



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
LAKE RIDGE, VA

www.setonlakeridge.org

Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds
vigilant on his arrival.

LUKE 12:37



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August 10, 2025 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH OFFICE:

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily: Monday - Saturday: 9:00am
(Rosary at 8:25am)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sun.: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm

First Friday Evening Mass: 7:00pm;
(7:30pm during Lent)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tues/Thurs All Day Adoration:
9:30am - 8:30pm

First Friday All Night Adoration:
7:30pm - 8:30am (Sat.)

MOTHER SETON FOOD PANTRY

Thursday 12:00pm - 2:00pm

MOTHER SETON GIFT SHOP

Sunday.....8:15am - 2:00pm

Monday.....CLOSED

Tues/Wed.....9:30am - 12:00pm

Thurs-Sat.....CLOSED

PARISH LIBRARY

Sunday.....8:15am - 2:00pm

Mon/Wed.....9:00am - 8:00pm

Tues/Thurs/Fri.....9:00am - 4:00pm

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH MISSION AND VISION

Here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, it is our mission to grow with and accompany those within our parish boundaries, fostering a community that journeys together in the faith in a way that is personal, purposeful, and prayerful.

New to the Parish?

Welcome to Seton Lake Ridge! We are excited to connect with you! Please complete your Parish Registration Card by stopping by the Parish Office or online at setonlakeridge.org/parish-registration.

If you are a returning Catholic, we welcome you home. Everyone is invited to rediscover the gift of our faith and the unique role that each of us has in this family of God!

Becoming Catholic (OCIA)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic, please contact our OCIA Director, Catherine Mays at ocia@setonlakeridge.org.

Baptisms

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life; it is the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. At our parish, Baptisms Take place every Sunday of the Month. To register for the required Baptism Workshop and schedule a date for the Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

Matrimony – Congratulations on your engagement!

Registered Parishioners that wish to be married here or elsewhere, are asked to contact one of the Parish Clergy at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding date to begin the Pre-Cana preparation process.

Blessings

Sacramental Blessings - A priest will bless Sacramentals every 1st Saturday of the Month | After 9:00am Mass Near Baptismal Font

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

Seeking information about the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated religions life?

If you are seeking more information about **Holy Orders and Consecrated Life**, please contact one of the Parish Clergy or the Diocesan Office of Vocations (703-841-2514).

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If there are any parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound, please notify us so that we may best assist and accompany them. **Holy Communion**, 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All submissions to the bulletin must be sent in using the **Communications Submission Form**. This form can be found on setonlakeridge.org/bulletins, and must be submitted on **Monday, two weeks before the Sunday publication date**. *Note: Due to space limitations, submissions are not guaranteed a space.*

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FROM OUR PASTOR



In the Diocese of Arlington, **FORTY HOURS DEVOTION** has been widely celebrated following the establishment of the diocese in 1974, and has remained an important devotion in many parishes. At the heart of the Forty Hours of Devotion is the Holy Eucharist, the very Real and True Presence of God Himself. Most parishes in the diocese have hosted Forty Hours at least once a year. Our parish will once again offer this wonderful devotion beginning with Mass in the main church at 4:30 pm on August 21st followed by a continuous period of solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel, concluding with benediction at 8:30 am on August 23rd.



The number *forty* has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years; our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional “forty-hour period” from our Lord’s burial until the resurrection.

The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a Solemn Mass of Exposition. The Blessed Sacrament remains on the altar in a monstrance during which the faithful gather for personal or public prayer in adoration of our Lord. Here the faithful implore our Lord to pour forth His abundant graces not only for themselves, but their neighbors; not only for their own personal needs, but for those of the world.

While the Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, three special dimensions have also surrounded this devotion:

- The protection from evil and temptation.
- Reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.
- Deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.

I strongly encourage all who are able to sign-up and participate in this wonderful opportunity to grow closer to our Lord, and offer much needed prayer for many in need.

