

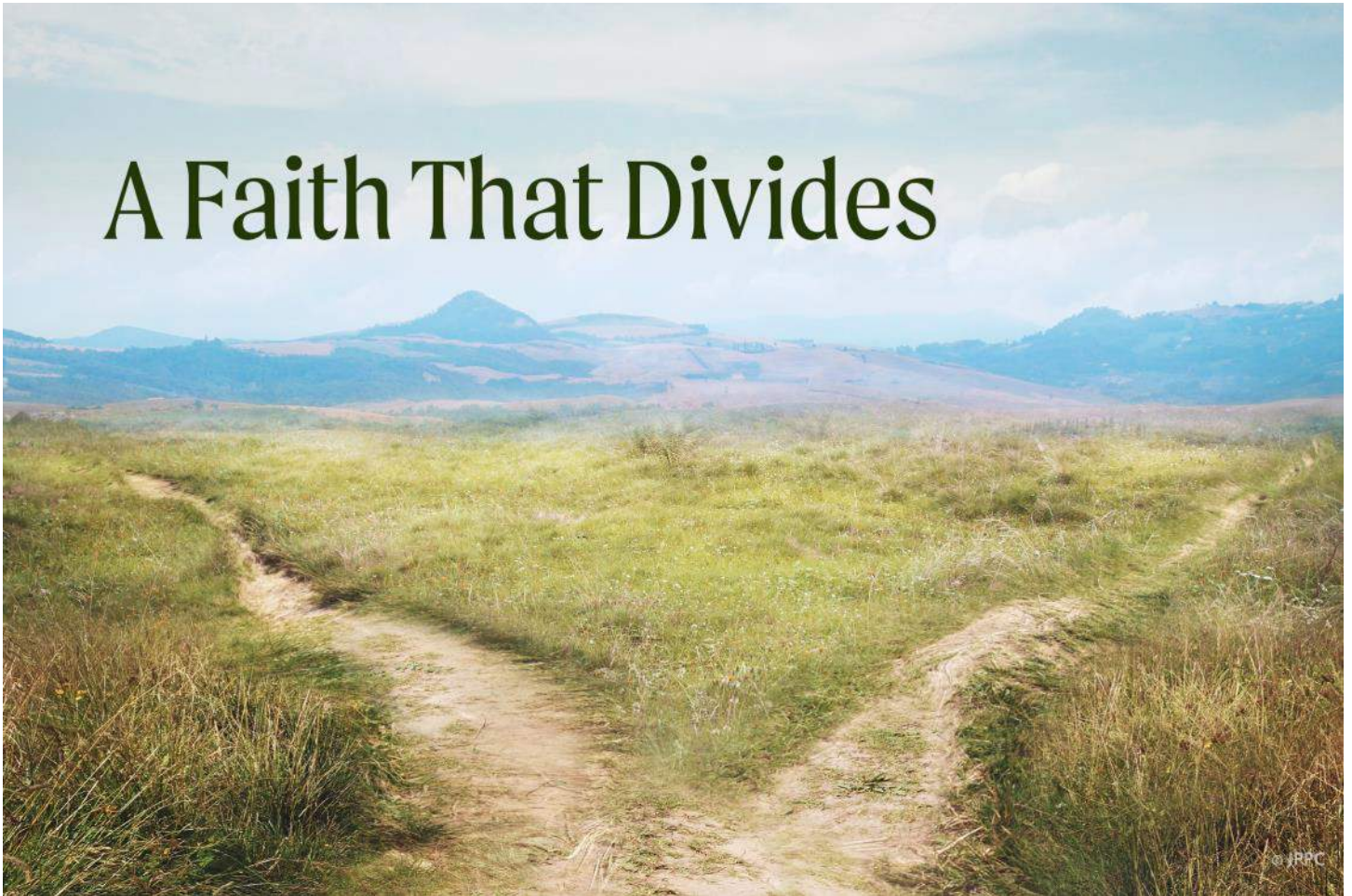


ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
LAKE RIDGE, VA

www.setonlakeridge.org

A Faith That Divides



August 17, 2025 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH OFFICE:

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Parish Office Hours:

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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/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.

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 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, 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



Here is an early defense of the Eucharist from the Treatise Against Heresies by Saint Irenaeus, bishop (Lib. 5, 2, 2-3: SC 153, 30-38). It has been entitled: The eucharist, pledge of our resurrection.

