



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LAKE RIDGE, VA

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**July 20, 2025 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**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/Wed.....9:30am – 12:00pm  
Thurs-Sat.....**CLOSED**

**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 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

**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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## FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR



The following is an early defense (apology) of the Christian faith concerning baptismal regeneration from “*The First Apology in Defense of the Christians*” by Saint Justin, martyr. (Cap. 61: Quasten, *Florilegium Patristicum*, 14-16).

Through Christ, we received new life and we consecrated ourselves to God. I will explain the way in which we did this. Those who believe what we teach is true and who give assurance of their ability to live according to that teaching are taught to ask God’s forgiveness for their sins by prayer and fasting, and we pray and fast with them. We then lead them to a place where there is water, and they are reborn in the same way as we were reborn; that is to say, they are washed in the water in the name of God, the Father and Lord of the whole universe, of our Savior Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit. This is done because Christ said: Unless you are born again you will not enter the kingdom of heaven (Jn 3:5), and it is impossible for anyone, having once been born, to re-enter his mother’s womb.

An explanation of how repentant sinners are to be freed from their sins is given through the prophet Isaiah in the words: Wash yourselves and be clean. Remove the evil from your souls; learn to do what is right. Be just to the orphan, vindicate the widow. Come, let us reason together, says the Lord. If your sins are like scarlet, I will make them white as wool; if they are like crimson, I will make them white as snow. But if you do not heed me, you shall be devoured by the sword. The mouth of the Lord has spoken (Is 1:16-20).

The apostles taught us the reason for this ceremony of ours. Our first birth took place without our knowledge or consent because our parents came together, and we grew up in the midst of wickedness. So, if we were not to remain children of necessity and ignorance, we needed a new birth of which we ourselves would be conscious, and which would be the result of our own free choice. We needed, too, to have our sins forgiven. This is why the name of God, the Father and Lord of the whole universe, is pronounced in the water over anyone who chooses to be born again and who has repented of his sins. The person who leads the candidate for baptism to the font calls upon God by this name alone, for God so far surpasses our powers of description that no one can really give a name to him. Anyone who dares to say that he can must be hopelessly insane.

This baptism is called “illumination” because of the mental enlightenment that is experienced by those who learn these things. The person receiving this enlightenment is also baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, who through the prophets foretold everything concerning Jesus.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### The Dignity of Responsibility

The task of psychology is often seen as liberating people from guilt. And it is good to realize that there are feelings of guilt that have not root in reality. But to try to remove the ability to feel the burden of one’s genuine guilt is doing us a disservice. It is a sign of human dignity to accept the consequences of our actions.

The Bible tells us time and again that we are free – free to either accept God’s invitation to enter into covenant with him, or to reject it. When God reacts so strongly to the unfaithfulness of Israel, it is to show that he lets Israel carry its responsibility. God doesn't explain away sin as we so often try to do.

God awards us the possibility to direct our own life to say “yes” or “no” to him. We can choose. That is how great we are. To take away our freedom and responsibility is to maim and degrade us. The fact that God, with infinite mercy and patience, wants to receive you with open arms every time you break his trust does not make your responsibility any less.

God doesn't bestow mercy in condescending superiority. His restitution reinserts you, again and again, into the full dignity of a free child of God, responsible for the charge that has been entrusted to you.

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**THE RESCUE PROJECT:**  
**DISCOVER THE EXTRAORDINARY LOVE OF GOD**  
Wednesdays Beginning July 23 – September 3

Join us Wednesday evenings as our parish launches 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?**

**A STEP ON OUR PARISH’S CLEAR PATH:**

The Rescue Project is an integral part of our parish’s Clear Path to Discipleship, which guides individuals through four steps: Connect, Encounter, Grow, Equip. This offering may fall under the Connect/Encounter step, as it is designed to reignite or deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ.

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.

