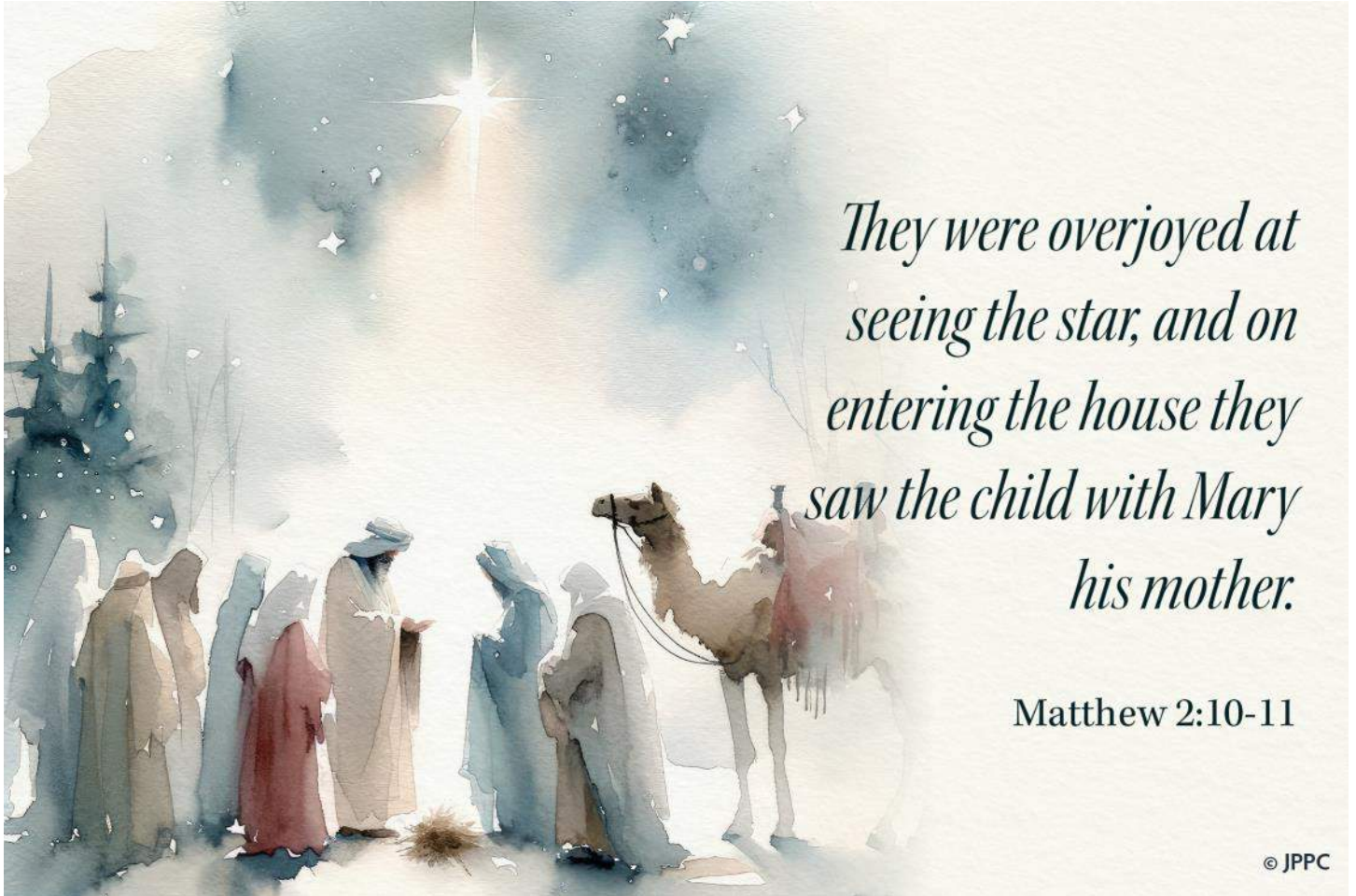




ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
LAKE RIDGE, VA

www.setonlakeridge.org



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

Matthew 2:10-11

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January 5, 2025 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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(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.

