



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
LAKE RIDGE, VA

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Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt.

Matthew 2:13

December 28, 2025 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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.)

PARISH NURSERY:

Sunday: During the 9:00am and
10:45am Mass

MOTHER SETON FOOD PANTRY

Thursday 12:00pm - 2:00pm

MOTHER SETON GIFT SHOP

Sunday.....8:15am - 2:00pm
Monday.....CLOSED
Tues/Wed/Thurs.....9:30am - 12:00pm
Friday.....CLOSED
Saturday.....4:00pm - 6:30pm

PARISH LIBRARY

Sunday.....8:15am - 2:00pm
Mon/Wed.....9:00am - 8:00pm
Tuesday.....9:00am - 7:00pm
Thurs/Fri.....9:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday.....CLOSED

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 prayerful, purposeful, and personal.

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.

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

Sacramentals - 1st Saturday of the Month
After 9:00am Mass | Near Baptismal Font
Vehicles - Occurs 4 times a year on Ember Saturdays
Enrollment in the Brown Scapular - Occurs 4 times a year on Ember Fridays
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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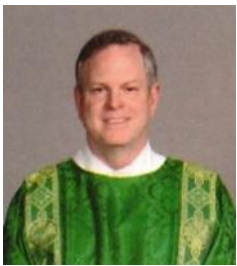
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FROM OUR DEACON



The end of calendar year 2025 offers each of us an opportunity to look back on all we have experienced this past year not only with a sense of gratitude, but also a willingness to forgive those who have trespassed against us.

As Catholics, we understand the Gospel call toward forgiveness — yet, forgiveness is never an obligation, but an act of possibility and grace. Together, we can work to dispel common myths about forgiveness and open up new possibilities for reconciliation and healing.

Myth #1: Forgiveness means forgetting the past.

In our forgiveness journeys, we cannot and should not forget the wrongs that have been done to us. Rather, we must learn to let go of the anger and hatred we can often feel. This release of negative emotions through forgiveness allows us to build a hope stronger than the desire for vengeance.

Myth #2: Forgiveness is incompatible with justice.

On the contrary, justice and forgiveness are intimately linked. When someone forgives, they do not give up their right to seek justice. St. John Paul II said that without the presence of merciful love, justice gets distorted into revenge. The end goal of mercy is true justice, which addresses harm while also affirming the human dignity of the person impacted. To Pope Francis, mercy and justice are two dimensions of a single reality. Francis wrote, “Forgiveness is precisely what enables us to pursue justice without falling into a spiral of revenge or the injustice of forgetting.”

Myth #3: Forgiveness is weak.

Forgiveness is challenging and can require inner strength and external support. St. Thomas Aquinas spoke of God’s mercy as a sign of His strength: “It is proper to God to exercise mercy, and He manifests His omnipotence particularly in this way.” Recognizing that forgiveness is difficult and that it is understandable that some people are unable to forgive, Pope Francis stated that forgiveness “shows its strength by refusing to take revenge.”

Myth #4: Forgiveness demeans victims of harm or negates the harm done to them.

Forgiveness is compatible with seeking justice for the survivors of wrongdoing and does not negate their pain and suffering. Forgiveness is not demeaning but a free choice by the survivor, through which survivors redefine their relationship to the past. In justice, no one can or should be forced to forgive, and no other person can justly forgive on behalf of victims.

Myth #5: Forgiveness cannot happen unless the perpetrator repents.

Survivors can and do forgive without regard to the attitudes of the wrongdoer. It is possible for survivors to let go of their anger, to envision and create a future not controlled by the past, without first reconciling with the perpetrator of the harm they suffered. Consider the words of St. Paul: “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Believe the Unbelievable

A human being who was God has appeared in the world. This is the most jarring event in all of world history. To the nonbeliever this is a scandal that turns Christianity into mythology. Christianity claims not only that Jesus was singularly transparent to God; it claims that God — he who carries the universe and to whom no name is fitting because he transcends anything we can imagine — is identical to a human being who was named Jesus, born in Nazareth, and who worked as a carpenter.

