



SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 1, 2026

4TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

Matthew 5:1-12A

Vision...from the vantage point of Tradition

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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.

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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...

The beatitudes that we hear proclaimed today seem like nice and peaceful words to us but imagine how they were heard by the original crowd gathered to hear Jesus. Jesus was turning tables. He was making reversals. He was telling the crowd that God hears them and yes the things you long for will one day be yours and taken away from those who expect them. Jesus invites the crowd to a new hope inspired by their desire and God's ability to fulfill those desires. Blessed are they who see and hear and feel good things that they want eternally. We should trust in the glimpses to show us the possibilities.



Blessed are we.
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.

THIS COMING WEEK, FEBRUARY 2-6 IS OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT. There will not be daily Masses but Deacon Bill and Cruz will lead Morning Prayer 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. Fr. Carroll will pray the intentions from this past Sunday and Monday during Masses on retreat.

This month's 1st Friday Mass with Multiple Intentions will be Saturday, Feb 9 at 9:00am.

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: Jeannie Dorris; Lew Warwick; Marie McFarlin; Stan & Mona Wilush; Shirley Ann Higbee; Ben Rosario; Dottie Lechmanik;

For those in need of healing: Cindy Delasser; George Brasure; Bill St. Marie; Daniel Kubacki; Ricky Sizemore; July Kubacki, David Aylesworth; Deb Trala; Sarah Brown;

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

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 31

4:00pm

Deane & Mike Shull

Sun, Feb 1

YouTube 8:00am

10:30am

Michael Calerone

People of the Parish

Mon, Feb 2

8:30am

Morning Prayer

Tues, Feb 3

6:30pm

Evening Prayer

Wed, Feb 4

8:30am

Morning Prayer

Thurs, Feb 5

8:30am

Morning Prayer

Fri, Feb 6

First Friday Mass postponed until

Sat, Feb 7 ~ 9:00am

Sat, Feb 7

9:00am

First Friday Mass Intentions

Roosevelt Mowete

Sun, Feb 8

YouTube 8:00am

10:30am

Norma Walsh

Florence Facciolo

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16



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, Feb 2

6:30pm	Parent's Baptism Class~Gath.Sp.
6:30pm	The Chosen~Hall

Tues, Feb 3

7:00pm	OCIA~FC
7:00pm	AOH~Hall

Wed, Feb 4

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

Thurs, Feb 6

8:00am	Bingo Setup~Hall
11:00am	Crochet Group~Hall

Fri, Feb 7

5:30pm	Bingo~Hall
6:00pm	Men's Choir~Church

Sun, Feb 8

12:00pm	CWA~McGiv
2:30pm	SM Rel Ed~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.

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Email request, including information listed above to either:

Lucy.Lopez@setonparish.net OR
Maxine.Hall@setonparish.net

A Prayer for the Jubilee Year of St. Francis



Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us with the Lord.

In the Crucifix of San Damiano you recognized true peace, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world erects borders.

In this time plagued by conflict and division, intercede so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen.

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 SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5:1-12a

When he saw the **crowds**, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his **disciples** came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who **mourn**,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will **inherit** the land.

Blessed are they who **hunger** and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be **satisfied**.

Blessed are the **merciful**,
for they will be shown mercy.

