



# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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## 2nd Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025



I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

Matthew 3:11-12

### Vision...from the vantage point of Tradition

**PASTOR:** Fr. Norman Carroll 112  
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Deacon William P. Kibler, *Pastoral Associate* 119

Deacon Cruz Rodriguez, *Hispanic Ministry* 104

Deacon Jose Sanchez, *Hispanic Ministry* 124

**PARISH OFFICE** [office@setonparish.net](mailto: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

#### EUCARISTIC 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 \*\*\*

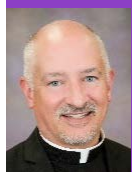
Email prayer request directly to: [pray@setonparish.net](mailto:pray@setonparish.net)

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  
[ChristTheTeacher.org](http://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...

This Second Sunday of Advent ushers in John the Baptist as this wild kind of character from the desert. He brings a message of hope, restoration and right order. Amidst chaos, order springs forth! How does that sound for your Christmas plan? What could help you achieve that vision? What really matters? What voice do you need to listen to in the days and weeks move you forward? Christmas is a celebration of hope. A child was born who would be a source of our salvation. We will tell the story of this holy Child born in a stable that changed the world. From a not so perfect setting and challenging circumstances hope is born.



Awaiting the fullness of peace!

Fr. Carroll



We **WELCOME** our catechumens: Ed Cawlo, Jestine Gebeh, Isani Gihil, Marianne Hillman, Lisa Kennedy and Jackie Kindo.

and candidates for full reception into the Catholic Church through the OCIA: Joyce Hayes, Bret Hilman, Michael Maglio, Setonee Nagbe and Sophia Staudt

## Thank You!

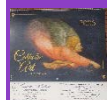
Thank you to all have responded to our food collection! Because of you St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has been able to respond to the needs of families and individuals in our community!

To the Mathew Family for switching out the Breaking Bread hymnals and placing them in the pews between Thanksgiving and Advent!

Our Ushers ask that you be mindful to always return them to the racks with the binding up.



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.



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.



As we end another calendar year soon, if you give online through Parish Giving or eCatholic, check your ending date for reoccurring contributions to make sure that it hasn't ended or will be at the end of this month. Thank you for your consistent support of your parish!



### 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, Dec 6**  
4:00pm Lori Ann Murphy

**Sun, Dec 7**  
8:00am Tony Sellaro & Dominic Whittman  
10:30am Mary Loamkey Manjo

**Mon, Dec 8**  
8:30am Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
6:30pm of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Felicidad T. Cruz  
People of the Parish



**Tues, Dec 9**  
6:30pm John Garzerro

**Wed, Dec 10**  
8:30am Joseph Kercsmar

**Thurs, Dec 11**  
8:30am Fay and Dick Weldin

**Sat, Dec 13**  
4:00pm Andy Saksa

**Sun, Dec 14**  
8:00am Mirto & Knick Families  
10:30am Mary Lamkey Manjo

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11



TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
ELECTRONIC DONATION VISIT:  
[setonparish.net/parishgiving](http://setonparish.net/parishgiving)

### ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH NOVEMBER 2025 STEWARDSHIP

	ENVELOPES	TOTAL
2-Nov	Offertory	\$ 9,913.00
9-Nov	Offertory	\$ 11,197.00
16-Nov	Offertory	\$ 9,480.00
23-Nov	Offertory	\$ 11,471.50
30-Nov	Offertory	\$
	OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 42,061.50
	All Saints	\$ 1,187.00
	Thanksgiving	\$ 416.00
	Hunan Development	\$ 110.00
	Christmas Flowers	\$ 355.00

**FOOD PANTRY~** The Food Pantry is in need of canned and powdered milk, 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.







### Our Christmas Schedule

#### Christmas Eve – December 24

4:00pm Children's Christmas Choir  
 7:00pm The Santana Family  
 10:00pm Parish Choir

#### Christmas Day – December 25

10:00am Men's Choir



#### 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! Look for registration forms in the **Gathering Space**. There are 3 remaining rehearsals 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



**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



There will not be adoration in the morning on Wednesday, Dec 25 or Jan 1. Due to the Pops concert and the holidays there will not be evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday Dec 17th or 24th as well as Dec 31st. We will resume on January 7th.