The eternal God, who can have no historical destiny since he is outside of any history limited by time, enters time and submits himself to a particular destiny. The invisible and intangible one becomes visible and tangible and ties himself to the human condition. He has a mother, a grandmother and a grandfather, and other relatives.

That God has crossed the threshold of history and entered our existence is totally incomprehensible. On our own, we would never have thought that anything like this were possible. Yet, the Incarnation of God is the central truth of Christianity.

Our faith is rooted in mystery. God has come so close that his nearness blinds us. We grow in the faith to the extent that we bow before the incomprehensible. It is only when you affirm the unbelievable that has become one of us that it is possible for you to become like him. And that is what he created you for in the beginning.

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FEATURED EVENTS AND INITIATIVE

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation

On New Year's Day, Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, marking the eighth day (or octave) of Christmas. This solemnity honors Mary's divine motherhood, recognizing her unique role in the mystery of salvation.

Vigil Mass:

Wednesday, December 31
7:00pm

Holy Day Mass:

Thursday, January 1, 2026
9:00am and 12:00pm (NO Adoration)



FIRST FRIDAY ENCOUNTER NIGHT

Fri., Jan. 2, 2026 | 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Main Church

Escape the busyness of life and come experience the best hour you will ever spend on Earth.

Each First Friday begins with **MASS** and is followed by a **HOLY HOUR WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC** in front of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. During this hour, **CONFESSION** will also be open, and our trained prayer teams will be available to offer **INDIVIDUAL PRAYER FOR HEALING**. All Night Adoration will continue in the Chapel.



50TH ANNIVERSARY: DAY OF RECOLLECTION WITH FR. JOHN RILEY

SEEK AND FIND JESUS BY PONDERING THE LIFE OF OUR PATRONESS, ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
Sunday, January 4, 2026 | 3:00pm – 4:30pm | Main Church



As we celebrate the feast of **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, we invite you to a special Afternoon of Reflection with Fr. John Riley! This year's celebration is made even more meaningful as it falls within our parish's **50th anniversary year**.

About Fr. Riley:

Formerly the chaplain of the *Augustine Institute* and as featured on *Formed.org*, Fr. John Riley has been a priest for over 30 years, and currently serves as Spiritual Director for the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA. He has taught and led hundreds of conferences, missions, and retreats for priests, religious sisters, and laity around the country and as far afield as Calcutta, India. His first love is helping people seek and find Jesus Christ by treasuring and pondering the Gospels in deep quiet prayer!



CATHOLIC POLITICAL THOUGHT

Sunday, January 11 | 1:45pm – 3:30pm | Trinity 1

Start the New Year by learning more about Catholic involvement in our Political System as we look at Pope Leo XII's efforts to restore Christendom and have Catholics work for the common good. We'll learn the distinction between the Church's thesis of ideal government and various hypotheses and actual governments in existence. Come join the Seton Lake Ridge VCC Advocacy Team!



VIRGINIA PRO-LIFE DAY

January 15, 2026 | Richmond, VA

On January 15, 2026, the 5th Annual VA Pro-Life Day will take place on the second day of the Virginia General Assembly session given the potential for an early vote on the extreme abortion “rights” constitutional amendment. **AS A GROUP**, we will be taking a bus down to Richmond together for the VA Pro-Life Day! If you are interested in coming, please scan the QR code above.

Please note: The D.C. National March for Life will take place on Friday, January 23.

PAINT & SIP NIGHT

Saturday, January 17 | 4:00pm – 6:00pm | Fellowship Hall and Nursery



Join us for a relaxing and creative Paint & Sip Night! Together, we’ll paint a beautiful cross with a bird, guided step-by-step by local artist and teacher Shannon Slayer. Whether you’re an experienced painter or brand new to it, this is a fun and welcoming way to unwind and enjoy an evening with our parish community.

