so that the cry of the brothers and sisters asking for help, support, and solidarity is growing louder and louder."



For this, on the Sunday before the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we gather round his Canteen to receive again from him the gift and the commitment to live poverty and to serve the poor."
(vaticannews.va)

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

THANK YOU!

In this season of Thanksgiving, we wish to express our gratitude to all those who support the mission of St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School through prayer and financial donations. Our benefactors and their intentions are often in our prayers as a school community.



DISCIPLE FORMATION AND ACCOMPANIMENT

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SETON SENTINELS MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, December 4 | 7:00pm – 8:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Women of Seton Lake Ridge join us for an evening as we learn how to decorate roses on delicious cookies. No experience needed and all the supplies will be provided at the event. There will be additional decorative supplies if you want to show your creative side. Containers will be provided, if you want to take your creations home.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY OF SETON (YAMOS)

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR AND FELLOWSHIP

Friday, December 1 | 7:00pm | Main Church/Chapel/Bayley's Cellar

The YAMOS First Friday Holy Hour and Fellowship is a monthly event in which young adults come together in prayer and worship. The evening centers around adoration, in which you can spend time in reflection and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.



General Schedule:

7:00pm | First Friday Mass
7:30pm | Holy Hour with Praise and Worship
8:30pm | Fellowship!

MANASSAS BULL RUN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, December 16 | Ages 18-35

Unwind and enjoy the holiday season with our Young Adults Ministry at the Manassas Bull Run Festival of Lights! This drive-through features a winter wonderland with more than 40,000 lights and ends with a fun carnival with an array of activities, games, and rides!

This Christmas Fellowship also offers young adults an opportunity to socialize and create lasting memories together. If you are interested in joining us for the evening, scan the QR code to sign-up!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD FOR THE NEEDY CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus will have begun the Food for the Needy Campaign! **To donate**, please use the envelopes found in the Narthex or scan this QR code to donate via PayPal. Envelope donations may be returned to the Food for the Needy box located in the Narthex or the regular Sunday Collection basket. Proceeds will benefit the St. Lucy Project, Birthright, ACTS, and our own Mother Seton Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!



2023 CHRISTMAS GIVING TAG TREE PROGRAM

November 18 – December 3



Christmas Trees will be up in the Narthex next weekend!

By participating, you will be providing gifts for the residents of two Diocesan transitional housing programs: St. Margaret of Cortona (Woodbridge) and Christ House (Alexandria). This year saw another increase in the number of homeless individuals in Northern VA, so we will also be providing clothing and blankets as gifts to the homeless visitors accessing Christ House.

ACTS FOOD COLLECTION THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU is extended to all parishioners who donated needed groceries, personal care products, and household cleaning supplies to our October collection for ACTS (Action in Community Through Service). Thank you, also, for supporting their Share the Bounty Thanksgiving Food Collection. Your generosity netted over 3/4 of a ton in donations to help struggling families!

In this season of gratitude, we extend our appreciation to Human Concerns volunteer, Rob Bleck, for picking up and delivering everything all of our donations!



PRO-LIFE WITNESS:

PRAYER AT THE ALEXANDRIA ABORTION CLINIC

Saturdays | 10:00am | Alexandria Women's Health Clinic

The Seton Lake Ridge Respect Life Committee invites you to pray the Rosary and be a witness to the sanctity of life on Saturdays in front of the Alexandria Women's Health Clinic, a gynecological practice that provides abortions.

Location: 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA.

We legally, peacefully, and respectfully gather from 10:00am – 11:00am.

For further inquiries, please email respectlife@setonlakeridge.org.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

OPENING OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 26 | 5:00pm | St. Michael Catholic Church

Please join us on Sunday, November 26 at 5 p.m., the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, at St. Michael Catholic Church, 7401 St. Michael's Lane, Annandale, for the opening of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Arlington. There will be Solemn Vespers with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the celebrant and homilist.

A reception will follow in the school gym.

Please RSVP to events@arlingtondiocese.org



ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR DISCERNERS

Saturday and Sunday, December 16- & 17

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out and enjoy some quiet prayer time this Advent. **Men's Day** of Recollection is Saturday, December 16, with diocesan seminarians and priests. The **Women's Day** of Recollection is Sunday, December 17 with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. These events are for those 18-35 years old interested in deepening their prayer life and exploring their vocation.

For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is Monday, December 11.



42ND CATHOLIC CHARITIES BALL

February 2, 2024 | 6:30pm | The Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner
RSVP by January 19, 2024

Bishop Burbidge and Catholic Charities invite you to join us Friday, February 2, 2024 for the 2024 Catholic Charities Ball. The annual winter event, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner, McLean, is an opportunity for Catholics and friends to come together to celebrate the ministries of Catholic Charities and renew support for continuing its work.