If our flesh is not saved, then the Lord has not redeemed us with his blood, the eucharistic chalice does not make us sharers in his blood, and the bread we break does not make us sharers in his body. There can be no blood without veins, flesh and the rest of the human substance, and this the Word of God actually became: it was with his own blood that he redeemed us. As the Apostle says: In him, through his blood, we have been redeemed, our sins have been forgiven (Eph 1:7ab).

We are his members and we are nourished by creation, which is his gift to us, for it is he who causes the sun to rise and the rain to fall. He declared that the chalice, which comes from his creation, was his blood, and he makes it the nourishment of our blood. He affirmed that the bread, which comes from his creation, was his body, and he makes it the nourishment of our body. When the chalice we mix and the bread we bake receive the word of God, the eucharistic elements become the body and blood of Christ, by which our bodies live and grow. How then can it be said that flesh belonging to the Lord's own body and nourished by his body and blood is incapable of receiving God's gift of eternal life? Saint Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians that we are members of his body (Eph 5:30), of his flesh and bones. He is not speaking of some spiritual and incorporeal kind of man, for spirits do not have flesh and bones (Lk 23:39c). He is speaking of a real human body composed of flesh, sinews and bones, nourished by the chalice of Christ's blood and receiving growth from the bread which is his body.

The slip of a vine planted in the ground bears fruit at the proper time. The grain of wheat falls into the ground and decays only to be raised up again and multiplied by the Spirit of God who sustains all things. The Wisdom of God places these things at the service of man, and, when they receive God's word, they become the eucharist, which is the body and blood of Christ. In the same way, our bodies, which have been nourished by the eucharist, will be buried in the earth and will decay, but they will rise again at the appointed time, for the Word of God will raise them up to the glory of God the Father. Then the Father will clothe our mortal nature in immortality and freely endow our corruptible nature with incorruptibility, for God's power is shown most perfectly in weakness.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

God Knows Every Meaning

Commonly our concept of what is good or bad is misinformed. If we win the lottery, we say: "This is great! Thank God!" If we are robbed, fail a test, or lose a dear friend, we say: "Why does God allow this to happen to me?"

Most often, our perspective is very narrow and fragmented. By analyzing we pluck apart God's great plan. No wonder everything becomes impossible to understand. Our shortsightedness easily leads us to panic.

We bemoan the crises that the Church, the world, and all of humankind suffer. But God sees farther, wider, and deeper. God sees that the crises of humanity are crises of growth, and that the Church is cleansed and purified by the opposition it encounters.

God observes all of history and his norms of measurement are thus different than ours. What is tragic and dramatic to us can be very good in God's eyes.

It is peculiar that we find it so difficult to accept suffering as a process of maturation, even though nature incessantly shows how the old life must die to give birth to the new. If a flower insists on remaining a flower, it will never become a fruit. Suffering cultivates us, and when we unite it to the cross of Christ it becomes salvation for us and for many.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BACK TO SCHOOL BURGERS & PANCAKES

August 16 and 17 | After Mass | Fellowship Hall

What better way to wrap up a long weekend than enjoying a meal with friends and family? Join those superb Knights of Columbus chefs as they create culinary delights for hungry parishioners. The Knights will be serving hamburger dinners and pancake breakfasts on August 16th and 17th in Fellowship Hall.

On Saturday, **August 16**, following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be serving \$5.00 Burgers and \$3.00 Nathan’s Hot Dogs in Fellowship Hall, along with potato salad, chips, and sodas.

On **August 17th**, the Knights will be serving blueberry and plain pancakes as well as our ever popular chocolate chip pancakes, along with sausage, mixed fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. Colorful sprinkles and mountains of whipped cream will be available for our younger patrons (or those just young at heart) to create their ideal breakfast meal. Breakfast will be served after all the Masses on August 17th in Fellowship Hall.

Choose your meal and bring the entire family for fun, fellowship, and a great meal.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 4 WATCH PARTY

Tuesdays Nights Until August 26
6:30pm - 8:15pm | Fellowship Hall

Come connect with the parish community and join us in the Ss. Peter & Paul rooms for a "Chosen" Watch Party on Tuesday nights this summer!

