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**SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

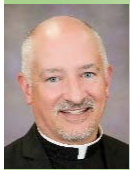
4TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME

Matthew 5:1-12A



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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 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

<b>Sat, Jan 31</b>	4:00pm	Deane & Mike Shull
<b>Sun, Feb 1</b>		
<b>YouTube</b>	8:00am	Michael Calerone
	10:30am	People of the Parish
<b>Mon, Feb 2</b>		
	8:30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Tues, Feb 3</b>		
	6:30pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Wed, Feb 4</b>		
	8:30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Thurs, Feb 5</b>		
	8:30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Fri, Feb 6</b>		<b>First Friday Mass postponed until Sat, Feb 7 ~ 9:00am</b>
<b>Sat, Feb 7</b>		
	9:00am	First Friday Mass Intentions
	4:00pm	Roosevelt Mowete
<b>Sun, Feb 8</b>		
<b>YouTube</b>	8:00am	Norma Walsh
	10:30am	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)

Mom, 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<sup>st</sup> 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!



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

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

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

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



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**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)

## 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:**

A through H,  
I through M,  
N through Z,

**please bring:**

a Main Dish;  
a Side Dish;  
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.

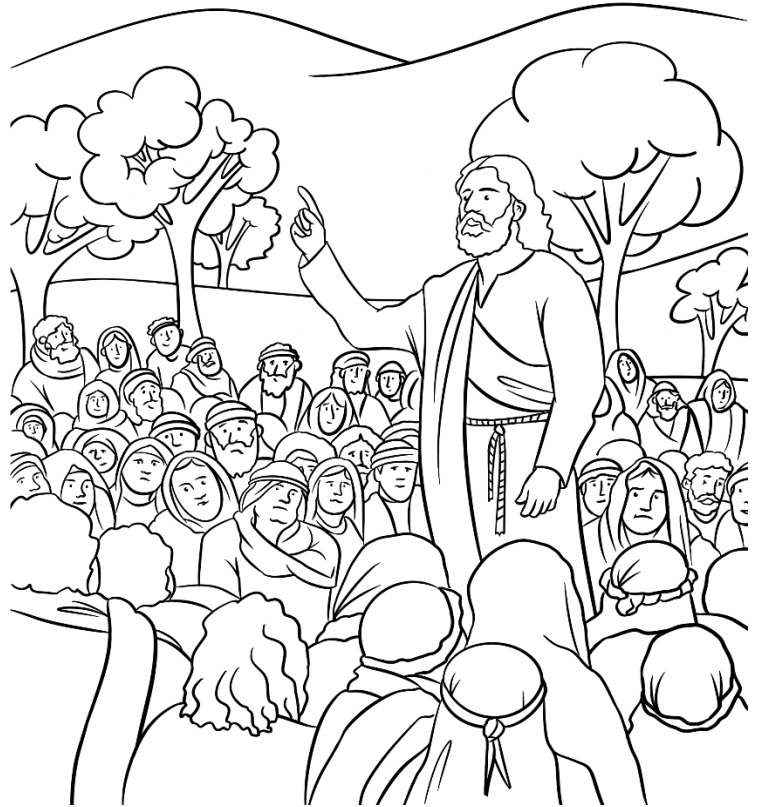
**\*\*\*Please Note\*\*\* Date Change for this event from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of February, as we do not meet during Lent. Remaining 2026 meetings dates:** April 17, June 19, August 21, October 16, and December 11 or 18 (date TBD).

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.



## 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:



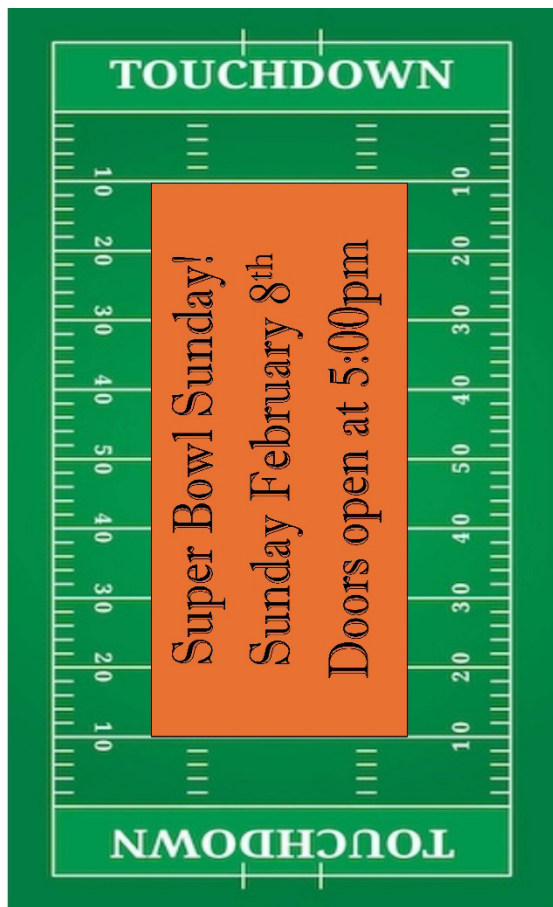
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