Scan the QR code to view a special message to Seton Lake Ridge from Fr. Riccardo or to register!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PARISH YARD SALE**

Saturday, Aug. 2 (7:00am – 7:00pm)  
Sunday, Aug. 3 (8:00am – 2:30pm)  
Upper Seton Hall

Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus, save the date for our Annual Parish Yard Sale! Don't miss out on this opportunity to support our parish and snag some treasures along the way! Proceeds help fund a variety of programs encompassing faith, family, community, and life that the Knights provide to our parish family. For any further questions or inquiries, please contact Joe Pevarnik at 703-608-2050 or via email at joepevarnik@gmail.com.

Looking to donate items?

**Drop-Off Schedule:**

Monday through Thursday July 21-24 and July 28-31, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Seton Hall.

Scan the QR code for the **FULL LIST** of *acceptable and not acceptable items*



**BACK2SCHOOL TAG TREES**

July 12 – July 27 | Narthex | Final Day to Return Items: August 3

Our parish is collecting new school clothing and school supplies for the children of the St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional & Maternity Housing Program in Woodbridge! To participate, simply take a tag from the tree and follow the instructions on the tag. Please Do NOT wrap your purchases – place them in a bag and attach the tag to the bag. Please include a gift receipt in the bag. All purchases should be left under one of the two pencil trees, located in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact Betty Maher, Director of Human Concerns Outreach at 703.494.4008, ext.105, b.maher@setonlakeridge.org.

## THE CHOSEN S4 WATCH PARTY

Tuesdays Until Aug. 26 | 6:30pm - 8:15pm  
Ss. Peter and Paul Rooms

Did you miss season 4 of "The Chosen" (or just want a refresher before watching season 5)? Come join us in the Sts. Peter & Paul rooms for a "Chosen" Watch Party on Tuesday nights in July & August, beginning July 8 at 6:30 pm. We'll watch each episode and the "Round Table" discussions together, followed by thought sharing with each other afterwards. Bring your dinner, snacks, friends and family!

## BLESSING OF CARS

Sat., July 26 | 9:45am | In Front of Seton Hall  
Coinciding with the Feast Day of St. Christopher, patron saint of travelers, we will be having a Car Blessing after the 9am Mass on July 26! After Mass, simply drive around to the designated area in the parking lot, where one of our priests will be to bless your vehicle. All are welcome to receive this blessing of safety and protection for the journeys ahead!

## COME, REST IN HIS PRESENCE—TRADITION CONTINUES WITH 40 HOURS DEVOTION

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton joyfully invites you to be part of a powerful tradition of grace and renewal – 40 Hours of Adoration Devotion. This sacred time offers a beautiful opportunity to encounter the Lord, rest in His presence, and open your heart to His transforming love.

We begin with a special Mass on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 4:30 PM, and continue in uninterrupted adoration until Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 8:30 AM. Whether you come weary, grateful, searching, or simply longing to be near Him – this time is for you. We especially encourage you to consider taking one of the early morning hours, where the stillness invites deeper intimacy with Christ.

Sign up through MSP, by scanning the QR code, or by emailing us at [adorers@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:adorers@setonlakeridge.org). Let's come together as a parish family to lift our hearts in worship – He is waiting for you.



## FIRST FRIDAY MASS, HOLY HOUR WITH PRAISE & WORKSHIP, AND HEALING

Friday, August 2 | 7:00pm | 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. Whether you are seeking spiritual or physical healing, or would simply like to spend some time with the Lord, this is a wonderful opportunity 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.

## BETHLEHEM CARVING GROUP

On the weekend of Aug.30th/31st, 2025, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships especially now because of the volatile situation in their home country.

Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit [www.BethlehemCarvings.org](http://www.BethlehemCarvings.org).

