



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LAKE RIDGE, VA

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**January 25, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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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Vacant, Coordinator

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## FROM OUR DEACON



In light of the recent violent demonstrations against law enforcement in Minnesota and elsewhere in our country stemming from the debate on the treatment of illegal immigrants, I wanted to take the opportunity to state simply the main tenets of Church teaching on the subject of immigration. The information below are not the talking points of one political party or another, but the teaching of the Catholic Church. I hope it is helpful in giving us a proper frame of reference from which to view this very important and relevant topic.

### Key principles of the Church's teaching on immigration:

- Right to migrate: People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families, especially if they cannot find security or a livelihood in their home country.
- Sovereign right to regulate borders: Nations have the right to regulate and secure their borders for the common good. However, this right is not absolute and must be exercised with justice and mercy, and not for the sole purpose of acquiring more wealth.
- Dignity of the person: The human dignity and human rights of all migrants, regardless of their legal status, must be respected in all cases.
- Protection of vulnerable migrants: The Church emphasizes that special consideration should be given to vulnerable populations like refugees, asylum-seekers, and unaccompanied minors, who often face life-threatening situations. Asylum-seekers should be afforded due process without unnecessary incarceration.
- Obligations of immigrants: Immigrants have an obligation to respect the heritage, obey the laws, and participate in the civic life of their new country.
- Critique of punitive measures: The Church advocates against enforcement-only immigration policies and rejects narratives that equate undocumented status with criminality.
- Call for a just system: The Church supports comprehensive immigration reform that provides opportunities for legal immigration and pathways for long-term undocumented residents to legalize their status. It advocates for fair and humane enforcement of laws.



Role of the Church: Catholic organizations provide humanitarian aid and legal services to migrants, including those without documentation, as a reflection of Jesus' mandate to "welcome the stranger" (Matthew 25:35). This aid is not meant to incentivize illegal migration but to address basic human needs.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Your Goodness is From God

God is goodness itself and perfect altruistic generosity. "[God] makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous" (Mt 5:45). If you identify with your most intimate self, you will be like God.

Most people live "next to themselves," which is why there are so many conflicts in the world as well as inside of us. Perhaps you think that you are unfairly treated by someone. You want to set matters straight and give the other a piece of your mind. Perhaps this will be a release for you and your trampled rights, but you may also have stirred up enmity and division.

The only lasting solution to a conflict lies in your taking a conciliatory posture, withdrawing to your center where God resides — God, who judges no one and who is always ready to forgive. As soon as you reach into the depths of your being you will realize there are no longer enemies. God has no enemies, God hates no one, God cannot hate; God is love. In the depths of your being you have a warm, loving, intimately merciful heart, God's own heart. If you live in your heart, you will be good as God is good.

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## FEATURED EVENTS AND INITIATIVE

### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD CANDLEMAS CANDLE BLESSING

Monday, February 2 | 9:00am | Main Church

Candlemas Day is another name for the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* which takes place 40 days after His birth! Traditionally candles have been blessed at Mass on this day to represent the light that Christ brings into sin and darkness as Savior of the world, so make sure to bring your own candles!

The candles blessed on this day may also be used on the following day, The Feast Day of St. Blaise, in the Blessing of the Throats!

### THE BLESSING OF THE THROATS

February 3 | 9:00am | Main Church

On the Feast Day of St. Blaise, we will be having a Blessing of the Throats at the 9am Mass. This day the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles. St. Blaise said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing.

For the blessing of throats, the priest, with two blessed candles tied with a red ribbon, will hold them in the form of an X and touch them to each side of the person's neck.

### FIRST FRIDAY ENCOUNTER NIGHT: A NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND HEALING

Friday, February 6 | 7:00pm | Main Church | All Night Adoration continues in the Chapel at 8:30pm

All are invited to join us each first Friday of the month for Mass, Praise and Worship Holy Hour, Healing, and All Night Adoration. Whether you are seeking healing or would simply like to spend some time with the Lord, we invite you to escape the busyness of life, slow down, and encounter the Lord through the Blessed Sacrament.

