



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LAKE RIDGE, VA

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THIS IS MY  
BELOVED SON,  
WITH WHOM I AM  
WELL PLEASED;  
**listen to him.**

MATTHEW 17:5

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**March 1, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**PARISH OFFICE:**

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**Parish Office Hours:**

Mon. & Wed.: 9:00am - 8:00pm  
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**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

Monday: 7:00pm - 7:45pm  
Wed.: 6:30pm - 8:00pm (*during Lent*)  
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



Beloved in the Lord, welcome to our Faith Formation page from your brother, Fr. John. Please! "... continue to encourage one another [in the faith] every day, as long as it is called "Today,"" (Heb 3:13 ISV). Let us dive into our weekend topic: is fasting another form of starvation or Stockpiling?

Dear friends, let us start by reminding ourselves that lent is that season leading up to Easter (the Resurrection) and it is a special season when the church expect her Christians to intentionally fast not only as a form of Christian discipline, but it is a spiritual exercise that best fits the season. A way of atonement for one's sins reconciliation with God. fasting in scripture is one of the ways in which the Jews practice repentance and humility (Lev. 16:29-31). Note that these passages make use of the word "afflict yourselves" the Hebrew 'anah nephesh, which is understood as fasting in Psalm 35:13. Fasting therefore was a common thing in scripture. It was usually linked to repentance and forgiveness (Jonah 3:5-10; Joel 2:12-13; 1 Samuel 7:6).

From the early days of the Church, fasting has been practiced as a means to deepen one's relationship with God and to seek His help in times of need. Thus, the purpose of fasting is to focus on God, expressing one's dependence on his creator. In general fasting has to do with intentionality, a discipline of denying oneself to "feast on the things of God" rather than things of the world.

Starvation is an involuntary act that thwarts human dignity. It is seen as a social evil, or injustice to oneself, thus, it is not a spiritual act. This is while the church permits fasting to be done only by those who are strong, and healthy. Only those who are of the working age can fast, that is people from 18 years up to 59 years.

What are the ways to make a perfect fast. Although one may take on fasting in order to escape from sin, and live a holy life, Christians must also be ware of the temptations during fasting. One of the temptations is gluttony. This is when one eats more than the stomach can contain, or excess feeding. This can come at the time one is about to break his fast.

Preserving one's food to eat later may not be a good form of fasting. This does not mean one should throw away food. Christian fasting goes with solidarity. Helping the poor. It is necessary that when one fast, there should be something one is sacrificing, and that sacrifice is something offered out and not persevered for oneself. While Christians are called to fast, they are also called to go out to feed the hungry, free prisoners this can only be done when what one is giving up in fasting is used by another person and not the same person.

Can one fast from something that one does not have? Some people think that being hungry for lack of food is fasting. Like we said, fasting has to do with a personal discipline to let go something in order to better focus one's attention on God. For someone who does not eat meat, fasting from meat will mean nothing to the person because there is nothing being offered here. With communal fast the case is different for example Christians are called to fast from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In this case those who do not eat meat fast in solidarity, as members of that one boy of Christ, the Church. This is a general principle that is impactful and does not take into consideration whether one likes meat or not. But in cases of individual fast, one cannot fast from a lack, you cannot let go of what you do not have. Thus, fasting is most effective when one does not use what one has for oneself but use it for the benefit of others.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### The Untiring Will for Community

When someone has treated you unjustly, you immediately ought to try to reestablish a good relationship. Do not require compensation from the other, but seek him or her out in order to reestablish a friendly bond between you.

Before Jesus left his disciples he asked his Father that they might be one as he and his Father are one. It is his ardent desire and longing to gather and unite what has been divided. For this reason, every separation and dispute must be reconciled.

Jesus does not encourage his disciples to hand out reprimands as soon as they feel that someone else sins or fails. Reprimands are an important element in all upbringing, but it would be truly sad if we had to interfere every time a mistake was made somewhere around us.

Incessantly wanting to rebuke does not create peace but, instead, more strife. As a rule, it is not very helpful to tell somebody the truth to his or her face. That could possibly lead to more aggression. But if you lovingly and sincerely seek reconciliation with your wayward brother or sister, you can help him or her, little by little, to grow toward insight into the injustice committed. Your task is to show an unwavering will to reconciliation.

