



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LAKE RIDGE, VA

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Blessed are you who are  
poor, for the kingdom of  
God is yours.

**Luke 6:20**



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February 16, 2025 | 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Lake Ridge, VA 22192

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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.)

**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](http://setonlakeridge.org/parish-registration).

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

### Becoming Catholic (OCIA)

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

### Baptisms

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

### Matrimony – Congratulations on your engagement!

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

### Blessings

Sacramental Blessings - A priest will bless Sacramentals every 1st Saturday of the Month | After 9:00am Mass Near Baptismal Font

*Please Note: Previously blessed items are not to be blessed again.*

### Seeking information about the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated religions life?

If you are seeking more information about *Holy Orders and Consecrated Life*, please contact one of the Parish Clergy or the Diocesan Office of Vocations (703-841-2514).

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

If there are any parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound, please notify us so that we may best assist and accompany them. **Holy Communion**, the **Sacraments of Penance**, and **Anointing of the Sick** are arranged by the Parish Office. In a danger-of-death situation, call the parish emergency line, 571- 455-0402.

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All submissions to the bulletin must be sent in using the *Communications Submission Form*. This form can be found on [setonlakeridge.org/bulletins](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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[www.aquinastars.org](http://www.aquinastars.org)

## FROM OUR DEACON



This week, we reflect on the Beatitudes. The word "Beatitude" comes from the Latin word *beatitudo*, which means "felicity" or "a state of being happy". As Catholics, we know that the Beatitudes are a set of teachings from Jesus that appear in the Gospels according to Matthew and Luke. These teachings emphasize love, humility, and union with God, while providing a foundation for Christian discipleship.

The Beatitudes are central to Jesus' teachings and describe those who are "blessed". The Beatitudes in Matthew include the meek, the merciful, the pure of heart, and the peacemakers. The term "poor in spirit" is unique to Matthew. The Beatitudes in Luke include four Beatitudes and four corresponding woes. The Beatitudes in Matthew and Luke are thematically similar but there are differences. The Lucan version focuses on the actual hardship of the poor, while the Matthew version spiritualizes or ethicizes the poor. Below is Matthew's version, the one we are most familiar with. As we read and reflect on the Beatitudes, it is important to remember that these are Jesus' teachings on the characteristics that lead to true happiness and a life aligned with God's Kingdom":

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." - *Embrace humility and dependence on God.*
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." - *Find solace in God during times of grief.*
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." - *Cultivate gentleness and patience in the face of challenges.*
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." - *Seek justice and live righteously with a deep desire.*
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." - *Extend compassion and forgiveness to others.*
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." - *Strive for inner purity and integrity in thoughts and actions.*
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - *Actively work to resolve conflicts and promote harmony.*
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." - *Remain steadfast in faith even when facing opposition.*

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### The Unbelievable Becomes Obvious

How can you accept at face value the claims of a man who insists that he, by dying on a cross — something which thousands had done before him — will reconcile the whole world to God? A man who calls himself the light of the world, the truth and the life; a man who says that his body is food and his blood is drink? A man who claims that he will comfort all the sorrowful, strengthen the weary, and satisfy all hunger and thirst?

This is all too fantastic to be true. Jesus was himself aware that what he said was hard to believe. And he didn't even expect his disciples to really grasp what he taught them. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now," he says. "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (Jn16:12-13).

For the disciples to believe the unbelievable, it was necessary for Jesus to give them his Spirit the most intimate part of himself. When they received the Spirit, his way of thinking, judging, and knowing, then the unbelievable suddenly became obvious, while it remained "unbelievably" beautiful and riveting.

The Spirit of Jesus is, at the same time, the Spirit of the Father. When the Holy Spirit is poured out it is the innermost life of both the Father and the Son which is poured into the disciples and out into the world. It is as if God has created a deliberate leak in his Triune being, a leak that is never meant to be sealed. Through this leak, the Spirit of the Father and the Son flows freely out over humankind. If you desire, you, too, can drink to excess hereof and become part of the fullness of God.

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## FEATURED EVENTS AND INITIATIVES



### TRAIL LIFE MULCH SALES

More than ever, boys need a uniquely masculine program where their assertive, audacious, and adventurous nature is celebrated, not sequestered. Buy a bag of mulch and support our St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trail Life Troop! Every bag of mulch you purchase helps fund transformative activities like camping, hiking, white-water rafting, and other outdoor adventures where young boys of our parish grow in Christ, responsibility, and leadership. Let's work together to empower the next generation of Catholic leaders – one bag of mulch at a time!