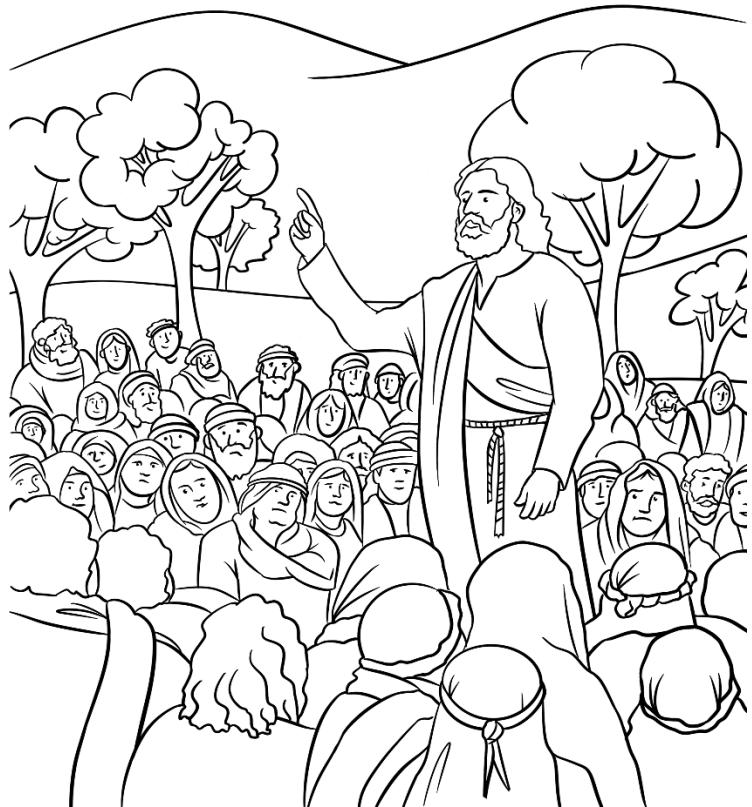
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the **peacemakers**,
for they will be called **children** of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of **heaven**.

Blessed are you when they **insult** you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me.

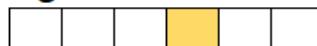
Rejoice and be glad, for your **reward** will be great in heaven.
Thus they persecuted the **prophets** who were before you.



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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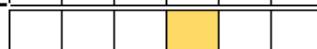
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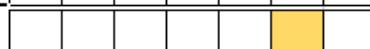
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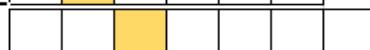
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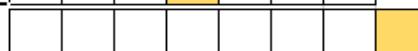
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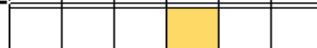
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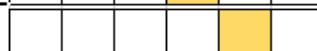
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12) E A D R W R



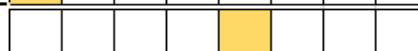
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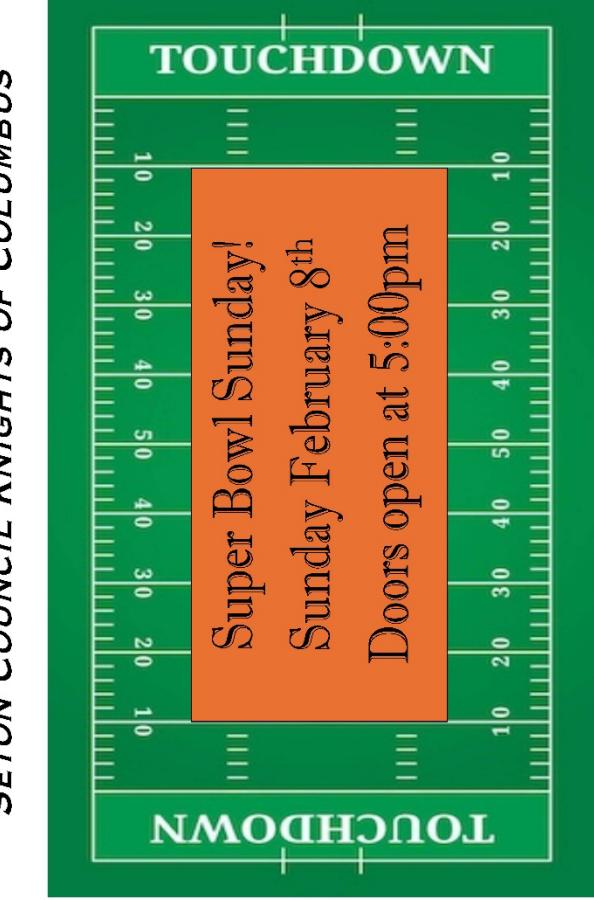


14) L M U I R C E F



15) H E T R S O P P





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