If you are a returning Catholic, we welcome you home. Everyone is invited to rediscover the gift of our faith and the unique role that each of us has in this family of God!

Becoming Catholic (OCIA)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic, please contact our OCIA Director, Catherine Mays at ocia@setonlakeridge.org.

Baptisms

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life; it is the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. At our parish, Baptisms occur every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. To register for the required Baptism Workshop and schedule a date for the Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

Matrimony – Congratulations on your engagement!

Registered Parishioners that wish to be married here or elsewhere, are asked to contact one of the Parish Clergy at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding date to begin the Pre-Cana preparation process.

Blessings

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

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FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR



The following is a beautiful Epiphany reflection and exhortation by Pope St. Leo the Great (who lived from c. 400 to 461 A.D.). (Sermo 3 in Epiphania Domini, 1-3. 5: PL 54, 240-244).

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ.

A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi, let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judaea only, but in the whole world, so that *"his name may be great in all Israel"* (Ps 76:1).

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, *"who has made us worthy,"* in the words of the Apostle, *"to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son"* (Col 1:12). As Isaiah prophesied: *"The people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned"* (Is 9:2). He spoke of them to the Lord: *"The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you"* (Is 55:5).

This is *"the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see"* (Jn 8:56), when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, *"giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised"* (Rom 4:21).

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: *"All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name"* (Ps 86:9). Again, *"the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations, he has revealed his justice"* (Ps 98:2).

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

A New Beginning

There are privileged moments in life where we, in a very special way, are invited to start over. The beginning of a new year is one such moment. Even in our own day, most people have retained some sense of mystery whenever the old year ends and a new one begins. Many will experience this moment of the old changing into the new as an experience of death changing into resurrection. It is an exciting and alluring moment.

"See, I am making all things new," says God (Rev 21:5). We must take seriously what is new. We have to trust that God gives us new possibilities...shows new ways...instills a new longing within us. It is a great and beautiful thing that nothing in life has to be stereotypical or a repetition of old patterns and clichés. Our lives can be renewed and are unceasingly renewed.

On the outside, we obviously remain in the same circumstances of life: in the same country, with the same spouse, and so on. But the outer circumstances are not decisive; rather, it is in our attitudes and reactions toward them where we can find continual development and transfiguration. The fact that God lets us start a new year implies renewal. God does not wish for us to live the new year as we did the old one. He wishes for us to meet him in a new way, and welcome those he sends into our lives."

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GOD’S GIFT BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

January 4-31, 2025!

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. Volunteers will be distributing bottles on the weekend of January 4/5.

How to Participate

Please take a bottle and fill it with a monetary donation of loose change, cash, or check; or, if you prefer, you may donate via Faith Direct using the QR code. 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 through the end of January.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LOBBY?

Virginia Pro-Life Day Informational Meeting

January 6, 2025 | 7:00pm | Trinity 1

LOBBY FOR LIFE! The 4th Annual VA Pro-Life Day will be held on January 29, 2025 and on January 6th, our Seton Lake Ridge VCC Advocacy Team will be having an Informational Meeting for those interested in attending, but may not know exactly what it means to lobby. At the Informational Meeting you’ll learn all about what *lobbying* is and how to do it so you can be well equipped to join us in Richmond, VA!



**EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC:
REACH MORE**

Beginning Jan. 14 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Bayley’s Cellar
Register by January 7
FREE TO JOIN!

Our parish is excited to launch *Reach More* by Evangelical Catholic, a transformative series that equips you to confidently and effectively share your faith in everyday life. Rooted in the Church’s mission to evangelize, this training will help you grow as a disciple and become a missionary in your own community. Reach More Training provides practical tools, spiritual formation, and ongoing support to help you live out your calling as a disciple of Christ.

Over the course of this training, you’ll learn how to:

- Deepen your personal relationship with Jesus through prayer and scripture.
- Build authentic relationships with others and invite them to encounter Christ.
- Lead small groups that foster meaningful conversations about faith.