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!

40 HOURS DEVOTION

Thursday, August 21 – Saturday, August 23

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.**

Learn more or sign-up an hour by scanning the QR code.



MOTHER SETON BIRTHDAY AND BACKPACK BLESSING

Sat., Aug. 24 | 1:30pm – 2:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Come meet Mother Seton as well as Catholic colonial merchant John Fitzgerald and enjoy fun and fellowship. **BRING YOUR BACKPACKS, BRIEFCASES, or WORK BAGS** for a special priestly blessing to begin your year with grace.

MUSIC IN THE HALL

Fri., Aug. 29 | 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Upper Seton Hall

Looking for a fun way to connect this Labor Day weekend? Join us for an evening of music and fellowship as our Music Ministry presents Broadway to Boogie! We’re transforming Seton Hall into a cozy café—bring your favorite refreshments and enjoy a night of great music and community. It’s the perfect way to wrap up the summer and connect with fellow parishioners in a relaxed, joyful setting.

BETHLEHEM CARVING GROUP

August 30/31 | After All Masses | Fellowship Hall

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.

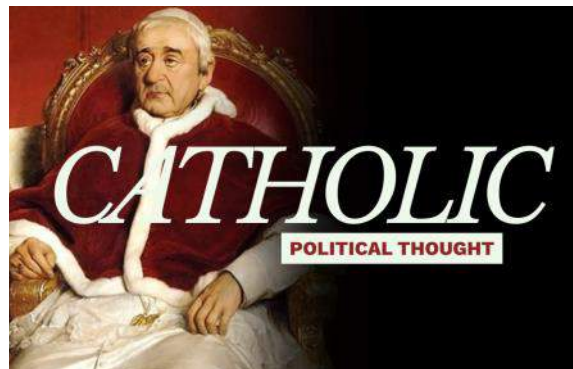


Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact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

CATHOLIC POLITICAL THOUGHT

Sunday, September 7 | 1:45pm – 3:30pm | Trinity 1

Join us for an opportunity to deepen your understanding of Catholic history and its relevance to today's world! As part of the Grow step in our parish's Clear Path, Catholic Political thought invites you to engage intellectually and spiritually with the teachings of the Church. We'll watch a video exploring how Pope Gregory XVI addressed the growing ideologies of religious indifferentism and liberalism in the wake of the French Revolution. These issues, still relevant today, touch on fundamental liberties such as freedom of conscience, expression, and religion.



SAFETALK SUICIDE ALERTNESS TRAINING PROGRAM

Saturday, September 13 | 10:00am – 1:00pm | Fellowship Hall

All parishioners are invited to SafeTALK Suicide Alertness Training Program. SafeTALK is a half-day alertness training program designed to equip individuals with the skills to recognize when someone might be having thoughts of suicide and connect them with appropriate resources. It focuses on empowering individuals to move past tendencies to miss, dismiss, or avoid suicide and instead, engage in direct conversations. **Why Attend?** To be prepared to assist when confronted with individuals who may be having suicidal thoughts and connect them with appropriate resources. Scan the QR code to register!

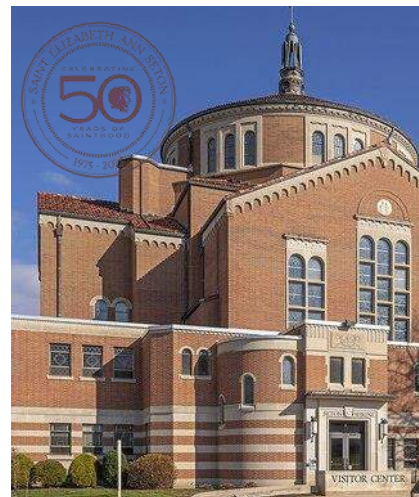
PILGRIMAGE TO THE SETON SHRINE: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SAINTHOOD!

Sunday, September 14 | 9:00am - 6:00pm

In honor of the 50th anniversary of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's canonization, our parish will be taking a special pilgrimage to the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This is a unique opportunity to walk in the footsteps of our patroness, deepen our faith, and celebrate her enduring legacy as the first American-born saint. We will be traveling together by bus, departing from the parish grounds. **Seats are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis**, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

Bus Fee: \$5 per individual and \$25 max per family

To Register: Scan the QR code to learn more about what the day will look like or to reserve your seat on the bus!