Scan the QR code to purchase online!

### HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON: A LENTEN JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION

Thursdays, February 13 – April 3 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Fellowship Hall | [Scan the QR Code to register!](#)

This Lent, step into the tender and transformative love of Christ through Healing the Whole Person, a powerful program from the John Paul II Healing Center. Together, we will reflect on the wounds that hold us back – spiritually, emotionally, and physically – and invite God's healing grace into those broken places.

#### Who is it for?

This teaching is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator. If you're looking for a deeper understanding of God's love and the healing of your own story, you'll fit right in.

This teaching has transformed the lives of people from all backgrounds and walks of life:

- Catholic & non-Catholic
- Married, single, divorced, & widowed
- Young adults & grandparents
- Laity, religious, & clergy

Some are aware of deep trauma that only the love of the Father can heal, others are simply looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus. Some have been in therapy and are seeking more, while others have stumbled upon healing and are overjoyed to discover this integrative approach. Come and discover the healing love of God that changes everything.



### DISCERN YOUR GOD-GIVE CHARISMS AND SEE WHAT THE BUZZ IS ABOUT!

#### **CHARISM DISCERNMENT ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP**

Monday, February 24 | 6:30pm | Bayley's Cellar | [Scan the QR code to learn more or register](#)



Step away from the craziness of life to go deeper into your identity as a daughter or son of God as we discover our charisms (gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit at Baptism) and those of your friends, family, and fellow parishioners. The Charisms Assessment will help you begin the wonderful and exciting journey of your own Charism Discernment leading you closer to God and ever closer to the person He created you to be! At the end, you will receive a personalized booklet of your most likely charisms and their attributes and the next steps to guide you personally as you continue to discern. *Please be sure to take the assessment prior to February 24 and bring your report to our workshop!*

**IMPORTANT:** After registering and making your payment, you will receive a confirmation email. This email will contain your unique link to the Charisms Assessment. *Please ensure that the email listed in your contact information is correct. If this does not look correct, please change it in your Planning Center Profile.*

## THE MARTYRED JESUITS OF VIRGINIA: BY FR. FISCHER

Monday, February 24 | 10:30am | Upper Seton Hall

Learn about Spanish missionaries in Virginia decades before Jamestown with Fr. Andrew Fischer! In September 1570, a small band of nine Spanish Jesuit missionaries arrived in Virginia's Tidewater region to begin the evangelization of the indigenous people. This was the first European settlement in Virginia, 37 years before the English founded Jamestown colony in 1607. The Jesuits learned that the area had suffered from famine for several years, but despite the perilous conditions, their leader, Father Juan Baptista de Segura, insisted on staying to serve the natives. He sent a letter back to Spanish authorities in Havana begging for an immediate shipment of seed and farming equipment so that the Jesuits could help plant new crops. But five months later, the natives attacked and killed all but one of the missionary band. That survivor lived to tell of the events. Now Father de Segura and his martyred Jesuits are being considered for canonization as saints.

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## POWER AND PURPOSE CONFERENCE

June 20-22, 2025

Steubenville University, Steubenville OH

Ignite your faith and discover the power of the Holy Spirit at the Power and Purpose Conference in Steubenville! Through inspiring talks, dynamic worship, and uplifting community, this conference will renew your heart and deepen your relationship with God. [Our parish is organizing a bus to the conference](#), making it easier than ever to attend. By signing up with us, you can reserve your seat on the bus and travel with fellow parishioners.

**Please note: when you sign up here you are signing up to reserve your seat on our bus; it does NOT register you for the conference. Use Group Code: 25KFISCHER when registering for the conference!**

Scan the QR code to Register for the Conference and then next steps on how to reserve your seat on our bus!



## COORDINATOR OF FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (K-8)

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.

Average Weekly Hours Devoted to  
this Ministry: 35

Position Reports to:  
Director of Disciple Formation

For the FULL job description, please visit  
[setonlakeridge.org/jobs](https://setonlakeridge.org/jobs)

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Yates, at [r.yates@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:r.yates@setonlakeridge.org)

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## 2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL



The 2025 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. This year's theme is: "Abounding in Hope." 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.