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**ARE YOU A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC?**

The Church welcomes us into the fullness of Christian life through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Many adults were baptized Catholic and may have also received the Eucharist for the first time, but, for various reasons, were not able to complete Confirmation. If this is you, know that you are not alone, and it is never too late to take the next step.

**Why this is important:** Being fully initiated allows you to participate more fully in the life of the Church. It is also required if you wish to:

- Serve as a godparent for Baptism
- Serve as a Confirmation sponsor

If you are a baptized Catholic who has received First Communion, BUT has not yet been Confirmed, the Church welcomes you to take part in this grace-filled sacrament. Our parish will be offering seven Adult Confirmation Preparation Sessions on Wednesday evenings beginning March 4th, 2026.

There are **TWO** dates to choose from to receive Adult Confirmation this year:

*Ascension Sunday (May 17) or Holy Trinity Sunday (May 31).*

For more information or to register, we encourage you to connect with our Director of Mission Outreach, Kris Fischer, at [k.fischer@setonlakeridg.org](mailto:k.fischer@setonlakeridg.org).



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

Friday, March 6 | 7:30pm | Main Church

All are invited to join us each first Friday of the month for Mass, Praise and Worship Holy Hour, Healing, and All Night Adoration.

During the season of Lent, March's First Friday will begin with Mass at 7:30pm followed by our Holy Hour with praise and worship music from 8pm-9pm as we will have our Parish Stations of the Cross at 7pm (see Fridays During Lent below). The confessionals will be open and our trained prayer teams will be available to offer individual prayer for healing during this hour.

*All Night Adoration continues in the Chapel at 9:00pm*

**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.

## THE RESCUE PROJECT—REGISTER TODAY!

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?**



### 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.



### CATHOLIC POLITICAL THOUGHT

Sunday, March 8 | 1:45pm—3:30pm | Trinity 1

You are invited to join us for *Catholic Political Thought*, an opportunity to deepen your understanding of Catholic history and its relevance to today's world.

Join us for a video and discussion exploring the debates within the American Catholic Church leading up to the Second Vatican Council. Together, we'll reflect on the Church's teaching on religious freedom and consider whether Vatican II marked a change in its long-held stance on liberalism and religious indifferentism. We'd love to see you there!



### WHY GOD ALLOWS EVIL, PAIN, AND SUFFERING

Sunday, March 15 | 3:00pm—4:30pm | Seton Hall

Join Steve Hemler, President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA), for a talk exploring why God allows evil and suffering. This apologetics presentation looks at how the greatest Christian thinkers of all time have dealt with the problem of evil and the mystery of suffering in a world made and pronounced "good" by God. This will help us and those we love become better, instead of bitter, when facing hardships and difficulties.

### GOD'S GIFT: BABY BOTTLES LENTEN FUNDRAISER

The Seton Lake Ridge Respect Life Ministry invites you to share Christ's love with our mothers and babies, both born and unborn, by participating in the God's Gift Baby Bottle Campaign. Proceeds will benefit A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound & Pregnancy Resource Center, Paul Stefan Foundation, and Mary's Shelter.

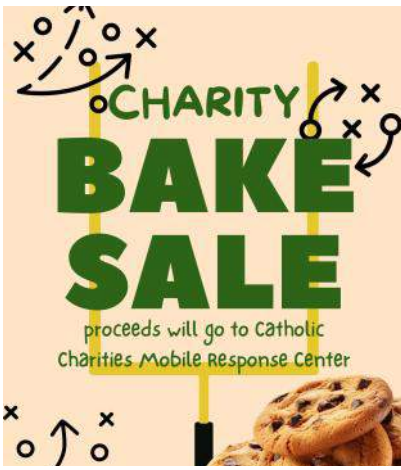
Please take a bottle and fill it with a monetary donation of loose change, cash, or a check. Checks should be made payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton with "Baby Bottles" written in the lower left-hand corner. Return your bottle to the collection bin in the Narthex or donate online by scanning the QR code!



### YOUTH MINISTRY ALMS BOARD

Every dollar donated to the Youth Ministry's Alms Board directly impacts the programs, events, and opportunities that we provide our teens as they walk their journey of faith with their families, friends, and community.