Please visit www.setonlakeridge.org/the-forty-hours-devotion

Christ’s grace and blessings to all ~ Fr. Bashista

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Safe in Every Unrest

When Jesus dies on the cross, the “world” ends. The world of evil is annihilated. The sin of all the world – past, present, and to come – Jesus has taken upon himself. He has taken it into himself and atoned it. To all appearances, the old world remains, but it has lost its power and is conquered once and for all. The sign that the old world has come to an end is the resurrection of Jesus. In his resurrection, the new, eternal world begins. All who believe – and thus participate in the resurrection – have already begun to live in this new world. The lordship and power of God has already been manifested in the death of Jesus on the cross. This is why the evangelists portray the death of Jesus in apocalyptic images: an eclipse of the sun, an earthquake, graves that are opened. It all makes us think of the last day. To you who live after Jesus and believe in him, the old world has ceased. You have seen through the deceit and vanity of the old world; it has no staying power, no substance. For this reason, you are not to trust it nor be afraid of it. Whatever happens to the world, it will never separate you from the love of Christ. You can be safe in every unrest, for the disturbances you encounter are only the spasms of an old world in the throes of death. The sufferings of all have been carried by Jesus to the Father. Therefore, you can no longer speak of the tragedy of life. Tragedy has been turned into a saving cross.



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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the moment when Mary, the Mother of God, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory at the end of her earthly life. This *Holy Day of Obligation* reminds us of the hope we share in Christ's resurrection – that one day we too will be united with Him in heaven. Mary's Assumption is a sign of God's promise fulfilled and a testament to her unwavering faith and holiness.

Vigil Mass (August 14)
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Holy Day Masses (August 15)
6:30am, 9:00am, 6:00pm, 7:30pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BACK TO SCHOOL BURGERS & PANCAKES

August 16 and 17 | After Mass | Fellowship Hall

What better way to wrap up a long weekend than enjoying a meal with friends and family? Join those superb Knights of Columbus chefs as they create culinary delights for hungry parishioners. The Knights will be serving hamburger dinners and pancake breakfasts on August 16th and 17th in Fellowship Hall.

On Saturday, **August 16**, following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be serving \$5.00 Burgers and \$3.00 Nathan's Hot Dogs in Fellowship Hall, along with potato salad, chips, and sodas.

On **August 17th**, the Knights will be serving blueberry and plain pancakes as well as our ever popular chocolate chip pancakes, along with sausage, mixed fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. Colorful sprinkles and mountains of whipped cream will be available for our younger patrons (or those just young at heart) to create their ideal breakfast meal. Breakfast will be served after all the Masses on August 17th in Fellowship Hall.

Choose your meal and bring the entire family for fun, fellowship, and a great meal.



THE CHOSEN SEASON 4 WATCH PARTY

Tuesdays Nights Until Aug. 26 | 6:30pm - 8:15pm
Fellowship Hall

Come connect with the parish community and join us in the Ss. Peter & Paul rooms for a "Chosen" Watch Party on Tuesday nights this summer! We'll watch each episode and the "Round Table" discussions together, followed by thought sharing with each other afterwards.

Bring your dinner, snacks, friends and family!

40 HOURS DEVOTION

Thursday, August 21 – Saturday, August 23

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton joyfully invites you to be part of a powerful tradition of grace and renewal – 40 Hours of Adoration Devotion. This sacred time offers a beautiful opportunity to encounter the Lord, rest in His presence, and open your heart to His transforming love.

We begin with a special Mass on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 4:30 PM, and continue in uninterrupted adoration until Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 8:30 AM.

Whether you come weary, grateful, searching, or simply longing to be near Him – this time is for you. We especially encourage you to consider taking one of the early morning hours, where the stillness invites deeper intimacy with Christ.

Learn more about 40 Hours or sign-up an hour by scanning the QR code.





