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Sunday, July 19, 2026

**16th Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time**

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

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

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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.

Pray for our seminarians: Deacon James K, Jakob B & Kevin H

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...



Jesus taught in parables. That was His genre for a reason. As the Gospel says today, "He taught only in parables...to reveal what has been laid hidden from the beginning." A parable invites us into the familiar. We have ideas about where the parable is going and then the twist or reversal comes. The possibility was there all of the time but we didn't see it. The very use of parables brings to life the message of Jesus. The kingdom of God is at hand. There is something familiar about it. We taste it here. We have ideas about it. But it is more. And all of its secrets were right in front of us because the kingdom of God is a response to human need and desire in the truest sense.

May these parables about seeds make us more aware of the amazing way that God reveals beauty, abundance and food to nourish us. Reflecting on the mystery of the seed may we believe in the possibilities with God who tends to us. May we see the pathway to His kingdom.



Celebrating the good ground of hope God has given to us.

Fr. Carroll

THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION – In the United States the preference for the reception of communion is standing. A bow, not a genuflection, is appropriate before approaching the sacrament. A common action is uniform with and evidence of communion. Receiving the Eucharist is personal in the fact that the recipient should be prepared and in good grace. It is communal in the fact that we are also the visible Body of Christ and in that spirit, we do not separate ourselves. Personal piety is often not seen as humbling but a display when done amidst uniform action. All that said, a minister cannot refuse communion to someone kneeling. The Communion procession is not the place for conversation or correction. A minister may take action if it is evident that a recipient has not consumed the host or has any idea what to do with the Eucharist that has been given to them, including following them.

The purpose of the **MEDIATION HALL** is prayer. It is adorned with statues to invite visitors to pray through the saints and the mysteries of our faith. The hallway is also designed to provide an option for some to join us in Mass if they have issues with crowds, health concerns or joining us with small children. The space should be seen as part of the church and therefore an opportunity to teach children how to act while in church to eventually introduce them to the sanctuary. Conversation, running, and playing should not be happening. Be mindful of those who need this space to join us in a way that is comfortable for them. The door to the hallway should be closed during Mass and opened for the communion procession.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATES

Coordinator: Deacon Bill Kibler~Ext 119

Admin Asst: Cathy DeCrescenzo~Ext 101

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 IN CLASS & HOME STUDY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE NOW OPEN!**

*If you are interested in becoming an Aide or Catechist,
please speak with Deacon Bill!*

**New families registering for the first time must be officially
registered in the parish for 1 year prior to being accepted into the
program. Contact RE Office for details.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, July 18	4:00pm	John Cantlin
Sun, July 19		
YouTube	8:00am	Danny Driscoll
	10:30am	The Religious
Mon, July 20	8:30am	Jean Zerhuse
Tues, July 21	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Wed, July 22	8:30am	Jeannie Dorris
Thurs, July 23	8:30am	Steve Pilipovich
Sat, July 25	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun, July 26		
YouTube	8:00am	Rose Lind
	10:30am	Norma Morales

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTRONIC DONATION VISIT: setonparish.net/parishgiving		
ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH July 2026 STEWARDSHIP		
ENVELOPES		TOTAL
5-Jul	Offertory	\$ 16,123.00
12-Jul	Offertory	\$ 10,505.00
19-Jul	Offertory	\$
26-Jul	Offertory	\$
OFFERTORY TOTAL		\$ 26,628.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		TOTALS
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA		\$ 95.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		\$ 135.00
LANDSCAPING AND SNOW		\$ 75.00
ENERGY COSTS-FUEL & AC		\$ 284.00
OUTREACH		\$ 46.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL		\$ 202.00
PRESCHOOL		\$ 285.00
OTHER		\$ 6,487.00



Confessions are scheduled every Saturday at 3:15pm or upon request after daily Mass. On some weeks I have to turn people away because I have to celebrate the 4pm Mass. Probably 50% of those who come are not parishioners and are not staying for Mass. I will start to make myself available at 3:00pm but not publish that so that parishioners can be first in line. In addition, as usual, a time can also be scheduled. Keep in mind that confessions begin at 3:00pm and I need to be finished by 3:45pm on a Saturday to celebrate the Mass at 4:00pm. Most people come on the first Saturday. The later weeks are much lighter. In case you are not aware, confessions are in the Reconciliation Room in the Meditation Hall. The line begins on the bench.