**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.



This year the only Mass on **CHRISTMAS DAY** will be at **10:00am** and not 9:00am.

Having only the 1 Mass it needs to be more accommodating for a range of people and families with Christmas morning traditions.

*Due to the timing of Christmas and New Years this year,*



### Holiday Hours

Our Parish Offices will **only be open** on:  
 Monday Dec 22, Tuesday, Dec 23 **and**  
 Monday, Dec 29, Tuesday, December 30  
 from 9:00am – 2:00pm

We will have our regular daily Masses which will include the First Friday Mass on Friday, January 2 at 9:00am.



**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.

Diocese of Wilmington



November 10, 2025

Rev. Norman P. Carroll  
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 345 Bear-Christiana Road  
 Bear, DE 19701

Dear Father Carroll and the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:

With deep gratitude and joy, I extend my heartfelt thanks to you for your extraordinary generosity and commitment to the 2025 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Your dedication to the mission of our Church continues to be a source of great inspiration and hope.

Through your faithful stewardship, you have once again demonstrated what it means to be Together in Hope. Your parish's success in this year's Appeal stands as a powerful witness to our shared belief that when we unite as one community of faith, there is no limit to the good we can accomplish.

Because of your support, vital ministries across our diocese continue to flourish. Together, we nurture vocations, strengthen Catholic education, provide compassionate outreach through Catholic Charities, and care for the spiritual and physical needs of our brothers and sisters in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Each gift you make brings the light of Christ into homes, schools, and communities that depend on our collective care.

This year's theme, Together in Hope, reminds us that hope is not a passive sentiment; it is an active choice to trust in God's providence and work together to bring His love to life. Your generosity embodies that hope and ensures that our diocesan family remains vibrant and strong.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your leadership and for the prayerful participation of your parishioners. I look forward to presenting you with your parish rebate check in celebration of this remarkable achievement and the good it will do for your local community.

May God continue to bless St. Elizabeth Ann Seton with faith, unity, and hope as we journey together in Christ.

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

*+William E. Keating*

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**Date:** Sunday, December 14, 2025  
**Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM  
**St. Margaret of Scotland Church**

2431 Frazer Rd. Newark, DE 19702  
DeSales Room

Please scan the QR code to  
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## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

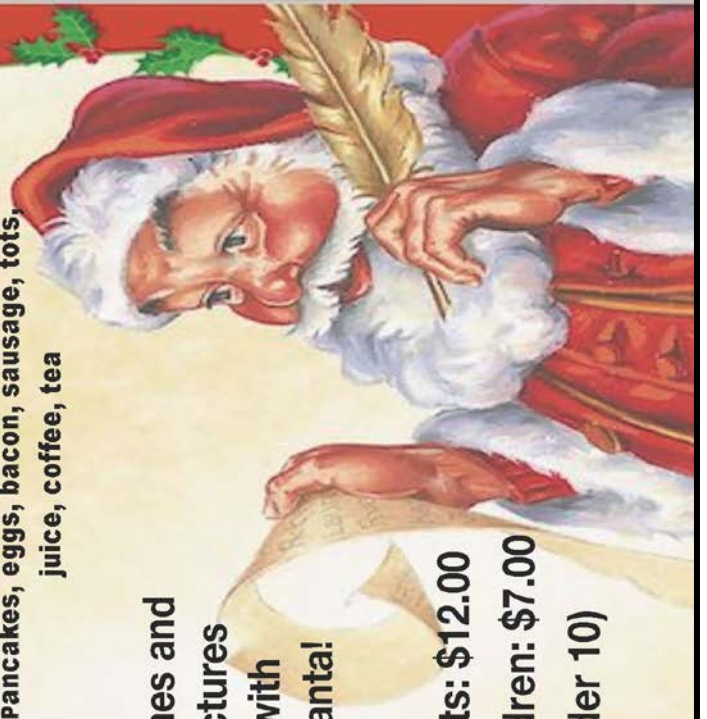
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