Each First Friday begins with Mass and is followed by a Holy Hour with praise and worship music from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Additionally, the confessionals will be open and our trained prayer teams will be available to offer individual prayer for healing during this hour.



### SUPER BOWL SUNDAY HOAGIE AND CHARITY BAKE GOOD SALE

From the Knights of Columbus and Human Concerns Ministry

Saturday and Sunday, February 7 and 8 | After Mass | Fellowship Hall

**Hoagie Sale:** Can't make it to Santa Clara for Super Bowl LX? No problem - our Knights of Columbus chefs are cookin' up a storm. Enjoy one of our famous hoagies while watching the big game from the comfort of your home. Football fans can gather with friends and family to watch the game and satisfy the grumbings of their stomachs while feasting on hoagies from the Knights of Columbus.

Buy one (or more) hoagies before the big game. Be sure that you have enough energy to cheer it through to the end.

**Bake Sale:** Bring and donate delicious treats to our Annual Super Bowl Sunday Charity Bake Sale! Share your cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, pies, or any sweet treat and be part of this fun parish tradition. Bake them yourself or purchase them from the store, all kinds of sweets are welcome! Drop off your goodies in the Parish Kitchen in the Fellowship Hall **before any Mass on the weekend of February 7-8.** All proceeds will go to Catholic Charities Mobile Response Center.

### LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH: ANSWERING THE CALL THROUGH CAREERS AND VOCATIONS

Sunday, February 15 | 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Our parish is honored to welcome Sister Deirdre "Dede" Byrne, a Little Worker of the Sacred Hearts, as a guest speaker for an inspiring talk on living the Catholic faith and discerning God's call through career and vocation. As a missionary sister, double board-certified surgeon, and retired U.S. Army colonel who has spent her life in service to God and others, join Sr. Dede as she speaks on "Living the Catholic Faith: Answering the Call Through Career and Vocations." Through her powerful witness, she will share how faith can be fully lived in every vocation and profession. All are welcome! Scan the QR code to register and learn more.



## MARDI GRAS DINNER CELEBRATION

Tuesday, February 17 | 6:00pm–7:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Hosted by our Knights of Columbus, all are invited to celebrate Mardi Gras with a dinner celebration as we prepare for the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Dine on gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice, followed by king cake for dessert. King cakes, a New Orleans tradition, are decorated in the classic Mardi Gras colors and contain a small trinket hidden inside. Tradition holds that whoever finds the trinket in their slice will have luck and prosperity in the coming year. Following this celebration, the Knights will also begin hosting our Lenten Soup Suppers each Friday during Lent!



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed., February 18 | 6:30am, 9:00am, 6:00pm, 7:30pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a sacred season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts for Easter. On this day, we receive ashes as a sign of our mortality and our need for repentance, hearing the call: *“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”* Ash Wednesday invites us to turn back to God, deepen our relationship with Him, and walk more intentionally with Christ over the next forty days.

## FRIDAYS DURING LENT

### Lenten Soup Supper:

5:00pm–7:00pm | Fellowship Hall

All are invited to join us each Friday during Lent. The K. of C. will be serving soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. Please bring homemade soup or a meatless dish to share!

### Stations of the Cross (Main Church):

*Children’s Stations* | 5:00pm–5:30pm

*Regular Stations* | 7:00pm–7:30pm

## CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Mondays.....7:00pm–7:45pm

Fridays.....9:30am–10:15am

\*Wednesdays.....6:30pm–8:00pm

Saturdays.....3:30pm–4:30pm

### **\*The Light is On For You Confessions**

As part of our Lenten journey, we are offering “The Light Is On for You,” a special additional confession time to our regular schedule. Whether it has been weeks, months, or years, all are welcome. Come as you are and let Christ’s light meet you with forgiveness, healing, and peace during this holy season of Lent.

