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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

MT 2:13-15, 19-23

Vision...from the vantage point of Tradition

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

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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

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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

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 ***

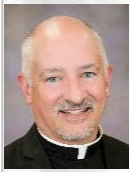
Email prayer request directly to: pray@setonparish.net

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...

Days after Christmas this year, we celebrate the family of Jesus as the "HOLY FAMILY". We call them



holy because of they followed the will of God and through them we have been given the gift of our Salvation Jesus Christ so that we too might grow in God's will and attain holiness.

Fundamental to the life of Jesus, and all of us coming into the world, is a family that teaches love, offers formation and creates a home. We remember and celebrate those who have welcomed us and given us a home. We renew our commitment to our children, and we pray for couples longing to have a family.

Perhaps these days have strengthened your family with memories to cherish. Maybe it has reminded you of distances that separate you and healing that you hope for and keep in your prayers. May these Christmas days bring you blessings and experiences of healing as we all welcome His light into our lives and homes!

Merry Christmas! Celebrate and ring out that Hope was born in Jesus Christ!

Fr. Carroll

Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in our giving efforts this season! Because of you St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has been able to respond to the needs of families and individuals in our community! The food and Toys came in to help us with our generous and welcoming reputation.

Thank you to all who helped us prepare for the celebration of Christmas! Thanks to Choirs, Musicians, Lectors, MHC's, Altar Servers and Ushers. Thank you to all of our Church environment crew! Thank you to all of our outreach and SVDP volunteers who coordinated our giving efforts extending our Christmas spirit.



TRUSTEES

Parish Trustee Election – Each year we have a brief

meeting to satisfy the requirements of the corporate law in the state of Delaware. Our Corporate officers are Bishop Koenig, the Chancellor, Fr McQuaide, myself, as pastor, and two elected trustees. Currently they are: Paul Hebert and Maryanne Schexnayder. We will meet next Sunday, January 4 after the 8:00am Mass in the chapel for the 2026 election of Trustees at which time active and involved parishioners in good standing in the church can present themselves for consideration. Trustees may attend Parish and Finance Councils and are necessary for any legal transaction of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton R C Church, Inc.



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 Workshop for Students AND Parents
Saturday, January 17th ~ 1:30-3:30pm ~ Parish Hall

CONFIRMATION:
Confirmation Candidate Sessions
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm
Jan 14, 2026 ~ Feb 11, 2026 ~ March 4, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Dec 27

4:00pm John Horan

Sun, Dec 28

8:00am William Donald Poore
10:30am Mary Lamkiyan Manjo

Mon, Dec 29

8:30am James Thornton

Tues, Dec 30

6:30pm Margaret V. Campbell

Wed, Dec 31

8:30am Teresita Soriano
6:30pm Sandy and Rose Quatro

Thurs, Jan 1

10:00am People of the Parish

Fri, Jan 2

9:00am First Friday Intentions

Sat, Jan 3

4:00pm In Thanksgiving for the Espiritu Family

Sun, Jan 4

8:00am Gene Hall
10:30am Elizabeth Crawford

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12



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.



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.

ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH
DECEMBER 2025 STEWARDSHIP

	ENVELOPES	TOTAL
7-Dec	Offertory	\$ 13,148.75
14-Dec	Offertory	\$ 10,393.50
21-Dec	Offertory	\$
28-Dec	Offertory	\$
	Offertory	\$
	OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$ 23,542.25
	Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,272.00
	Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 350.00
	Christmas Eve	\$ 485.00
	End of Year Donation	\$ 11,050.00
	Christmas Offering	\$ 931.00



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.



SETON PRAYS

Email prayer requests to:
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: Bill St.Marie; George Brasure; 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



There will not be adoration in the morning on Wednesday, Jan 1. Due to the holidays there will not be evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday Dec 31st. We will resume on January 7th.



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

Our Parish Offices will only be open on:

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.

SETON CROCHET GROUP would like to thank all those who purchased a ticket(s) for our **Annual Afghan & Quilt Raffle**, and to congratulate the following winners:

CHRISTMAS AFGHAN ~ Little Sisters of the Poor
"TRADITIONS" QUILT ~ Diane Trala
SCARF & HAT SET ~ R. J. Carcillo



THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 IS THE FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD. Masses for the Holyday of obligation will be Wednesday evening, Dec 31 at 6:30pm and Thursday morning, January 1 at 10:00am.



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.



How are you doing with your NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS? How can we, your parish, help? Often change means replacing old habits with new ones. Fundamental to change is a new routine and new places. If a ministry here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton can help you while helping others, let us know.



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.



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE ~ Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this

program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 6-8, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit:

www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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The Flight to Egypt Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to **Joseph** in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to **search** for the child to **destroy** him." Joseph rose and took the **child** and his **mother** by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the **death** of **Herod**, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be **fulfilled**, "Out of **Egypt** I called my son."