MOTHER SETON BIRTHDAY AND BACKPACK BLESSING

Sat., Aug. 24 | 1:30pm – 2:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Ladies and Gentlemen of St. Elizabeth and Seton, your company is desired at our annual BACKPACK BLESSING. Come meet Mother Seton as well as Catholic colonial merchant John Fitzgerald and enjoy fun and fellowship. BRING YOUR BACKPACKS, BRIEFCASES, or WORK BAGS for a special priestly blessing to begin your year with grace.



MUSIC IN THE HALL

Fri., Aug. 29 | 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Upper Seton Hall

Looking for a fun way to connect this Labor Day weekend? Join us for an evening of music and fellowship as our Music Ministry presents Broadway to Boogie!

We're transforming Seton Hall into a cozy café – bring your favorite refreshments and enjoy a night of great music and community. It's the perfect way to wrap up the summer and connect with fellow parishioners in a relaxed, joyful setting.

BETHLEHEM CARVING GROUP

August 30/31 | After All Masses | Fellowship Hall

On the weekend of Aug. 30th/31st, 2025, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships especially now because of the volatile situation in their home country.



Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

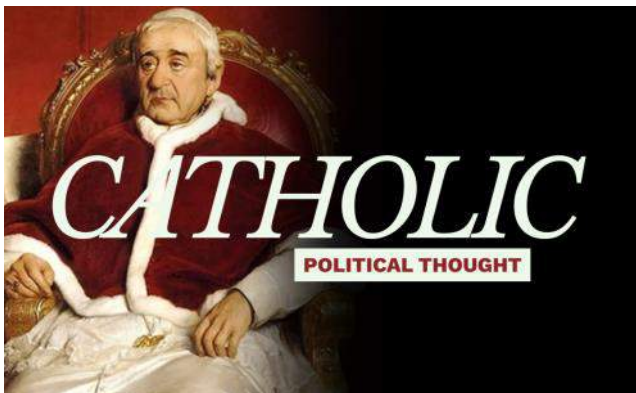
SAFETALK SUICIDE ALERTNESS TRAINING PROGRAM

Saturday, September 13 | 10:00am – 1:00pm | Fellowship Hall

All parishioners are invited to SafeTALK Suicide Alertness Training Program. SafeTALK is a half-day alertness training program designed to equip individuals with the skills to recognize when someone might be having thoughts of suicide and connect them with appropriate resources. It focuses on empower individuals to move past tendencies to miss, dismiss, or avoid suicide and instead, engage in direct conversations.

Why Attend? To be prepared to assist when confronted with individuals who may be having suicidal thoughts and connect them with appropriate resources.





CATHOLIC POLITICAL THOUGHT

Sunday, September 7 | 1:45pm – 3:30pm | Trinity 1

Join us for Catholic Political Thought, an opportunity to deepen your understanding of Catholic history and its relevance to today’s world! As part of the Grow step in our parish’s Clear Path – Connect, Encounter, Grow, Accompany – this session invites you to engage intellectually and spiritually with the teachings of the Church.

We’ll watch a video exploring how Pope Gregory XVI addressed the growing ideologies of religious indifferentism and liberalism in the wake of the French Revolution. These issues, still relevant today, touch on fundamental liberties such as freedom of conscience, expression, and religion.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SETON SHRINE: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SAINTHOOD!

Sunday, September 14 | 9:00am - 6:00pm

In honor of the 50th anniversary of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton’s canonization, our parish will be taking a special pilgrimage to the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This is a unique opportunity to walk in the footsteps of our patroness, deepen our faith, and celebrate her enduring legacy as the first American-born saint. We will be traveling together by bus, departing from the parish grounds. **Seats are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis**, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

Bus Fee: \$5 per individual and \$25 max per family

To Register: Scan the QR code to learn more about what the day will look like or to reserve your seat on the bus!