The cost is \$35 per person, and an adult and child are welcome to share one canvas for a single fee. This event is hosted by the Seton Lake Ridge Mom’s Group and is open to the entire parish. A limited number of childcare slots will be available in the nursery for those who may need it. For more details or to reserve your spot, please contact Kristen at kristendonovansoprano@gmail.com

ADORATION FOR LIFE

January 23, 2026 | 9:30am – 8:30pm | Chapel



On the day of the National March for Life 2026, we invite you to join us for Adoration for Life, a powerful way to unite in prayer for the protection of the unborn and the dignity of every human life. If you cannot attend the march in Washington, D.C., you can still make a difference through prayer! Adoration will be held all day in the Chapel, offering a sacred space for reflection, intercession, and hope. Though all are welcome to join us any time for Adoration, we are also looking for Adorers for each hour for Adoration for Life.

Please scan the QR code above to sign-up!

You can also send an email to adorers@setonlakeridge.org if you are interested in becoming a regular adorer.

SAVE THE DATE FOR TRIVIA NIGHT 2026

Saturday, January 31, 2026 | 5:30pm – 9:00pm

It’s time to start building your teams! Gather your friends and sharpen your wits for our 15th Annual Trivia Night, hosted by our Respect Life Ministry, on January 31! Enjoy an evening of brain-teasing fun, good food, and lively fellowship as we come together for a great cause.



As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, Trivia Night is not only a chance to laugh and learn together, but also a way to serve others by supporting those in need. All proceeds will benefit Birthright, a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing care and encouragement to women facing unplanned pregnancies. To learn more about Birthright Woodbridge, visit birthright.org.

JOIN OUR SETON LAKE RIDGE PARISH TEAM!

Aspiring to grow with and accompany all those in their faith journey, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is currently looking to fill three (3) OPEN positions that can support them in this parish mission.

Currently, our open positions are:

- Coordinator of Family Faith Formation
- Director of Human Concerns
- Business Manager
- Principal Organist

For the full job description and qualifications, please visit our website at setonlakeridge.org/meet-the-team or scan the QR code. No phone inquiries please. All resumes must be sent to Robert Yates at r.yates@setonlakeridge.org.



FOR CHILDREN

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY TRACK III FAMILIES:

WONDER BEGINS IN JANUARY!

Families will encounter the power of storytelling in the parables of Jesus through engaging their imaginations, hands-on activities, and meaningful conversations. WONDER helps families draw out the moral of each story and apply it to their daily lives!

Due to facilities limitations, there will be NO AT-CHURCH SESSIONS during WONDER. There are 10 Family Meetings for you to do at home. As before, upload your Follow Throughs to MARTHA. If you have not picked up your box and list of Follow Throughs, please stop by the parish office any time during our office hours. Your next At-Church Session is Sunday, March 8th, 2026.

Questions? Please feel free to reach out and connect with our Director of Disciple Formation, Raychel Namiotka, at r.namiotka@setonlakeridge.org.

AQUINAS IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026-27 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 & 2025

- 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.
- Before and after school program offered.

For more information, visit our website at aquinastars.org.

FOR YOUTH

YOUTH MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month (January 11 and 25) | 6:30pm – 8:00pm
For Girls: Lower Seton Hall; **For Boys:** St. C. Acutis Youth Center

All middle school and high school youth are invited every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month for YM Bible Study! Boys and girls meet in separate small groups, creating a comfortable space for honest conversation. Together, we explore Scripture, discover and reflect on how God works in our lives, and encourage one another to live out our faith with confidence and joy! For inquiries, please contact Fr. John at frjohn@setonlakeridge.org





YM GATHERING: EVENING OF ENCOUNTER ROSARY, ADORATION, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, AND BENEDICTION

Sunday, January 18 | 6:30pm – 7:15pm and 7:15pm – 8:30pm

Draw closer to the heart of Jesus. For the month of January, our YM Gathering will also include the Rosary, Adoration with Praise and Worship Music, and Benediction. High School will meet in Bayley’s Cellar under the Rectory and Middle School will meet in St. Carlo Acutis Youth Center in Lower Seton Hall from 6:30pm – 7:15pm. Following this, all youth will gather in the Main Church for the evening of encounter. Connect with our YM by emailing Fr. John at frjohn@setonlakeridge.org

Am I allowed to bring friends that aren’t Catholic or 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 welcome teens from any faith background, even if they are not Catholic!

