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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

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Deacon William P. Kibler, *Pastoral Associate* 119

Deacon Cruz Rodriguez, *Hispanic Ministry* 104

Deacon Jose Sanchez, *Hispanic Ministry* 124

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(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

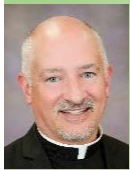
Email prayer request directly to: pray@setonparish.net

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...

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:

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!**

**FIRST EUCHARIST
Required Parent Meeting**
Wednesday, January 28th ~ 6:30pm ~ Parish Hall
Completed Workbooks due in RE Office
Wednesday, March 4th
Retreat for Students & Parents
Saturday, April 25th ~ 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	Helen & John Knick
	10:30am	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	Michael Calerone
	10:30am	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

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

Thurs, Jan 29

11:00am Crochet Group~Hall

Fri, Jan 30

6:00pm Men's Choir~Church

Sun, Feb 1

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 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 OR
Maxine.Hall@setonparish.net



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



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	\$ 11,128.50
18-Jan	Offertory	\$ 9,804.00
25-Jan	Offertory	\$
	Offertory	\$
OFFERTORY TOTAL		\$ 35,774.50
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		TOTALS
	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.



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.

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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