



# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 25, 2026

3RD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME

*Matthew 4:19*

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

**PASTOR:** Fr. Norman Carroll 112  
*frcarroll@setonparish.net*

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  
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 ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> )<br>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

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

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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...

You can appreciate the legacy of faith when you hear Jesus in the Gospel quote the first reading and the promise of a light that would come to the land and



darkness would be no more. Being this new light, Jesus embarks on His mission calling disciples. What was it about Him that inspired the fisherman to drop their nets and see what He was up to? Perhaps it was the same thing that Paul embraced. Paul tells the Corinthians that he belongs to Christ and through Him he is united with all of the baptized and that he must preach so that the "cross might not be emptied of its meaning." We are called to embrace such passion, passion inspired by hope and a victory won by Christ that we now share as His disciples. These "ordinary times" invite us to strengthen our ordinary and every day faith that has the same fulfilled promise at its root.

My we see the Lord as our light for He is our salvation.

*Fr. Carroll*



**THE PARKING FOR THE 10:30AM MASS IS AN INCREASING CONCERN.** You must park in parking spaces – between two white lines. Parking along curbs, the driveway, etc. makes navigating the parking lot difficult and more importantly, prevents emergency access to the building. If firetrucks had to arrive, the water connection is outside near the small lot. They would need all of the roadway around the building clear. Thank you for your cooperation.

**NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 2-6 IS OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT.** There will not be daily Masses, but Deacon Bill and Cruz will lead Morning Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and Evening Prayer on Tuesday at 6:30pm. St. Margaret does have coverage for Masses M, W & F. St Joseph in Middletown and St. John on Main St. has priest coverage for their daily Mass schedule as well. We are fortunate as a deanery to have Norbertines and Oblates in the community.

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR – Saturday March 7 – Deanery Lent Retreat**  
w/ Fr. Jim Greenfield, OSFS – St. Margaret of Scotland – 9am – 12pm.



### SETON PRAYS

Email prayer requests to:  
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**"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!**

### FIRST EUCHARIST

#### Required Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30pm ~ Parish Hall

#### Completed Workbooks due in RE Office

Wednesday, March 4th

#### Retreat for Students & Parents

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:30-3:30pm ~ Parish Hall & Church

### CONFIRMATION:

#### Confirmation Candidate Sessions

**Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm**

Feb 11, 2026 ~ March 4, 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat, Jan 24**

4:00pm

Philippe Thanh Nguyen

**Sun, Jan 25**

YouTube 8:00am

10:30am

Helen & John Knick

Alfredo Benito, Jr.

**Mon, Jan 26**

8:30am

People of the Parish

**Tues, Jan 27**

6:30pm

Helen Pawlowski

**Wed, Jan 28**

8:30am

Candy Martin

**Thurs, Jan 29**

8:30am

Maria Merlie Ranga Escudero

**Sat, Jan 31**

4:00pm

Deane & Mike Shull

**Sun, Feb 1**

YouTube 8:00am

10:30am

Michael Calerone

People of the Parish

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31;

Matthew 5:1-12a



**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 27

|        |                          |
|--------|--------------------------|
| 7:00pm | OCIA~FC                  |
| 7:00pm | Finance Council~Bus.Off. |
| 7:15pm | KofC~McG CR              |
| 6:30pm | Worthy Ladies~FC         |

Wed, Jan 28

|          |  |
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| 6:30pm   | Rel Ed Classes~FC                        |
| 6:30pm   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Euch Parent Meeting~Hall |
| 7-9:00pm | Adoration~Chapel                         |

Thurs, Jan 29

|         |                    |
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| 11:00am | Crochet Group~Hall |
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Fri, Jan 30

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| 6:00pm | Men's Choir~Church |
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Sun, Feb 1

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| 2:30pm | SM Rel Ed Classes~FC |
| 4:00pm | SM Service~Church    |



**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 VINCENT DE PAUL**~Live the Gospel through love and service. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites parishioners of all ages to put faith into action through simple, meaningful acts of service. Rooted in compassion, dignity, and community, our members offer assistance to our neighbors in need while growing together in friendship and purpose. Whether you have time, talent, or simply a willing heart, there is a place for you. Come join us! Please contact Susan Bookout [sbookout7@gmail.com](mailto:sbookout7@gmail.com) or any member of our group for additional information.

### REQUEST FOR 2025 YEAR END TAX STATEMENT FOR DONATIONS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate how you would prefer receiving your statement:**

 Pick up paper copy in Gathering Space: \_\_\_\_\_  
Electronic Copy by Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and drop in the offertory basket OR**  
**Email request, including information listed above to either:**

[Lucy.Lopez@setonparish.net](mailto:Lucy.Lopez@setonparish.net) OR  
[Maxine.Hall@setonparish.net](mailto:Maxine.Hall@setonparish.net)



**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

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|  <p>TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT<br/>ELECTRONIC DONATION VISIT:<br/><a href="http://setonparish.net/parishgiving">setonparish.net/parishgiving</a></p> <p>ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH</p> <p>JANUARY 2026 STEWARDSHIP</p> |                               |               |
|  | <b>ENVELOPES</b>              | <b>TOTAL</b>  |
| 4-Jan  | Offertory                     | \$ 14,842.00  |
| 11-Jan   | Offertory                     | \$ 11,128.50  |
| 18-Jan   | Offertory                     | \$ 9,804.00   |
| 25-Jan   | Offertory                     | \$            |
|  | Offertory                     | \$            |
|  |                               | \$ 35,774.50  |
|  | <b>OFFERTORY TOTAL</b>        | <b>TOTALS</b> |
|  | <b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>    |               |
|  | Seminarian Fund               | \$ 941.00     |
|  | Black, Indian & Home Missions | \$ 440.00     |
|  | Catholic Communication        | \$ 100.00     |

### 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).



### 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.

## THE BEGINNING OF THE GALILEAN MINISTRY

Matthew 4:12-23

When he heard that John had been **arrested**, he withdrew to Galilee. He left **Nazareth** and went to live in **Capernaum** by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through **Isaiah** the **prophet** might be fulfilled:

"Land of **Zebulun** and land of Naphtali,  
the way to the sea, **beyond** the Jordan,  
Galilee of the **Gentiles**,  
the people who sit in **darkness**  
have seen a great light,  
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by  
death light has **arisen**."

