



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

LAKE RIDGE, VA

[www.setonlakeridge.org](http://www.setonlakeridge.org)

## SETON SPOTLIGHT

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

K. OF C. PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST

MOTHER SETON BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION AND  
BACKPACK BLESSING

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### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

WOMENS FALL BOOK STUDY  
BEGINS! SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN

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### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

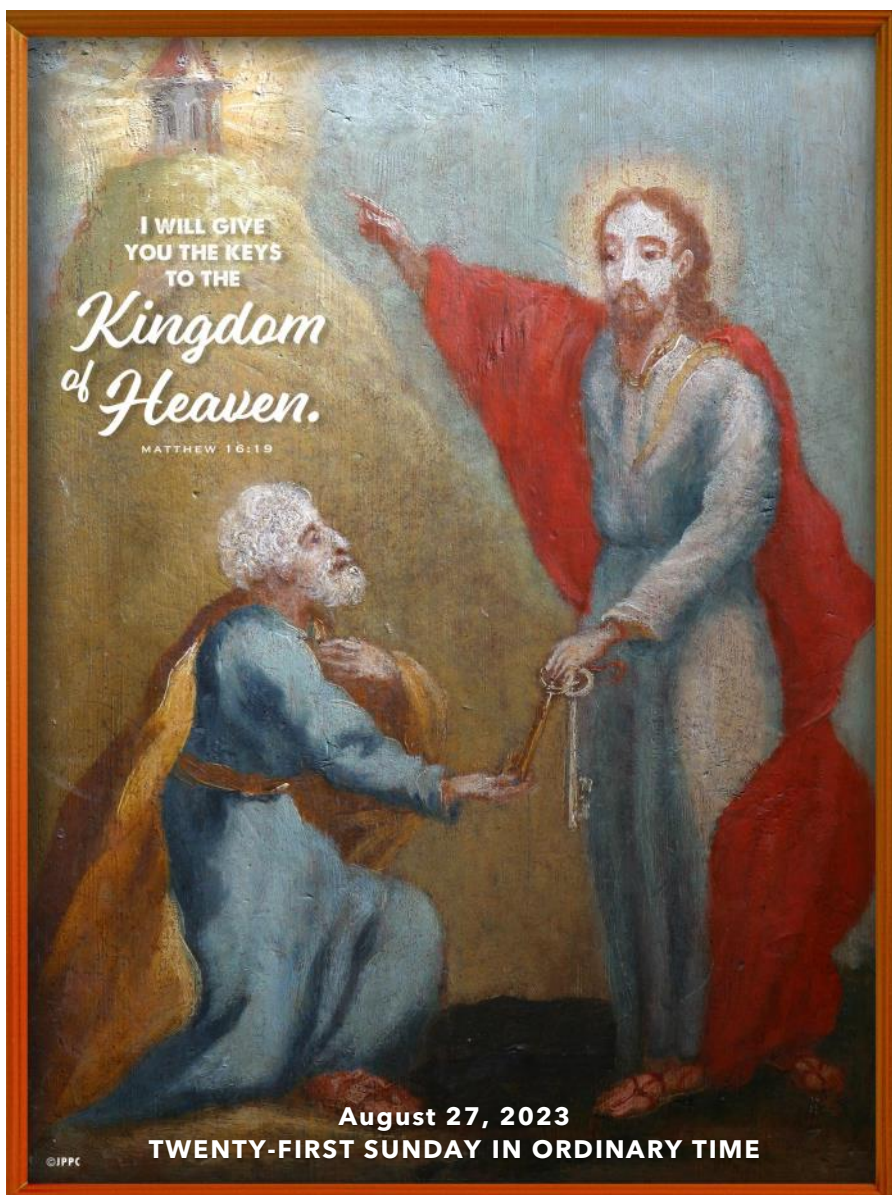
THAT MAN IS YOU! BEGINS!  
SIGN-UPS ARE  
CURRENTLY OPEN

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### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SETON SENTINELS MONTHLY  
GATHERING

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#### PARISH OFFICE:

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Mon – Fri: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am - 12:30pm

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Sacramental Emergency:

571-455-0402

#### 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

#### CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Monday: 7:00pm – 7:45pm

Friday: 9:30am – 10:00am

Saturday: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

Tuesdays Children's Adoration  
4:00pm - 5:00pm

First Friday All Night Adoration:

### 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.

**THE PARISH OFFICE PHONE NUMBER IS: 703-494-4008**

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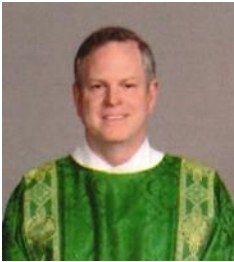
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## FROM OUR DEACON



In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples, "who do you say that I am?" At this moment Peter proclaims that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus then declares Peter blessed, not because of any great act on Peter's part, but because the Father chose to reveal this most information to him.