THE STORY BEHIND THE NICENE CREED: CAINA TALK

Wednesday, September 17 | 7:00pm – 8:30pm | Fellowship Hall

As part of the Grow step in our parish's Clear Path of discipleship, you are invited to deepen your understanding of the Nicene Creed – our great profession of faith that we proclaim at Mass each Sunday. This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (325 AD), a pivotal moment in Church history that gave us this powerful summary of what we believe. In a dynamic presentation by Steve Helper and Teresa O'Brien of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA), we'll explore the remarkable rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire, the Arian crisis that shaped the Council, and the profound meaning behind the words of the Creed we recite today. Come and grow in your knowledge of Church history, deepen your faith, and gain a greater appreciation for the truths we profess.

BROWN SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT

Friday, September 19 | 6:30pm – 7:00pm | Chapel

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a beloved Catholic sacramental, rich in meaning and history. It is a small piece of brown wool worn over the shoulders as an outward sign of one's dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary and commitment to live a life of faith, prayer, and devotion.

Enrollment in the Brown Scapular is a simple, one-time ceremony in which a priest formally places you under the mantle of Our Lady's care. Through this enrollment, you become part of the spiritual family of the Carmelite Order and share in the prayers and merits of the worldwide Carmelite community.

BLESSING OF VEHICLES

Saturday, September 20 | 9:30am
in Front of Seton Hall

Come and get your vehicles blessed! 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!



SEEKING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LIFE, FAITH, AND PURPOSE?

Wednesdays Beginning September 24
6:30pm – 8:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Alpha returns this fall! Creating a space for honest conversation around some of life's biggest questions, Alpha is designed to provide individuals with the opportunity to connect with one another while being able to share thoughts, ideas, and opinions in an open environment. Alpha is free, and there's no pressure to come back. Bring a friend or simply bring yourself! We hope to see you there!



What to Expect:

Each session will include a meal, video presentation, and small group discussions.

REACH MORE: EMPOWERING DISCIPLES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

Tuesdays | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Bayley's Cellar

Our parish is excited to once again 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.

A STEP ON OUR PARISH'S CLEAR PATH...

As part of our Clear Path to Discipleship – Connect, Encounter, Grow, and Accompany – Reach More Training is central to the Accompany 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!





SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 12 | 2:30pm – 7:30pm | Parish Grounds

Our favorite fall celebration is back! Featuring a variety of beloved fall activities, games, music, and more, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fall Festival is the perfect opportunity to spend time with family and friends, and to connect with those in our community so...bring everyone along!

Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks on how you can get involved and help make this year's festival one to remember!

More Details and Registration Coming Soon!

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF PROPHETIC MINISTRY

Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18 | Upper Seton Hall

We've encountered the love of God through the School of Healing and rediscovered our identity as His beloved through the School of Identity. Now, we invite you to take the next step – into deeper intimacy with the Lord and greater boldness in mission – through the School of Prophetic Ministry.

Rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church and the curriculum of the Encounter School of Ministry, this two-day experience offers Spirit-led, activation-based learning in a safe, prayerful, and relational setting. Together, we'll learn how to recognize the voice of God – not just for ourselves, but to speak His love, truth, and encouragement into the lives of others. Learn more or register today by the QR code above. Hurry while space is still available!



FOR YOUTH

YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERING: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

TODAY, Sunday, August 17 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Bayley's Cellar

Our YM Gatherings are meant to be spaces for our Youth community to gather and connect socially while growing spiritually! **High Schoolers:** All current and rising 9th–12th graders (and pre-approved youth ministers) are invited to hang out, connect, and grow in faith at our High School Back to School Bash! We'll kick things off with a cookout at Lower Seton's Youth Center, then head to Bayley's Cellar for dessert, games, and socializing.

Middle Schoolers: Current and NOW WELCOMING rising 5th–8th grade youth, and pre-approved volunteer youth ministers are invited to join the fun! We will meet first for a cookout at lower Seton's Youth Center and then split from the High Schoolers and move into a time for dessert, socializing, and games.

Am I allowed to bring friends that don't go to Seton Lake Ridge? Absolutely! In fact, we encourage it! We know that events like these are more fun with friends especially if it's your first visit with us. We just ask that you have a parent/guardian also register or sign-up your friend ahead of time.