To learn more or to donate online, please visit [arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](https://arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code above with your smartphone's camera app.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YOUNG MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Knights of Columbus is seeking recommendations 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 are in grades 9 through 12 are eligible for the award. Several factors are considered when choosing the awardees including:

- 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., Catholic YouthMinistry, 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.

## FINDING JESUS IN THE WISDOM: A RETREAT FOR SENIORS

Friday – Saturday, May 9-11 | San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post VA | Retreat cost is \$285.

Isn't it a challenge, living in the midst of our "throwaway culture," for those who are elderly and "full of years" to understand our place in the world--and in our Church? Although many of those about us may think that we are irrelevant, it is actually an opportune time to bring grace into the world and prepare for the Adventure ahead. Join Fr. John Riley to "rest and pray" with Christ. We will search the Scriptures and savor the wisdom of the Gospels as we consider the Crosses and the Consolations of old age.

For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: [john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org)

## FOR CHILDREN



### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI

#### PARENT & CONFIRMANDI MANDATORY MEETING #2

Sun., February 23 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

We ask that all parents and confirmandi arrive by 3:45pm. Please bring your journals!

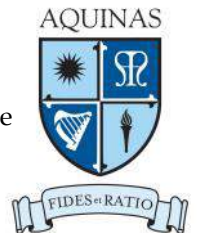
#### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Saturday, March 8 | Emmitsburg, MD

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2025-26 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

- 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)

13750 Mary's Way, Woodbridge, VA 703.491.4447



## FOR YOUTH

### QUO VADIS AND FIAT CAMPS REGISTRATION LOTTERY

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current freshmen through seniors) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs July 13-17. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters and runs July 20-24. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open February 3-28; only one entry per person is needed, and it can be done anytime between Feb. 3-28. Get more information and register for the lottery at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or [ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT).



## FOR MEN

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Please join the Knights of Columbus in celebrating Joe Pevarnik as our Knight of the Month! Joe has been a dedicated and inspiring leader within our council for many years. As Deputy Grand Knight, he has taken on numerous responsibilities, managing key programs such as the Christmas Card program, the Soccer Challenge, the Children's Christmas Party, Christmas decoration takedown, and supporting several funerals. Beyond the Knights, Joe serves our parish as a Family Faith Formation Lead Facilitator, Eucharistic Minister, and active member of various parish committees. His unwavering dedication and humble service continue to inspire his fellow Knights and our entire parish community. Congratulations, Joe!



### SEEKING JESUS IN LENT: MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Friday – Sunday, February 28 – March 2 | San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post VA

For 40 days Our Lord retreated into the desert to fast, to pray -- and to endure temptation. Join a Band of your Brothers and Fr. John Riley at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA to fully embrace the solemn season of Lent... to pray and ponder how to become men after Christ's Own Heart and to prepare for a fruitful Lenten season.

The retreat begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 28th, and ends at noon on Sunday, March 2nd. Retreat cost is \$285 per person.

For further information or to register, please contact Father John Riley at [john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org)

### THE 2025 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE: ANCHORED IN HOPE

Saturday, March 8 | 8:30am – 2:30pm | St. Joseph Catholic Church

All men of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 8th at the 2025 Men's Conference, with the theme "Anchored in Hope". The Conference will feature speakers **Michael Warsaw**, President & CEO of EWTN, and **John Cuddeback**, professor at Christendom College, as well as Mass celebrated by our shepherd, the **Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge**. The day will end with a Q&A featuring the Bishop and the two speakers. For questions or other inquiries, please contact Pedro Lopez, the Event Organizer, at [pedro.lopez@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:pedro.lopez@arlingtondiocese.org)

Registration Fee: \$85

How to Register: Visit [ArlingtonDiocese.org/men](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/men)

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON  
**MEN'S CONFERENCE 2025**  
**ANCHORED IN HOPE**  
 FEATURING  
 MOST REV. MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE, Bishop of Arlington, Mass. Celebrant & Homilist  
 MICHAEL WARSAW, President & CEO, EWTN  
 DR. JOHN CUDDEBACK, Professor, Christendom College  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 8**  
**8:30 AM - 2:30 PM**  
**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 750 PEACHTREE ST., HERNDON, VA  
**REGISTER TODAY!**  
[WWW.ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/MEN](http://WWW.ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/MEN)  
 Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life | 703.841.2550 | [familylife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:familylife@arlingtondiocese.org)

## THINKING OF A PRIESTLY VOCATION? (FOR MEN 18-35YRS)

### Weekend Lenten Retreat (Friday – Saturday, March 7-9)

Start your Lent learning from St. John the Baptist and spending some quiet time with the Lord. Fr. Peter St. George 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. Michael Isenberg at 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Deadline to register is Monday, February 17. (There is a similar retreat for women June 20-22.)