## WORKCAMP 2026: REGISTER AND VOLUNTEER

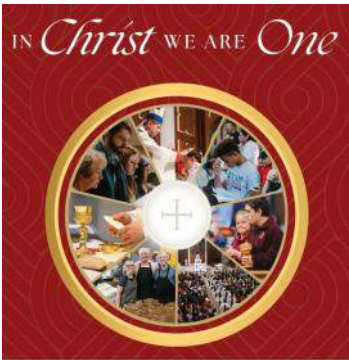
Arlington Diocese WorkCamp is an annual youth ministry program culminating in a week-long overnight camp providing the teens of the Diocese with an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship. Together, we’ll attend daily Mass, work as part of a crew to help make a home warmer, dryer and safer and gather in the evening for worship and a parish talk. If you are interested in attending or helping out, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/3p4y9s9c> to sign-up!

## PARISH SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, February 28 | 6:00pm–8:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Come together for a night of delicious food, fellowship, and fun as we support our Youth Ministry for WorkCamp 2026! Enjoy a hearty spaghetti dinner with all the fixings all while helping our teens grow in faith and service. Every plate you enjoy brings us closer to giving our youth an unforgettable experience of faith, community, and hands-on service this summer. Bring your friends, family, and appetite for a great cause!





## BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

**From the Bishop:** This year's theme for the BLA is "In Christ We Are One", which reminds us that we are never alone on our journey of faith. In Baptism, the Lord gathers us into one Body and calls us to share his love with all we meet. Each day across our diocese, your generosity makes this unity visible and tangible. Through the BLA, you stand with our seminarians preparing for priestly service, support our parishes and missions, accompany families through Catholic Charities, and help form disciples among children, youth, young adults, and the elderly. You bring Christ's light to those who are suffering, searching, or feel far from the Church.



The 2026 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. Sharing your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese. You can make your gift at [arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or by scanning the QR code above.

## THE RESCUE PROJECT

Wednesdays Beginning March 4 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Fellowship Hall

The Rescue Project is a powerful and inspiring series created by Fr. John Riccardo, designed to help you rediscover the profound story of salvation and God's incredible plan for your life! In this series, Fr. Riccardo dives deep into the "why" behind Christianity. Together, we'll walk through the core questions: **Why is there something rather than nothing? What is our purpose? What went wrong in the world? And most importantly, what has God done about it?**

Registration opening soon!

### A STEP IN OUR PARISH'S CLEAR PATH

Falling under the Connect/Encounter Step in our Parish's Clear Path, the Rescue Project is designed to reignite or deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. *Seton Lake Ridge Clear Path Displayed in Narthex.* Whether you're taking your first steps in faith or are looking to reconnect, this is the perfect opportunity to encounter God's love and mercy.



## FOR CHILDREN

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REMINDERS!

- **Sunday Track I:**  
Next At-Church Meeting is the week of March 8th, This week - ROOT Family Meeting 6 (At-Home), At-Church meetings for WONDER will be with small groups, WONDER boxes will be handed out at today's At-Church meeting, This month have a Family VISIT with your Leadership Team member
- **Sunday Track II:**  
Next At-Church Meeting is February 22nd, This week - ROOT Family Meeting 6 (At-Home), ZEAL boxes will be handed out at today's At-Church meeting.
- **Sunday Track III:**  
Next At-Church Meeting is March 8th. This week - WONDER Family Meeting 4 (At-Home)
- **Sunday Track IV:**  
Next At-Church Meeting is February 8th. This week - ZEAL Family Meeting 3 (At-Home)
- **Tuesday Track I:**  
Next At-Church Meeting is January 27th. This week - ROOT Family Meeting 6 (At-Home). This month have a Family VISIT with your Leadership Team member.
- **Tuesday Track II:**  
Next At-Church Meeting is January 27th. This week - ROOT Family Meeting 6 (At-Home).

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

January 29 | 6:00pm | 13750 Mary's Way, Woodbridge, VA 22191

Open House is an excellent way to learn about Aquinas and discover the wonderful spiritual and academic opportunities! Voted 'Best Private School' in Prince William County (2024 and 2025), Aquinas is a proud Purple Star recipient that has continued to support military families. From Advanced Language Arts, Math, and STEM classes to Spanish, music, band, art, sports and so much more!

