



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
LAKE RIDGE, VA

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August 24, 2025 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH OFFICE:

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Parish Office Hours:

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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.

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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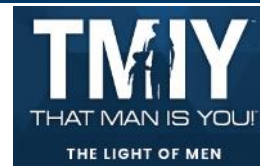
FROM OUR PASTOR



I am so very pleased that our eight year of "THAT MAN IS YOU" (TMIY) Men's Ministry is kicking off Saturday, September 7th at 7am; and its counterpart for Women, "SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMEN" (SHE) will begin its second year on Saturday, September 13th at 9:45am, both in Fellowship Hall. This year's TMIY offering is entitled, "The Light of Men" and will invite participants to better understand the spiritual battle between light and darkness and discover the light that has come to overpower, expose and expel the evils of the world and within our own hearts.

This year's SHE offering entitled, "Love Unveiled" where the women will explore what it means to represent the identity of Christ's bride to the world as they delve into the depths of Christ's love for His Bride, discovering the beauty of reconciliation and the grace that heals and strengthens.

I so strongly encourage ALL MEN and WOMEN ages 18 and older to join these outstanding groups by registering on our website www.setonlakeridge.org under the "Groups" tab, then hit "Men's", then "TMIY"; or "Women's" and "SHE". You can also email tmiy@setonlakeridge.org (Men) or k.fischer@setonlakeridge.org (Women) for more information. Please set a little time aside Saturday mornings and even invite a friend. All are welcome!



LOVE UNVEILED



Finally, as we look toward **LABOR DAY** next weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor – in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We give thanks to God for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory and honor of our Lord. We lift up to Him in prayer all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. We also remember in our special prayers this Labor Day all those who are unemployed, that they may return to work as soon as possible.

And finally we pray for those who are now retired always remember that they still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by their prayers and deeds of charity!

A blessed, safe, restful and grace-filled Labor Day to all! ~ Fr. Bashista

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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FEATURED EVENTS AND INITIATIVE

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.



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

Friday, September 5 | 7:00pm | Main Church

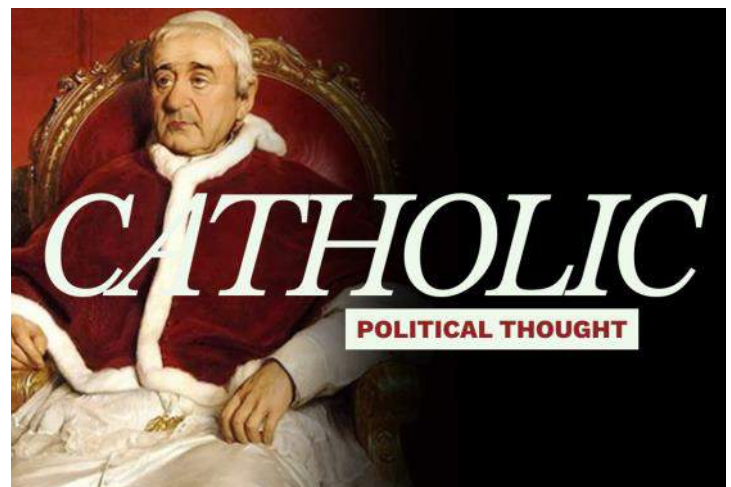
All are invited to join us each first Friday of the month for Mass, Praise and Worship Holy Hour, Healing, and All Night Adoration. Whether you are seeking spiritual or physical healing, or would simply like to spend some time with the Lord, this is a wonderful opportunity to escape the busyness of life, slow down, and encounter our Lord.

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.

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. Who is Pope Gregory XVI (1765-1846) and what role did he play in opposing democratic and modernizing reforms in the Papal States and throughout Europe? Join us as we watch and discuss how Pope Gregory XVI tried to strengthen the religious and political authority of the papacy.





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 talking about 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!

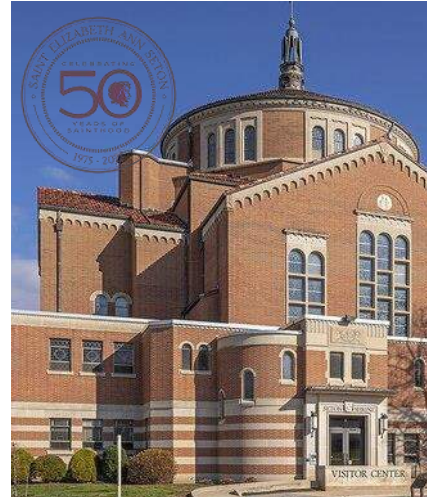
PILGRIMAGE TO THE SETON SHRINE: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SAINTHOOD!