For a simple fisherman, Peter is a complicated character. He's our first pope, but he is clearly a very flawed individual. It seems odd that the man who would make the bold proclamation expressed in today's Gospel would be the same man who would deny Jesus in his hour of greatest need. There is no doubt that when Peter proclaims Jesus is the son of God, he believes every word of it. Yet, when it really counted, Peter turned away from Jesus to save himself.

When we sin, we too turn away from Jesus and toward ourselves. Of course, we don't deny Jesus outwardly as Peter did, but we do it in more subtle ways. I've noticed that we often do it by our silence, by not speaking up for the truth of the Gospel when we have an opportunity. I've remained silent at times when I probably shouldn't have and I bet many of you have as well. Maybe we don't speak up because we don't want to create uncomfortable situations in our workplaces, our schools, with friends, or even in our homes. We prefer peace and comfort no matter the price. In so doing, we are acting much like Peter did when confronted in the courtyard the night of Jesus' trial. We deny Him.

Today's Gospel presents us with an opportunity to answer the same question Jesus asked his disciples—who do you say that Jesus is? Assuming you believe Jesus to be the messiah, the Son of God, the question is—does your life reflect that belief? In what direction is your life heading? Are you on the road to Christ, headed away from Him, or simply standing there waiting for Jesus to do the work? I would venture that for many of us, we are neither moving toward Christ nor moving away from Him but rather are just standing there, watching time pass by. Jesus has called us to do more than stand idly by.

When I think of what direction we are headed, I am reminded of the tradition of the encounter between Jesus and Peter outside of Rome. As legend has it, Peter decided to flee Rome at the outbreak of the persecution, perhaps in fear, perhaps because he thought he should be somewhere safe so others could eventually find him. Just outside of Rome, Peter meets Jesus, who is heading into the city of Rome to face the persecution. "Quo vadis, Domine," Peter asks – "Lord, where are you going?" "I am going to Rome to be crucified," Jesus answers – and disappears. At this point, Peter turns back into the city to embrace martyrdom. Instead of saving himself and denying Jesus again, he turns away from himself and toward Jesus.

Although it is unlikely that any of us will be called to martyrdom, we are all called to turn away from ourselves and toward Jesus. So...if you honestly believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the Living God, my question to you (and me) is the same one Peter asked Jesus outside of Rome—"Where are You going?"

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Harmony With God

John writes in his first letter: "And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us" (5:14). Rather than coming from a sincere wish to do God's will, prayer often has its roots in egoism. Not until you thank God with all your heart do you step out of yourself and become united with God's will. From the perspective of his will you can then see more clearly what you are to ask. Then you will be certain that your prayer will be answered. "We receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. (1 Jn 3:22).

If you constantly praise and give thanks to God in all that happens, then you live in harmony with him, which means that you won't be asking for anything that doesn't harmonize with God's will. God will then recognize in you his own Spirit who "intercedes for the saints according to the will of God" (Rom 8:27).

The earliest Christians didn't live in circumstances more conducive than ours. They suffered severe persecutions. To profess Christ carried a constant a constant risk of losing one's life. Yet Paul wrote to them: "Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph 5:19-20).

When you turn your gaze on God you will gain insight into what is best for you and for all.



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. † Patricia Loftus

Vigil

7:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Lynch Family

9:00 a.m. † Laverne McQuarters

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

12:30 p.m. † Hoyt Calvert Johnson, Sr.

### Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Ryan Abila

### Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Cho

### Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Petrone Family

### Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Alexander A. Beiro, Jr.

### Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Rachel Pevarnik

7:00 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Barbara Kahrer

5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Vigil

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2021

The Capital Campaign 2021 redemption period continues with almost \$500,000 remaining to reach the goal of \$4,000,000! Thanks to your generosity, great progress is being made in improvements to our Church. You may continue to make contributions to Capital Campaign via checks made out to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church; please write "CC21" in the memo line and then drop it in the Sunday Collection basket, by the Parish Office or send it through the mail to 12807 Valleywood Dr. Woodbridge, VA 22192. You can also contribute via Faith Direct. For further information or how to extend your current pledge, please see the display in the Narthex, on the website or contact our Business Manager, Robert Yates, at [r.yates@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:r.yates@setonlakeridge.org) via e-mail or 703-494-4008 ext. 127 via phone. Thank you and God bless you!

\$4 million

\$3 million

\$2 million

\$1 million



## READINGS OF THE WEEK

**Sunday:**  
**Time**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary**

Is 22:19-23 ; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 ; Rom 11:33-36 ; Mt 16:13-20

**Monday:**

**St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor (Memorial)**

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 ; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:**

**The Passion of St. John the Baptist (Memorial)**

1 Thes 2:1-8 ; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 ; Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday:**

1 Thes 2:9-13 ; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab ; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:**

1 Thes 3:7-13 ; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 ; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:**

1 Thes 4:1-8 ; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 ; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:**

1 Thes 4:9-11 ; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 ; Mt 25:14-30

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The sick of our parish family:** Karen Lanman, Sharri Burton, Juliette Burke, Gloria Golez

**The deceased of our parish family:** Daniel Dewey Wallis, Walter Constantine, Bienvenido David

*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 JULY 2023

Collection (Average Weekly)	\$ 24,364.34
Capital Improvements	\$ 4,830.00
Poor Box	\$ 969.00
Votives	\$ 1,941.12
Flowers	\$ 2,126.12

### Special Collections

Peter's Pence	\$ 3,646.00
Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa	\$ 2,344.00

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

## PARISH EVENTS

### K. OF C. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 27 | 7:30am – 12:00pm  
Fellowship

Knights of Columbus Council # 8183 would like to welcome you, your family, our parish faith community and our local community to join us for fellowship as they host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 27, in Fellowship Hall.

Menu includes buttermilk pancakes, blueberry pancakes, chocolate chip pancakes, tropical fruit salad, and sausage links. Cost is \$5/person or \$20/family.



### MOTHER SETON'S BIRTHDAY AND BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday, August 27 | 2:00pm  
Upper Seton Hall



Calling all students (young and old):  
Hear ye! Hear ye! Give a cheer,  
Back-to-School is almost here;  
You have supplies and all the rest,

Now come and have your backpack blessed!  
Bring your backpacks to Upper Seton Hall for a special blessing. We will celebrate Mother Seton's birthday as well with activities and a treat. Mark your calendar!



### SAVE THE DATE: K. OF C. SPONSORED YOUTH SOCCER CHALLENGE!

All Girls and Boys ages 9-14 are invited to partake in the annual Knights of Columbus sponsored Youth Soccer Challenge! Held on Saturday, September 30, from 10:00am-5:00pm, this event will take place at Woodbridge Middle School. If you are interested please stay tuned! We will be announcing more information and details as to how to sign up in future bulletins.

## RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE ANNUAL INTEREST MEETING

Thursday, September 7 | 10:00am | Trinity 1

Respect Life is a ministry devoted to promoting awareness, within our parish, of Life issues from conception to natural death. Prayer and a deeper relationship with our Lord for ourselves and others is at the heart of all we do. The Committee believes in the sanctity of life and promotes this awareness in a peaceful, informed manner.

Join us in planning events and fundraisers to show our commitment to the sanctity of life and the dignity of every human person.

If you would like to join the email group, please email Stephanie Hanley, Committee Chair: [respectlife@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:respectlife@setonlakeridge.org)



### THAT MAN IS YOU! (TMIY!)

Beginning Saturday, September 9 | 7:00am | Fellowship Hall  
*Christ didn't say, "I make new things." He said, "I make all things new."*

Join us for food, fellowship and faith starting Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for our 6<sup>th</sup> year of That Man is You! ALL THINGS NEW. All men 18 years and older are welcome!

