



# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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## 1st Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

“...Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:43-44



### 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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Lisa Kennedy, *Bookkeeper* 108

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deacon William P. Kibler 119

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**Liturgy** Deacon William P. Kibler 119

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**Outreach** Food/Financial Assistance 113

**Parish Council** *Ex. Officer* Ellen Ross

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#### 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

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month

Godparents are welcome to attend

#### CLASES DE BAUTISMO PARA PADRES

1<sup>er</sup> 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 \*\*\*

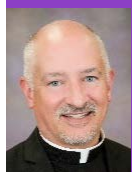
Email prayer request directly to: [pray@setonparish.net](mailto:pray@setonparish.net)

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  
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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...

The Gospel of Matthew ushers us into Advent and Year A of the Church's liturgical calendar. The message is direct. "You also must be prepared for at an hour that you



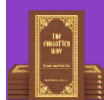
don't expect, the Son of Man will come". The word on this First Sunday of Advent is meant to startle and awaken us. Amidst what we think the expectations of this season might be, God calls us to focus. Focus on what matters. "Walk in the light of the Lord." The psalm today gives us an image of a positive movement forward as we are invited to "go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Let us go forward into this New Year with peace as the goal. Pray for peace in your own life, settled and focused. Pray for peace among us motivated by a common goal and spirit as the psalm says: "I will pray for your good."

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. As you pull out the Christmas decorations plan to bring your favorite nativity piece with you – that's one figure from a favorite set. Schedule: Gathering in McGivney Conf. Room (Bring a morning treat to share.) Reflection in Church, Adoration in Chapel – Closing Prayer.



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 SUMMER CAMP**

**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](http://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



**2026 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS** are available in the Gathering Space. We thank [STRANO-FEELEY FUNERAL HOME](#) and [SPICER-MULLIKIN Funeral Home](#) for providing two different calendars. Both provide daily information about special feast days and memorials. 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 29**  
4:00pm Joe Ansalvish  
**Sun, Nov 30**  
YouTube 8:00am People of the Parish  
10:30am Mary Lamkey Manjo  
**Mon, Dec 1**  
8:30am Sick people of the parish  
**Tues, Dec 2**  
6:30pm Arin Hauck  
**Wed, Dec 3**  
8:30am Joseph Kercamaar  
**Thurs, Dec 4**  
8:30am Nkem Mokeku  
**Fri, Dec 5**  
9:00am 1st Friday Mass Intentions  
**Sat, Dec 6**  
4:00pm Lori Ann Murphy  
**Sun, Dec 7**  
YouTube 8:00am Tony Sellaro & Dominic Whittman  
10:30am Mary Loamkey Manjo

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12


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16-Nov			\$ 9,480.00
23-Nov			\$ 0.00
			\$ 0.00
OFFERTORY TOTAL			\$ 30,590.00
		\$ 1,162.00	\$ 1,162.00
		\$ 335.00	\$ 335.00
	Development	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
	Christmas Flowers	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00

**SEE NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN FOR UPDATE**



**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](mailto:pray@setonparish.net)  
"LET US PRAY"

**For the repose of the soul of:** **Dottie Lechmanik; Joan Quinn; Vickie Brown; Colin Ryan Chinski; Mildred & Joe Hernandez; Lew Warwick; Jeannie Dorris; Vince & Jean Caricchio; Cory Schmidt; Marianne Bianco;**

**For those in need of healing:** **Dr. Evelyn Hayes; Phillip Knox; Cruz Rodriguez, Jr Betty Lee Olson; Cindy Delasser; Annette Guiberson; Pat DiBella; Dom DiBella 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](mailto: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](http://givecentral.org/CDOW-C)



**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** ~ Monday, December 22 at 9:00am and 6:00pm. If you enjoy setting up trees you can help with that at any time in the first weeks of Advent. See Fr. Carroll

**ADORATION SCHEDULE** – this year both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Wednesdays. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the mornings 9-10am on Dec 24 and 31 **but not in the evening from 7-9pm.**



**SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD TO A HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER.** Add something special to your season preparation. Add someone to your Christmas list. If you want to write a card for a homebound parishioner we will make sure they are distributed.

**MANY OF YOU SUPPORT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS** that send you religious cards.



These cards are meant to be used by you to acknowledge Mass intentions after you send the religious organization a donation. The same is true for religious items, rosaries, booklets, etc as well as dreamcatchers, etc. These items should not be left at church to share because use assumes that the intentions/donations have been taken care of. We appreciate that you may not want to dispose of these items in the trash and the organizations hopes the same. It is appropriate, however, to burn cards etc with religious images so they do not end up in landfills, etc. You can also communicate with the organization to discontinue mailings if you are not using the cards/items.





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