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 Get a Seat on Our Bus: 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!

CDA: ESTATE AND FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR

Thursday, September 18
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Attend a **FREE Estate and Funeral Planning Seminar** right here at our parish.

Creating a will is more than a legal task – it's a gift of peace and clarity to those you leave behind. This fall and winter, the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Arlington is offering **free estate planning seminars** at parishes across the diocese and our parish is one of them. Topics include how to prepare your will, funeral Mass planning, and how to leave a legacy of faith. To register, please visit catholicarlington.org/will or contact Samantha Donohue at 703-778-8600.



RESERVE A NICHE IN OUR COLUMBARIUM

As we prepare for the building of our Columbarium, now is the time to consider reserving a niche for yourself or a loved one. Our Columbarium will serve as a sacred space on church grounds for prayer, remembrance, and rest for the faithful departed. To learn more about the project or to reserve a niche, please contact the Parish Office at 703-494-4008.



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

Tues. Beginning Sept. 30 | 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. Registration is required.

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!



CELEBRATE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY BY JOINING US AND MARK FORREST, AS HE OPENS UP OUR YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION WITH A KICK-OFF CONCERT

Saturday, September 27 | 7:00pm – 8:30pm | Main Church

We are honored to welcome world-renowned Irish tenor Mark Forrest to our parish as he opens our year-long celebration of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's 50th Anniversary with an inspirational kick-off concert.

Mark's melodic voice has filled concert halls, cathedrals, and even the presence of luminaries such as Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa. His music carries not only beauty but also a heartfelt message shaped by his own journey of faith and family. Together with his wife Muriel, he founded the Faith and Family Foundation, offering hope and support to families with special needs around the world.

Through Broadway melodies, traditional Irish songs, and timeless hymns, Mark Forrest inspires audiences to treasure faith, family, and the gift of life.

Join us for this unforgettable evening of music, prayer, and celebration as we begin our 50th Anniversary year! *See this weekend's insert for the full line up of events in celebration of this joyous year!*



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 with the QR code above. Hurry while space is still available!



VOTING INFO FROM SETON LAKE RIDGE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The dual calling of faith and citizenship lies at the heart of what it means to be a Catholic in the United States. We stand on the shoulders of many Catholics who have gone before us, who have helped the United States of America become a better country because of their faith in a loving God." (FaithfulCitizenship.org) The Seton Lake Ridge Advocacy Committee wants to ensure that you vote in this up-coming election that includes Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and all 100 seats in the House of Delegates.

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





FOR CHILDREN

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION BEGINS!

Sunday/Tuesday, September 7 and 9 | Fellowship Hall

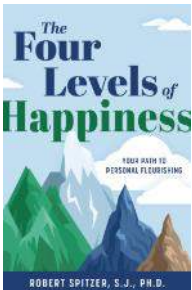
We are excited to welcome all our families back as Family Faith Formation begins on Sunday, September 7 or September 9 for those who are scheduled for Tuesdays. If you have not yet already, you will receive an email with details on your family's session day and time. This year, we look forward to journeying with you and your family – helping to equip parents as the primary teachers of the faith and walking alongside our children as they grow closer to Christ. Thank you for joining us in this mission of forming disciples within the heart of the family. For further inquiries, please contact our Coordinator of Family Faith Formation, Raychel Namiotka at r.namiotka@setonlakeridge.org.



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



YOUR LOVE STORY ISN'T FINISHED YET – IT'S JUST GETTING STARTED!

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

Whether you've been married for years or are newly navigating life together, Adventures in Marriage (AIM) is a transformative experience designed to take your relationship to new heights. Combining Christian principles with the latest relationship research to help couples grow stronger together, over the course of this engaging journey, you'll discover how to better meet each other's needs, communicate clearly and lovingly, resolve conflict in healthy ways, and deepen your emotional connection. Whether you're looking to strengthen a good marriage or renew a struggling one, you're invited. Register TODAY using the QR code above!