- The Catholic Faith is integrated in school life with daily prayer, weekly Mass, religion classes, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (PK-2nd) and Tuition assistance and scholarships available for eligible families



## FOR YOUTH



### YOUTH MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES

For Girls: Lower Seton Hall; For Boys: St. C. Acutis Youth Center

All middle school and high school youth are invited every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month for YM Bible Study! Boys and girls meet in separate small groups, creating a comfortable space for honest conversation. Together, we explore Scripture, discover and reflect on how God works in our lives, and encourage one another to live out our faith with confidence and joy! For inquiries, please contact Fr. John at [frjohn@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:frjohn@setonlakeridge.org)

### YOUNG MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Knights of Columbus is seeking nominations for its Young Man, Young Woman of the Year award. The Knights recognize excellence among the young men and women of our communities and their contributions to our parish, community, and school. Young men or women who are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, and in grades 9 through 12 are eligible for the award. Please consider the Young Man or Woman in your life and scan the QR code to submit a form. Once the form is completed, please forward it to [joepe-varnik@gmail.com](mailto:joepe-varnik@gmail.com) by March 1 for further consideration. Factors to consider when choosing the awardees including:



- Outstanding contribution(s) made by the nominee to our parish, community, and school.
- Involvement in civic, religious, and/or school-related programs, e.g., Altar Servers, Catholic Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School, work camp, etc.
- Academic excellence and Participation in extracurricular activities.
- Special achievements - any awards/recognition received.
- Participation with their family in performing any of the above.

### QUO VADIS CAMP 2026

July 12-16 | Mount St. Mary's Seminary | Registration Lottery: Feb. 2-28

Quo Vadis is a 5-day 4-night camp at Mount St. Mary's Seminary for boys in High School (currently in grade 9-12 and who won't be 19 by the time of camp). Led and staffed by diocesan seminarians and priests, this week is for those who wish to gain tools for living and praying to lay a solid foundation for their future. Mornings at camp focus on the spiritual, including Mass and talks, and afternoons are all about sports and games; evening events are a mix.

Registration is \$350 which will include a **private room, hall bath, all meals, and activities**. Payment plans and financial aid will also be available. If you are interested, we encourage you to join the Quo Vadis mailing list for notification about the lottery registration or check [www.arlingtondiocese.org/quovadis/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/quovadis/).



## LENTEN VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN

Fri.-Sat., Feb. 20-22 | 6:30pm | San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA

Start your Lent off spending some quiet time with the Lord. Fr. Joseph Rampino will preach this silent retreat which is sponsored by the Office of Vocations for men ages 18-35. Cost is \$150 and includes overnights and all meals. Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Noah Morey at 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Deadline to register is Monday February 9. There will be a similar retreat for women, June 19-21. Details to come soon.

## DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON MEN'S CONFERENCE 2026

Sat., March 7 | 8:00am – 2:00pm | St. Joseph Catholic Church | **Registration NOW OPEN!**



All men of the Diocese are invited to a day of fellowship, prayer and learning, centered around the historic election of the first American Pope, Leo XIV, and its coinciding with the 2026th celebration of the 250 anniversary of our national founding. 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.

## RESTORED TO RADIANCE: SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE)

Saturdays Beginning Jan. 31 – April 18 | 9:45am – 11:30am | Fellowship Hall



We are excited to welcome back She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE) to our parish this spring! As part of our parish's Clear Path, Connect, Encounter, Grow, and Accompany, SHE is a key opportunity in the Encounter/Grow steps. SHE is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. This parish offering is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith in the next season, "Restored to Radiance". All women are welcome! Whether you're single, married, young, seasoned, raising little ones, or walking through a new chapter of life, there's a place for you here. Come and be refreshed, challenged, and known! Scan to register!

## DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON: WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sat., March 14 | 8:00am – 2:00pm | St. Joseph Catholic Church

This year's Conference, featuring keynotes by Helen Alvaré and Mary Stanford, will highlight the accomplishments and gifts of Catholic women past and present who have formed our great nation since its founding 250 years ago. The day will include these keynotes, Mass celebrated by our bishop the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, lunch, and a Q&A with the Bishop and our two speakers. Vendors will also be present selling all kinds of gifts for yourself and your family.