**How it Works:** Grab an envelope from the board in the Narthex and place cash or a check with the matching amount on the front. Filled envelopes can be returned to the Parish Office or placed in the collection/offertory baskets passed during Mass.



## THANK YOU!

The Human Concerns Committee would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of our parishioners for your generous support of the Super Bowl Bake Sale. Your willingness to bake, volunteer, donate, and purchase treats made this fundraiser a wonderful success and a beautiful example of our parish community coming together in faith and service.

Because of you all, we are blessed to provide \$2,221.50 to the Catholic Charities Mobile Response Center. This contribution will directly assist those in need offering hope and resources to individuals and families facing difficult circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support and for living out the Gospel through your generosity!



## FOR CHILDREN

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REMINDERS

Updated schedules can be found on our website or in the narthex.

- Sunday Track I: At-Church Sessions for WONDER are cancelled – your Leadership Team Member will reach out to you this month to check in. This week – WONDER Family Meeting 4 (At-Home).
- Sunday Track II: The Confirmation Retreat is March 7th. The next At-Church Session is March 22nd. This week – ZEAL Sponsor Meeting (At-Home).
- Sunday Track III: The next At-Church Session is March 8th. This week – WONDER Family Meeting 10 (At-Home). This month have a Family VISIT with your Leadership Team Member.
- Sunday Track IV: The Confirmation Retreat is March 7th. The next At-Church Session is March 8th. This week – ZEAL Family Meeting 7 (At-Home).
- Tuesday Track I: At-Church Sessions for WONDER are cancelled – your Leadership Team Member will reach out to you this month to check in. This week – WONDER Family Meeting 4 (At-Home).
- Tuesday Track II: The Confirmation Retreat is March 7th. The next At-Church Session is March 24th. This week – ZEAL Sponsor Meeting (At-Home).

### AQUINAS: LENTEN FAMILY MINI RETREAT

March 10 (English) and March 11 (Spanish) | 5:30pm – 8:15pm | Aquinas School Hall



Enter into Lent together as a family! Aquinas School invites you to a special Lenten Family Mini-Retreat designed to help parents and children grow closer to Christ during this sacred season. The evening will include reflection, prayer, and community (plus a pizza dinner for all attendees provided by the Aquinas PTO)! Come nourish both body and soul as we journey toward Easter together.



All families are welcome! Scan the QR code to RSVP or register here: [aquinastars.org/familyretreat](https://aquinastars.org/familyretreat)



## FOR YOUTH

### ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT HIGH SCHOOL—PREVIEW OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 5 | 4:00pm - 5:30pm | Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School

Planning for high school? Join us at John Paul the Great for a special Preview Open House for younger students. Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities! Register Here: [https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/portal/new\\_inquiry](https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/portal/new_inquiry)



**LAST DAY TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS!**

**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 9-12 are eligible for the award. Factors considered when choosing the awardees:

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

Please consider the Young Man or Woman in your life and, if appropriate, please follow the QR code to the submission form. Once the form is completed, please forward it to [joepevarnik@gmail.com](mailto:joepevarnik@gmail.com) by March 1 for further consideration.

**YOUTH MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE TO THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY**

Saturday, March 28 | 9:00am – 3:30pm  
Franciscan Monastery, Washington D.C.

Draw closer to the Heart of Jesus by journeying with Him on a pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery this Lent, March 28, 2026. This special event invites our middle school and high school youth into a deeper encounter with Christ through prayer, reverence, and worship. The pilgrimage will include a tour, personal reflections, the Rosary, Confessions, and Holy Mass. We will be taking our parish buses, so please register above. Please note that NO lunch shall be provided, so participants must bring their own lunch. We shall only provide snacks and drinks. To learn more or register, scan the QR code!