Am I allowed to go if I don’t go to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (Seton Lake Ridge)? Yes! Our mission at Seton Lake Ridge is to welcome all those in Lake Ridge area to experience the Catholic Church through our parish. Our hope is that all who attend will begin to experience the gift of your parish community and the joy of becoming a disciple of Jesus.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION

Saturday, January 17 | 1:00pm – 5:00pm | Holy Family Catholic School

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

The competition will be held on January 17th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family School, 14160 Ferndale Rd, Woodbridge, VA 22193.

Please scan the attached QR code to access the entry form.
The completed form must be returned to the church office by January 11, 2026.
We must have the original form so that entrants can complete in the contest.



FOR MEN



DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON MEN’S CONFERENCE 2026

Sat., March 7 | 8:00am – 2:00pm | St. Joseph Catholic Church | **Registration opens January 1st!**

All men of the Diocese are invited to a day of fellowship, prayer and learning, centered around the historic election of the first American Pope, Leo XIV, and its coinciding with the 2026th celebration of the 250 anniversary of our national founding. The day will feature talk by keynote speaker, Matthew Bunson, Mass with Bishop Burbidge, vendors, and a Q&A with the Bishop and Mr. Bunson.

Matthew Bunson is vice president and editorial director of EWTN News. For the past 20 years, he has been active in the area of Catholic social communications and education, including writing, editing, and teaching on a variety of topics related to Church history, the papacy, the saints, and Catholic culture.

DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON: WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sat., March 14 | 8:00am – 2:00pm | St. Joseph Catholic Church

This year's Conference, featuring keynotes by Helen Alvaré and Mary Stanford, will highlight the accomplishments and gifts of Catholic women past and present who have formed our great nation since its founding 250 years ago.

The day will include these keynotes, Mass celebrated by our bishop the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, lunch, and a Q&A with the Bishop and our two speakers. Vendors will also be present selling all kinds of gifts for yourself and your family.

We look forward to welcoming you in Herndon in March! **Registration opens soon!**



REGISTER FOR ALPHA MARRIAGE

Seven (7) Fridays Beginning January 16, 2026
6:30pm – 8:45pm | Upper Seton Hall



The Alpha Marriage Course is one of our parish offerings designed to strengthen and enrich marriages! With a range of topics on communication, resolving conflict, establishing intimacy, and dealing with finances, it is also designed to be a safe and relaxed environment where couples can learn and grow together.



Seated with your spouse at your own table for two, each session consists of video teachings followed by guided discussions and practical exercises. The Alpha Marriage Course is open to couples of all ages and stages, whether engaged, or married for a few years or several decades. It provides a valuable opportunity for couples to invest in their relationship and build a strong foundation for the future. Registration is open and there are a limited number of spots available (20 couples only!). Free childcare will also be available!

YOUR MARRIAGE DESERVES CARE, RENEWAL, AND INTENTIONAL GROWTH.

PRAYING WITH THE SAINTS: A RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

A Valentine's Weekend Getaway

Friday – Saturday, February 13-5, 2026 | San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA

In every season of marriage, couples are called to grow – together and in Christ. This retreat for married couples is an opportunity to pause, reflect, and intentionally invest in the gift of your marriage. Led by Fr. Stephen Vaccaro and Fr. Ed Guilloux, the retreat will draw from the wisdom and witness of the saints, offering practical and spiritual insights to help couples cultivate a deeper prayer life, stronger communication, and a renewed sense of purpose in their shared vocation. Come be encouraged, strengthened, and reminded that God's grace is actively at work in your marriage.