I have a friend that I would like to invite but they aren't Catholic. Are they still allowed to come?

We welcome teens from any faith background, even if they are not Catholic! We strongly encourage that you communicate they will be attending an event that may incorporate explicitly Catholic prayers and teaching. If they chose to attend, we would love to know who they are so that we can welcome them and make them feel as comfortable as possible. With their permission, please email us their name and faith background to youthministry@setonlakeridge.org.



TRAIL LIFE USA PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT—YOU'RE INVITED!

Thursday, August 21 | 6:00pm—8:00pm | Seton Hall

Curious about Trail Life? Wondering how your son can grow in character, leadership, and outdoor adventure? Join us for an exciting Parent Information Night. Whether you're new to Trail Life or just exploring options, this is the perfect opportunity to see how faith, fun, and the great outdoors come together to shape tomorrow's leaders. Mark your calendar and bring a friend! **What to Expect:** Learn what Trail Life is all about, Meet troop leaders and fellow parents, Discover how your family can get involved, and Ask questions and get answers in a relaxed setting

FOR MEN

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

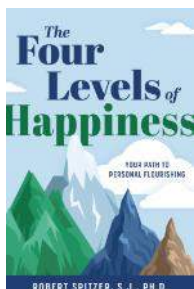
Register for TMIY: at https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/st-elizabeth-ann-seton-lake-ridge



FOR WOMEN

GROW IN YOUR FAITH WITH WOMEN'S FRIDAY MORNING FAITH SHARING

Fridays Beginning September 5 | 9:45am—11:30am | Ss. Peter and Paul Rooms



This fall, we'll be reading *The Four Levels of Happiness* by Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J. — a powerful exploration of how science, philosophy, psychology, and lived experience can guide us toward lasting, purposeful joy. As part of the Grow step in our Clear Path of discipleship, this group is a space to deepen your understanding of the Catholic vision of happiness and how to live it out in daily life. Join us for our first gathering on Friday, September 5, from 9:45–11:30 am in the St. Peter and St. Paul rooms. *Participants are asked to purchase their own copy of the book.*

Please register by contacting Claudia Brown at claudiabrown36@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, August 27.

FOR COUPLES



SAVE THE DATE FOR ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE

Four Tuesdays in October
Beginning October 7
6:30pm—9:00pm
Seton Hall

Your love story isn't finished yet—it's just getting started.



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 17th

5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Vigil
 7:30 a.m. † Richard Heisey
 9:00 a.m. † Roberto Belmes
 10:45 a.m. † Gerard Zimmerman
 12:30 p.m. Crystal Trebing and Family

Monday, August 18th

9:00 a.m. † Paul and Genevieve Peworchik

Tuesday, August 19th

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Alvin Krogh Family

Wednesday, August 20th

9:00 a.m. † Ki-Sun Taylor

Thursday, August 21st

9:00 a.m. † Edith Faist

Friday, August 22nd

6:30 a.m. † Natasha Shaut

Saturday, August 23rd

9:00 a.m. † Flocepina Lu
 5:00 p.m. † Jane B. McPherson
Vigil

Sunday:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 Heb 12:1-4
 Lk 12:49-53

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab
 and 44 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

St. John Eudes (m)

Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

St. Bernard (M)

Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

St. Pius X (M)

Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

The Queenship of BVM (M)

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

St. Rose of Lima (m)

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Mt 23:1-12

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

FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER #13

(as of 07/29/2025)