"A **voice** was heard in Ramah, **sobbing** and loud **lamentation**; **Rachel weeping** for her children, and she would not be **consoled**, since they were no more."

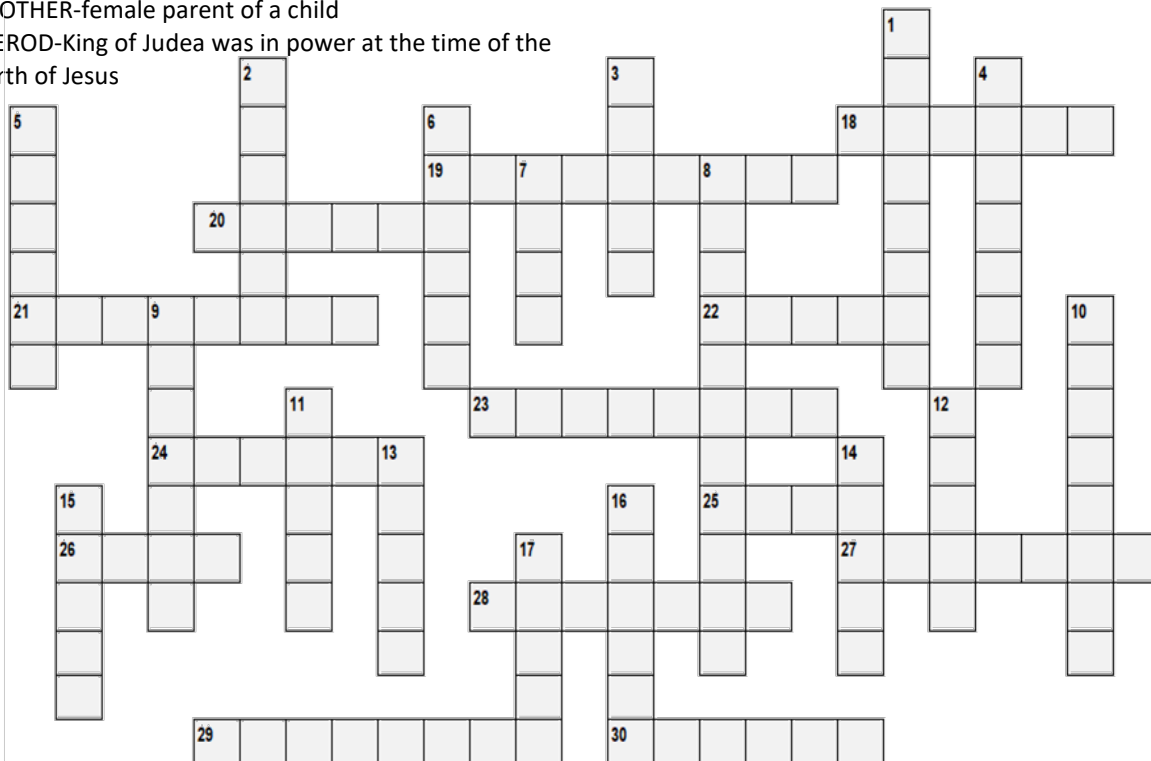
When Herod had died, **behold**, the **angel** of the **Lord appeared** in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the **land** of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of **Israel**. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in **place** of his **father** Herod, he was **afraid** to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he **departed** for the region of **Galilee**. He went and **dwelt** in a **town** called **Nazareth**, so that what had been spoken through the **prophets** might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean."

DOWN

- 1) people who predicts the future
- 2) Jerusalem is the capital of this country
- 3) a young human
- 4) showing strong feelings by crying
- 5) to look through very carefully in order to find something
- 6) feeling fear
- 7) God or Jesus Christ
- 8) an act or instance of expressing grief or sorrow
- 9) to cry with great emotion while making short gasps for breath
- 10) home of Mary & Joseph
- 11) sounds produced through the mouth by a human being
- 12) to have lived or stayed as a permanent resident
- 13) the end of the life of a living thing
- 14) ANGEL-spirit who acts as a servant or messenger of God
- 15) PLACE-an area of space where someone or something can be
- 16) MOTHER-female parent of a child
- 17) HEROD-King of Judea was in power at the time of the birth of Jesus

ACROSS

- 18) legal father of Jesus
- 19) feeling that one's abilities and talents are being fully used
- 20) male parent
- 21) to have alleviated the grief, sense of loss, or trouble of, comforted
- 22) a country spanning the northeast corner of Africa
- 23) to have left a place
- 24) to see or observe
- 25) a place where people live and work
- 26) a country or nation
- 27) a region located in northern Israel and southern Lebanon
- 28) to damage something so much that it cannot be fixed
- 29) to have come in sight
- 30) Favored wife of Jacob, the symbolic mother of the northern tribes of Israel





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