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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAKE RIDGE, VA



### **PARISH OFFICE:**

12807 Valleywood Drive Lake Ridge, VA 22192

### Parish Office Hours:

Mon. & Wed.: 9:00am - 8:00pm Tues, Thurs, & Fri.: 9:00am – 4:00pm Sunday: 8:00am - 2:00pm

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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)

### **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.)

### **MOTHER SETON FOOD PANTRY**

Thursday 12:00pm - 2:00pm

#### MOTHER SETON GIFT SHOP

Sunday	8:15am — 2:00pm
Monday	CLOSED
Tues-Thurs	9:30am — 12:00pm
*Friday	CLOSED
<b>(</b> *5:00pm –	8:00pm during Lent)
Saturday	4:00pm – 6:30pm

### **PARISH LIBRARY**

Sunday	8:15am <b>–</b> 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 occur every 2nd and 4th 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

<u>Sacramental Blessings</u> - 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 <u>Monday, two weeks before the Sunday publication date.</u> Note: Due to space limitations, submissions are not guaranteed a space.

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## FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR



As we start a new Church year, Jesus wants us to hear and heed his voice, especially as we remember that he is born in order to die..., and then to rise! St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) reminds us of this hard truth (my column today) and how to live it out in our prayer life (my column of 12/29).

"We read in the gospel that, when the Lord was teaching his disciples and urged them to share in his passion by the mystery of eating his body and blood, some said: *This is a hard saying* (John 6:60); and from that time they no longer followed him. When he asked the dis-

ciples whether they also wished to go away, they replied: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:68).

"I assure you ... that even to this day it is clear to some that the words which Jesus speaks are *spirit and life* (John 6:63), and for this reason they follow him. To others, these words seem hard, and so they look elsewhere for some pathetic consolation. Yet wisdom cries out in the streets, in the broad and spacious way that leads to death, to call back those who take this path.

"Finally, he says: For forty years I have been close to this generation, and I said: They have always been faint-hearted (cf. Psalm 95:10). You also read in another psalm: God has spoken once (Psalm 62:11). Once, indeed, because for ever. His is a single, uninterrupted utterance, because it is continuous and unending.

He calls upon sinners to return to their true spirit and rebukes them when their hearts have gone astray, for it is in the true heart that he dwells and there he speaks, fulfilling what he taught through the prophet: *Speak to the heart of Jerusalem* (Isaiah 40:2).

You see ... how the prophet admonishes us for our advantage: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts* (Hebrews 3:15). You can read almost the same words in the gospel and in the prophet. For in the gospel, the Lord says: *My sheep hear my voice* (John 10:27). And, in the psalm, blessed David says: *You are his people (meaning, of course, the Lord's) and the sheep of his pasture. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts* (Psalm 95:7-8).

Hear also the prophet Habakkuk. Far from hiding the Lord's reprimands, he dwells on them with attentive and anxious care. He says: *I will stand upon my watchtower and take up my post on the ramparts, keeping watch to see what he will say to me and what answer I will make to those who try to confute me (Habakkuk 2:1)*. I beg you..., stand upon our watchtower, for now is the time for battle. Let all our dealings be in the heart, where Christ dwells, in right judgment and wise counsel, but in such a way as to place no confidence in those dealings, nor rely upon our fragile defenses.

### **WEEKLY REFLECTION**

### The Church Year

The liturgical year offers us a steady rhythm, with periods of penance and periods of jubilation, weekdays and Sundays, ordinary weeks become special weeks. It is up to us whether this rhythm becomes pure formalism with little meaning, or it becomes an inspiration that spurs us on to a more intimate diligence for God.

Without peak moments, life risks becoming gray, monotonous, and banal. But to stay on the heights wont work. We can't always be jubilantly happy and on fire in the Spirit. It is a good thing to strive for, but the best way to approach this goal, slowly getting to a higher level, is to humbly follow the rhythm of the Church and its seasons.

The consistent circulation of the liturgical celebrations steadily gives us opportunity to enter more deeply into the mysteries of God. The mysteries are indissolubly connected to each other; each one is reflected in the others. At Christmas, when we see Jesus completely surrendered in the manger we already sense a little of the cross. Every liturgical feast brings us face to face with the fullness of the Christian mystery, but seen from continually new perspectives.