Fr. Carroll



We were challenged to increase our percent of participation. We have almost 1000 parishioners on the list submitted to the Appeal Office. Only 28% have responded to the Appeal thus far compared to 26% last year. I would like to see us at 30% which translates into 20 new givers. There has never been a better time to make a difference. A gift of any amount will tell the story of our success and generosity. There are envelopes in the Gathering Space, and you can give online through the Diocesan website: [DONATE TODAY](#)

Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ BAYARD HOUSE is currently under construction and will not be able to receive items from our baby shower. However, they are in



desperate need of diapers size three (3) and up. We will be accepting donations and will be taken to Family Services. Place donations in Gathering Space through end of July.



FOOD PANTRY~ The Food Pantry is in need of Canned beets, stewed tomatoes and mixed veggies. NO PASTA, CANNED GREEN BEANS, OR CORN 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:

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, July 20	5:00pm	Diocesan Event ~ Hall
Tue, July 21	-----	-----
Wed, July 22	9-10:00am	Adoration ~ Chapel
	7-9:00pm	Adoration ~ Chapel
Thurs, July 23	11:00am	Crochet Group ~ Hall
Fri, July 24	6:00pm	Men's Choir ~ Church
Sat, July 25	-----	-----
Sun, July 26	12:00pm	CWA ~ McGivney



SETON PRAYS

Email prayer requests to:

pray@setonparish.net

"LET US PRAY

For the repose of the soul of: Pat DiBella; Kristine (Krissy) Barlam; Ronald & Nicole Walters;

For those in need of healing: Dom DiBella; Annette Guiberson; Peggy Louie; Joan Burlew; Isabel & Kate Durnan; Marcus Lang; Cindy Delasser; Deacon José Sanchez; Dee Ellis; Charles Hengel;

For the intentions of: The Seton Family



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - we are looking for a couple of Eucharistic Ministers that would be willing to help with distributing communion to the homebound on the weekend. If you can help out please let Deacon Bill know.



EACH YEAR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM has to incorporate the Diocesan *Keeping Our Promises* curriculum, making children aware of normal behavior and interactions with others. Do you have experience in this area to assist our volunteer catechists with training?

Often there are great resources among us, and this is an area where some of you may have some experience and confidence to share with us. If you can assist in some way, contact Fr. Carroll or Deacon Bill Kibler.



OCIA ~ The 2026/2027 OCIA sessions for adults will begin on September 8, 2026. If anyone is interested in becoming a catholic or completing their initiation sacraments, please contact Deacon Bill Kibler (Bill.Kibler@setonparish.net). If you are in need of Confirmation only, please reach out to Fr. Carroll.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES - The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be collecting school supplies for the children in need in our area. A poster board will be in the gathering space starting the weekend of July 18! Please feel free to take a picture of the items

needed so you have it when you shop. We will be collecting items from July 26th through August 14th. Backpacks are needed for all ages. Other items include lunch boxes, folders, binders, highlighters, #2 pencils, pens composition and spiral bound notebooks, Fiskars scissors, pocket folders, hand sanitizer, lined paper and more! With your help, we can ensure that these children will have the necessary tools for a successful school year. Please return all items no later than August 14th! We will be packing these school supplies on Monday, August 17th and delivering them to Child, Inc. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile project.



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**MEN FROM THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON
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Saturday, October 3, 2026,

9 AM- 5PM (Closing Mass at 4 PM)

Saint Mark's High School, Wilmington, Delaware.

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**Closing Mass and Fellowship with Bishop William Koenig
For more information, go to DelmarvaCatholic.org**

AQUINAS ACADEMY INVITES YOU TO

July 28th ~ 6:30pm

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THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS AMONG THE WHEAT Matthew 13:24-43

He proposed another parable to them. “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed **weeds** all through the wheat and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The **slaves** of the **householder** came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from? He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He **replied**, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow **together** until **harvest**; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but **gather** the wheat into my barn.”

