



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LAKE RIDGE, VA

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MY KINGDOM  
DOES NOT  
BELONG TO  
THIS WORLD.

JOHN 18:36



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November 24, 2024 | THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday: 7:00pm - 7:45pm  
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#### 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

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

(\*5:00pm - 8:00pm during Lent)

Saturday.....4:00pm - 6:30pm

#### 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](https://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](mailto: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

**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](https://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



**WE DID IT! Congratulations, thank you, and thanks be to God!** I am so pleased to share that this past Tuesday evening, the **PWC Board of Supervisors UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED our parish's Special Use Permit (SUP) application.** We are now able to move onto the preparation of construction documents to secure financial bids to prepare for construction of Phase III of our Capital Campaign project, including the columbarium!



Once again, I am so pleased that so many parishioners showed up in support. I am so very grateful to our staff, Facilities Committee, Pastoral and Finance Councils, legal and design teams, the Diocese, and **most especially all of you, the parishioners, for your strong and generous support.** For all those who prayed, and were present at the meeting, we sincerely thank you for the support! For more information or to view our Master Plan Case Statement Supplement, visit our website [www.setonlakeridge.org](http://www.setonlakeridge.org). Click the "Facilities Expansion" tab under 'Quick Links' to the right, or contact the Parish Office if you have questions.



A very blessed and grace-filled Thanksgiving to you and all your loved ones... so much to be thankful for!



## 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 and 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 won't 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. In reality, we are always celebrating the same mystery, but seen from continually new perspectives.

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD FOR THE NEEDY CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Charities St. Lucy Food Project aims to address the invisible hungry throughout the 21 counties and seven cities of our Diocese. By operating several food pantries in Alexandria City, Sterling, and Front Royal and a distribution warehouse in Manassas, they are able to serve those struggling with food insecurity. The Mother Seton Food Pantry right here at our parish also aims to support parishioners and families in the Lake Ridge community experiencing food insufficiency. To continue supporting these two incredible efforts, especially this time each year, our Knights launch their Food for the Needy Campaign in which donations will go towards benefiting the St. Lucy Project and our very own Mother Seton Food Pantry.



Please take and use the envelopes in the Narthex to place your donations in. You can drop them off in the Food for the Needy box or the regular collection

basket. You can also donate online by scanning the QR code! We graciously thank you for your support.

### AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS BAKE SALE

After All Masses | Fellowship Hall

Add an extra treat to your Thanksgiving table, and help support our AHG Scout Troop by purchasing a delectable dessert at their annual bake sale after all Masses November 23rd and 24th. Thank you and enjoy!

### CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

TODAY, Nov. 24 | 3:00pm – 4:00pm  
Meet in Main Church

Marking the end of the Liturgical Year, today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King! All are invited to join us for our Eucharistic Procession later today at 3:00pm.

We will meet in the Main Church prior to beginning. Each year the procession follows a specific route in which Christ is surrounded by priests, altar servers, and laypeople who follow while praying and singing hymns.



### HOPE & HEALING ADVENT WORKSHOP

December 12-14 | Fellowship Hall

If the coming holiday season brings to mind physical illness or pain, sorrow over a loss (of a friend, a loved one, a home, a job), regret or remorse, or other trials, join us in reflection and prayer as we open our hearts to God's healing grace at the Hope and Healing Advent Workshop here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

In this 4-session Advent Workshop, we will explore how our suffering can bring us into closer union with Christ using Dr. Bob Schucht's video series and book *Real Suffering: Finding Hope and Healing in the Trials of Life*.

Registration is FREE, and all are invited.

We will have a limited number of books available for those who wish to purchase a copy (optional). Please contact [healingministry@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:healingministry@setonlakeridge.org) with any questions.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 1 | After the 7:30am, 9:00am, and 10:45am Masses | Fellowship Hall



Join the Knights of Columbus as our expert chefs rustle up a scrumptious breakfast for parishioners who may be looking for a break from turkey leftovers. We 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. Our younger patrons can delight in adding colorful sprinkles and mountains of whipped cream to their breakfast creations. Bring the entire family for fun, fellowship, and a great breakfast!