THE STORY BEHIND THE NICENE CREED: CAINA TALK

Wednesday, September 17 | 7:00pm – 8:30pm | Fellowship Hall

As part of the Grow step in our parish’s Clear Path of discipleship, you are invited to deepen your understanding of the Nicene Creed – our great profession of faith that we proclaim at Mass each Sunday. This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (325 AD), a pivotal moment in Church history that gave us this powerful summary of what we believe. In a dynamic presentation by Steve Helper and Teresa O’Brien of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA), we’ll explore the remarkable rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire, the Arian crisis that shaped the Council, and the profound meaning behind the words of the Creed we recite today. Come and grow in your knowledge of Church history, deepen your faith, and gain a greater appreciation for the truths we profess.

BROWN SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT

Friday, September 19 | 6:30pm – 7:00pm | Chapel

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a beloved Catholic sacramental, rich in meaning and history. It is a small piece of brown wool worn over the shoulders as an outward sign of one’s dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary and commitment to live a life of faith, prayer, and devotion.

Enrollment in the Brown Scapular is a simple, one-time ceremony in which a priest formally places you under the mantle of Our Lady’s care. Through this enrollment, you become part of the spiritual family of the Carmelite Order and share in the prayers and merits of the worldwide Carmelite community.

BLESSING OF VEHICLES

Saturday, September 20 | 9:30am
in Front of Seton Hall

Come and get your vehicles blessed! After Mass, simply drive around to the designated area in the parking lot, where one of our priests will be to bless your vehicle.

All are welcome to receive this blessing of safety and protection for the journeys ahead!



SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 12 | 2:30pm – 8:00pm | Parish Grounds

Our favorite fall celebration is back! Featuring a variety of beloved fall activities, games, music, and more, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fall Festival is the perfect opportunity to spend time with family and friends, and to connect with those in our community so...bring everyone along!

Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks on how you can get involved and help make this year's festival one to remember!

More Details and Registration Coming Soon!

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF PROPHETIC MINISTRY

Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18 | Upper Seton Hall

We've encountered the love of God through the School of Healing and rediscovered our identity as His beloved through the School of Identity. Now, we invite you to take the next step – into deeper intimacy with the Lord and greater boldness in mission – through the School of Prophetic Ministry.

Rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church and the curriculum of the Encounter School of Ministry, this two-day experience offers Spirit-led, activation-based learning in a safe, prayerful, and relational setting. Together, we'll learn how to recognize the voice of God – not just for ourselves, but to speak His love, truth, and encouragement into the lives of others.

In this workshop, you'll explore:

- Identity & the Purpose of Prophecy – Discover how hearing God begins with knowing who you are as His child.
- Hearing God's Voice & the Language of the Holy Spirit – Learn the many ways the Lord speaks and how He uniquely speaks to you.
- Words of Knowledge – Gain understanding and practical experience with this supernatural gift of insight.
- Discernment, Process & Feedback – Grow in confidence and humility as you test, discern, and refine what you hear.

Scan the QR code to learn more or to REGISTER TODAY!



FOR CHILDREN

REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLOSING AUGUST 15!

Over the past two years, our parish's Family Faith Formation has grown around small group formation – bringing families together to grow in faith and community. This coming year, we're excited to take the next step by introducing the Pathways Formation Suite into Family Faith Formation.

Pathways is a dynamic, family-centered approach that empowers parents to embrace their role as the primary educators of the faith. With a rich library of engaging, age-appropriate resources and flexible tools, Pathways is designed to support families as they learn, pray, and live out their Catholic faith together.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

- **Family-centered, parish supported.** We have the hope and expectation that all parish families who have children K-8th Grade will be a part of this regardless of if their children are already enrolled in Public School, Catholic School/Other Private School, or Homeschool.
- **Both parents are expected to register and participate.** (Single parent/guardian household will have the option to indicate this)
- The FFF year will consist of **At-Church Sessions** (offered on Sundays and Tuesdays) and **At-Home Sessions**. Nursery Services for children ages 6mo-5yrs will be available on Sundays only.
- There will **no longer be any fees** for Family Faith Formation.



