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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MATHEW 3:13-17

Vision...from the vantage point of Tradition

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deacon William P. Kibler 119

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Preschool Dir Janet Gargani 215

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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

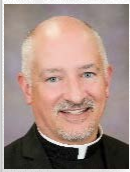
Email prayer request directly to: pray@setonparish.net

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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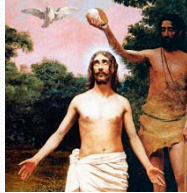
Pray for our seminarians: James K, Jakob B

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...

We begin where we begin. We begin the journey with Jesus at baptism. Today's feast inaugurates the 1st Week in Ordinary Time, a return to green and the story of Jesus' ministry. Through the eyes of Jesus we will be invited into encounters with His first seekers, followers and sceptics. Through the words of Jesus we will learn compassion, right judgement and human dignity. Jesus did not need to be baptized to be forgiven of sin or to become a follower, He chose to be baptized to begin a movement and open up the sacrament to free us.



Liturgically and scripturally, we don't hear a lot about the childhood of Jesus. We have taken a big jump from Bethlehem to the Jordan River. Artists have imagined and depicted moments in the childhood of Jesus being taught by His parents. Some images are displayed at the creche today. Let us all renew our commitment to teach and influence our children and grandchildren when it comes to faith. The best testimony is to show them why and how it works for you. How does following Jesus and receiving Him in the Eucharist shape you? What do others see that they might want?

The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Fr. Carroll

Lent will begin on **Wednesday, February 19**. Let me know if you have any requests or ideas for Lenten activities/spiritual or liturgical.



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.



SETON PRAYS

Email prayer requests to:

pray@setonparish.net

"LET US PRAY"

For the repose of the soul of: Lew Warwick; Marie McFarlin; Stan & Mona Wilush; Shirley Ann Higbee; Ben Rosario; Dottie Lechmanik; Joan Quinn; Vickie Brown; Colin Ryan Chinski; Mildred & Joe Hernandez; Jeannie Dorris;

For those in need of healing: Annette Guiberson; Pat DiBella; Dom DiBella; Leta Aljadir; Daniel Kubacki; Ricky Sizemore; Judy Kubacki, David Ellsworth; Rick Barchock, Jr; Deb Trala; Sarah Brown; Bill St.Marie; George Brasure; Dr.Evelyn Hayes; Phillip Knox; Cruz Rodriguez, Jr Betty Lee Olson; Cindy Delasser; Leta Aljadir; Delaney Bush & Family;

For the special intentions of: The Seton Family



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, Jan 10	4:00pm	Ben Rosario
Sun, Jan 11		
YouTube	8:00am	Albert and Edith Mirto
	10:30am	Dr. Emilio Valdez
Mon, Jan 12	8:30am	People of the Parish
Tues, Jan 13	6:30pm	Phyllis Zeiss
Wed, Jan 14	8:30am	Mary Dolphin
Thurs, Jan 15	8:30am	Marianne Volpe
Sat, Jan 17	4:00pm	Margaret Burke & John Burlew
Sun, Jan 18		
YouTube	8:00am	Joan Ansalvish (Living)
	10:30am	Ruben Rubio

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34



FOOD PANTRY~ The Food Pantry is in need of canned and powdered milk, canned MIXED Vegetables. NO PASTA PLEASE! 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.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

(New for 2026 we will publish a simple weekly calendar of parish activity. Note that just because it is not published does not mean that a space is free to use.

Communication with the Parish Office for meeting space is essential to community)

Tues, Jan 13

7:00pm OCIA~FC

Wed, Jan 14

6:30pm Rel Ed Classes~FC

6:30pm Confirmation Session~Hall

7-9:00pm Adoration~Chapel

Thu, Jan 15

11am-1:30pm Crochet Group~Hall

Sat, Jan 17

1:30pm 1st Reconciliation Retreat~Hall

Sun, Jan 18

2:30pm SM Rel Ed~FC

4:00pm SM Mass (Qurbana)~Church



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

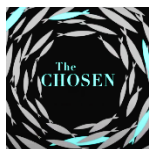
could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 6-8, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information,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

www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



SETON CROCHET GROUP ~ Would you like to be part of a group that helps ministries like: Helen Graham Cancer Center, Bayard House, St. Vincent de Paul, NICU, Christiana Hospital Angel Babies, and Exceptional Care for Children a(EEC), Veterans? We are a group of fun loving people who love using yarn, cloth, needles and thread to create items for those in need. We welcome all levels of crocheting expertise, from novice to expert, every Thursday in the Parish Hall from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you then!



THE TABLE IS SET! Come and find your seat at the table for **The CHOSEN-Season 5**. Starting February 2, 2026 in the Hall- 6:30-8:30. The Season runs for 8 weeks and culminating before Easter. We view the episode, discuss its relevance, and share light refreshments. Adults only please.

We are saving a place for you!



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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	\$ 13,009.50
28-Dec	Offertory	\$ 12,580.00
	Offertory	\$
OFFERTORY TOTAL		\$ 49,131.75
	Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,342.00
	Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 1,135.00
	Christmas Eve	\$ 485.00
	End of Year Donation	\$ 11,950.00
	Christmas Offering	\$ 14,501.00



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ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH JANUARY 2026 STEWARDSHIP

	ENVELOPES	TOTAL
4-Jan	Offertory	\$ 14,842.00
11-Jan	Offertory	\$
18-Jan	Offertory	\$
25-Jan	Offertory	\$
	Offertory	\$
OFFERTORY TOTAL		\$ 14,842.00
	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	TOTALS
	Seminarian Fund	\$ 130.00
	Black, Indian & Home Missions	\$ 360.00
	Catholic Communication	\$ 25.00



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.



ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION – on Sunday, January 4th parishioners Thomas Vadden and Barbara Yotter were presented and elected to serve as Trustees of the parish corporation: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton R.C. Church, Inc. This is a one year term. The other officers of the corporation are: Bishop Koenig, Fr. McQuaide (Chancellor) and Fr. Carroll (Pastor). This is to satisfy the requirements for corporation for the State of Delaware and is needed for any transfer of property, major contracts or legal representation. Thank you, Tom, and Barb!

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS Matthew 3:13-17

Symbol / Alphabet Key

A B C D E F G H I

J K L M N O P Q R

S T U V W X Y Z

Use the Symbol/Alphabet Key to decipher the Scripture Reading below.

Then _____ came from _____ to John
 at the _____ to be _____,
 by him. _____ tried to _____ him, saying
 "I need to be _____ by you, and yet you are
 _____?" _____ said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus
 it is _____ for us to fulfill all _____. " Then he
 _____ him. After _____ was _____, he came up
 from the _____ and behold, the _____ were opened [for him], and he _____
 the _____ descending like a _____ [and] coming upon him.
 And a _____ came from the _____ saying, "This is my
 _____, with whom I am _____. "





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