Dear Parishioners: I trust you have been enjoying the summer, one with the blessing of ample rainfall which has tempered the oft-oppressive heat. I also hope you've made time to get away and 'smell the roses!' This edition of From Your Business Manager will focus on two very important items. The first is an invitation to attend **FREE** suicide prevention training, known as "SafeTALK," from 10 AM - 1PM on Saturday, September 13th in Fellowship Hall. SafeTALK is a program that trains people to be better able to identify someone thinking of suicide and then assist or connect them with appropriate resources. Why attend SafeTALK? To make parishioners better able to render assistance to those with suicidal ideations or actions. Don't hesitate: Only 40 slots are available, so with 10 already reserved, that leaves just 30! Please see the bottom of Page 5 in the bulletin to register (NOTE: registration only takes about 30 seconds!). This edition's second important topic is an update on our electronic giving program - Faith Direct. In late September, Faith Direct will be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving. For parishioners currently enrolled in Faith Direct: the upgrade will be a secure, automatic transfer of your current giving profile from Faith Direct to ParishSOFT Giving, so you won't have to change your giving profile or create a new account. What should you expect? You will receive an email from ParishSOFT Giving at your current Faith Direct email address within the next few weeks to provide you with additional information, and another one in late September with instructions when the actual transition to ParishSOFT Giving is complete. Once the transition is complete, you will be asked to log into ParishSOFT Giving, using your current Faith Direct email and password, to confirm your enrollment in ParishSOFT Giving. I know how important this topic is - we have nearly 600 parishioners who give via Faith Direct--so I will be providing regular updates to the parish on this topic in each "From Your Business Manager" from now until we've completed the transition. If you have ANY questions, call, email or drop by the Parish Office to discuss this or any other topic anytime. God bless you all and thank you for your support for Seton Lake Ridge!

Robert Yates, Business Manager

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The sick of our parish family: Mary Helen Bi, Dennis Collick, Rick Trynoski, Kevin Smith

The deceased members of our parish family:

James Ramirez

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 2025

Collection (<i>Average Weekly</i>)	\$	33,127.97
Capital Improvements	\$	5,358.00
Poor Box	\$	867.00
Votives	\$	1,783.15
Flowers	\$	285.00

Holy Days and Special Collections

Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa	\$	3,866.00
Peter's Pence	\$	4,941.11

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, August 17th

8:00am – 2:30pm	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	
10:30am – 11:45am	Nursery	Nursery
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Logistics Meeting	St. Mary Room
3:30pm – 6:00pm	Lumen Christi Social	Lower Seton Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Youth Ministry: Youth Alpha	Lower Seton Hall

Monday, August 18th

10:00am – 12:00pm	Seton Crafters	Trinity 3
10:30am – 11:30am	Sponsor Form Meeting	Office Conference
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Al-Anon	St. Paul Room
7:30pm – 10:30pm	Big Band Rehearsal	Upper Seton Hall

Tuesday, August 19th

9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel
6:30pm – 8:15pm	The Chosen Watch Party	Ss. Peter and Paul Room
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Reach More Training	Bayley's Cellar

Wednesday, August 20th

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

Thursday, August 21st

9:30am – 3:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:45am	Divine Mercy Holy Hour	Chapel
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Mother Seton Food Pantry	Fellowship Hall
4:30pm – 5:15pm	Mass for 40 Hours Devotion	Main Church
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Marriage Preparation	Office Conference
5:30pm – 12:00am	Midnight 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration Devotion	Chapel
6:00pm – 7:30pm	American Heritage Girls - Welcome Back	Lower Seton Hall
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Trail Life USA – Parent Info Night	Upper Seton Hall
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Thursday Bible Study	St. Mary Room

Friday, August 22nd

1:00am – 12:00am	Midnight 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration Devotion	Chapel
9:30am – 12:00pm	Mom's Group	Nursery
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Construction Meeting	Office Conference
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel
5:30pm – 8:45pm	SEEK Local	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 23rd

1:00am – 8:30am	40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration Devotion	Chapel
8:30am – 9:00pm	SEEK Local	Fellowship Hall

VOTING INFO FROM SETON LAKE RIDGE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

We vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our consciences are formed by studying Scripture and Church teachings, examining the facts, and with prayerful reflection. **Important Dates for the Upcoming 4 November 2025 General Election:**

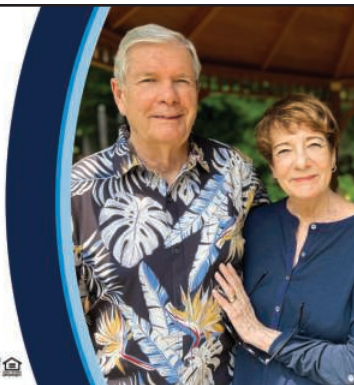
- Voter Registration/Update Deadline: 24 October, 2025
- Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: 24 October 2025
- Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7pm, 4 November 2025
- Early In-Person Voting: 19 September, 2025- 1 November, 2025



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