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# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2024

# **ADVENT**

### **DAILY MASS**

Monday - Saturday 9:00am

### **SUNDAY MASS**

7:30am 9:00am 10:45am 12:30pm

### CONFESSIONS

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Fridays

9:30am - 10:30am

Saturdays

3:30pm - 4:30pm

### HOPE AND HEALING ADVENT WORKSHOP Thursday - Saturday, December 12-14 Times Vary | Fellowship Hall

While we anticipate Christmas with excitement, the holidays can also be difficult, and for some, this season may bring to mind physical illness or pain, sorrow over a loss (of a friend, a loved one, a home, a job, etc.), regret, or other trials. For those in search of light, God is calling you out of the dark! Registration for our **Hope and Healing Advent Workshop** is FREE and open to ALL.

# SIMBANG GABI (MASS AND RECEPTION) Friday, December 20 | 6:00pm | FREE Main Church and Upper Seton Hall

This Filipino tradition is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses attended by Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. All are invited to join us for Mass and the reception to follow! If you are interested in volunteering for the night or donating a dish to share at our Salo-Salo (reception), scan the qr code!

### **HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:**

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas! Please note that the Parish Office, Gift Shop, and Library will be closed from Tuesday, December 24th, through Wednesday, January 1st.

We will reopen and resume our regular operating hours on Thursday, January 2, 2025

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS, PRAISE & WORSHIP HOLY HOUR, AND HEALING Friday, December 6 | 7:00pm | Main Church

Each First Friday begins with Mass and is followed by a Holy Hour with praise and worship music at 7:30pm. During the hour, Confessions will be available and our trained prayer teams will be available to offer individual prayer for healing.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Mass: Monday, December 9
Time(s): 6:30am, 9:00am, 6:00pm, & 7:30pm
(There will be NO 7:00pm Confessions)

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LISTED EVENTS



# CHRISTMAS MASSES

VIGIL MASSES TUESDAY, DEC. 24

4:00pm, 7:00pm

Midnight Mass Wednesday, Dec. 25

11:30pm - Chorale Prelude 12:00am - Mass

Christmas Day Masses Wednesday, Dec. 25

9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

VIGIL | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00pm (Adoration will end at 6:00pm)

MASS | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY I

9:00am & 12:00pm

### **FEATURED EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: KEEPS CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

November 9 – December 22 **Price**: \$10.00 per Box of Ten (10) Cards

It's that time of the year again! The Knights of Columbus have begun selling their "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards and this year's card, "Away in a Manger" will feature artwork of the Nativity!

Each box contains a total of 10 Christmas Cards and can be purchased after any Sunday Mass through Sunday, December 22. Upon purchase, you as the card recipient will be remembered at the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass on Tuesday, December 25.

Our Knights thank you for your support!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WREATH SALES

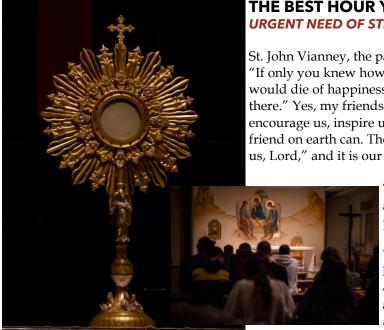
The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly has kicked off our Annual Advent-Christmas Fundraiser to support our 3 diocesan seminarians: Reverend Mr. Raymond Goins, Reverend Mr. Michael Sampson, and Mr. Camden Short. Wreaths, Centerpieces, and/or Tabletop Christmas Trees can be ordered in person after all Masses until December 1 or they may be ordered online by using the QR code until December 6. The Holiday Evergreens you purchase for yourself, your family, and your friends will be delivered via FedEx in a festive carton with your personalized message in the first part of December. What holiday gift could be more timely and meaningful for around \$50? The 4th Degree Assembly will receive \$8 for every gift purchased using our code! Thank you in advance for your help. We hope you have a great holiday season.