## EXPERIENCE POWERFUL TRANSFORMATION ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY SUMMER INTENSIVE (ONLINE)

\*Thursdays, July 31 – August 21 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm or 7:00pm – 9pm | via Zoom

The Encounter School of Ministry Summer Intensive program offers powerful transformation through **four online classes (one per week)** in *Identity, Healing, the Prophetic Gifts, and Inner Healing*, providing an overview of the two-year Encounter School of Ministry online program. Each session draws from the richness of our Catholic heritage and is taught by Encounter School of Ministry Main Campus instructors, including Fr. Mathias Thelen, Patrick Reis, Sarah Kaczmarek, Fr. Patrick Gonyeau and more. Participants will have opportunities to activate their gifts, put the teaching they have learned into practice, and receive prayer ministry. Each year, Encounter helps hundreds of Catholics be renewed in their love of the faith and the Church.

This program affirms our call to live as children of God and gives practical tools to experience the Holy Spirit first-hand. The Encounter School model is centered on Scripture and teachings are vetted by top-notch Catholic theologians and scholars. The transformation you will experience from encountering Jesus will propel you to be disciples and heralds of the New Evangelization!

### Website and More Information:

<https://encounterschool.org/si-esmo/>

**Registration Fee:** \$85

**Special Discount:** Please contact [healingministry@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:healingministry@setonlakeridge.org) for a special 50% Discount Code

**Questions:** Please contact Erik Lenz at (703) 626-5861 or [healingministry@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:healingministry@setonlakeridge.org)



## FOR CHILDREN



### AQUINAS REGIONAL SCHOOL

We are so excited to share that Aquinas was voted *Best Private School in Prince William County* for the second year in a row! This is a testament to the dedication of our teachers and families who make our school amazing!

Aquinas is still accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year with limited openings. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners may be eligible to receive a tuition discount.



### REGISTER FOR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Over the past two years, our parish's Family Faith Formation has grown around small group formation – bringing families together to grow in faith and community. This coming year, we're excited to take the next step by introducing the Pathways Formation Suite into Family Faith Formation.

Pathways is a dynamic, family-centered approach that empowers parents to embrace their role as the primary educators of the faith. With a rich library of engaging, age-appropriate resources and flexible tools, Pathways is designed to support families as they learn, pray, and live out their Catholic faith together.

### SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

- **Family-centered, parish supported.** We have the hope and expectation that all parish families who have children K-8th Grade will be a part of this regardless of if their children are already enrolled in Public School, Catholic School/Other Private School, or Homeschool.
- **Both parents are expected to register and participate.** (Single parent/guardian household will have the option to indicate this)
- The FFF year will consist of **At-Church Sessions** (offered on Sundays and Tuesdays) and **At-Home Sessions**. Nursery Services for children ages 6mo-5yrs will be available on Sundays only.
- There will **no longer be any fees** for Family Faith Formation.





**DIOCESAN KINGS DOMINON DAY**

KD Day: Wednesday, July 23

Join hundreds from across the Diocese of Arlington for a day of faith and fun! We will begin the day with Bishop Burbidge as the principal celebrant and homilist of the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg (optional for those not riding on the Seton buses). After Mass, we will head to Kings Dominion and be ready to go as the gates open! This event is open to anyone in the Diocese of Arlington.

Scan the QR code to register and purchase tickets! Upon registration there will be an option to either ride the Seton Buses with us or drive on your own! All tickets, at a reduced rate, also include Soak City.



**BATTLE OF THE ALTAR SERVERS:  
CONGRATULATIONS SETON ALTAR SERVERS!**

Congratulations to our Seton Altar Servers, who came out on top as the "Gaga Ball Champs" for this year's Diocesan Battle of the Servers! The dedicated practices at Youth Ministry events are obviously paying off...The kids were polite, good sports, and represented the parish very well.

Thank you, volunteers and families, for your support of the altar server ministry and for making the trip possible. And thank you to Fr. John and Fr. Merkle for your presence and support of the kids at this event. Go Seton Servers!

