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SUNDAY, NOV 23, 2025

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

LUKE 23:35-43

Vision...from the vantage point of Tradition

PASTOR: Fr. Norman Carroll 112

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

Lucy Lopez (T, W) 100

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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 ***

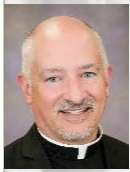
Email prayer request directly to: pray@setonparish.net

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

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2451 Frazer Road, Newark, DE 19702
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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...

Today we come to the end of the Church's year! We wrap up the story of Jesus Christ with praise and adoration to our King. We proudly profess in a world of chaos that we find our center and meaning in a God who sent us His very own Son to save us. We have learned from this incredible story of love poured out to us and hold that relationship up. Jesus Christ is our King. Yes, this goes against current "No King" protests but we are called to a different world after this one where we do find a center in the person of Jesus Christ. And so, He is a center for our lives now. He is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega, all time belongs to Him.



Count the blessings of the year gone by and prepare for a new year with increased Light!

Fr. Carroll

Join me for an **ADVENT MINI-RETREAT** on Saturday, Dec 6 from 9:00am – 11:30am in the Gathering Space/Church/Chapel. As you pull out the Christmas decorations plan to bring your favorite nativity piece with you – that's one figure from a favorite set. More information in next week's bulletin.



We have another Advent invitation to read! Pick up a copy of "The Forgotten Way": The St. James Master Plan by Matthew Kelly. It is a 22 chapter book in 117 pages that opens up practical ways to govern your speech. St. James said: "Someone who does not trip up in speech has reached perfection." (Jas 3:2) We will have a simple feedback conversation on Sunday, December 21 between the 8:00am and 10:30 Masses (9:15am-10:15) in the Hall.



DAMASCUS

LOOKING FOR A CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP? Damascus has opened a new camp in Emmitsburg MD/Summit Lake. The Diocese of Wilmington has partnered with **Damascus** to reserve 100 spaces for the weeks of July 5-10 (middle school) and July 12-17 (high school). We strongly encourage young people to register for those weeks, if possible, to join with other campers from the Diocese. We do not have specific spaces reserved for any other week, although campers are free to register for different dates if they are available. More information is available in the Gathering Space or at www.Damascus.net The Diocese is offering a \$145 scholarship to interested parishioners in our diocese.

INTERESTED IN A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THIS CHRISTMAS? Send a child to **Damascus Summer Camp**. The parish will accept funds/gifts of any amount so that we can also offer some discount for the week at camp. If interested, see Fr. Carroll PG 2-314



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATES

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**REGISTRATION FOR
IN CLASS & HOME STUDY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
ARE CLOSED FOR THIS YEAR!**

**SACRAMENT PROGRAM
REGISTRATION FOR
THIS YEAR'S SACRAMENT PROGRAMS
ARE CLOSED!**

**RECONCILIATION
Reconciliation Workbooks Due in RE Office
Wednesday, December 17th**

**CONFIRMATION:
Confirmation Candidate Sessions
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm**

Dec 10, 2025 ~ Jan 14, 2026 ~ Feb 11, 2026 ~ March 4, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Nov 22
4:00pm DiBona Family

Sun, Nov 23
YouTube 8:00am Pete Fitzgerald
10:30am Mary Lamkey & Manjo

Mon, Nov 24
8:30am Dominic Wittman

Tues, Nov 25
6:30pm Steven Souder

Wed, Nov 26
8:30am Pat Calderhead

Thurs, Nov 27
8:30am People of the Parish

Sat, Nov 29
4:00pm Joe Ansalvish

Sun, Nov 30
YouTube 8:00am People of the Parish
10:30am Mary Lamkey Manjo

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

PARISH GIVING ELECTRONIC DONATIONS ... TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION VISIT: https://www.setonparish.net/parishgiving			
November, 2025			
	ENVELOPES		TOTAL
2-Nov	Offertory	\$ 9,913.00	\$ 9,913.00
9-Nov	Offertory	\$ 11,197.00	\$ 11,197.00
16-Nov	Offertory	\$ 9,480.00	\$ 9,480.00
23-Nov	Offertory	\$	\$ 0.00
		\$	\$ 0.00
	OFFERTORY TOTAL		\$ 30,590.00
	All Saints	\$ 1,162.00	\$ 1,162.00
	Thanksgiving	\$ 335.00	\$ 335.00
	Hunan Development	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
	Christmas Flowers	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00



