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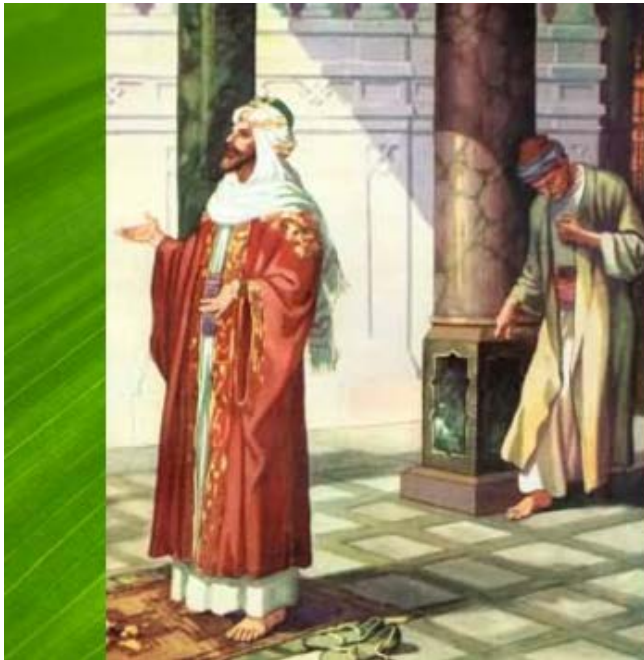
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SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 26, 2025

30TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

*"Two people went up to the temple
area to pray..."*

Luke 18:10

Vision...from the vantage point of Tradition

PASTOR: Fr. Norman Carroll 112

frcarroll@setonparish.net

Deacon William P. Kibler, *Pastoral Associate* 119

Deacon Cruz Rodriguez, *Hispanic Ministry* 104

Deacon Jose Sanchez, *Hispanic Ministry* 124

PARISH OFFICE office@setonparish.net

(Mon-Thurs: 9:00am – 4:00pm Fri-9:00am-12:00pm)

Lucy Lopez (T, W) 100

Maxine Hall (M, Th, F) 103

Lisa Kennedy, *Bookkeeper* 108

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deacon William P. Kibler 119

Cathy DeCrescenzo, *Admin* 101

Liturgy Deacon William P. Kibler 119

Dir. of Music Pat Maley

Preschool Dir Janet Gargani 215

Development Tom Cupples

OCIA Carol Wetty

Outreach Food/Financial Assistance 113

Parish Council *Ex. Officer* Ellen Ross

Finance Council *Ex. Officer* Danielle Brabson

MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon Wed & Thu: 8:30am

Tue: 6:30pm

Sat: 4:00pm

Sun: 8:00am (YouTube)

10:30am

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

Sat. 3:15pm or upon request after daily Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wed. 9-10am & 7-9pm

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANNOINTING:

*(Call Parish Secretary for information to register for
classes, or to schedule appointment)*

BAPTISM CLASSES FOR PARENTS

1st Monday of Month

Godparents are welcome to attend

CLASES DE BAUTISMO PARA PADRES

1^{er} Lunes del mes

Los padrinos son bienvenidos a asistir a las clases.

HISPANIC MINISTRY OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday: 10:00am-2:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm

REGISTRATION FORMS

Parish and Religious Education Registration Forms are
available in the Gathering Space.

"SETON PRAYS" COMMUNITY

***** NEW EMAIL ADDRESS AS OF JAN 26, 2025 *****

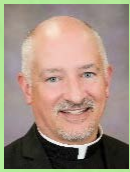
Email prayer request directly to: pray@setonparish.net

Provide the category in which you would like the prayer
request to be placed. Names will appear in the Bulletin for
approximately six weeks.

Christ the Teacher School / PreK3-8
2451 Frazer Road, Newark, DE 19702
ChristTheTeacher.org 302-838-8850

Pray for our seminarians: James K, Jakob B

MISSION STATEMENT: We, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, are an all-embracing, diverse Christian community who warmly welcomes everyone to join us. We draw closer to God and one another through Eucharist, which nourishes us for service to our brothers and sisters. We choose to combine our many gifts to teach, celebrate, evangelize and help those in need proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus in word and deed. Amen.



