



# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### 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

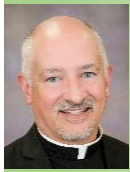
Email prayer request directly to: [pray@setonparish.net](mailto:pray@setonparish.net)

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...

The scripture today is an echo of last week in a sense.

*Jesus*

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:00am ~ Church**

**FIRST EUCHARIST  
Required Parent Meeting  
Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30pm ~ Parish Hall**

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sat, Jan 17</b>	4:00pm	Margaret Buck & John Burlew
<b>Sun, Jan 18</b>		
<b>YouTube</b>	8:00am	Joan Ansalvish (Living)
	10:30am	Ruben Rubio
<b>Mon, Jan 19</b>		
	8:30am	Dec Mem of Schexnayder & Zeringue Families
<b>Tues, Jan 20</b>		
	6:30pm	Marianne Volpe
<b>Wed, Jan 21</b>		
	8:30am	Marianne Volpe
<b>Thurs, Jan 22</b>		
	8:30am	Josepito Esteoron
<b>Sat, Jan 24</b>		
	4:00pm	Philippe Thanh Nguyen
<b>Sun, Jan 25</b>		
<b>YouTube</b>	8:00am	Helen & John Knick
	10:30am	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

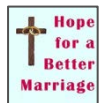
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1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation~Church

Sun, Jan 25

12:00pm

CWA~McG



### 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](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org).

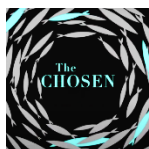
All inquiries are strictly confidential.



### 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!



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](http://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](mailto:FrCarroll@setonparish.net).



TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTRONIC DONATION VISIT: [setonparish.net/parishgiving](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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