TRAIL LIFE USA PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT–YOU'RE INVITED!

Thursday, August 21 | 6:00pm–8:00pm | Seton Hall

Curious about Trail Life? Wondering how your son can grow in character, leadership, and outdoor adventure? Join us for an exciting Parent Information Night on Wednesday, August 21 at 6:00 PM at Seton Hall!

What to Expect:

- Learn what Trail Life is all about
- Meet troop leaders and fellow parents
- Discover how your family can get involved
- Ask questions and get answers in a relaxed setting

Whether you're new to Trail Life or just exploring options, this is the perfect opportunity to see how faith, fun, and the great outdoors come together to shape tomorrow's leaders. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!

FOR MEN

BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART: THAT MAN IS YOU! RETURNS THIS FALL

This Catholic men's leadership program honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! Interested in joining or learning more? Send us an email at tmiy@setonlakeridge.org

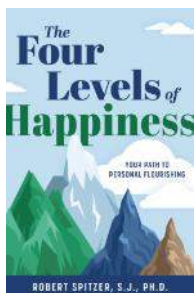
Register for TMIY: at https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/st-elizabeth-ann-seton-lake-ridge



FOR WOMEN

GROW IN YOUR FAITH WITH WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNING FAITH SHARING

Fridays Beginning September 5 | 9:45am–11:30am | Ss. Peter and Paul Rooms



This fall, we'll be reading *The Four Levels of Happiness* by Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J. — a powerful exploration of how science, philosophy, psychology, and lived experience can guide us toward lasting, purposeful joy. As part of the Grow step in our Clear Path of discipleship, this group is a space to deepen your understanding of the Catholic vision of happiness and how to live it out in daily life. Join us for our first gathering on Friday, September 5, from 9:45–11:30 am in the St. Peter and St. Paul rooms. *Participants are asked to purchase their own copy of the book.*

Please register by contacting Claudia Brown at claudiabrown36@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, August 27.

LOVE UNVEILED: SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE) RETURNS THIS FALL!

Saturdays Beginning September 13 | 9:45am–11:30am | Fellowship Hall

We are excited to welcome back She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE) to our parish this fall. SHE offers a space to step away from the noise of everyday life and into a rhythm of prayer, scripture, and sisterhood rooted in truth, beauty, and authentic connection!

A STEP ON THE CLEAR PATH:

As part of our parish's Clear Path—Connect, Encounter, Grow, and Accompany—She Shall Be Called Woman is a key opportunity in the Encounter/Grow. Designed to help women deepen their relationship with Christ and others through prayer, formation, and authentic community, this season, we'll continue exploring what it means to be a woman made in the image of God—called to live with purpose. Whether you're single, married, young, seasoned, raising little ones, or walking through a new chapter of life, there's a place for you here. Come and be refreshed, challenged, and known.



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 10th

5:00 p.m. Jane Peworchik
Vigil
 7:30 a.m. † Pat Filiault
 9:00 a.m. † Maria Yates
 10:45 a.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 12:30 p.m. † Eric Lord

Monday, August 11th

9:00 a.m. † Michael Naylor

Tuesday, August 12th

9:00 a.m. † Juan Abon

Wednesday, August 13th

9:00 a.m. Raquel LeBlanc

Thursday, August 14th

9:00 a.m. George Dhuy
 7:00 p.m. † Mike Litzelman
Vigil

Friday, August 15th

6:30 a.m. † Gordon and Josie Carlson
 9:00 a.m. † Luis and Asuncion Santos
 6:00 p.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 7:30 p.m. † Betsy Salp

Saturday, August 16th

9:00 a.m. † John Grant
 5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Vigil

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The sick of our parish family: Greg and Teresita Catolico

The deceased members of our parish family: Kathleen Murray, Joseph Sanchez

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 2025

Collection (<i>Average Weekly</i>)	\$	33,127.97
Capital Improvements	\$	5,358.00
Poor Box	\$	867.00
Votives	\$	1,783.15
Flowers	\$	285.00
Holy Days and Special Collections		
Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa	\$	3,866.00
Peter's Pence	\$	4,941.11

Thank You!