A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

How do you come before God? Do you come before God? What I mean is do you really place yourself before God? The Gospel tells us that Jesus tells the story of two men approaching

God in prayer, the one does the common "compare prayer" and the other humbly places himself, known to God, before God. After telling the story Jesus says that the latter will be heard having opened himself before God to let God speak and give him answers.



We often give God the answers. We tell God how to respond to our prayers when what might be better for us is God's answer. Now, let's step away from our prayers for help and healing for ourselves and others. God understands those petitions. God is there for those. Let's step away to see ourselves praying for a relationship with God, to feel him present. Do you find a good friend in someone who does what you tell them or a friend who reminds you of who you are? Are you attracted to people who are just like you or someone who intrigues you and calls you to be more, more comfortable with the you that you know you can be? Let your relationship with God take you to new heights and support you in being the best version of yourself!

Working on being "poured out",

Fr. Carroll



Are you 10 or older and interested in being an altar server to assist Fr. Carroll and our deacons at Mass? If interested, see Fr Carroll or Deacon Bill. There are interest forms at the minister's bulletin Board in the Sacristy.



FOOD PANTRY~ The Food Pantry is in need of canned tuna, canned soup, oatmeal, pasta sauce. All non-perishable foods are accepted in the Food Pantry **with the exception of brown rice and baby food.** Thank you your

generosity. To obtain food, please phone 302-322-6430 and select option 3 or ext. 130 and leave a message if no one answers. Hours are M-F 9am-12noon to take calls: messages are answered during that time.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; John 6:37-40



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATES

Coordinator: Deacon Bill Kibler~Ext 119
Admin Asst: Cathy DeCrescenzo~Ext 101

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SACRAMENT PROGRAM RECONCILIATION

Guidelines:

- ✘ Have received Baptism
- ✘ In 2nd grade or over
- ✘ Have attended RE Classes or Catholic School the year previous to, as well as the current school year.

Required Parent Meeting ~ Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 5th
6:30 – 7:30pm

CONFIRMATION:

Guidelines:

- ✘ Have received Baptism, Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist
- ✘ Have attended RE Classes or Catholic School the year previous to, as well as the current school year
- ✘ Must be in 8th Grade or over
- ✘ Must complete Preparation Sessions within the Confirmation year

Required Information Meeting and Covenant Mass for Parents, Candidates and Sponsors ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, November 1st
2:30-5:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

| | | |
|---------------|---------|------------------------|
| Sat, Oct 25 | 4:00pm | Joe DeCrescenzo |
| Sun, Oct 26 | 8:00am | Jason Brown |
| YouTube | 10:30am | Joseph George |
| Mon, Oct 27 | 8:30am | People of the Parish |
| Tues, Oct 28 | 6:30pm | Charles Devine, Sr |
| Wed, Oct 29 | 8:30am | Shane Montana |
| Thurs, Oct 30 | 8:30am | Robinson Morfaw |
| Sat, Nov 1 | 9:00am | ALL SAINT'S DAY |
| | 4:00am | People of the Parish |
| | | Rose & Sandy Quatro |
| Sun, Nov 2 | 8:00am | ALL SOULS DAY |
| YouTube | 10:30am | Albert & Edith Mirto |
| | | Alice Tramp |



NEXT WEEKEND ALL SAINTS DAY FALLS ON SATURDAY. It is not a

holyday of obligation, however, we will have Mass at 9:00am for those who would like to celebrate the saints with us.

We welcome any children who would like to dress up as their favorite saint to join us the morning after Halloween. You can join us in the entrance procession!



ALL SOULS DAY FALLS ON SUNDAY NOV 2ND and therefore all the Sunday Masses will be for All Souls Day.

Our annual Mass of Remembrance where we remember those who have died this past year will be at our regularly scheduled 6:30pm Mass on Tuesday, November 4. Families of those whose Christian burial we celebrated here were invited to bring a picture of their loved one to be placed in the sanctuary for November. Their names will be displayed there as well. If you lost a loved one this year and would like to add their picture you may do so. You can also add their names to the Book of the Dead in the Mediation Hall.