If you are interested in learning more, please visit [tmiy.org](http://tmiy.org) or register with us by sending an email to [TMIY@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:TMIY@setonlakeridge.org) with your:

Name, Address, and Phone Number.

## FRIDAY MORNING FAITH SHARING

Friday Morning Faith Share is for ALL Women wanting to grow in their Faith. Please join us as we discover the close connection between friendship and the basic life skills found in the Virtues. Registration will be on Friday, September 8 (9:45am) in St. Peter and Paul rooms.

A \$10 fee will include all materials needed.



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (K-12)

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Dori Cook, Coordinator of Sacrament Prep | [d.cook@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:d.cook@setonlakeridge.org) | ext 129

### SIGN-UPS FOR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION IS NOW CLOSED

If you have questions about enrolling in Family Faith Formation contact Mylene Garcia at [m.garcia@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:m.garcia@setonlakeridge.org). Questions about Sacrament Preparation can be directed to Dori Cook, at [d.cook@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:d.cook@setonlakeridge.org)

Beginning in early September, Small Group Sessions will be held **every other Sunday**. For each Small Group (e.g., 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), a Facilitator will review the topic and guide the discussion. For the at-home lessons, Grades 1-8 will use the *My Catholic Faith Delivered* (Ignatius Press, Faith & Life Series) platform. Kindergarten and Grades 9-12 use other materials.

Families will attend either Session I (845 am – 1015 am) or Session II (1030 am – 1200 pm). Parents of K - 5<sup>th</sup> graders will join their children in their Small Group, while 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders will meet separately from the parents. Families attend Mass before or after their Small Group Session on Sunday, or the Vigil Mass at 5 pm on Saturday night.

### ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE?

One way to serve the Lord is by giving your love and time to our youngest members. We are in great need of **Adult Nursery Volunteers** for the 9:00 am and the 10:45 am Sunday Masses. We are calling on parents, grandparents, retirees and empty-nesters to help us provide the best care possible to our little ones. The nursery sets the stage for a child's spiritual growth and it points them to a relationship with Jesus. Please consider signing up today by contacting Mylene Garcia, at the parish office ([familyfaithformation@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:familyfaithformation@setonlakeridge.org)). May God renew our passion and vision to make a difference in the lives of children and families.



## OUR PARISH SCHOOL



**The Year of Charity** – Love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12

Welcome back students, parents, faculty, and staff! | [www.aquinastars.org](http://www.aquinastars.org)

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

# LITURGICAL LIVING

## August

*Immaculate Heart of Mary*

**DEVOTION:**  
IHM & DEVOTIONS

**VIRTUE: FORESIGHT**

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS**

**August 27 and 28**  
St. Monica and  
St. Augustine



# LITURGICAL LIVING

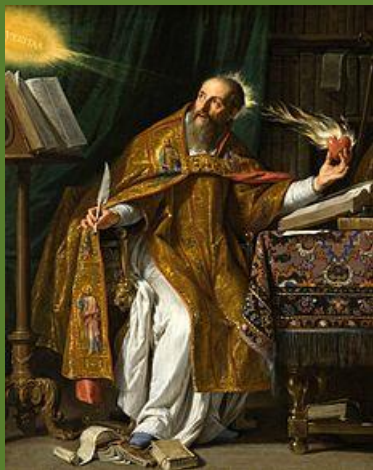
## Saint Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

St. Augustine, before he came to the faith lived a life of heresy. His mother, St. Monica, spent tearful decades hoping he would one day return to the faith. St.

Ambrose told St. Monica, "A child of so many tears cannot be lost." Earlier in St. Augustine's life he had a son out of wedlock and then at the age of 31, he heard a childlike voice telling him, "Take up and read; take up and read." After this St.

Augustine began to read the bible and study the faith. A year later Augustine and his son were both baptized into the faith. Once his mother and son died he gave all of the family fortune to the poor. Augustine was ordained a priest and in 395 he became bishop of Hippo. During this time he wrote more than 100 works of theology, apologetics, and philosophy. St.

Augustine's life is one for reflection because no matter how far it seems like we are away from God, he always calls us back to him.



## EVANGELIZATION & ADULT FORMATION

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## SETON SENTINELS MONTHLY GATHERING

Monday, September 11 | 7:00pm – 8:30pm

**Activity:** Mother Teresa Jeopardy!

Each monthly meeting begins with a fun ice breaker, followed by an activity and finishes with prayer. All women are invited!