# THE BEST HOUR YOU WILL SPEND ON EARTH URGENT NEED OF STEADY ADORERS

St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, told his people weekly: "If only you knew how much Jesus loves you in the Blessed Sacrament, you would die of happiness." Then, pointing to the tabernacle, he would say: "He is there." Yes, my friends, He is there waiting to speak to us, bless us, comfort us, encourage us, inspire us, and listen to us with compassion and love, as no other friend on earth can. The Holy Hour is Jesus' answer to our prayer: "Stay with us, Lord," and it is our answer to His call.

**To keep Adoration open to all,** we need at least two adorers present whenever the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

We currently have only one adorer for the following hours: Tuesdays at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in committing to an hour or being a substitute can sign up by emailing adorers@setonlakeridge.org.





### HAPPY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION!

Happy First Sunday of Advent! It is the first day of the liturgical year and the start of the season of Advent. It symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

Group A & Group B Sessions will not meet today, December 1st

Group B Sessions (10:30am) Small Groups will meet on December 8th for their 6th week of Family Faith Formation. Group A Sessions (8:45am & 10:30am) will meet on December 15th for their 7th week of Family Faith Formation. There will be NO Small Group Session on December 22 & December 29.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Deadline for Submissions: December 1, 2024

Good luck to all who submitted their "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters! Today is the deadline to drop off your entry to Mylene Garcia in the Parish Office. Thank you for your participation. Final poster submissions are due to the Knights of Columbus no later than TODAY, December 1, 2024, or you can drop off your entry to Mylene Garcia at the Parish Office on or before the due date. For more information please contact: Tom Genova at tgenova@gmail.com.

**Awards:** All participants will receive a participation certificate while all the award winners will receive an award certificate. The top three award winners in each age category will receive a monetary prize off \$50 for first place, \$25 for second place, and \$10 for third place. The top winners in each age category will advance to the District, State, Supreme and International Levels.

### **REVERSE ADVENT FOOD DRIVE**

Family Faith Formation is excited to be partnering once again with Catholic Charities to support their St. Lucy Food Project which is missioned to serve those struggling with food insecurity within all counties of our Diocese. Family Faith Formation Families and parishioners can pick up a blue bag after any Mass to fill up with the various items listed on the flyer.

Bags can be found upstairs in the Narthex and downstairs on the table. Once filled, you can drop them off in the bin marked St. Lucy Food Project downstairs next to the Fellowship Hall. We will accept donations until January 5, 2025.





### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

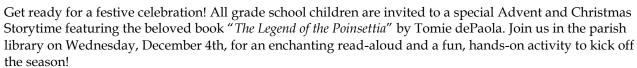
Sun., December 22 | 2:00pm – 4:00pm | Upper Seton Hall

Join us for our annual Children's Christmas Party! Hosted and coordinated by our *Knights of Columbus*, this joyful celebration is open to all families in our parish with children from three years of age to those in 5th grade. From our Knights, enjoy festive crafts, light refreshments, and a scavenger hunt! Santa, himself, will also have a special gift for all children who are registered. To ensure we have everything prepared for your little ones, please RSVP by December 18 (4PM) using the QR code.

There is **NO** charge for the event **HOWEVER** all guests must be registered in advance.

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORY HOUR**

Wednesday, December 4 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm | Parish Library





Parents, please plan to stay and enjoy this magical hour with your children (this is not a drop-off event). RSVP today using the QR code to reserve your spot and ensure we have plenty of supplies. Last-minute walk-ins are always welcome, but supplies may be limited — don't miss out!

# FOR YOUTH



### YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sun., December 15 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm Lower Seton Hall

All current 6th-12th grade teens in public, private, or home school are invited to join us for our 2024 Christmas Party! We will meet in Lower Seton Hall beginning with refreshments and socializing. The evening will include a Gingerbread House competition, Ugly Sweater Contest, and other activities to get us in the Christmas Spirit! Wear your BEST and UGLIEST Christmas Sweater for a chance to win our Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest!