From that time on, Jesus began to **preach** and say, "**Repent**, for the kingdom of **heaven** is at hand."

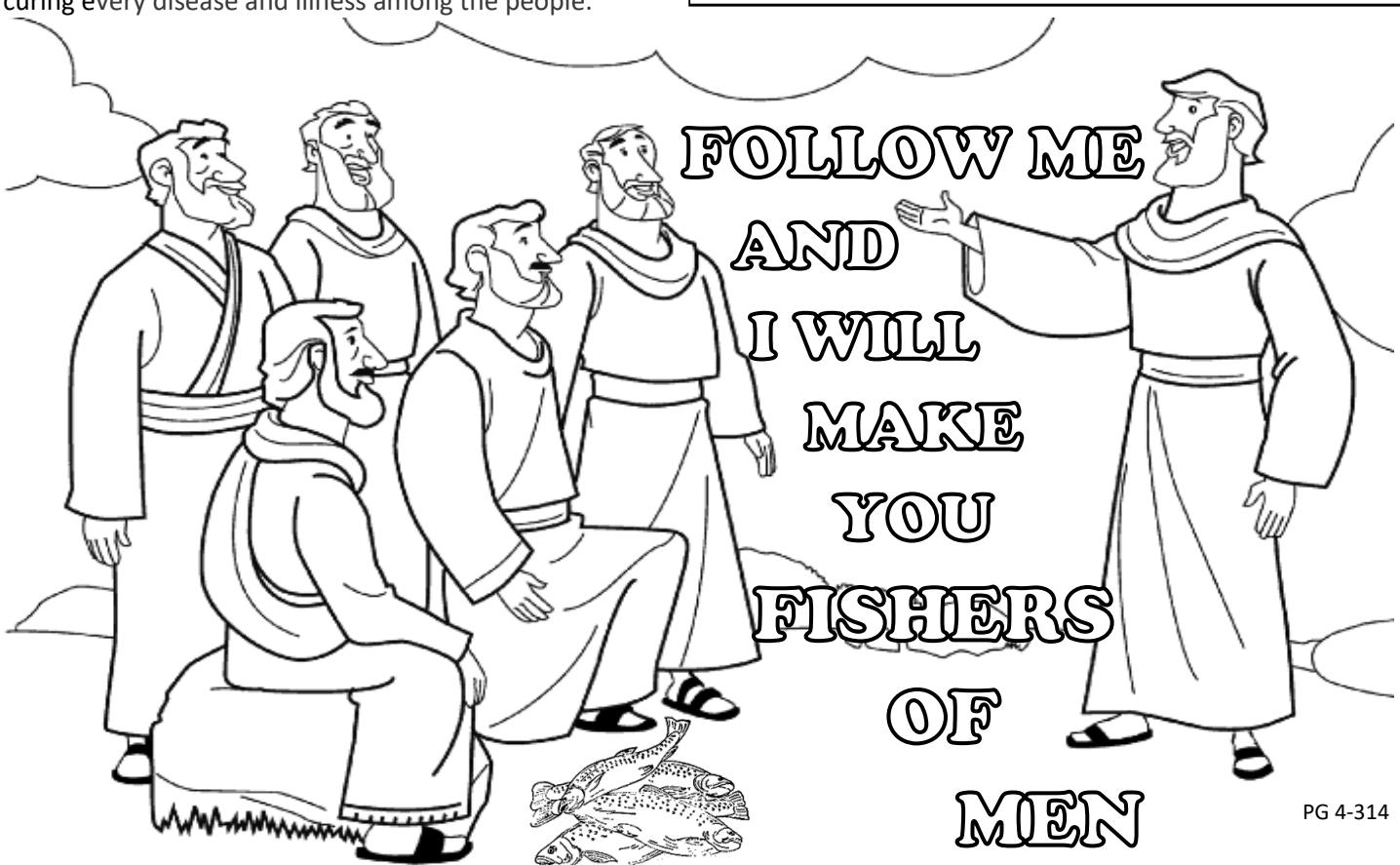
As he was walking by the Sea of **Galilee**, he saw two brothers, **Simon** who is called **Peter**, and his brother **Andrew**, casting a **net** into the sea; they were **fishermen**. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other **brothers**, **James**, the son of **Zebedee**, and his brother **John**. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their **boat** and their **father** and **followed** him.

He went around all of Galilee, **teaching** in their **synagogues**, **proclaiming** the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

Find the **RED** words from the Scripture reading in the grid.

Words can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal or backwards.

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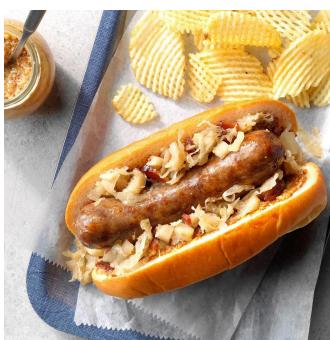


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