Retreat Cost is \$499 per couple. Financial assistance may be available. For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat.



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 28th

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Jardine and Tillotson Families
Vigil

7:30 a.m. † Cathy Beckman
9:00 a.m. † Mary Castellano
10:45 a.m. † Michael Muench, Jr.
12:30 p.m. For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday, December 29th

9:00 a.m. † Rose Onderko

Tuesday, December 30th

9:00 a.m. Edith Faist

Wednesday, December 31st

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Carlson Family

Thursday, January 1st

9:00 a.m. Jess Moreno
12:00 p.m. † Irene Poblete

Friday, January 2nd

9:00 a.m. Pauline Lange
7:00 p.m. Francisco Rivera

Saturday, January 3rd

9:00 a.m. † John Pham
5:00 p.m. † Michael Parra
Vigil

Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: St. Thomas Becket (m)

1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: Sixth Day Within the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: St. Sylvester I (m)

1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (S)

Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Friday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (M)

1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus (m)

1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

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

FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER #17

Dear Parishioners:

I dedicate this edition of FYBM to one message: transition from our electronic giving platform, Faith Direct (FD) to ParishSoft Giving (PSG). The upgrade did take place as scheduled last Wednesday, November 12th, and overall, I'd say so far so good because all accounts seem to have successfully migrated. While I have been working on some migration glitches with a few of you (and I thank those affected in this way for your patience and apologize for the inconvenience) the transition has gone smoothly overall.

I will now provide you with a quick checklist on how to access your PSG account (Use this link to log into your PSG account: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/setonlakeridge>). Once you have access to this page, 1) select "Sign In" at the top of the page and enter your email and password (NOTES: A) Use the email and password you established for your FD account to log into your new PSG account; and B) This will place you on the opening 'PSG dashboard' page); 2) Now review your recurring gifts by selecting "scheduled" at the top of the page; 3) Review your past gifts by selecting 'history;' and 4) If you want to sign up for a new gift, select 'give now;' and 5) If you don't currently have a PSG account but would like to open one, access the link provided above, select "Create One" at the bottom of the page, enter your information to create an account and then follow step '4' above.

In closing, a quick reminder that our Gift Shop is stocked to the hilt (!) with truly awesome Advent, Christmas and 50th Anniversary items, so do yourself a favor and stop by to check it out!

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The sick of our parish family: Ann Krohn

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Collection (<i>Average Weekly</i>)	\$	30,461.08
Capital Improvements	\$	4,871.00
Poor Box	\$	1,264.00
Votives	\$	2,421.83
Flowers	\$	3,030.00

Holy Days and Special Collections

Archdiocese for the Military Services USA	\$	5,042.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	8,107.49
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$	3,718.39
All Saints Day	\$	2,939.00

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, December 28th

ALL DAY	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
7:30am – 12:30pm	Music Choir Rehearsals	Music Room
8:45am – 10:00am	Nursery	Nursery
10:30am – 12:00pm	Nursery	Nursery

Monday, December 29th

ALL DAY	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
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Tuesday, December 30th

ALL DAY	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
9:30am – 8:30pm	All Day Adoration	Chapel
9:30am – 10:30am	Blue Army Devotion	Chapel

Wednesday, December 31st


ALL DAY	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Main Church

Thursday, January 1st

ALL DAY	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
9:00am – 10:00am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Main Church
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Main Church

Friday, January 2nd

9:30am – 12:00pm	Mom’s Group	Nursery
9:45am – 12:30pm	Friday Morning Faith Sharing	Ss. Peter and Paul Rooms
10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Trinity 3
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Main Church
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Praise and Worship Team Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00pm – 9:00pm	First Friday Prayer Team Preparation	Fellowship Hall
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