## WOMEN'S FALL BOOK STUDY

Saturday A.M. Book Study | 9:30am – 11:00am | Bayley's Cellar  
September 2 – November 18

Have you ever wondered if you are doing this whole "womanhood thing" right? **Lisa Cotter** sure did. Coming of age in a world that told her women should be like men, she often found herself confused and frustrated with the concept of femininity. That was until she encountered St. John Paul II's writings on the "feminine genius".



In *Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius*, Lisa uncovers a transformational vision of a woman's purpose, meaning, and gifts, which might not be exactly what you expect. Please purchase your own copy of *Reveal the Gift* from your preferred retailer.

Register Here: [setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1873870](https://setonlakeridge.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1873870) or at [setonlakeridge.org/setonsentinels](https://setonlakeridge.org/setonsentinels)



## MUSIC MINISTRY

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## CHOIRS ARE RETURNING FOR THE 2023-24 CHOIR SEASON

For more details and information, please contact our Director of Music and Organist, Carter Stevens or Children's Choir Director Emily Atwood  
[Atwood.eg@gmail.com](mailto:Atwood.eg@gmail.com)



**Traditional Choir** restarts Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm and will begin singing at the 10:45am Mass on September 10th.

**Children's Choir** returns at an all new rehearsal time on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5PM

Both groups rehearse in the Music Room downstairs.



## 2023 BACK2SCHOOL TAG TREE PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

We wish to show our appreciation to all parishioners who participated, as all tags were taken from the trees! Once again, it was heartwarming to see the bounty of newly-purchased school clothing and supplies that repeatedly filled the collection bin for the children of *St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional & Maternity Housing Program* in Woodbridge! How wonderful to know that, because of the caring nature of our parishioners, these students will be outfitted and prepared for a successful start to their school year! **THANK YOU** and may God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

## PRO-LIFE WITNESS: PRAYER AT THE ALEXANDRIA ABORTION CLINIC

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

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 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](mailto:respectlife@setonlakeridge.org).



## VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE (VCC)

We CARE. Therefore, we VOTE.

- \* Be true to the teachings of the Church. Read Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teachings from the Holy See, and the statements of our bishops. Read Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship at [faithfulcitizenship.org](http://faithfulcitizenship.org). We need to be sure that our reasoning and judgments are well-grounded in our faith.
- \* Stay well-informed about issues through judicious and reasoned engagement with the immense world of information in the twenty-first century. Just as all issues are not equal, all sources are not equal. For example, an individual's blog – while potentially very insightful – may not have the same fidelity to factual truth as our media sources that hold themselves to professional standards of journalistic ethics, imperfect though they are.
- \* Remain in contact with our representatives in local, state, and federal government. Our responsibility to form our consciences leads to an obligation to be active citizens. We communicate regularly with our leaders – not only during election seasons.
- \* Engage in reasoned, compassionate, and loving dialogue with others – Catholics and non-Catholics alike about the issues and choices that we are facing as a nation. Remember that we are called first to witness the Gospel, and through that witness, to share our social teaching, to highlight the moral dimensions of issues, and to participate in debate on public policy.
- \* The dual calling of faith and citizenship lies at the heart of what it means to be a Catholic in the United States. We stand on the shoulders of many Catholics who have gone before us, who have helped the United States of America become a better country because of their faith in a loving God.

**FaithfulCitizenship.org**

Seton Lake Ridge Advocacy Committee



## DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CALLED: A CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Saturday, September 23 | 2:00pm – 9:00pm | Sheraton Reston Hotel

EARLY BIRD PRICE ENDS AUGUST 31!



Bishop Burbidge invites all young adults (ages 19 to 35, single and married) to join him at CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults. Join him for the annual Mass for Young Adults and an inspirational keynote from Mr. Sam Goodwin who was trapped in Syria's notoriously brutal prison system. The day will also include breakout sessions, dinner, prayer, live music, vendors, ministry booths, and plenty of social time! Make new friends and connect to your local Young Adult Ministries as we contemplate how we've been CALLED to holiness. We are excited to offer complimentary childcare for this conference! Invite your friends! The Young Adults Ministry of Seton (YAMOS) will be coordinating to go to this conference as a group.

### DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Help low income students receive a Catholic education *and receive most of your donation back through tax*

*savings!* The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% state tax credit for donations made to the **Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation, (DASF)**, which provide scholarships for low-income students new to our diocesan Catholic Schools. **You do not have to itemize in order to use the 65% tax credit!** Donations must be preauthorized in advance. Please call Jeanne Combos at 703-841-2764 or email [DASF@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:DASF@arlingtondiocese.org).



### MASS HONORING MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Sunday, September 10 | 11:00am | St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

Fr. Diamond Council #6292 and Fr. Malloy Assembly #1894 of the Knights of Columbus will host our 8th annual Mass Honoring Military and First Responders at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church (3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax, 22030) on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. Fr. Robert J. Rippey, Chancellor of the Diocese, will be the principal celebrant, with Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde as a concelebrant. All are welcome to join us; Military, Law Enforcement, and Fire and Rescue personnel are encouraged to wear their dress uniform. A group photo will be taken after Mass in front of the church; a reception in the school gym will follow. For more details, please contact Dave Todd, Jr., at [djtoddjr@gmail.com](mailto:djtoddjr@gmail.com).

### MASS FOR MARRIAGE JUBILARIANS 2023

Sunday, October 15 | 3:00pm | St. Agnes Catholic Church



Married in 1998 or 1973? Join us for the annual Mass for couples celebrating silver (25 year) or golden (50 year) anniversaries! The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass. **Please register with your parish secretary!**

*"My soul rejoices in the Lord"*

As we prepare to mark our first half-century, the Catholic Diocese of Arlington is embarking on a spiritual and intellectual renewal in the foundational truths of the Catholic Faith. Preparation Year II focuses on Mary, the Mediatrix of All Grace and the model disciple.

## 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 27<sup>TH</sup> - Twenty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am—12:00pm	Knights of Columbus pancake Breakfast	Office Conference
10:30am—1:00pm	RCIA Interviews	Trinity 1
2:00pm—3:00pm	Mother Seton Birthday & Backpack Blessing	Upper Seton Hall
6:00pm—7:00pm	Communio Logistics Meeting	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, August 28<sup>TH</sup> St. Augustine of Hippo (Memorial)

10:00am—12:00pm	Seton Crafters	Trinity 2,3
7:00pm—8:00pm	Al-Anon	St. Paul Room

### Tuesday, August 29<sup>TH</sup> - The Passion of St. John the Baptist (Memorial)

9:30am—8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am—10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
9:30am—11:00am	Family Faith Formation Meeting	Office Conference
6:30pm—8:30pm	Discipleship Training	Bayley's Cellar

### Wednesday, August 30<sup>TH</sup>

9:30am—11:00am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Trinity 1
6:00pm—8:30pm	Alpha Marriage Course	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm—8:30pm	Mother of Joy Intercessory Prayer	Sts. Peter and Paul

### Thursday, August 31<sup>ST</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—9:00pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00pm—8:30pm	Thursday Bible Study	Bayley's Cellar
6:30pm—8:30pm	Mother of Joy Intercessory Prayer	Sts. Peter and Paul

### Friday, September 1<sup>ST</sup> - World Day of Prayer for Creation

9:30am—12:00pm	Mom's Group	Nursery
10:00am—11:30pm	Legion of Mary	Trinity 2,3
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Main Church
7:00pm—7:30pm	First Friday Mass	Main Church
7:30pm	All Night Adoration	Chapel
8:30pm—9:30pm	YAMOS First Friday Fellowship	Bayley's Cellar

### Saturday, September 2<sup>ND</sup>

8:25am	Daily Rosary	Main Church
8:30am	Benediction	Chapel
9:30am—9:45am	Blessing of Sacramentals	Main Church
9:30am—10:15am	First Saturday Devotions	Chapel
9:30am—11:00am	Women's Book Study	Bayley's Cellar



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." (Luke 10:2)*

Have you ever felt that you wanted to get more out of Church? This is your opportunity to serve your community, serve your Church, and most importantly, serve our Lord.

We need Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Eucharist Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound.

**We need you!**

Please contact Dan Garrigan at [EMHC@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:EMHC@setonlakeridge.org) or Christine O'Hearn at [c.ohearn@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:c.ohearn@setonlakeridge.org)