**Helen Alvaré** is the Robert A. Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, where she teaches Family Law, Law and Religion, and Property Law. She publishes on matters concerning marriage, parenting, and the First Amendment religion clauses.

**Mary Stanford**, author of *The Obedience Paradox: Finding True Freedom in Marriage*, is a speaker, teacher, and writer on Catholic marriage and family life. She is an adjunct professor at Christendom College and holds degrees from the University of Dallas and the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. She and her husband Trey are the parents of seven children.



2026 Women's Conference  
*Faith, Hope & Courage*  
Catholic Women Helping to Form our Great Nation

For more info & to register go to:  
[arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://arlingtondiocese.org/women)



# MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

## Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. Gerard Moreno

*Vigil*

7:30 a.m. † Bill Gleichsner

9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

10:45 a.m. † Irena Kulczycki

12:30 p.m. † Eva Dawson

## Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Chieko Uza

## Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Neva and Wilsom Stark

## Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † John Cameron

## Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Aquilina Alarcon

## Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Constance Becker

## Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Eric Jones

5:00 p.m. † Kenneth Gauci

*Vigil*

## Sunday:

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17

## Monday:

### Ss. Timothy and Titus (M)

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 3:22-30

## Tuesday:

### St. Angela Merici (m)

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35

## Wednesday:

### St. Thomas Aquinas (M)

2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20

## Thursday:

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 Mk 4:21-25

## Friday:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

## Saturday:

### St. John Bosco (M)

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41

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

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The sick of our parish family:** Melissa Johnson, Diane Regan, Janice Brady, Fr. Tom Lehning, Carolyn Burton, Stephanie Zerkow, Charles DiGange, Glen Hayes

**The deceased members of our parish family:** John Frye, Primo R. Planas

## COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2025

Collection ( <i>Average Weekly</i> )	\$	36,328.80
Capital Improvements	\$	51,333.11
Poor Box	\$	905.00
Votives	\$	2,131.90
Flowers	\$	597.00

### Holy Days and Special Collections

Catholic Charities	\$	4,136.16
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$	5,181.00
Christmas	\$	3,718.39

*Thank You!*

## 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary items, so do yourself a favor and stop by to check it out!

God Bless, Robert Yates, Business Manager (703-494-4008; [r.yates@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:r.yates@setonlakeridge.org))

## 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, January 25<sup>th</sup>

7:30am – 12:30pm	Music Choir Rehearsals	Music Room
8:45am – 10:00am	Nursery	Nursery
8:45am – 10:15am	Family Faith Formation Track I and II	Fellowship Hall
9:30am – 11:30am	O CIA	Upper Seton Hall
10:30am – 12:00pm	Family Faith Formation Track IV	Fellowship Hall
10:30am – 12:00pm	Nursery	Nursery
6:30pm – 7:15pm	YM Boys and YM Girls Bible Study	Lower Seton Hall

### Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00am – 12:00pm	Seton Crafters	Trinity 2 and 3
5:30pm – 8:00pm	St. Margaret of Cortona Life Skills Class	Seton Hall
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Al-Anon	St. Paul Room

### Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
6:15pm – 7:45pm	Family Faith Formation Track I and II	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 11:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	St. Mary Room
9:45am – 11:45am	Wednesday Bible Study	Ss. Peter and Paul Rooms
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Lumen Christi Drama	Seton Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Mother of Joy Prayer Group	St. Paul Room
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Finance Council Meeting	Office Conference

### Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:45am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Chapel
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Mother Seton Food Pantry	Fellowship Hall
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Seton Jam Band Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Thursday Bible Study	St. Mary Room
7:15pm – 9:00pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

### Friday, January 30<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 – 3:30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Main Church
6:30pm – 9:00pm	Alpha Marriage – At Home	

### Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

7:00am – 9:00am	That Man is You (TMIY)	Fellowship Hall
9:45am – 11:30am	She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE)	Fellowship Hall
5:30pm – 10:00pm	Nursery for Trivia Night	Fellowship Hall/Nursery
6:30pm – 9:30pm	2026 Trivia Night	Seton Hall

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