



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LAKE RIDGE, VA

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



The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

**Matthew 11:5**

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**December 14, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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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.)

**PARISH NURSERY:**

Sunday: During the 9:00am and  
10:45am Mass

**MOTHER SETON FOOD PANTRY**

Thursday 12:00pm - 2:00pm

**MOTHER SETON GIFT SHOP**

Sunday.....8:15am - 2:00pm  
Monday.....CLOSED  
Tues/Wed/Thurs.....9:30am - 12:00pm  
Friday.....CLOSED  
Saturday.....4:00pm - 6:30pm

**PARISH LIBRARY**

Sunday.....8:15am - 2:00pm  
Mon/Wed.....9:00am - 8:00pm  
Tuesday.....9:00am - 7:00pm  
Thurs/Fri.....9:00am - 4:00pm  
Saturday.....CLOSED

# 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 prayerful, purposeful, and personal.

### 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.

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 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

Sacramentals - 1st Saturday of the Month  
After 9:00am Mass | Near Baptismal Font  
Vehicles - Occurs 4 times a year on Ember Saturdays  
Enrollment in the Brown Scapular - Occurs 4 times a year on Ember Fridays  
*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](http://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 PAROCHIAL VICAR



Here, on Gaudete Sunday, the Church gives us in the Liturgy of the Hours a sermon by St. Augustine (Bishop of Hippo from 396-430 A.D.) highlighting the significance of this day as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth into the world:

John is the voice, but the Lord "is the Word who was in the beginning" (Jn 1:1). John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives for ever. Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is no understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart. However, let us observe what happens when we first seek to build up our hearts. When I think about what I am going to say, the word or message is already in my heart. When I want to speak to you, I look for a way to share with your heart what is already in mine.

In my search for a way to let this message reach you, so that the word already in my heart may find place also in yours, I use my voice to speak to you. The sound of my voice brings the meaning of the word to you and then passes away. The word which the sound has brought to you is now in your heart, and yet it is still also in mine.

When the word has been conveyed to you, does not the sound seem to say: "The word ought to grow, and I should diminish?" (cf. Jn 3:30). The sound of the voice has made itself heard in the service of the word, and has gone away, as though it were saying: "My joy is complete" (Jn 15:11). Let us hold on to the word; we must not lose the word conceived inwardly in our hearts.

Do you need proof that the voice passes away but the divine Word remains? Where is John's baptism today? It served its purpose, and it went away. Now it is Christ's baptism that we celebrate. It is in Christ that we all believe; we hope for salvation in him. This is the message the voice cried out.

Because it is hard to distinguish word from voice, even John himself was thought to be the Christ. The voice was thought to be the word. But the voice acknowledged what it was, anxious not to give offense to the word. "I am not the Christ," he said, "nor Elijah, nor the prophet" (Jn 1:20-21). And the question came: "Who are you, then?" (Jn 1:22). He replied: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord" (Jn 1:23).

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness" is the voice of one breaking the silence. "Prepare the way for the Lord," he says, as though he were saying: "I speak out in order to lead him into your hearts, but he does not choose to come where I lead him unless you prepare the way for him."

"To prepare the way" means to pray well; it means thinking humbly of oneself. We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not what they think. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further his own glory.

If he had said, "I am the Christ," you can imagine how readily he would have been believed, since they believed he was the Christ even before he spoke. But he did not say it; he acknowledged what he was. He pointed out clearly who he was; he humbled himself. He saw where his salvation lay. He understood that he was a lamp, and his fear was that it might be blown out by the wind of pride.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Giving Life to the World

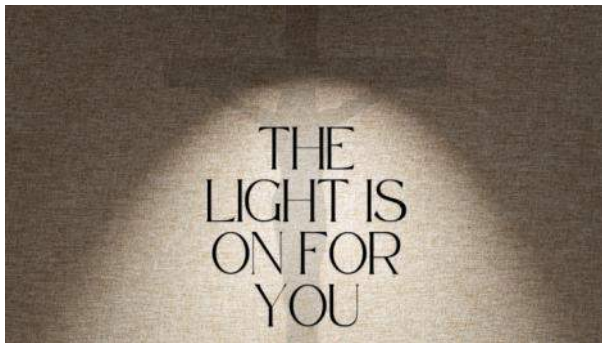
John the Baptizer exhorts us to conversion. No one better than Mary can tell us what this conversion entails. Conversion means turning away from yourself and turning to God instead. So, conversion is beginning to live as Mary did. She is so overwhelmed by the life growing in her body that she is not at all concerned about her own. Her center is not in herself, but in the life she is to give birth for the salvation of the world. If you live along with Mary, turned away from yourself and turned toward God, then even you will give life to the world. You get to give birth to Christ. He has himself said: "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Mt 12:50).

