



# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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## 4th Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel”

Matthew 1:23



### 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

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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

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 \*\*\*

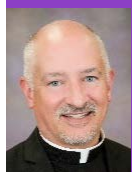
Email prayer request directly to: [pray@setonparish.net](mailto:pray@setonparish.net)

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.

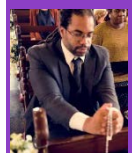


### A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

This 4th Sunday of Advent presents the story of Joseph and the visit of an angel that tells him not to be afraid. It is Joseph's visitation moment encountering God through an angel. The Gospel of Matthew that we open up this Advent and this year tells the story through the lens on a Jewish audience. The focus then of Matthew's story is that Joseph and Mary were obedient to the law and to God which called them to fulfill the words of the Prophet Isaiah: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, they shall name Him Emmanuel which means "God is with us." Joseph did what he was commanded. Be surprised by what can happen when you are obedient, when you follow the commands of the Lord and life works out in amazing ways.



Let the Lord enter! – Fr. Carroll  
Fr. Carroll



**Our Deanery working together!...** St. Margaret of Scotland parish welcomes you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation today (Sunday 12/21) from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. There will be a number of Oblate priests available.



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 today 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!



**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 for 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.



### 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  
Jan 14, 2026 ~ Feb 11, 2026 ~ March 4, 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat, Dec 20**  
4:00pm Joseph Bink Nguyen  
**Sun, Dec 21**  
8:00am Joe Szczecinski  
10:30am Mary Lamkiyan Manjo  
**Mon, Dec 22**  
8:30am Richard Egan  
**Tues, Dec 23**  
6:30pm Bush Family  
**Wed, Dec 24**  
4:00pm **NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
7:00pm Cantlin, Herfuslin & Lohan Families  
10:00pm Don Franklin Sr. & Jr.  
Elizabeth Ezikanyi, Hyacinth Ozor,  
Mellitus Ugwu & Patricia Agu  
**Thurs, Dec 25**  
10:00am **NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
People of the Parish  
**Sat, Dec 27**  
4:00pm John Horan  
**Sun, Dec 28**  
8:00am William Donald Poore  
10:30am Mary Lamkiyan Manjo



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH DECEMBER 2025 STEWARDSHIP		
	ENVELOPES	TOTAL
7-Dec	Offertory	\$ 13,148.75
14-Dec	Offertory	\$
21-Dec	Offertory	\$
28-Dec	Offertory	\$
	Offertory	\$
	<b>OFFERTORY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,148.75</b>
	Immaculate Conception	\$ 841.00
	Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 182.00
	Christmas Eve	\$ 485.00
	End of Year Donation	\$ 50.00
	Christmas Offering	\$ 761.00



We are looking for a few additional offertory counters. It is an important ministry that has Sunday late morning and Monday opportunities. It would be great to welcome some younger parishioners. If you are a good counter and would like to join a team, see Fr. Carroll or email at [FrCarroll@setonparish.net](mailto:FrCarroll@setonparish.net).

## 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:** Ben Rosario; Dottie Lechmanik; Joan Quinn; Vickie Brown; Colin Ryan Chinski; Mildred & Joe Hernandez; Lew Warwick; Jeannie Dorris;

**For those in need of healing:** George Brasure; Ben Rosario; Dr. Evelyn Hayes; Phillip Knox; Cruz Rodriguez, Jr Betty Lee Olson; Cindy Delasser; Annette Guiberson; Pat DiBella; Dom DiBella Leta Aljadir; Delaney Bush & Family;

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



### Eternal Rest Grant Unto: Ben Rosario



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 7<sup>th</sup>.



**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** (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.



### Holiday Hours

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

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.



## Thank You!

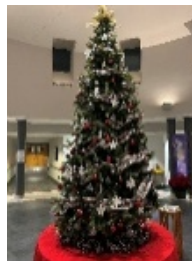
The members of the **Society of St. Vincent DePaul** and **Outreach** would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who donated their time, contributed financially or donated gifts, food and turkeys to make our Christmas Event a huge success. Because of Seton's overwhelming generosity, we were able to provide over 50 families with toys, clothing and a large food basket. We could not have done this without the support of our parishioners. We would especially like to thank our volunteers, Seton crochet group, the Knights of Columbus, St. Mark's High School staff and students, Boscov's, and Chic-Fil-A. We greatly appreciated everyone who helped to make the Christmas of 2025 brighter for those in need.

May God bless every one of you this Christmas season and throughout the coming year.



### 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.



**Help us prepare for our Christmas celebrations** – teams will gather on Monday (Dec 22) after Mass at 9:00am and the later at 6:00pm. If you plan to come to the 6pm, let Fr Carroll know so that enough projects are left for the later team.

*As we welcome visitors for Christmas let's be the hospitable parish we are known to*

*be.*

- Make room in the pew.
- Guide anyone who looks lost.
- Show others how we give reverence to God and His people.
- Smile and keep the Merry!

*We will have the chapel open and provide some additional chairs in the Meditation Hall, however, for safety reasons, we will not provide chairs in the Gathering Space. This will be more important at the 4:00pm Mass. Ushers – do not move chairs from the hall.*



## Matthew 1:18-24

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