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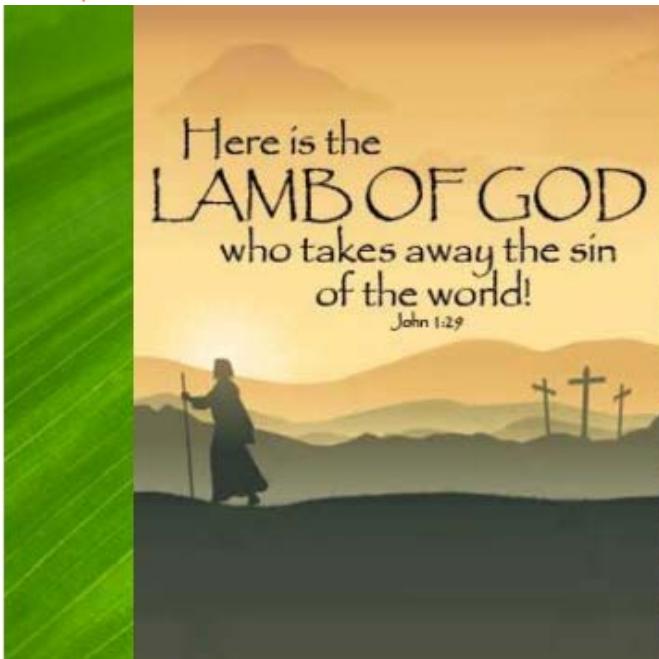
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SUNDAY,
JANUARY 18, 2026

2ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

PASTOR: Fr. Norman Carroll

frcarroll@setonparish.net

Deacon William P. Kibler, *Pastoral Associate*

112

Deacon Cruz Rodriguez, *Hispanic Ministry*

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Deacon Jose Sanchez, *Hispanic Ministry*

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PARISH OFFICE 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/CONFESIONS:

Sat. 3:15pm or upon request after daily Mass

EUCARISTIC ADORATION:

Wed. 9-10am & 7-9pm

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING:

(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

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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.

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...

The scripture today is an echo of last week in a sense. It tells us about the baptism of Jesus by John and John's reaction. He confirms and proclaims that this man standing before him is the Lamb of God. He testifies that he is the Son of God. These are bold proclamations by John but John puts those words into action as he lives his life pointing to Jesus as the one they have been promised. The prophet Isaiah offers the image of the light to the nations that will spread and reach out to the nations revealing the salvation of our God now known through Jesus Christ. This 2nd Sunday of ordinary time is an opportunity to look at ourselves and examine how we live of followers of Christ? I often sit back and review my preaching asking myself: "How many times did I mention Jesus?" It can be easy to provide a good message, but we are a people formed and shaped by Jesus Christ, and as mentioned in the second reading, giving witness to His name. Can we be better at out witness to His name?

In His name,
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: Lex Bleckley; Brenda Barchock; Annette Guiberson; Pat DiBella; Dom DiBella; Leta Aljadir; Daniel Kubacki; Ricky Sizemore; July 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

Celebration of First Reconciliation

Saturday, January 24th ~ 11:00am ~ Church

FIRST EUCHARIST

Required Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 28th ~ 6:30pm ~ Parish Hall

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation Candidate Sessions

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Feb 11, 2026 ~ March 4, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Jan 17

4:00pm

Sun, Jan 18

8:00am

10:30am

Mon, Jan 19

8:30am

Tues, Jan 20

6:30pm

Wed, Jan 21

8:30am

Thurs, Jan 22

8:30am

Sat, Jan 24

4:00pm

Sun, Jan 25

8:00am

10:30am

Margaret Buck & John Burlew

Joan Ansalvish (Living)

Ruben Rubio

Dec Mem of Schexnayder & Zeringue Families

Marianne Volpe

Marianne Volpe

Josepito Esteoron

Philippe Thanh Nguyen

Helen & John Knick

Alfredo Benito, Jr.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17;

Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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)

Mon, Jan 19

MLK Day Offices Closed

Tues, Jan 20

7:00pm OCIA~FC

Wed, Jan 21

6:30pm Rel Ed Classes~FC
7-9:00pm Adoration~Chapel

Sat, Jan 24

11:30am 1st Reconciliation~Church

Sun, Jan 25

12:00pm CWA~McG



RETRouveille: 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(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!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shamrock Shenanigans Dinner & Auction

Saturday, March 14, 2026

6:00-10:00pm ~ Parish Hall

\$30 per person ~ \$50 per couple

Tickets on sale in the Gathering Space beginning Jan 31/Feb 1 after all Weekend Masses;

In the Parish Office during Regular Business Hours
And Online at SetonParish.net



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 .

TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTRONIC DONATION VISIT: setonparish.net/parishgiving		
ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH JANUARY 2026 STEWARDSHIP		
	ENVELOPES	TOTAL
4-Jan	Offertory	\$ 14,842.00
11-Jan	Offertory	\$ 11,125.50
18-Jan	Offertory	\$
25-Jan	Offertory	\$
	Offertory	\$
OFFERTORY TOTAL		\$ 25,967.50
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		TOTALS
Seminarian Fund		\$ 575.00
Black, Indian & Home Missions		\$ 440.00
Catholic Communication		\$ 75.00



THE SETON FIFTY PLUS GROUP

"POT-LUCK" DINNER-DANCE

Friday, February 13, 2026,

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall,

345 Bear-Christiana Road, Bear DE 19701

Please arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 PM as we set up the food for our meal. Members and Guests are asked to bring

4 or more servings of the following food items:

If your last name begins with: **please bring:**

A through H,	a Main Dish;
I through M,	a Side Dish;
N through Z,	a Dessert Item.

FIFTY PLUS will provide coffee, tea, and water or you may bring your own favorite beverage. There is no cost to attend this meeting for first-time newcomers and 50+ Members who paid their annual \$25 dues on or prior to Dec. 19, 2025. If you decide that you want to become a Member of FIFTY-PLUS, the dues for 2026 are \$25. After Dinner, recorded music will be provided for your dancing and listening pleasure.

*****Please Note*** Date Change for this event from the 3rd Friday to the 2nd Friday of February, as we do not meet during Lent. Remaining 2026 meetings dates:** April 17, June 19, August 21, October 16, and December 11 or 18 (date TBD).

Come join us. If you are not yet a member of FIFTY PLUS, come out and give it a try - there's no admission charge, just bring some food to share with others. Meet old friends and discover some new ones, eat, relax, dance, and have fun.

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “**Behold**, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who **ranks** ahead of me because he **existed** before me.’ I did not know him, but the **reason** why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to **Israel**.” John testified **further**, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and **remain** upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will **baptize** with the Holy **Spirit**.’ Now I have seen and **testified** that he is the Son of God.”

Unscramble the letters in the left hand column to fill in the grid in the right hand column. Use the letters highlighted in “**YELLOW**” to fill in the phrase below. All words can be found in the Scripture Reading.

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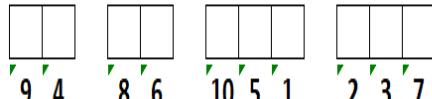
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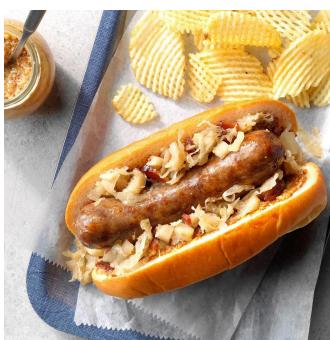
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