### A Visit to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (Friday – Saturday, March 21-23)

Spending a weekend at a seminary is a critical part of exploring your vocation. You live, pray, eat and recreate with seminarians and experience first-hand what seminary life is like. Join Vocations Director Fr. Isenberg for a weekend at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary near Philadelphia, PA. The group departs northern Virginia Friday March 21 at 5:30 p.m. and returns Sunday March 23 in the afternoon. Cost is \$40. Contact the Office of Vocations for more info and to register: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514. The deadline to register for this trip is Monday March 10.



## FOR WOMEN

### THE 2025 DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: JOURNEY OF HOPE

Saturday, March 15 | 8:30am – 2:30pm | St. Joseph Catholic Church (Herndon)

All women of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 15th at the 2025 Women's Conference, with the theme "Journey of Hope". The Conference will feature speakers Laura Phelps, speaker and author from "Walking with Purpose", and Sr. Mary Elizabeth Albers, SOLT, vocations servant for the SOLT sisters, as well as Mass celebrated by our shepherd, the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge.

The day will end with a Q&A featuring the Bishop and the two speakers.

**Register Today!**

[arlingtondiocese.org/women](https://arlingtondiocese.org/women)



## FOR COUPLES

### PRAYING WITH THE SAINTS: A MARRIED COUPLE'S RETREAT

Friday – Sunday, March 21-23

San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA

With considerations of the lives and teachings of great saints, like St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. John Paul the Great, and St. Teresa of Avila, this retreat will focus on aiding married couples to incorporate a deeper spiritual life into their vocation. Join Fr. Stephen Vaccaro and Fr. Ed Guilloux at the feet of Jesus at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA to learn more about these great saints.

The retreat begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 21st, and ends at noon on Sunday, March 23rd. Retreat cost is \$470 per married couple. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org)

### ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE: A MARRIED COUPLE'S RETREAT

Friday – Sunday, May 16 – 18 | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Save the Date for the Adventures in Marriage (AIM) Retreat! In May, our parish will once again be hosting AIM and for all those who have missed the previous retreats, we strongly encourage you to discern about attending with your spouse! This incredible retreat helps couples grow deeper in their faith and relationship with one another. More information and registration will be coming out soon, so keep an eye out!

If you have any questions, please contact Pete Christensen at [pchris322@gmail.com](mailto:pchris322@gmail.com).



# MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

## Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. † Juan Cardenas  
*Vigil*  
 7:30 a.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 9:00 a.m. † J. Robert Scheller  
 10:45 a.m. † Marco Antonio Rodriguez Valladolid  
 12:30 p.m. † Max and Sofia Gonzales

## Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Ed Warzywak

## Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † John Bashista

## Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Beatriz L. Santos

## Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † James Redenbach

## Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Angelo Giordano

## Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Scherer Family  
 5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the James A. Flickinger Family

*Vigil*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The sick of our parish family:** Austin Cherry, Kathy Libby, Lorna Wickham, Portia Davidson, Lillian Taylor, Sandy Tuccillo

**The deceased of our parish family:** Baby Ezra Hawkins, Ernest Mbayah

## COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 2025

Collection ( <i>Average Weekly</i> )	\$	43,872.29
Capital Improvements	\$	13,564.00
Poor Box	\$	787.00
Votives	\$	1,737.96
Flowers	\$	445.00

### Holy Days and Special Collections

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$	7,773.00
Church in Latin America	\$	3,837.00

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**Sunday:** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Monday:** **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (m)**  
 Gen 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1+8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a+2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Gen 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29+22-23 Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** **St. Peter Damian (m)**  
 Gen 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 8:34 – 9:1

**Saturday:** **Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (F)**  
 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19