To purchase a table, a seat, or to make a donation to help us reach our goal of \$1.4 million, please visit ccda.net/ball. RSVP by January 19.

SERVE THOSE IN NEED WITH YOUR GIFT TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The theme for the 2023 Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection is "Behold, I Make All Things New." We can renew our Catholic Faith by sharing it with others in word and deed, through evangelization and spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to this Collection, which allows Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington to serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer.

Donate via the special insert in the bulletin at Mass in 2 weeks; or at ccda.net/Christmas; or add this second collection to your parish e-giving account.

CDA 2023 RACE FOR SEMINARIANS— RUN, BIKE, WALK, SWIM, KAYAK...OR PRAY AND DONATE FOR OUR SEMINARIAN!



SCAN ME

The Diocese of Arlington invests a great deal in its seminarians to ensure they become well-formed priests. Your donations to the Race for Seminarians contribute toward the costs of seminarian education as well as seminarian expenses not normally covered by the Diocese. **Every step is a prayer!** Pete and Maryanne Christensen, Maureen and Sara Blake, and Estelle Schuman walked the *Camino de Santiago – The French Way* and they are still seeking sponsors! The Diocese of Arlington has over 40 men in the seminary studying to become our future priests. Please consider supporting our team! Scan the QR code to donate and choose TEAM SANTIAGO. After donating, please email your intentions to mtchristensen81@gmail.com.

Have You Heard?

GOD IS DOING SOMETHING
NEW—AND HE IS CALLING
YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!

We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why? Because the Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

Scan the code to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!

eucharisticrevival.org



DIOCESAN BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR

Every 4th Saturday of the Month | 3:00pm
Our Lady of Angels Adoration Chapel

The Diocesan Blue Army Holy Hour is held every month at Our Lady of Angels Adoration Chapel at 3 PM. We pray for reparation of sinners and for peace, which is so greatly needed right now.

All are invited to join us in prayer. For more information or questions, please contact Annette Gibson at annettefgibson@gmail.com

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

Sat. Vigil Mass: 5:00pm | Main Church

Sun. Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm | Main Church

Sunday, November 19TH - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am—9:00am	Praise and Worship Choir	Music Room
10:30am—12:00pm	Family Faith Formation Group B	
10:30am—12:00pm	Adult Formation	Fellowship Hall
4:00pm—5:00pm	St. Cecilia Concert	Main Church
6:30pm—8:00pm	YM Monthly Gathering	Youth Center, Lower Seton Hall

Monday, November 20TH

7:00pm—8:00pm	Al-Anon	St. Paul Room
7:30pm—8:30pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting	Office Conference

Tuesday, November 21ST - The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

9:30am—8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am—10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
11:00am—12:00pm	Construction Meeting	Office Conference
4:00pm—5:00pm	Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour	Chapel
4:30pm—6:00pm	Children's Choir Practice	Music room
6:30pm—8:30pm	Reach More	Bayley's Cellar
7:30pm—9:00pm	Finance Meeting	Office Conference

Wednesday, November 22ND - PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES (at 12pm NOON)

12:00pm	PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES	
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Thursday, November 23RD - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

ALL DAY	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
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Friday, November 24TH - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

3:00pm—3:30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel
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Saturday, November 25TH - St. Catherine of Alexandria; BVM (Optional Memorial)

8:25am—8:55am	Daily Rosary	Main Church
3:30pm—4:30pm	Confessions	Main Church

HAPPY THANKSGIVING | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

On behalf of Fr. Bashista, Fr. Merkle, Deacon Rob, and our Seton Lake Ridge Staff, we want to wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

For the Thanksgiving Holiday the Parish Office will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 22nd and will remain closed until Monday, November 27.

A THANK YOU FROM OUR SETON CRAFTERS

The Seton Crafters would like to thank everyone who supported them at the annual Fall Craft Bazaar and to Fr Bashista and Fr Merkle for their unscripted endorsement of our Bazaar during Mass announcements. A big thank you to our vendors for their generous donations to our raffle table.

We had more vendors and more shoppers this year. A very successful sale that has allowed us to donate to our church's Capital Campaign, Human Concerns and the Mother Seton Food Pantry. Plus, we are able to donate to Acts, Birthright, Turning Points, Mother of Mercy Free Clinic and HUGS. For the full list of winners, please visit our Facebook page at @SetonLakeRidgeOfficial!



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