Interested in your child becoming an Altar Server?  
Contact [altarserver@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:altarserver@setonlakeridge.org)



**BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART: THAT MAN IS YOU! RETURNS THIS FALL**

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](mailto:tmiy@setonlakeridge.org)



**LOVE UNVEILED: SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE) RETURNS THIS FALL!**

Saturdays Beginning September 13 | 9:45am – 11:30am | Fellowship Hall

We are excited to welcome back She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE) to our parish this fall. SHE offers a space to step away from the noise of everyday life and into a rhythm of prayer, scripture, and sisterhood rooted in truth, beauty, and authentic connection!

**A STEP ON THE CLEAR PATH:**

As part of our parish’s Clear Path – Connect, Encounter, Grow, and Accompany – She Shall Be Called Woman is a key opportunity in the Encounter/Grow. Designed to help women deepen their relationship with Christ and others through prayer, formation, and authentic community, this season, we’ll continue exploring what it means to be a woman made in the image of God – called to live with purpose.

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.

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**OBEDIENCE AND SPIRITUAL UNION – “LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME”**

Friday – Sunday, September 19-21 | San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA

In this women’s silent retreat, we will consider the secret to true Obedience; a disposition of Receptivity. Meditating on the nature of a woman's receptive power, we will explore how the feminine gifts of Empathy, Intuition, and Adaptability enable us to listen more deeply in prayer, and to achieve spiritual union, not only with our spouses, but with Jesus Himself.

Mary Stanford, a Professor at Christendom College and author of *The Obedience Paradox: Finding True Freedom in Marriage*, will lead this retreat at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Father John Riley, Spiritual Director at the center will serve those gathering with daily Mass and opportunities for confession. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday September 19th and concludes Sunday 21st at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available.

For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: [john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org)  
For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat)

**COUPLES’ POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**

Sat., July 26 | 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Fellowship Hall

We warmly invite all couples to join us for an evening of connection, conversation, and community at our Couples’ Potluck! Couples of all ages and stages are welcome to come together, share a delicious meal, and strengthen both new and longtime friendships. This night offers a simple but powerful way to pause, be present, and grow together – both as a couple and as part of a supportive parish family.

Please bring a dish to share (homemade or store-bought – we’re just happy you’re coming!) and join us for an evening filled with laughter, encouragement, and meaningful connection.



Whether you've been married for six months or sixty years, there's a seat at the table for you! **Scan the QR code to register both you and your spouse and to sign-up for what you will be bringing!**





# MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

## Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
*Vigil*  
 7:30 a.m. † Eric Lord  
 9:00 a.m. † Evelyn Wilson  
 10:45 a.m. Fr. Merkle  
 12:30 p.m. † Catherine Pelegrino

## Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Donita Rardin

## Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 a.m. † LaRue Cubie

## Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Genevieve Peworchik

## Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. † Roberto Belmes

## Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Anita and Conrad Clark

## Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Jeannot Family  
 5:00 p.m. † Mary Ann Murray  
*Vigil*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The sick of our parish family:** Laura Reagan, Kathleen Murray, Allison Peace & Baby Eli Joseph, Charles Burnett

**The deceased members of our parish family:** Erlinda A. Caballo, Walter Zerkow

## COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 2025

Collection ( <i>Average Weekly</i> )	\$	32,262.10
Capital Improvements	\$	4,931.00
Poor Box	\$	1,447.00
Votives	\$	2,391.21
Flowers	\$	1,716.88

### Holy Days and Special Collections

Catholic Communication Campaign	\$	2,708.00
Peter's Pence	\$	4,941.11
Ascension	\$	2,611.00

# Thank You!

**Sunday:** **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Gen 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42

**Monday:** **St. Lawrence of Brindisi (m)**  
 Ex 14:5-18 Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** **St. Mary Magdalene (F)**  
 Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Wednesday:** **St. Bridget (m)**  
 Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** **St. Sharbel Makhlof (m)**  
 Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** **St. James the Apostle (F)**  
 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 20:20-28