A STEP IN OUR PARISH’S CLEAR PATH

As part of our Clear Path to Discipleship – **CONNECT, ENCOUNTER, FORM, AND EQUIP** (also displayed in the Narthex) – Reach More Training is central to the *Equip* step.

Designed to empower you to bring the joy of the Gospel to others, by participating in Reach More, you’ll play a vital role in our parish’s mission to create a vibrant community of disciples who are equipped to evangelize in their families, workplaces, and beyond.

Register Now, Space is Limited! It’s free to join our upcoming Reach More Training, but space is limited, so sign-up today!





ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES

SCHOOL OF IDENTITY

2-DAY WEEKEND SCHOOL

“It is the Spirit Himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God” - Rom. 8:16

JAN. 24-25

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
Lake Ridge, VA

KEVIN BAILEY
Encounter School of Ministry

DAWN HAUSMANN
Diocese of Lansing

REGISTER NOW FOR ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES' SCHOOL OF IDENTITY!

January 24–25 | Schedule Varies | Fellowship Hall

Come experience a two-day intensive to help you grow in your identity as a son or daughter of God! Drawing from the rich tradition of Catholic teaching and Sacred Scripture as well as honoring different Christian faith denominations, our dynamic teachers, transformative content, and uplifting culture will prepare you to walk with Jesus under an open heaven. Developed to help you grow in your identity as a son or daughter of God and highlighting some of the most transformational elements of the Encounter School of Ministry: “Identity and Transformation” quarter. This school is geared to renew your mind, increase your intimacy with the Father, and prepare you to minister out of your supernatural inheritance in Christ!

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Kevin Bailey: After a profound encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist, Kevin Bailey experienced a desire to share the love of Christ with everyone he meets. Changing majors, schools, and lifestyles, Kevin has been working in ministry and speaking for over 10 years. His passion is seeing people walk in their identity as sons and daughters through powerful encounters and rich prayer lives. Kevin currently serves as a missionary with the Impact Center, ministering to the ministers of the Church.

Dawn Hausmann (Director of Consecrated Vocations, Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry, and Delegate of Consecrated Life, serving the Diocese of Lansing since 2011): She has a degree in social work from Michigan State University and a master's in theology from the Pontifical John Paul Institute for the Studies of Marriage and Family in Washington D.C. She has a passion for spreading John Paul II's Theology of the Body, teaching Ignatian Spirituality, and helping people journey in vocational discernment. She herself has responded to a call to the consecrated life in the vocation of consecrated virginity in November 2019.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

Together, we stand for the unborn.
January 24, 2025 | Washington D.C.

The March for Life is an incredible opportunity to stand up for the sanctity of life and give a voice to the voiceless. On January 24th, the National March for Life will take place in Washington D.C. and all are invited to join us! Our parish will be taking our buses, and seats are LIMITED.

The cost will be \$5.00 per person and \$20 max per family. Use the QR code to register.

By joining this movement, you become part of a powerful force that advocates for the protection of the unborn which also urges governmental and societal change. Let your steps echo the resounding message that every life, regardless of circumstance, is valuable and deserves to be protected! Together, we can make a difference and provide hope for a future where all lives are cherished and celebrated.



VIRGINIA PRO-LIFE DAY

January 29, 2025 | Richmond, VA

AS A GROUP, we will be taking a bus down to Richmond together for the VA Pro-Life Day! Virginia Pro-Life Day is your chance to advocate for the protection of human life at all stages. The day begins with an inspiring morning of advocacy, during which participants will meet with legislators at the Virginia General Assembly.

Please note: In 2025, the VA March for Life and VA Pro Life Day will take place on two separate dates! The 2025 Virginia March for Life will take place on April 2, 2025.





THE RESCUE PROJECT

Jan. 29 – Mar. 19 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Fellowship Hall

The Rescue Project, 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?**

To register or to learn more, scan the QR code!

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 in a profound way. From here, we’ll guide you on your journey to grow as a disciple, serve others with your gifts, and share the Gospel with confidence and joy.