### **ALPHA YOUTH RETURNS!**

YM Bi-Weekly Gathering

Get ready because Alpha Youth returns January 2025! Alpha Youth exists to EQUIP THE CHURCH to help RISING GENERATIONS discover and develop a RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. We do this by providing culture-curating PRODUCTS & RESOURCES, transformative EXPERIENCES, and CURIOUS CONVERSATIONS.

More information and details will be released soon, so keep an eye out!

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### **FOR MEN**





# COULD CHRIST BE CALLING YOU TO PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE? ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN

Saturday, December 21 | 10:15am – 4:00pm Dominican House of Studies

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 with diocesan seminarians and religious at the Dominican House of Studies.

Prepare for Christ's birth, deepen in your prayer, and learn about seminary and religious life at the Advent Day of Recollection for Men. Open to all men ages 18-35, this day will include Mass, directed and personal prayer time, lunch, and fellowship. Register via email by **December 16** (vocations@arlingtondiocese.org)

### **JOIN OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Join Us and Make a Difference with the Seton Lake Ridge Knights of Columbus!

Are you a Catholic man (18+) looking to deepen your faith, serve your community, and be part of something bigger? The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 8183 invites you to join a brotherhood dedicated to making a positive impact through community, church, and family projects! As a Knight, you'll find countless opportunities to get involved from supporting the several parish social events to coordinating fundraisers and drives, come grow in faith, give back, and make a lasting difference with the Seton Lake Ridge Knights of Columbus! Visit <a href="https://setonlakeridge.org/knights-of-columbus">https://setonlakeridge.org/knights-of-columbus</a>/ for more!

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### **FOR WOMEN**



### WHAT DOES JESUS' COMING MEAN FOR ME? ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

Sun., Dec. 22 | 10:30am – 3:30pm | Missionhurst Retreat Center

Any woman (18-35yrs) desiring to deepen their prayer lives and explore their vocation are invited to join Sr. Liz Sjoberg, DC for an Advent Day of Recollection. The day will include Mass, Adoration, talks, and lunch.

Please register via email by December 16 at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

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# **FOR COUPLES**



### STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE IN THE NEW YEAR!

Saturdays Beginning January 11 | 6:00pm | Upper Seton Hall **Childcare Available!** 

Our parish is excited to launch The Alpha Marriage Course, a seven-week program designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a stronger, healthier marriage. Whether you've been married for 1 year or 50, this course offers practical tools and guided discussions to help you grow closer, communicate better, and navigate life together. Each session includes video presentations, private couple conversations, and refreshments in a welcoming, relaxed setting.

The course begins in January, and childcare will be provided to make it easier for parents to attend.

More information and registration will be coming soon! Invest in your marriage and discover the joy of growing together!

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 29

From the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Vocations:

"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49) '

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph serves as a model of love, faith, and obedience. Just as Jesus was guided by His Father's will, so too can we be guided in our marriages by God's love. Reflect on how your family life mirrors the faith and devotion of the Holy Family. Strengthen your commitment to each other by nurturing a deeper relationship with God.





### **MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK**

Sunday, December 1st

5:00 p.m. † Michelle Frost

Vigil

7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 a.m. † Richard Oswalt 10:45 a.m. † Tom Liuzzo, Sr.

12:30 p.m. † Lou and Mary Pellegrino

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Doris Sheffer

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Julia Peetz

Wednesday, December 4th

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Cruz and

Velasquez Families

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Frank Cox

Friday, December 6th

9:00 a.m. † Cara Bourne Farr 7:00 p.m. † Christopher Powell

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Margaret Wailand5:00 p.m. † Joseph Castellano

Vigil

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The sick of our parish family:** Mark Doyon, Susan Klemm, Rita Kcenich, Bob Berthard

**The deceased of our parish family:** Catherine LaTorre, Resurrecion Escario, Pauline Buel, William Brandt, Jerome Liwanag

### **COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2024**

Collection (Average Weekly)	\$ 22,794.22
Capital Improvements	\$ 6,630.00
Poor Box	\$ 835.00
Votives	\$ 1,480.23
Flowers	\$ 292.00

### **Special Collections**

Hurricane Relief \$ 8,294.00 Porto Charities \$ 1,727.00 World Mission Sunday \$ 4,444.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt

8:5-11

Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier (M)