**FOOD PANTRY~ The Food Pantry is in need of
canned and powdered milk, oatmeal, NO PASTA.**
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.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

The past year has continued to be an extremely difficult period for many in our community. At this time of year, our society hosts its annual Christmas Event and as part of this event, we supply a Christmas meal which includes a turkey, turkey breast, ham or chicken for about 50 to 60 families. Can you help us by bringing in a turkey, turkey breast, ham or chicken by **December 7th**? You can drop them off at the church office. **Many thanks and God bless our Seton family.**



SETON PRAYS

Email prayer requests to:

pray@setonparish.net

"LET US PRAY"

For the repose of the soul of: **Dottie Lechmanik; Joan Quinn; Colin Ryan Chinski; Mildred & Joe Hernandez; Lew Warwick; Jeannie Dorris; Vince & Jean Caricchio; Cory Schmidt; Marianne Bianco;**
For those in need of healing: **Cruz Rodriguez, Jr Betty Lee Olson; Cindy Delasser; Annette Guiberson; Pat DiBella; Dom DiBella Vickie Brown; Leta Aljadir; Delaney Bush & Family; George Brasure; Richard Irlbacher; Nancy Caricchio; Steve Noetzel; Amy C; Lori Hawkins; Linda Middleton; George Middleton; Naomi Solorio; Michele Sharkey;**

For the special intentions of: **The Seton Family**



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



♪ **FOOD PANTRY** is collecting **now** for the **SVDP CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**: stuffing, gravy, canned sweet potatoes, green beans, sweet peas, and fruit. Thank You!



HOLIDAY FUN ON DECEMBER 19 ~ The FIFTY PLUS Group wants to have a **HOLIDAY DINNER-DANCE** on Friday December 19 in the Parish Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christiana Road, Bear DE. As in the past, we are planning to have a delicious Catered Dinner provided by Trattoria di Napoli restaurant. After dinner we plan to have live music provided by the award-winning FLASHBACK Band (inducted into the Delaware Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2023) for your dancing and listening pleasure.

We need to have an accurate count of exactly how many will be attending so that we can order the proper amount of delicious food. Therefore, we require those who want to attend to pay their \$25 per person **IN ADVANCE**. Please pay your \$25 to either Patricia Bush or to Bob Miller between now and December 3. If for any reason we have to cancel this event, you may request a refund.

If you have any questions or if you want to make payment arrangements, please call either Pat Bush at 302-983-2477 or Bob Miller at 302-369-6688. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



Welcome to December, Advent, and a new Liturgical Year. Because of charitable and missionary work going on the Men of Faith will meet a week earlier on Saturday, December 6. 10:00a.m. Room TBD. We will be discussing the Prophet Isaiah and St. Paul's letter to the Romans. There's always a seat for you.



The next **CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST** will be held **on Friday, December 5**, at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bear**, Delaware. Doors open at 7:30 AM for breakfast and fellowship. Our speaker will be Mr. Christopher Kenny, CEO of Kenny Family ShopRite of Delaware, who will share insights on "Strategic Planning for Mission-Driven Organizations."

These breakfasts offer an outstanding opportunity to gather with like-minded professionals and leaders from across Delaware and Maryland who are inspired to live their faith in the workplace. We hope you'll join us and bring a colleague or friend! Click below to purchase tickets:

givecentral.org/CDOW-C



SOON AND VERY SOON we will be changing the environment in Church. Join Fr. Carroll for Advent and/or Christmas decorating. **Advent** – Saturday November 29 @ 10:00am. **Christmas** – Monday, December 22 at 9:00am and 6:00pm. If you enjoy setting up trees you can help with that at anytime in the first weeks of

Advent. See Fr. Carroll



A SPECIAL THANK you to Danielle and Bob Brabson for reupholstering the 6 kneelers used in the Eucharistic Chapel, the Blessed Mother Altar and the confessional. The time and talent is greatly appreciated and the results are beautiful!



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Tickets \$10.00

Tickets on sale after all Masses in the Gathering Space,

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The drawing will be held for the

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