If Christmas were only a celebration of an unusual child born two thousand years ago, then we wouldn't need a long season of Advent to prepare for it. But Jesus is born within you, and preparation for this birth must be made. John of the Cross writes in a small poem:

The Virgin with God's Word  
Carried in her womb  
Comes toward you  
If only you had room.

If you prepare a room for God, God will become real in you as he was in Mary.

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**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**

*An Added Special Advent Confession Time*  
Wednesdays During Advent  
6:30pm – 8:00pm | Main Church

Whether it has been a few months or many years since your last confession, you are warmly invited to encounter God’s boundless love and forgiveness. The church will be open, and a priest will be available to hear confessions in a quiet, welcoming space.



**REVERSE ADVENT FOOD DRIVE**

Our parish 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.

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. Donations will be collected through December 21st.

Thank you for your generous support!

**SIMBANG GABI AND SALO-SALO**

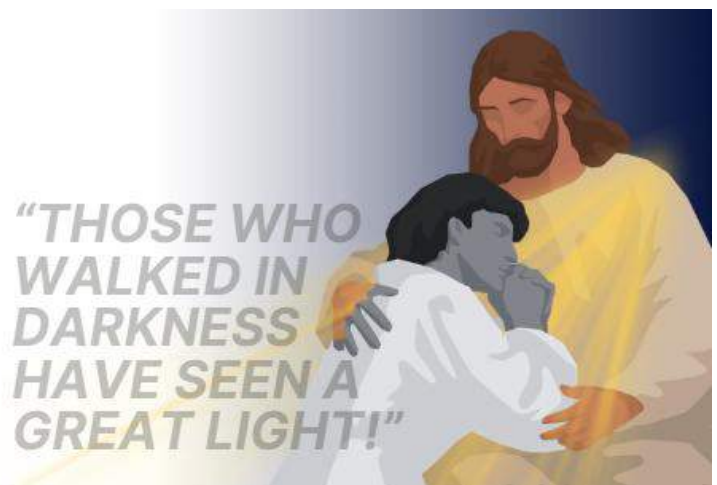
Fri., Dec. 19 | 7:00pm Mass | Main Church  
8:00pm (Salo-Salo/Reception) | Seton Hall

Join us for our 7th Annual Simbang Gabi (Filipino Night Mass)! Simbang Gabi is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses attended by Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. This year the diocese has an overall theme of **“Those who walked in darkness have seen a great light!” (Isaiah 9:1).**

All parishioners are welcome and invited to celebrate this Filipino tradition! Following the Mass, we will also have a reception or *salo-salo* which will include food and fellowship!

In keeping with our beloved traditions from the years past, we are once again asking for your support and generosity by volunteering or bringing a Filipino dish to share at the reception. If you are interested, please scan the QR code!

You may also make a monetary donation that will be used to order the Pancit Noodles, Lumpia Shanghai (Mini Eggrolls), Chicken Arroz Caldo (Chicken and Rice Porridge), Menudo, and traditional Filipino desserts. Any amount will be greatly appreciated, thank you!



## JOIN OUR SETON LAKE RIDGE PARISH TEAM - THREE (3) OFFICE STAFF POSITIONS OPEN

Aspiring to grow with and accompany all those in their faith journey, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is currently looking to fill three (3) OPEN positions that can support them in this parish mission.

### **COORDINATOR OF FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Under the supervision of the Director of Disciple Formation, the Coordinator of Family Faith Formation assists with the implementation of discipleship-based programming and coordinates all administrative tasks necessary to ensure a smooth-running Family Faith Formation program.

### **DIRECTOR OF HUMAN CONCERNS**

The Director of Human Concerns assists in educating the parish on the needs of the parish and the greater community; and facilitates opportunities for parishioners to live out the corporal works of mercy in loving service to others.

### **BUSINESS MANAGER**

The Business Manager assists the Pastor in the effective stewardship of all Parish financial, human and physical resources in accordance with Diocesan policies and guidelines.