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

## FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER PRE-LENTEN EDITION

**Dear Parishioners:** I trust that you are all settling into the Jubilee Year 2025! I have received inquiries from a few parishioners who had questions on contribution statements – I was (truly) thankful to receive them because such questions help me learn and grow as your business manager. The hot topic for February 2025 is Capital Campaign Phase III Construction! As you all know, the Special Use Permit was approved by the county last November. Father Bashista is now leading the effort to file and receive approval for the Phase III site plan which takes about 9-12 months. Another major step in the process is development of detailed construction documents, which when completed will be submitted to the county for review and approval. You can also expect an invitation to attend an update on the Columbarium the first weekend in March. Included in this update will be details on eligibility, niche layout and a niche commitment form. The commitment form will allow parishioners to formalize their intent to purchase a Columbarium niche (or niches) and choose a specific niche(s) from the 1,106 available niches. Money will NOT be exchanged at this point, but a signed commitment form and selection of a specific niche will give a parishioner a right of first refusal for their chosen niche when we are ready to proceed with Columbarium niche pre-sales. That's all for FYBM #7; please keep the Seton Lake Ridge staff in your prayers and reach out anytime to me with your questions or concerns at r.yates@setonlakeridge.org (or 703-494-4008).

God bless!  
 Robert Yates

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Daily Rosary:** Mon-Sat | 8:25am – 8:55am | Main Church

**Sat. Vigil Mass:** 5:00pm | Main Church

**Daily Mass:** Mon-Sat | 9:00am – 9:30am | Main Church

**Sun. Masses:** 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm | Main Church

### Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (S)

9:00am – 10:00am	Nursery	Nursery
9:30am – 11:30pm	O CIA	Seton Hall
10:30am – 12:00pm	Family Faith Formation Group B Session 2	
10:45am – 11:45am	Nursery	Nursery
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Youth Ministry Gathering: Alpha Youth	Lower Seton Hall

### Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Scholastica (M)

ALL DAY Parish Office Closed for President's Day

NO 7:00PM CONFESSIONS

### Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 8:00pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
10:00am – 3:00pm	Tag Making for Lenten Giving Tag Trees	Trinity 1 and 2
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Reach More	Bayley's Cellar
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Liturgy Meeting	Office Conference
7:00pm – 8:00pm	WorkCamp 2025 Meeting	Lower Seton Hall

### Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 11:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	St. Mary Room
9:45am – 11:30am	Wednesday Bible Study	St. Peter and Paul Rooms
10:00am – 3:00pm	Tag Making for Lenten Giving Tag Trees	Trinity 1 and 2
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Lumen Christi	Seton Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Mother of Joy Prayer Group	St. Paul Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm	The Rescue Project	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Upper Seton Hall
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Pastoral Council	Office Confernece

### Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:45am	Divine Mercy Holy Hour	Chapel
10:00am – 3:00pm	Tag Making for Lenten Giving Tag Trees	Trinity 1 and 2
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Mother Seton Food Pantry	Fellowship Hall
6:00pm – 7:30pm	American Heritage Girls	Lower Seton Hall
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Trail Life USA	Upper Seton Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Healing the Whole Person: Lenten Workshop	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Thursday Bible Study	St. Mary's Room
7:15pm – 8:45pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal	Music Room

### Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> - Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius (M)

9:30am – 12:00pm	Mom's Group	Nursery
9:45am – 12:15pm	Friday Morning Faith Sharing	St. Peter and Paul Room
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel

### Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00am – 9:00am	That Man is You! (TMIY!)	Fellowship Hall
9:45am – 12:00pm	Silver Foxes	Fellowship Hall
10:00am – 12:00pm	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Color Training	Lower Seton Hall
5:30pm – 10:00pm	Childcare for Trivia Night	Fellowship Hall/Nursery
5:30pm – 9:30pm	Trivia Night 2025	Seton Hall



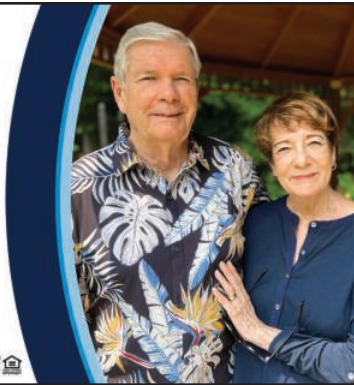
#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

On Monday, February 17, the Parish Office will be CLOSED in observance of President's Day. There will be NO 7:00pm Confessions. We will reopen and resume our regular operating hours on Tuesday, February 18.

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