FOR CHILDREN



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: FREE THROW COMPETITION

January 18 | 1:00pm | Holy Family Catholic Church

Attention all you budding Caitlin Clarke's, LeBron James', and Angel Reese's. Grab your basketballs and start practicing your free throw shots. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition is coming. The competition is open to boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14. Kids compete within their own gender and age and progress from local level to district, regional and state/province competitions.

Entry forms may be found in the parish office.

REVERSE ADVENT FOOD DRIVE: ST. LUCY FOOD PROJECT

Family Faith Formation (FFF) is excited to be partnering once again with Catholic Charities to support their St. Lucy Food Project this holiday season! Missioned to serve those struggling with food insecurity within all 21 counties of our Diocese, the Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project operates several food pantries in Alexandria City, Sterling, and Front Royal and a distribution warehouse in Manassas.

Beginning this weekend, FFF 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!

WELCOME BACK FAMILY FAITH FORMATION!

Welcome Back! Today marks the Epiphany of our Lord, when the wise men came to see Jesus bringing him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. Gold shows He is a King; Frankincense shows He is God; and Myrrh shows that He will die for our sins.

Small Group Session will resume:

(Today) January 5, 2025- Group B (10:30am) Week 7

January 12, 2025 - Group A (8:45 am & 10:30 am) Week 8

SACRAMENT PREPARATION—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2nd Grade First Penance Parent and Child Mandatory Meeting #2 will be on January 12, 2025 at Fellowship Hall from 4-5 pm. Please arrive at 3:45pm.

Confirmation Parent and Confirmand Mandatory Meeting #2 will be on January 26, 2025 at Fellowship Hall from 4-5 pm. Please arrive at 3:45pm.



FOR YOUTH



ALPHA YOUTH RETURNS TO YM GATHERINGS!

January 19, 2025 | 6:30pm—8:30pm | Youth Center

Beginning in the new year, all youth are invited to join us for Alpha Youth! Alpha Youth exists to **EQUIP THE CHURCH** to help **RIISING GENERATIONS** discover and develop a **RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS**. We do this by providing culture-curating **PROD-UCTS & RESOURCES**, transformative **EXPERIENCES**, and **CURIOUS CONVERSATIONS**.



Scan the QR code to learn more to register for Alpha Youth 2025 here at Seton Lake Ridge!



FOR MEN

BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART: THAT MAN IS YOU! (TMIY!)

Saturdays Beginning Jan. 11 | 7:00am—8:45am | Fellowship Hall

This Catholic men's leadership program honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!



Interested in joining or learning more? Send us an email at tmiy@setonlakeridge.org

**SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE)
TRANSFORMING WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN GOD'S LOVE**

Saturdays Beginning February 8 | 10:00am – 11:30am



She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE) is a program that engages the deepest longings of the feminine heart. With engaging sessions, small group discussions, and community it's a place for women who want to be truly known and loved on their journey with the Lord.



SHE Transforms:

- Women's hearts so that they discover the profound depths of the feminine heart.
- Relationships with God and other people.
- Ordinary life into a story of extraordinary grace.
- Daily living so that women imitate the 10 virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- And more!

Register for our Spring Sessions now!

SETON SENTINELS DINNER AND MOVIE

Monday, January 11 | 6:00pm – 8:30pm | Bayley's Cellar

Seton Lake Ridge Women! Here is another opportunity to get together! Join us for a Dinner and a Movie! We're watching *Unsung Hero*, a remarkable true story which follows David Smallbone as he moves his family from Down Under to the States, searching for a brighter future after his successful music company collapses. You are invited to join us for a delicious potluck dinner, some suggestions are themed from the movie. Please RSVP and if you are interested in contributing, select what you would like to bring via sign-up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0545A9AC22A4FB6-53540810-dinner>. We will eat at approximately 6pm, following the Saturday Vigil Mass. The movie will begin at 6:30pm. Thank you!

STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE IN THE NEW YEAR!