*For the full job description and qualifications*, please visit our website at [setonlakeridge.org/meet-the-team](http://setonlakeridge.org/meet-the-team) or scan the QR code. No phone inquiries please. All resumes must be sent to Robert Yates at [r.yates@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:r.yates@setonlakeridge.org).



## **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" CHRISTMAS CARD SALES AND FRESH WREATH SALES**

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Council in conjunction with their 4th Degree Assembly is continuing their Annual Keep Christ in Christmas Card and Christmas Holiday Wreath Sales. The Knights are taking orders for fresh wreaths, centerpieces, and/or tabletop Christmas trees in the Fellowship Hall after all Masses. You can also order online by scanning the QR code. Christmas cards will also be sold after all Masses through mid-December (price range from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per box). Thank you for your support!



## **50TH ANNIVERSARY DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH FR. JOHN RILEY!**

Sunday, January 4, 2026 | 3:00pm–4:30pm | Main Church

As we celebrate the feast of our patroness, **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, we invite you to a special afternoon of recollection with Fr. John Riley. Fr. Riley currently serves as Spiritual Director for the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA. The primary objective of this endeavor is to help you seek and find Jesus Christ by treasuring and pondering the life of our Patron, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Please register by using the QR code!



**Vigil Mass**

Wednesday, December 24  
4:00pm and 7:00pm

**Midnight Mass**

Thursday, December 25  
11:30pm.....Chorale Prelude  
12:00am.....Mass

**Christmas Day Masses**

Thursday, December 25  
9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm  
(No Adoration)

**44TH CATHOLIC CHARITIES BALL**

February 6, 2026 | 6:00pm | The Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and Catholic Charities invite you to join us on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 6 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner, McLean, for the 2026 Catholic Charities Ball. This elegant evening is an opportunity to come together to celebrate the great works of Catholic Charities and raise the funds necessary to continue to support the ministries. *Purchase a table, a seat, or make a donation to help us reach our goal of \$1.7 million by visiting [ccda.net/ball](http://ccda.net/ball).*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2026 CATHOLIC CHARITIES BALL**

Step into the joy behind the scenes of the 2026 Catholic Charities Ball – *United in Faith and Love!* We are seeking warm, welcoming volunteers to help with:

- Greeting guests and registration
- Auction support
- Set-up and clean-up support

Your helping hands turn this special evening into real hope for our neighbors in need. If you’d like to serve, please email [volunteer@ccda.net](mailto:volunteer@ccda.net) or visit [volunteer.ccda.net](http://volunteer.ccda.net) to sign up. *This opportunity is for Adults 21 and older.*

**FOR CHILDREN**

**AQUINAS IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR!**

**PK through 8th Grade – Tuition Assistance Available**

**Proud Purple Star Recipient; Supporting Military Families**

**Voted ‘Best Private School’ in Prince William County 2024 & 2025**

- The Catholic Faith is integrated in school life with daily prayer, weekly Mass, religion classes, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for grades PK–2nd.
- Curriculum offerings include academically rigorous classes in Advanced Language Arts, Math, and STEM along with Spanish, music, band, art, sports, and various clubs.
- Tuition Assistance and Scholarships available for eligible families.
- Before and after school program offered.

**For more information, visit our website at [aquinastars.org](http://aquinastars.org).**



**ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT APPLICATION DEADLINE!**

If you are interested in applying your child to Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School, we encourage you to submit your application by our priority deadline - Monday, December 15th.

Interested in our tuition assistance opportunities? All tuition assistance applications due January 12th. Let us know if you have questions at 703-445-0246 or admissions@jpthegreat.org.

**YM GATHERING: CHRISTMAS FEAST**

Sunday, December 21 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Seton Hall and Bayley’s Cellar  
Register Today

All current 6th-12th grade teens in public, private, or home school are invited to join us for our monthly YM Gathering - Christmas Edition! Bring your cookies and wear your BEST and UGLIEST Christmas Sweater for a chance to win our Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest! We’ll kick off the night with a Christmas Cookie Exchange (bring your cookies and we’ll provide gallon bags or paper plates so everyone can take home a sweet assortment) and an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest followed by Advent Pictionary, Luke 2 Skit, and Caroling.



**Am I allowed to bring friends that don't go to Seton Lake Ridge?**

Absolutely! In fact, we encourage it! We know that events like these are more fun with friends especially if it's your first visit with us. We just ask that you have a parent/guardian also register or sign-up your friend ahead of time.