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

Monday, December 9 | 6:30am, 9:00am, 6:00pm, and 7:30pm | Main Church

Each year December 8 is celebrated as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and since that day falls on a Sunday, its celebration will be held the following day, Monday, December 9. "The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast celebrating Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne." ([marywood.edu](http://marywood.edu))



### KEEPS CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

November 9—December 22

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.

**Price:** \$10.00 per Box of Ten (10) Cards.

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



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REMINDERS**

This week Group A Sessions (8:45am & 10:30am) 6th week of Family Faith Formation, Small Groups will meet today, November 24. There will be NO Small Group Sessions on December 1-Thanksgiving weekend. Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving! Group B Sessions (10:30am) Small Groups will meet on December 8th which will be their 6th week of Family Faith Formation.

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

Deadline for Submissions: December 1, 2024

Dedicated to bringing back the true spirit of Christmas and to remind families that the season is about more than Santa Claus and presents, this contest allows the youth to engage their creative talent and imagination while understanding the true and spiritual meaning of Christmas. The contest is open to all youth: Kindergarten through 8th grade and entrants will compete in one of several age groups: Kindergarten, Grade 1-2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5-6, and Grade 7-8.

**Poster Contest Rules and Details:**

- Each poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas, include a slogan reflecting the topic, and an original visual image.
- Each poster must be the original work of a single person.
- Each poster should be approximately 11x17 inches. *If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic to prevent smearing.*
- Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest entry form. Each form must indicate the council number (Council 8183). The name and grade of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster in case the poster and entry form get separated.
- Participants may submit more than one poster. *There is no limit to the number of posters an individual can submit.*
- All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

**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.

Final poster submissions are due to the Knights of Columbus or Mylene Garcia at the Parish Office no later than December 1, 2024, For more information please contact: Tom Genova at [tgenova0@gmail.com](mailto:tgenova0@gmail.com).

**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. Thank you for your generous support!

**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

Get ready for a festive celebration! All grade school children are invited to a special Advent and Christmas Storytime featuring the beloved book “*The Legend of the Poinsettia*” by Tomie dePaola. Join us in the parish library on Wednesday, December 4th, for an enchanting read-aloud and a fun, hands-on activity to kick off the season!

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 **RISE 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!



## 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**

**SETON SENTINELS MONTHLY GATHERING**

Monday, December 2 | 7:00pm—8:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Women of Seton Lake Ridge, bring a girlfriend and join us for a fun round of trivia! Four teams will compete – Team Hope, Team Love, Team Joy, and Team Peace. We will also deepen our understanding of the Advent season as it illustrates the beginning of a new liturgical season and prepares us for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ! Each monthly meeting begins with a fun ice breaker, followed by an activity and finishes with a prayer.

**FINDING PEACE AND JOY WITH JESUS AND MARY IN ADVENT  
WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT**

Friday-Sunday, December 6-8 | San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA

Calm—Quiet—Contemplative—Peaceful—Waiting in Joyful Anticipation” these words describe what the Holy Season of Advent ought to be (and rarely is). Instead, the weeks before “the Holidays” tend to be manic, stressful, anxious, and distracted as women rush to meet the “great expectations” of their families and those around them.

Retreat to the Arlington Diocese San Damiano Spirituality Center and savor the silence with your sisters. We will “treasure and ponder” the mysteries of Advent while we read, think, pray... and rest with Jesus Christ. Fr. John Riley will lead us in a consideration of the true meaning of the peaceful and solemn season of Advent and how we might better prepare to welcome the Christ Child with joy into our families and our homes on Christmas morning.



The retreat begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 6, and ends at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 8.  
Retreat cost is \$285 per person (financial assistance may be available)

**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](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

**ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE COMING IN THE NEW YEAR**

Coming Soon in 2025!

Alpha Marriage is designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage! The Marriage Course is for any couple looking to invest in their relationship. The Pre-Marriage Course is for any engaged couple, or those exploring the possibility of marriage, to build a strong foundation for their future together. Keep an eye out for more details!





## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. † Louis Braga  
*Vigil*  
7:30 a.m. † Bruce Paul  
9:00 a.m. Deborah Wallace  
10:45 a.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
12:30 p.m. † Teresa and Albin Amendola

### Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Ed Warzywak

### Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † George and Helen Schu

### Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Bernard Onderko

### Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † William Frost

### Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Jenna Giandoni

### Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Max Gonzales  
5:00 p.m. † Michelle Frost  
*Vigil*

### Sunday: Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

### Monday: St. Catherine of Alexandria (m)

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9 Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23 Lk 21:20-28

### Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6A and 8A Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday: St. Andrew (F)

Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22

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

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The sick of our parish family:** Brant Wickham, Mark Doyon, Susan Klemm, Rita Kcenich

**The deceased of our parish family:** Catherine LaTorre, Resurrecion Escario

*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 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!**

## FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER!

**Dear Parishioners:** I have a lot to cover and not much space to do so, so let me begin with a short note on CC2021 pledges – most of you have completed your ‘original campaign’ pledges, so I want to let you know that the contribution period for extended CC2021 campaign officially begins on January 1, 2025. I know – many of you have already been contributing to the extended campaign – good on you! Please call or email me if you have any questions on this. Next note is on the upcoming Seton Lake Ridge 2024-25 Offertory appeal. The last Seton Lake Ridge Offertory Appeal was three years ago in November 2021. What has changed since then? The answer, as we all know, is inflation! I compared some key costs this week and found that our annual Church electricity bill rose from just under \$54,000 in Fiscal 2022 to just under \$77,000 in Fiscal 2024 – a 30% increase! Natural gas costs rose similarly. With this in mind, Father Bashista will ask all of us to discern our ability to contribute to our Church on the weekend of November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The Prince William County (PWC) Board of Supervisors will meet on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the McCoart Building of the PWC Complex located just off of Prince William Parkway to consider approval of the Seton Lake Ridge Special Use Permit (SUP). I’ll be there with Father Bashista that evening and invite all of you to join in as well! If the SUP is approved, you can expect to hear about next steps on Phase III Construction by the first Sunday in Advent. Next topic is the Mother Seton Gift Shop (MSGs). MSGs Manager Karen Kiesner has stocked the shelves to meet your Advent and Christmas gift needs, and she’ll be running specials as well, so please stop by! She’s also in need of shop volunteers; if you can help her out, please contact Karen at [giftshop@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:giftshop@setonlakeridge.org). I’ll close now by expressing thanks to each of you for your generosity of time and treasure in support of our Church and wish you and yours a most blessed Thanksgiving celebration with family and friends! It’s still a great privilege to serve Christ’s Church and each of you as your Business Manager - contact me anytime with your questions or concerns! (Contact info on 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

### Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:45am—11:35am	Nursery	Nursery
8:45am—10:15am	Family Faith Formation Group A Session 1	Fellowship Hall
9:30am—11:30am	OCIA	Seton Hall
10:30am—12:00pm	Family Faith Formation Group A Session 2	Fellowship Hall
3:00pm—4:00pm	Christ the King Eucharistic Procession	Main Church/Parish Grounds

### Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - St. Catherine of Alexandria (m)

7:00pm—8:00pm	Al-Anon	St. Paul Room
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### Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

9:30am—8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am - 10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
10:00am—11:30pm	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3

### Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm—Rest of the Day	Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
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### Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

9:30am—8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
ALL DAY	Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving	

### Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - St. Andrew (F)

ALL DAY	Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
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### Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

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



### HAPPY THANKSGIVING; PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

As we gather with loved ones this Thanksgiving, let us take time to reflect on the countless blessings God has bestowed upon us. It is a special opportunity to offer gratitude for family, friends, and the abundant gifts in our lives! We hope that you all enjoy this Thanksgiving.

THIS Wednesday, November 27, the Parish Office will close early at 12:00pm noon (there will be no Confessions) and will remain closed through Friday, November 30. In addition to the Parish Office, the Mother Seton Gift Shop, Parish Library, and Mother Seton Food Pantry will also be closed during that time. We will resume our regular operating hours and the Parish Office will reopen on Sunday, December 1.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TAG TREE PROGRAM

Ends December 1 | Narthex

Each year, our parish's Christmas Giving Tag Trees offer us a chance to bring hope and joy to those in need. This year we'll be supporting the mothers and children at the St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional & Maternity Housing Program in Woodbridge and the men at Christ House Transitional Housing Program in Alexandria as well as the homeless men and women who receive their evening meal from Christ House. To participate, simply take a tag from one of the trees and follow the instructions. Your gifts will make this season special for so many!



### VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE LIFE-SAVING EVENTS!

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