Saturdays Beginning January 11 | 6:00pm | Upper Seton Hall

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



Each session includes video presentations, private couple conversations, and refreshments in a welcoming, relaxed setting. The course begins in January, and **childcare** will be provided to make it easier for parents to attend.

Invest in your marriage and discover the joy of growing together!

REGISTER NOW!





MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 5th

5:00 p.m. † John Lawkowski
Vigil
 7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 9:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
 10:45 a.m. † Bob Hawkins
 12:30 p.m. † Ernest Dawson

Monday, January 6th

9:00 a.m. † Asuncion J. Santos

Tuesday, January 7st

9:00 a.m. † Michael Kossey

Wednesday, January 8th

9:00 a.m. † Joseph Phat Pham

Thursday, January 9th

9:00 a.m. Theresa Lee

Friday, January 10th

9:00 a.m. † Ed Warzywak

Saturday, January 11th

9:00 a.m. † John Grant
 5:00 p.m. † Joseph and Immacula Lohier
Vigil

Sunday:

Epiphany of Our Lord (S)

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph
 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Monday:

Andre Bessette (S)

1 Jn 3:22; 4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17,
 23-25

Tuesday:

St. Raymond of Penyafort (m)

1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19; 5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17
 Lk 4:14-22

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
 Jn 3:22-30

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

FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER!

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

God bless! *Robert Yates*

*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 NOVEMBER 2024

Collection (<i>Average Weekly</i>)	\$	29,369.71
Capital Improvements	\$	4,816.00
Poor Box	\$	445.00
Votives	\$	1,624.34
Flowers	\$	3,132.00

Special Collections

Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	6,732.10
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$	3,582.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

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 5th - Epiphany of Our Lord (S)

9:00am–10:00am	Nursery	Nursery
9:30am–11:30pm	OCIA	Seton Hall
10:30am–12:00pm	Family Faith Formation Group B Session 2	

Monday, January 6th - St. Andre Bessette (S)

7:00pm–8:00pm	Al-Anon	St. Paul Room
7:00pm–8:30pm	VCC–VA Pro-Life Day Informational Meeting	Trinity 1

Tuesday, January 7th - St. Raymond of Penyafort (m)

9:30am–6:00pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am–10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
7:30pm–9:00pm	Facilities Committee Mtg	Office Conference

Wednesday, January 8th

9:30am–11:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	St. Mary Room
11:30am–3:30pm	Silver Foxes International Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
1:30pm–3:30pm	Lumen Christi	Seton Hall
6:30pm–8:30pm	Mother of Joy Prayer Group	St. Paul Room
7:00pm–8:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Seton Hall

Thursday, January 9th

9:30am–8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
12:00pm–2:00pm	Mother Seton Food Pantry	Fellowship Hall
6:00pm–7:00pm	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's Room
7:15pm–8:45pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

Friday, January 10th

9:30am–12:00pm	Mom's Group	Nursery
9:45am–12:15pm	Friday Morning Faith Sharing	St. Peter and Paul Room
10:00am–12:00pm	Lumen Christi Club Day	Lower Seton Hall

Saturday, January 11th

7:00am–9:00am	That Man is You! (TMIY!)	Fellowship Hall
9:30am–10:00am	Rosary at the Unborn Child (K. of. C and Legion of Mary)	Parish Grounds
9:30am–11:00am	Trail Life USA and American Heritage Girls Saturday Morning Devotions	Lower Seton Hall
9:30am–12:30pm	FFF Small Group Winter Workshop	Fellowship Hall
6:00pm–8:30pm	Seton Sentinel Dinner and Movie	Bayley's Cellar
6:00pm–8:30pm	Alpha Marriage	Seton Hall, Fellowship Hall, Nursery

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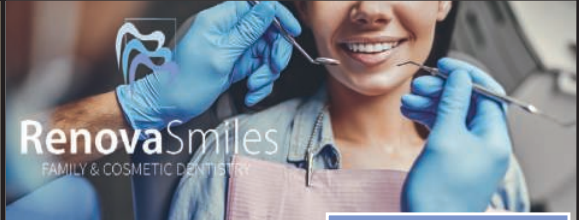
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