**HIGH SCHOOL: JULY 12-17, 2026**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL: JULY 19-24, 2026**



**PUBLIC REGISTRATION FOR DAMASCUS SUMMER CAMP**

July 2026 | Damascus Summit Lake, Emmitsburg, MD

While pre-registration with our parish has now closed, the Damascus Summer Camp registration is now open to the public! If you missed your chance to pre-register with our parish, you still have the opportunity to register for Damascus. **All registration is directly handled by Damascus.** Register Here: <https://www.damascus.net/summer-camp/summit-lake>



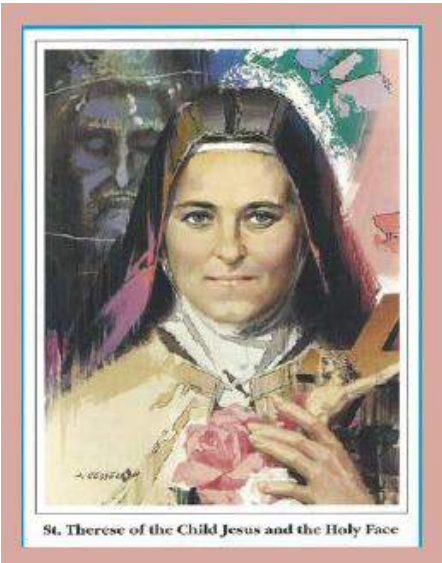
**DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON MEN’S CONFERENCE 2026**

Saturday, March 7 | 8:00am – 2:00pm | St. Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon VA

All men of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 7th at the 2026 Men's Conference.

The day will feature talk by keynote speaker, Matthew Bunson, Mass with Bishop Burbidge, vendors, and a Q&A with the Bishop and Mr. Bunson. Matthew Bunson is vice president and editorial director of EWTN News. For the past 20 years, he has been active in the area of Catholic social communications and education, including writing, editing, and teaching on a variety of topics related to Church history, the papacy, the saints, and Catholic culture.

Registration opens January 1st!



### **FINDING JESUS WITH ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX: WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT**

Friday– Sunday, January 23-25  
San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA

St. Therese is a magnificent manifestation of "the Feminine Genius" and a "Wise Woman" in the fullest sense of the words. Pope St. Pius X called her "the Greatest Saint of Modern Times" before Pope St. John Paul the Great declared her a Universal Doctor of the Church. Join Fr. John Riley at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia to read, pray, and rest with Jesus as we consider her great autobiography, *Story of a Soul*.

This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday January 23rd and concludes Sunday January 25th at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: [retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org](mailto:retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org) or visit our website at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat)

### **THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION: WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT**

Friday– Sunday, March 13-15 | San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA

Gather at the midpoint of Lent and retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Join Msgr Mangan from Mt. St. Mary Seminary as we renew our sorrow for our sins, and we express our gratitude to God for the new life that comes to us through the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. We will listen to His Holy Word, and we will participate in His grace-filled Sacraments.

This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday March 13th and concludes Sunday March 15th at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org). Visit our website at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat) for more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead.



### **REGISTER FOR ALPHA MARRIAGE**

Seven (7) Fridays Beginning January 16, 2026  
6:30pm – 8:45pm | Upper Seton Hall



The Alpha Marriage Course is one of our parish offerings designed to strengthen and enrich marriages! With a range of topics on communication, resolving conflict, establishing intimacy, and dealing with finances, it is also designed to be a safe and relaxed environment where couples can learn and grow together.



Seated with your spouse at your own table for two, each session consists of video teachings followed by guided discussions and practical exercises. The Alpha Marriage Course is open to couples of all ages and stages, whether engaged, or married for a few years or several decades. It provides a valuable opportunity for couples to invest in their relationship and build a strong foundation for the future. Registration is open and there are a limited number of spots available (20 couples only!). Free childcare will also be available!



# MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

## Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. † Robert Ray Dively  
*Vigil*  
 7:30 a.m. † Gloria Reina  
 9:00 a.m. † Rosalie Friedman  
 10:45 a.m. † Max and Sofia Gonzales  
 12:30 p.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

## Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Paulette Martins

## Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Lya Camzales

## Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Lamb Family

## Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Ed Warzywak

## Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Victoria Peworchik

## Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Baek Family  
 5:00 p.m. † Kathleen Murray  
*Vigil*

## Sunday:

### Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

## Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

## Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Mt 21:28-32

## Wednesday:

Gen 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

## Thursday:

Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

## Friday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

## Saturday:

Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

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

## FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER #17

**Dear Parishioners:** I dedicate this edition of FYBM to one message: transition from our electronic giving platform, Faith Direct (FD) to ParishSoft Giving (PSG). The upgrade did take place as scheduled last Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, and *overall*, I'd say so far so good because all accounts seem to have successfully migrated. While I have been working on some migration glitches with a few of you (and I thank those affected in this way for your patience and apologize for the inconvenience) the transition has gone smoothly overall. I will now provide you with a quick checklist on how to access your PSG account (Use this link to log into your PSG account: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/setonlakeridge>). Once you have access to this page, 1) select "Sign In" at the top of the page and enter your email and password (NOTES: A) Use the email and password you established for your FD account to log into your new PSG account; and B) This will place you on the opening 'PSG dashboard' page); 2) Now review your recurring gifts by selecting "scheduled" at the top of the page; 3) Review your past gifts by selecting 'history;' and 4) If you want to sign up for a new gift, select 'give now;' and 5) If you don't currently have a PSG account but would like to open one, access the link provided above, select "Create One" at the bottom of the page, enter your information to create an account and then follow step '4' above. In closing, a quick reminder that our Gift Shop is stocked to the hilt (!) with truly awesome Advent, Christmas and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary items, so do yourself a favor and stop by to check it out!

In closing I wish you and your families a most blessed Holy Season of Advent Season!

God bless, Robert Yates, Business Manager  
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## OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Theo Timothy Tran

Isaiah Sol-Thomas Aliamo

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The sick of our parish family:** Marie Rose Lohier, Aurora Pulido, Milagros Cabellon, Elaine Menyhart, Gabriella Pellegrino, Dawn Mehalek, Candace Scott, Abel Palustre

### The deceased members of our parish family:

Colleen Westwood, James Jerome Cruz

## COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Collection ( <i>Average Weekly</i> )	\$	30,461.08
Capital Improvements	\$	4,871.00
Poor Box	\$	1,264.00
Votives	\$	2,421.83
Flowers	\$	3,030.00

### Holy Days and Special Collections

Archdiocese for the Military Services USA	\$	5,042.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	8,107.49
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$	3,718.39
All Saints Day	\$	2,939.00

## 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, December 14<sup>th</sup>

7:30am – 12:30pm	Music Choir Rehearsals	Music Room
8:45am – 10:00am	Nursery	Nursery
8:45am – 12:00pm	Family Faith Formation Mini Retreat (Sun. & Tues) Track III and IV	Fellowship Hall
9:30am – 11:30am	OCIA	Upper Seton Hall
10:30am – 12:00pm	Nursery	Nursery
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party	Seton Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	YM Boys Bible Study and YM Girls Bible Study	Lower Seton Hall

### Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm – 8:45pm	OCIA Team Meeting	Trinity 1
7:00pm – 8:00pm	AI-Anon	St. Paul Room
7:30pm – 10:30pm	Big Band Rehearsal	Upper Seton Hall

### Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Reach More	Bayley's Cellar

### Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 11:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	St. Mary Room
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Lumen Christi Drama	Seton Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Mother of Joy Prayer Group	St. Paul Room
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Upper Seton Hall
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Office Conference

### Thursday, December 18<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
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Jam Band	Upper Seton Hall
6:00pm – 7:30pm	American Heritage Girls	Lower Seton Hall
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Trail Life USA	Upper Seton Hall
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Thursday Bible Study	St. Mary Room
7:15pm – 9:00pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

### Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 12:00pm	Mom's Group	Nursery
9:45am – 12:30pm	Friday Morning Faith Sharing	Ss. Peter and Paul Rooms
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel
6:30pm	Brown Scapular Enrollment	Chapel
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Simbang Gabi Mass	Main Church
8:00pm – 10:00pm	Simbang Gabi Salo-Salo (Reception)	Seton Hall

### Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

9:45am – 11:45am	Hope and Healing Workshop	Bayley's Cellar
9:45am	Blessing of Vehicles	Parish Grounds
12:00pm – 3:00pm	Christmas Vigil Rehearsal	Main Church

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

Please note that the Parish Office, Gift Shop, Mother Seton Food Pantry, and Library will be closed from Wednesday, December 24th, through Thursday, January 1st.

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