The St. Vincent dePaul Society will be hosting a Fall Soup Night on Veteran's Day November 11th. Soup will be sold from 5 to 6. Please bring your bowl and spoon. All proceeds will benefit our Neighbors in Need.



BIRTHRIGHT'S ANNUAL BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER

~ Throughout the whole month of October, "Respect Life month," Birthright of Delaware hosts its Annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser. The weekends of October, baby bottles will be distributed after all the Masses. We ask you to Please take as many bottles as you would like and/or give it to a loved one. Fill the bottle with loose change, cash or a check then please read the insert, fill it out as neatly as possible (if you chose to do so for a Tax credit)! Return the bottle(s) at the end of October or sooner whether filled or empty. Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their families. On behalf of our mothers, Birthright staff and volunteers, we graciously Thank You!



SETON'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR ~

Registration for the Children's Christmas Choir is open! We have a University student who is a music major volunteer to help with the training and coordination. Look for registration forms in the **Gathering Space**. At present, we believe that we can have 6 rehearsals, three in November and 3 in December on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm practicing for 60 - 90 minutes on average. Children will sing at the 4 pm mass on Christmas Eve.

We will accept children who are between 5 - 15 yrs. in age. The children must WANT to be there, and be capable and prepared to sit and learn for an hour per session. **There is no cost for participation.**

Parents are strongly encouraged to come and remain in the church the entire time while the group rehearses. Parents who are musicians, vocal and/or instrumental are also encouraged to participate with the children (making it a "family" choir).

Questions? Contact Pat Maley, the Director of Music Ministries at Trish1225@aol.com or leave a message with the Parish Office.



Members of Seton's 2 standing choirs are reminded that practices have begun for our **ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR** have begun! Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings in the church right after the 6:30pm mass. Not a member of our choirs? NO PROBLEM! Former choir members along with anyone curious to see how enjoyable singing with a group of folks can be (as well as worshipful) are invited to join! Contact Pat Maley at:

- ♪ one of our Tuesday evening sessions, or
- ♪ right after the 8am Mass on Sundays, or
- ♪ Leave your contact information with the Parish office



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2025

| PARISH GIVING ELECTRONIC DONATIONS ... TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION VISIT: https://www.setonparish.net/parishgiving | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| October, 2025 BUDGET = \$48,700.00 | | | |
| WEEK | REG. OFFERTORY | ELECTRONIC | TOTAL |
| 1 | \$ 5,463.00 | \$ 5,699.00 | \$ 11,162.00 |
| 2 | \$ 7,222.00 | \$ 4,009.00 | \$ 11,231.00 |
| 3 | \$ | \$ | \$ 0.00 |
| 4 | \$ | \$ | \$ 0.00 |
| 5 | \$ | \$ | \$ 0.00 |
| | | | \$ 22,393.00 |
| BUDGET VS. ACTUAL = % | | | 46% |



Our friends at **WATER IS LIFE KENYA** will be in the Gathering Space this weekend, October 25th-26th, to share the good news of their work in Kenya. Since their last visit, they've opened 3 community borehole wells and have reached a milestone: 100,000 people with clean water! Thanks to supporters like our parish, they have now supported 150 widows through their Hope for Widows program. Learn more and contribute at waterislifekenya.org.



SETON PRAYS

Email prayer requests to:

pray@setonparish.net

"LET US PRAY"

For the repose of the soul of: Jeannie Dorris; Vince & Jean Caricchio; Cory Schmidt; Marianne Bianco; Lew Warrick; Michael R. Melancon; Mildred & Joe Hernandez; Isaac Hammond; Norma Morales;

For those in need of healing: Delaney Bush & Family; George Brasure; Richard Irlbacher; Nancy Caricchio; Steve Noetzel; Amy C; Lori Hawkins; Linda Middleton; George Middleton; Naomi Solorio; Michele Sharkey; Evelyn Perez; Cruz Rodriguez, Jr.; Annette Guiberson; Pat DiBella; Dom DiBella; Kristine Barlam; Delaney Bush; Edith Mahoney; Don Davis & Family; Cindy Delasser; Linda & John Barry; Carmen Ferraro; Bill St. Marie; Marie McFarlin; Evelyn Olszweski; Langan Family;