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30

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

## FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER #11

(as of 06/23/2025)

**Dear Parishioners:** As I sit down to write this entry on June 23rd, I do so with the heat of summer bearing down and the mercury is bursting out of the thermometer with a forecast high of 97 degrees for today and the next 3 days! I therefore thought it appropriate to share a few hot topics with you. First up is Family Faith Formation (FFF) (religious education for the older crew). Father Bashista decided to offer FFF free of cost this year and from now on, for many reasons. When you think about it, it makes perfect sense – forming God’s children to become disciples of Jesus shouldn’t be dependent upon payment – it should be free of charge! Of course, we then rely on our Lord to provide for us and He always comes through: through the generosity of His people. It seems to me that this is a perfect triangle of God’s providence! Further, please note that Parents and all parishioners will have the opportunity to defray the costs of all FFF electronic and print materials through the September 14, 2025 Religious Educations Special Collection, 100% of which ‘stays right here at home.’ Moving now to share a few words on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget which the Finance Council will meet to approve on June 30th. The basic budgeting assumptions include a 3% increase in offertory, 5% increase in Holy Day and special collections, an inflation-based increase of 3% in expenses, a total outlay of \$30,000 for several events celebrating our Parish’s 50th Anniversary...and good news – we’ll have the \$500K CC2021 Phase II construction loan paid off by the end of this November! I have one final topic to share with you now, in the category of ‘Diocesan News:’ Our Diocese will be sharing an extraordinary dividend of \$100,000, with our Parish and all members of the Diocesan Investment and Loan (DIAL) bank, as of June 30, 2025, which is to be applied in accordance with the wishes of each Pastor. Thank you, Bishop Burbidge!! That’s enough for this update -- in my next I’ll share some good news with you concerning a new Diocesan/Parish endowment. May God bless you and God bless America :)

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## 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, July 20<sup>th</sup>

10:30am – 11:45am	Nursery	Nursery
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Youth Ministry Gathering: Youth Alpha	Lower Seton Hall

### Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

10:00am – 12:00pm	Seton Crafters	Trinity 3
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Knights of Columbus Drop-Off for Yard Sale	Upper Seton Hall
7:00pm – 8:00pm	AI-Anon	St. Paul Room
7:30pm – 10:30pm	Big Band Rehearsal	Upper Seton Hall

### Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Knights of Columbus Drop-Off for Yard Sale	Upper Seton Hall
6:30pm – 8:15pm	The Chosen Watch Party	Ss. Peter and Paul Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Reach More Training	Bayley's Cellar
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Pre Catechumenate	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:30am – 11:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	St. Mary Room
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Knights of Columbus Drop-Off for Yard Sale	Upper Seton Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	The Rescue Project	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Mother of Joy Prayer Group	St. Paul Room
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Finance Meeting	Office Conference

### Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:45am	Divine Mercy Holy Hour	Chapel
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Mother Seton Food Pantry	Fellowship Hall
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Knights of Columbus Drop-Off for Yard Sale	Upper Seton Hall

### Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 12:00pm	Mom's Group	Nursery
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Main Church
5:00pm – 6:30pm	O CIA Interview	St. Mary Room

### Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – 11:30am	Women's Summer Book Study	Bayley's Cellar
9:45am – 12:15pm	Knights of Columbus Exemplification and Reception	Chapel/Fellowship Hall
9:45am	Blessing of Vehicles	Parish Grounds
10:00am – 11:00am	O CIA Interview	St. Mary Room
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Altar Server Gathering	Lower Seton Hall
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Young Adults Movie Night	Bayley's Cellar
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Couple's Potluck	Fellowship Hall



### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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**Vigil Mass** (August 14)  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

**Holy Day Masses** (August 15)  
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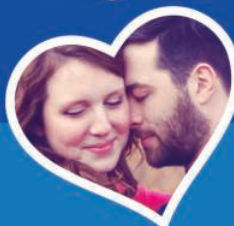
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