Sunday:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Monday:

St. Clare (M)

Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

St. Janes Frances de Chantal (m)

Dt 31:1-8 Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus (m)

Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

St. Maximilian Kolbe (M)

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

The Assumption of BVM (S)

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Saturday:

St. Stephen of Hungary (m)

Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15

FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER #13

(as of 07/29/2025)

Dear Parishioners: I trust you have been enjoying the summer, one with the blessing of ample rainfall which has tempered the oft-oppressive heat. I also hope you've made time to get away and 'smell the roses!' This edition of From Your Business Manager will focus on two very important items. The first is an invitation to attend **FREE** suicide prevention training, known as "SafeTALK," from 10 AM - 1PM on Saturday, September 13th in Fellowship Hall. SafeTALK is a program that trains people to be better able to identify someone thinking of suicide and then assist or connect them with appropriate resources. Why attend SafeTALK? To make parishioners better able to render assistance to those with suicidal ideations or actions. Don't hesitate: Only 40 slots are available, so with 10 already reserved, that leaves just 30! Please see the bottom of Page 5 in the bulletin to register (NOTE: registration only takes about 30 seconds!). This edition's second important topic is an update on our electronic giving program - Faith Direct. In late September, Faith Direct will be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving. For parishioners currently enrolled in Faith Direct: the upgrade will be a secure, automatic transfer of your current giving profile from Faith Direct to ParishSOFT Giving, so you won't have to change your giving profile or create a new account. What should you expect? You will receive an email from ParishSOFT Giving at your current Faith Direct email address within the next few weeks to provide you with additional information, and another one in late September with instructions when the actual transition to ParishSOFT Giving is complete. Once the transition is complete, you will be asked to log into ParishSOFT Giving, using your current Faith Direct email and password, to confirm your enrollment in ParishSOFT Giving. I know how important this topic is - we have nearly 600 parishioners who give via Faith Direct--so I will be providing regular updates to the parish on this topic in each "From Your Business Manager" from now until we've completed the transition. If you have ANY questions, call, email or drop by the Parish Office to discuss this or any other topic anytime. God bless you all and thank you for your support for Seton Lake Ridge!

Robert Yates, Business Manager

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, August 10th

10:30am – 11:45am	Nursery	Nursery
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Logistics Meeting	St. Mary Room
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Donovan Eagle Scout Court of Honor	Upper Seton Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	High School Youth Ministry	Bayley's Cellar

Monday, August 11th

10:00am – 12:00pm	Seton Crafters	Trinity 3
7:00pm – 8:00pm	AI-Anon	St. Paul Room

Tuesday, August 12th

9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
6:30pm – 8:15pm	The Chosen Watch Party	Ss. Peter and Paul Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Reach More Training	Bayley's Cellar

Wednesday, August 13th

9:30am – 11:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	St. Mary Room
10:00am – 11:00am	Phase III Construction Meeting	Office Conference
6:30pm – 8:30pm	The Rescue Project	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Mother of Joy Prayer Group	St. Paul Room

Thursday, August 14th

9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:45am	Divine Mercy Holy Hour	Chapel
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Mother Seton Food Pantry	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Thursday Bible Study	St. Mary Room
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Vigil Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Main Church

Friday, August 15th

9:30am – 12:00pm	Mom's Group	Nursery
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
10:00am – 12:00pm	Lumen Christi Club Day	Lower Seton Hall
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel
6:00pm – 11:30pm	American Heritage girls Lock In	Seton Hall

Saturday, August 16th

6:30am – 7:30am	Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Main Church
9:00am – 10:00am	Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Main Church
9:30am – 12:00pm	Mom's Group	Nursery
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Main Church
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Main Church
7:30pm – 8:30pm	Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Main Church

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- Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7pm, 4 November 2025
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