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** St. John Damascene (m)

Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: St. Nicholas (m)

Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt

7:21, 24-27

Friday: St. Ambrose (M)

Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: St. Andrew (F)

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-

10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Key**: Memorial (M), Optional Memorial (m), Feast (F), S (Solemnity)

### FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER!

**Dear Parishioners**: Why don't we begin this edition by taking a victory lap together over the 19 November approval of the Seton Lake Ridge Special Use Permit (SUP) by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS)? The show of support from you all - it was literally standing room only in the BOCS Conference Room – was overwhelming! In fact, BOCS Chair Deshundra Jefferson commended all present for the 'silent (but effective) show of support' for the Seton Lake Ridge SUP shown by our overwhelming presence at the meeting. In the end, despite all of my pre-meeting jitters, Our Lord once again knocked the ball right out of the park and our SUP received unanimous approval. The resultant exchange of handshakes, high fives, smiles and even a few hugs - allowed the love of Christ to flow freely within the McCoart Building that day! Thanks to all who have supported our Special Use Permit/Capital Campaign efforts; you can expect an update on next steps very soon. Moving now to remind all as we approach the end of the calendar year and (inevitably) tax season - contribution statements will go out in the mail in January. Finally, I will remind all that our Gift Shop Manager, Karen Kiesner, has the shop stocked to the hilt with Christmas and other goodies. PLEASE DO STOP BY FOR A LOOK! I promise you won't be disappointed and I'm almost certain you'll find something to take home with you! I'll close now by expressing thanks to each of you, for the last time in 2024, for your generosity of time and treasure in support of our Church and wish you and yours a most blessed Advent and Christmas season. May the light of the infant Jesus and the intercession of His holy Mother shine upon each of you and your families throughout the Christmas Season. Please contact your business manager anytime with questions or concerns (pg.2)

God bless! Robert Yates

# 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

6:00am - 2:00pm	K. of C. Pancake Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm — 8:00pm	YM Girls Bible Study	Lower Seton Hall
Monday, Decem		
5:30pm — 8:00pm	St. Margaret of Cortona Life Skills Class	Seton Hall
7:00pm — 8:00pm	Al-Anon	St. Paul Room
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Seton Sentinels Monthly Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	ıber 3 <sup>rd</sup> - St. Francis Xavier (M)	1
9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am - 10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Finance Meeting	Office Conference
	cember 4 <sup>th</sup> – St. John Damascene (m)	
9:30am – 11:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	St. Mary Room
9:45am – 11:30am	Wednesday Bible Study	St. Peter & Paul Room
10:00am - 3:00pm	Silver Foxes Advent Day of Recollection	Fellowship Hall
11:30am – 1:30pm	Lumen Christi Club Time	Lower Seton Hall
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Lumen Christi	Seton Hall
6:00pm – 7:30pm	OCIA Youth Program Catch-Up	Trinity 3
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Alpha	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Mother of Joy Prayer Group	St. Paul Room
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Upper Seton Hall
Thursday, Dece	mber 5 <sup>th</sup>	
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
7:15pm <b>–</b> 8:45pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	er 6 <sup>th</sup> – St. Nicholas (m)	
9:30am – 12:00pm	Mom's Group	Nursery
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
10:00am – 12:00pm	Lumen Christi Christmas Party	Lower Seton Hall
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel
6:00pm - 8:00pm	St. Margaret of Cortona Christmas Party	Upper Seton Hall
7:00pm – 8:30pm	First Friday Mass, Praise and Worship Holy Hour, and Healing	Main Church
8:30pm – 8:30am	All Night Adoration	Chapel
Saturday, Decem	ber 7 <sup>th</sup> - St. Ambrose (M)	
7:00am – 9:00am	That Man is You! (TMIY!)	Fellowship Hall
9:30am – 10:15am	First Saturday Devotions	Chapel
10:00am – 11:30am	She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE)	Seton Hall
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Silver Foxes Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Knights of Columbus Holiday Gathering	Bayley's Cellar

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Friday, 24 January is the National March for Life Wednesday, 29 January is the Virginia Pro-Life Day Wednesday, 2 April is the Virginia March for Life

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