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 24th

5:00 p.m. † Jane B. McPherson
Vigil
 7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Lynch Family
 9:00 a.m. † Mylene Garcia
 10:45 a.m. † John Fallon
 12:30 p.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday, August 25th

9:00 a.m. † Kamilla Garner

Tuesday, August 26th

9:00 a.m. Aurora Pulido and Family

Wednesday, August 27th

9:00 a.m. Patty Parker

Thursday, August 28th

9:00 a.m. Josette Lamb

Friday, August 29th

6:30 a.m. David Poppert

Saturday, August 30th

9:00 a.m. Agustina Nowell
 5:00 p.m. † Isabelle Slifer-Naujokaitis
Vigil

Sunday:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

Monday:

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz (m)

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

St. Monica (M)

1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

St. Augustine (M)

1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

The Passion of St. John the Baptist (M)

1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mk 6:17-29

Saturday:

1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Mt 25:14-30

FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER #14

Dear Parishioners: This edition of From Your Business Manager will begin where we left off with the last edition – with an update on our electronic giving platform, Faith Direct. On or about September 23, 2025, Faith Direct will be upgraded to ParishSoft Giving. This means that parishioners currently enrolled in Faith Direct will be securely and automatically transferred to ParishSoft Giving. Your Faith Direct giving profile and credentials – email address and password – will not change, so you will be able to log into your new ParishSoft Giving account, through a link that will be provided when the migration occurs. I sent a more detailed email update on this topic to all Seton Lake Ridge Faith Direct contributors earlier this week, and will provide regular email updates from now until the transfer has been completed. If you have ANY questions on this topic (or any other topic for that matter), call, email or drop by the Parish Office to discuss this with me. The second topic is Family Faith Formation. Father Bashista recently informed the Parish of his decision that there will be no fee to register our children for Family Faith Formation. I find Father Bashista’s decision to be inspirational – could we possibly justify denying a precious child the opportunity to learn about His or Her salvation through faith in Jesus Christ for want of a registration fee? I think not! However, the world is still spinning, and yes, Seton Lake Ridge does need to purchase materials to be used in our children’s faith formation. In fact, we spent over \$27,000 on Faith Formation materials last year, so you can see that forming our children is a moral imperative that is not cheap. The good news is this – every parishioner will have the opportunity to contribute to our children’s faith formation through the Religious Education (RE) Special Collection, which will be held on the weekend of September 13th and 14th. Last year, we collected a total of \$4,209. I have witnessed the generosity of our Parish in my years as your Business Manager, and I trust that this year, our Parish will support its children’s faith formation even more by contributing generously to the RE Special Collection on September 13th/14th. Let’s do it for our children! With that, I’ll sign off by wishing God’s blessing to each of you, and offer my thanks to you all for supporting Seton Lake Ridge!

Robert Yates, Business Manager (703-494-4008; r.yates@setonlakeridge.org)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The sick of our parish family: Rick Trynoski, Kevin Smith, Ann Hurley

The deceased members of our parish family:

James Ramirez, Susan Binder, Robert Seaman

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 24th

10:30am – 11:45am	Nursery	Nursery
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Logistics Meeting	St. Mary Room
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Mother Seton Birthday and Backpack Blessing	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Youth Ministry Girls Bible Study	Lower Seton Hall

Monday, August 25th

10:00am – 12:00pm	Seton Crafters	Trinity 3
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Al-Anon	St. Paul Room
7:00pm – 8:30pm	O CIA Facilitator Meeting	Trinity 1

Tuesday, August 26th

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 27th

9:30am – 11:30am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	St. Mary Room
10:00am – 11:30am	Construction Meeting	Office Conference
6:30pm – 8:30pm	The Rescue Project	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Mother of Joy Prayer Group	St. Paul Room

Thursday, August 28th

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
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Trail Life USA	Upper Seton Hall
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Thursday Bible Study	St. Mary Room

Friday, August 29th

9:30am – 12:00pm	Mom's Group	Nursery
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
2:00pm – 4:00pm	C. M.	St. Mary Room
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Music in the Hall	Uppers Seton Hall

Saturday, August 30th

9:30am – 3:00pm	The Rescue Project Retreat	Upper Seton Hall
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Donut Sunday and Bethlehem Carving Group Selling Olivewood	Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Mornings Beginning September 17 | 9:45am – 11:30a | Ss. Peter and Paul Rooms

Join us this fall to study The Gospel of Luke! You can preview the study at: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/luke-the-story-of-salvation-fulfilled> We will follow this 8-week study with a study of Acts of the Apostles. Contact Kathy Sullivan at kat.sullivan56@gmail.com to join.

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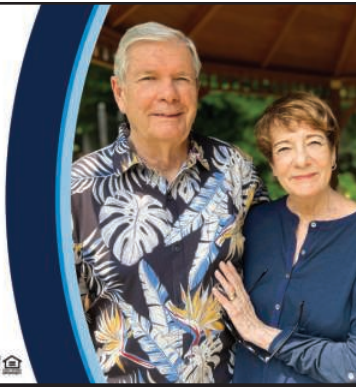
Sunday, October 19 | 2:30pm | Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year? If you were married in 1975 or 2000, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2025 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 19th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Contact your parish office to register no later than October 3rd. For more info, visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee/>

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