**FOR MEN**

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

Sat., March 7 | 8:00am – 2:00pm | St. Joseph Catholic Church | \$65

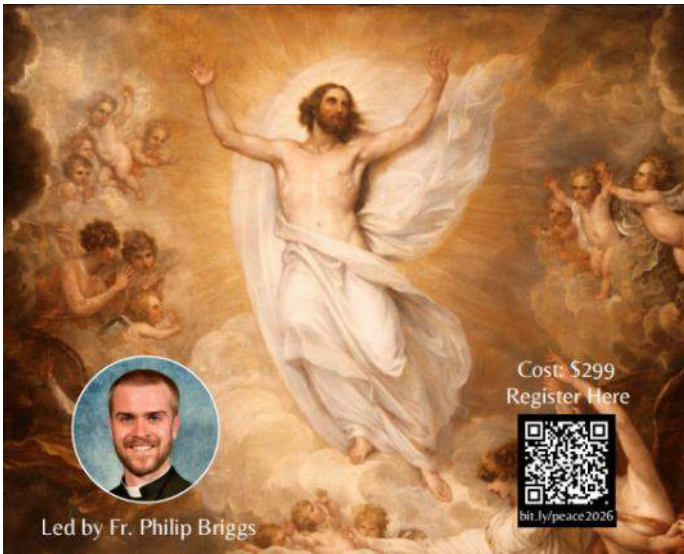
All men of the Diocese are invited to a day of fellowship, prayer and learning at the 2026 Men's Conference! This day will include keynote speaker, Matthew Bunson, Mass with Bishop Burbidge, vendors, and



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. Register using the QR code on the right.



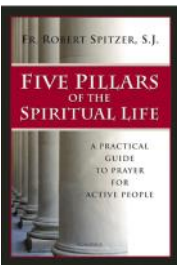
In partnership with Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project, we are inviting you to also join us in a food drive at the event to support St. Lucy Project in their work of feeding the hungry in our area. Scan the QR code to see what items they need, especially the following: Canned chicken, canned tuna, baked beans, pasta sauce, Spaghetti O's, and Mac and Cheese.



**PEACE BE WITH YOU**  
**A SILENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULT MEN**  
 Friday, April 17 – Sunday, April 19 | San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post VA  
 All young adult men (ages 19-35) are invited!

Join Fr. Briggs for a time of silence, prayer, and rest as we reflect on the graces received during Lent and the celebration of the Paschal Triduum. Fr. Briggs will guide participants in contemplating the post-Resurrection accounts found in Scripture and will offer opportunities for spiritual guidance and personal prayer. Men from across the Diocese are invited to gather for this retreat experience and deepen their relationship with our Resurrected Lord. For more and to register, visit our website: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/peace-be-with-you/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/peace-be-with-you/)

 **FOR WOMEN**



**WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNING FAITH SHARING**  
 Friday Mornings Beginning March 6 | 9:45am – 11:30am | Ss. Peter and Paul Rooms

Friday Morning Faith Share is for ALL Women wanting to grow in their Faith and enter more deeply into the heart of God. Our first Spring gathering will be March 6 and we will be exploring the book "Five Pillars of the Spiritual Life" by Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J. This book provides a practical, rich guide for helping busy people develop a regular and deeper prayer life. Please register by contacting Claudia Brown (claudiabrown36@gmail.com). Participants are to purchase their own book.

**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: Keynotes, Mass celebrated by Bishop 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. Scan the QR code to register!



 **FOR COUPLES**



**ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE—REGISTER TODAY!**  
 4 Fridays in March Beginning on the 6th | 7:00pm-9:00pm  
 Join us for Lenten Soup Suppers at 6pm; AIM doors open at 6:30pm

Your love story isn't finished yet, it's just getting started! Whether you've been married for years or are newly navigating life together, **Adventures in Marriage (AIM)** is a transformative experience designed to take your relationship to new heights. This interactive, faith-filled program combines Christian principles with the latest relationship research to help couples grow stronger together.

Over the course of this engaging journey, you'll discover how to better meet each other's needs, communicate clearly and lovingly, resolve conflict in healthy ways, and deepen your emotional connection. Childcare will be available upon registration! Please note: **ONLY ONE PERSON** in the couple needs to register.



# MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

## Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

5:00 p.m. † Christopher Randolph  
*Vigil*  
 7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 9:00 a.m. † Ray and Mary O'Brien  
 10:45 a.m. † Edward Warzywak  
 12:30 p.m. † Carmen Rosa Pardo

## Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Rose Tackas

## Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Donald Jakielski

## Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Elvia McFadden

## Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Shirley E. Santos

## Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Susan Binder  
 7:30 p.m. Rihannon Giddens

## Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the K. of C.  
 5:00 p.m. † Jack McNealy  
*Vigil*

## Sunday:

## Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

## Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

## Tuesday:

## St. Katherine Drexel (m)

Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

## Wednesday:

## St. Casimir (m)

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

## Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

## Friday:

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

## Saturday:

## Ss. Perpetua and Felicity (m)

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

## FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER #18

**Dear Parishioners:** This edition of FYBM will be short and sweet as I haven't updated my column in quite some time (my apologies!)! Let's start off with a couple of business items: 1) Parish Soft Giving: you've all done a wonderful job coping with the transition from our previous electronic giving platform, Faith Direct, to our new one, Parish Soft Giving (PSG). While I know there are a few frustrations out there due to the differences between the two, overall PSG has been well received because it is very flexible in terms of gift timing, methods and the ability for me to assist you when you have a problem. I'm planning to update the Website and Seton Lake Ridge PSG Interface to make it more user friendly. Please reach out to me if you have any other questions or suggestions on PSG, and remember that giving electronically saves the Church envelope money and makes your life easier! Another financial tip to share with you all is the Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). QCDs allow those aged 70-1/2 or older to make tax-free donations directly from an IRA to a qualified charity. In this way, you can fulfill your pledge or annual tithe without trouble from the tax man. This is good for you and good for Christ's Church! A technical note: QCDs don't offer a tax deduction, but the QCD amount isn't counted as taxable income, either. I'm no expert, so please speak with your financial advisor to see if a QCD will work for your charitable giving. Next a few words as I prepare for retirement. I'll begin by thanking each of you for supporting our Church and myself. I've never seen a more generous Parish - in terms of time and treasure - than St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church! It's truly been an honor to work for you. I wish my successor, Lesley Ward, all the best and ask you to treat her as well as you have treated me. Finally, please keep Barb and me in your prayers as we head west to Winchester to spend more time with our grandchildren.

You'll all remain in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing each of you a most blessed Lenten Season and Easter! God bless, Robert Yates, Business Manager (703-494-4008; r.yates@setonlakeridge.org)

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The sick of our parish family:** Susan Doner, Diane Regan, Janice Brady, Melissa Johnson

**The deceased members of our parish family:**

Nilda Roura, Phyllis Garrigan McLaney, Angela Ewers, Stephen Rozsa, Bill Tabor, Helene LaRose

## OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Lewis St. Hilaire*

## COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 2026

Collection ( <i>Average Weekly</i> )	\$	45,692.21
Capital Improvements	\$	13,101.45
Poor Box	\$	992.00
Votives	\$	1,601.00
Flowers	\$	498.00
<b>Holy Days and Special Collections</b>		
Latin America	\$	4,284.17
Solemnity of the BVM	\$	8,275.00

*Thank You!*

## 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, March 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30am – 12:30pm	Music Choir Rehearsals	Music Room
8:45am – 10:00am	Nursery	Nursery
9:30am – 11:30am	O CIA	Seton Hall
10:30am – 12:00pm	Nursery	Nursery
1:45pm – 3:30pm	Catholic Political Thought	Trinity 1
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Interest and Registration Meeting for Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, France	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	HYM Leadership Training	Bayley's Cellar

### Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:00am – 12:00pm	Seton Crafters	Trinity 2 and 3
7:00pm – 8:00pm	AI-Anon	St. Paul Room

### Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel

### Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 11:30am	Divine Mercy Holy Hour	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
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Rescue Project	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Upper Seton Hall

### Thursday, March 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 – 9:00pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

### Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 2:00pm	Saint John Paul the Great Faculty/Staff Retreat	Upper Seton Hall
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
5:00pm – 5:30pm	Children's Stations of the Cross	Main Church
5:00pm – 7:00pm	K. of C. Lenten Soup Supper	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm – 7:30pm	Parish Stations of the Cross	
6:00pm – 7:00pm	First Friday Praise and Worship Rehearsal	Music Room
7:30pm – 9:30pm	First Friday Healing Team Preparation	Trinity
7:00pm – 8:30pm	First Friday Encounter Night	Main Church
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Adventures in Marriage	Fellowship Hall, Seton Hall, Nursery

### Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 5:00pm	8th Grade Confirmation Retreat	Seton Shrine, Emmitsburg, MD
9:30am – 10:00am	Blessing of Sacramentals	Main Church
9:30am – 10:15am	First Saturday Devotions	Chapel
9:45am – 11:30am	She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE)	Fellowship Hall

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