He proposed another parable to them. “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the **smallest** of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the **largest** of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.”

He spoke to them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.”

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said **through** the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables,
I will announce what has lain hidden
from the foundation [of the world].”

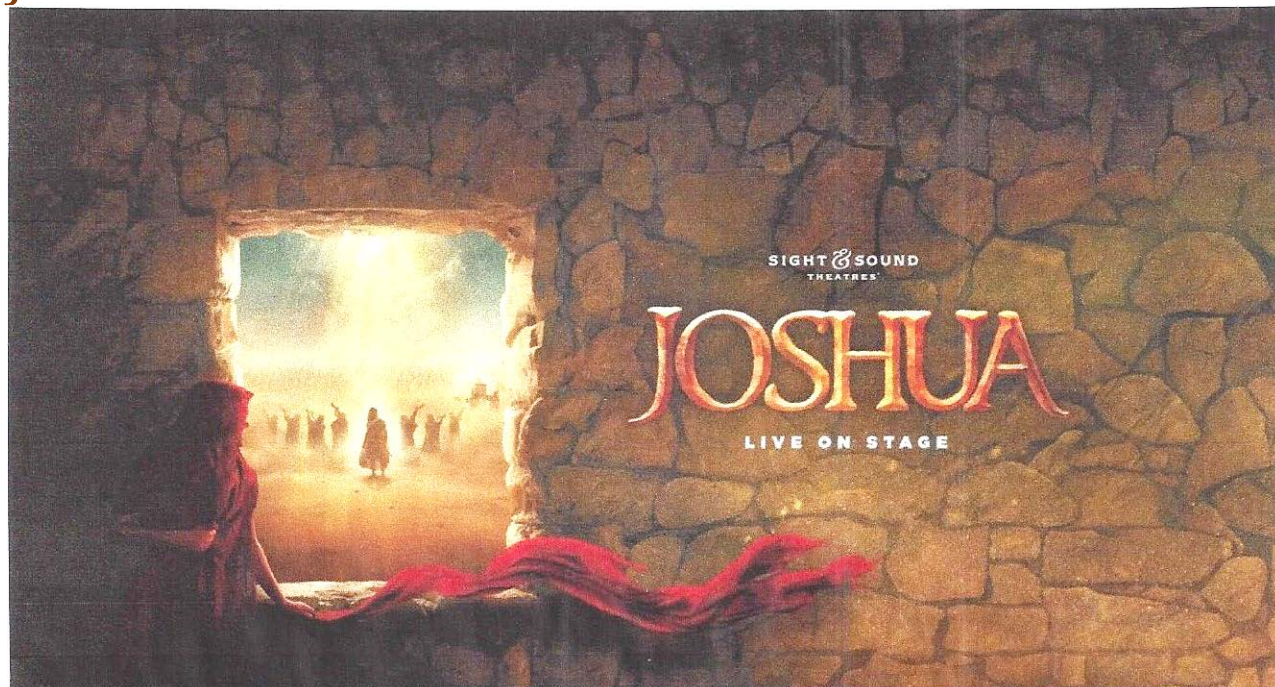
Then, **dismissing** the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He said in reply, “He who sows good **seed** is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the **devil**. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned [up] with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of **teeth**. Then the **righteous** will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.

Fill in the spaces with the word described in the definition to the right. The last letter of that word is the first letter of the next word. The first word has been completed as an example. All words can be found in the scripture reading.

W E E D S	plant that is not valued where it is growing
S	someone captured, sold, or born into forced servitude
	the grains or ripened ovules of plants used for sowing
	an evil spirit, demon
	exceeding most other things of like kind especially in quantity or size
	the hard, bony appendages located on the jaws of mammals
	the act or process of gathering a crop in or into one place, mass, collection, or group
	acting in accord with divine or moral law: free from guilt or sin
	having comparatively little size or slight dimensions
	indicates movement into something at one side and out at another opposite side
	a person who occupies a home as the head of the group living there
	to have responded in words or writing
	permitting or causing someone to leave
	to bring together; to collect



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

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