For the special intentions of: The Seton Family

THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR Luke 18:9-14

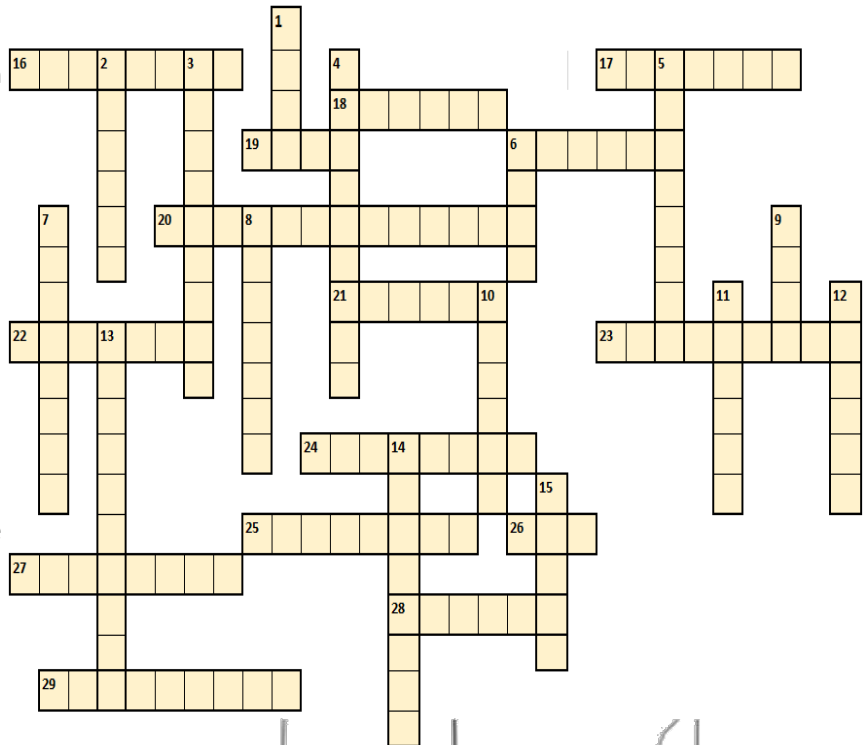
He then addressed this **parable** to those who were **convinced** of their own **righteousness** and **despised** everyone else. “Two people went up to the **temple** area to **pray**; one was a **Pharisee** and the other was a **tax collector**. The Pharisee took up his **position** and spoke this prayer to **himself**, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of **humanity**—**greedy, dishonest, adulterous**—or even like this tax collector. I **fast** twice a week, and I pay **tithes** on my whole **income**.’ But the tax collector stood off at a **distance** and would not even **raise** his **eyes** to **heaven** but **beat** his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be **merciful** to me a **sinner**.’ I tell you, the latter went home **justified**, not the **former**; for **everyone** who **exalts** himself will be **humbled**, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

DOWN

- 1) to reach out to and join with God through quiet speech or directed thought
- 2) a building or place where God is worshipped
- 3) to have caused to believe or accept (often followed by “of”)
- 4) tending to lie, steal, or cheat
- 5) compassionate or forgiving
- 6) to abstain from eating
- 7) people
- 8) the same male person
- 9) to hit again and again
- 10) a person who does wrong
- 11) where the souls of the good and faithful will dwell after death
- 12) having a very strong desire for ever more money or things
- 13) pertaining to, in the nature of, characterized by, or inclined toward adultery
- 14) location of a person or thing
- 15) to move to a higher position; lift

ACROSS

- 6) the first mentioned of two
- 16) the measure of space between people
- 17) no proud; modest
- 18) proceeds or salary
- 19) organ of the body that gives animals sight
- 20) quality of being morally upright
- 21) to raise in rank, power, dignity
- 22) a very short story told to teach a lesson
- 23) a person who collects money for fees or taxes
- 24) hated or scorned
- 25) member of an ancient Jewish sect that adhered strictly to oral/written religious law and believed in the appearance of a Messiah
- 26) a sum of money paid to a government for use to pay for its services to the people and to maintain itself.
- 27) each and every person
- 28) donation equal to 1/10 of a persons income
- 29) to show to be true or right; prove



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