



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

OCIA Carol Wetty

OUTREACH Food/Financial Assistance 113

PARISH COUNCIL Ex. Officer Ellen Ross

FINANCE COUNCIL Ex. Officer Danielle Brabson

Christ the Teacher School / PreK3-8

2451 Frazer Road, Newark, DE 19702

Email: ChristTheTeacher.Org Phone: 302-838-8850

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

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

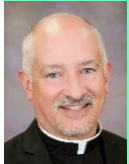
Parish and Religious Education Registration Forms are available in the Gathering Space.

"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.

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...



We are invited to come to the Lord who provides for us in abundance. The prophet Isaiah says: "All you who are thirsty, come to



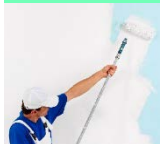
the water." The Lord, our God will provide all that we need. In the Gospel, when the apostles see that the people are hungry, bring their concern to Jesus. They offer five loaves and two fish. Jesus takes them and distributes them to over 5,000 people with leftovers. That's a good meal and a miracle. It displays again, how God can provide for us. He can provide for us and others when we are willing to place what little we have before him and wholeheartedly trust in His power. Today, we all know the abundance of a potluck when we do not simply bring what little we have but we sometimes go the extra mile giving the invitation our all. Can you help increase and spread the invitation from the Lord? Can you create the miracle of His abundance?

"Nothing will separate us from the love of God."

Fr. Carroll



PARISH & FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE ~ Would you like to see more family-oriented events at Seton? Would you be willing to be a part of a committee to plan a few events for the year? We can look at a picnic, Fall festival, Movie night in the Hall or Group events at activity venues. Interested? Contact Fr Carroll



STEWARDSHIP – Painting...Hopefully you noticed some new paint around. We repaired the spot near the restrooms and painted the sacristy, entry by chapel, outside doors by chapel, two walls in the chapel that were showing a bleed through and furnishings in the sacristy.



A special thanks to seminarian KEVIN HOPPEL for his witness these past 7 weeks. This was his first summer assignment and now he prepares for Pre-Theology at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. Kevin was able to connect with some young people as well as experience the array of parish activity here at Seton. Keep him in your prayers and thank you for supporting his vocation to the priesthood!

Saturday, August 1 is also Kevin's birthday. Take a few minutes to thank him for his presence, encourage him and share some refreshments with him after Masses this weekend.

Fr. Carroll



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, Aug 1	4:00pm	Richard Thomas Egan
Sun, Aug 2		
YouTube	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Mary Jane Sevier
Mon, Aug 3	8:30am	Joyce & Mike Marcasi (Living)
Tues, Aug 4	6:30pm	Albert & Edith Mirto
Wed, Aug 5	8:30am	Mehan Gilhookey
Thurs, Aug 6	8:30am	Anne Marie Shamus
Fri, Aug 7	9:00am	First Friday Intentions
Sat, Aug 8	4:00pm	John & Cecelia Drupieski, Cordell Ambrose
Sun, Aug 9		
YouTube	8:00am	Vicki Brown
	10:30am	People of the Parish

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33



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	\$ 13,351.00
26-Jul	Offertory	\$ 7,785.00
OFFERTORY TOTAL		\$ 47,764.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		TOTALS
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA		\$ 367.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		\$ 320.00
LANDSCAPING AND SNOW		\$ 200.00
ENERGY COSTS-FUEL & AC		\$ 299.00
OUTREACH		\$ 160.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL		\$ 281.00
PRESCHOOL		\$ 285.00
OTHER		\$ 8,654.00



FOOD PANTRY~ The Food Pantry is in need of powdered milk. **NO 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 for 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, Aug 3	6:30pm	Baptism Classes ~ Gath. Sp.
Tue, Aug 4	-----	-----
Wed, Aug 5	9-10:00am	Adoration ~ Chapel
	7-9:00pm	Adoration ~ Chapel
Thu, Aug 6	8:00am	Bingo Setup ~ Hall
	11:00am	Crochet Group ~ Hall
Fri, Aug 7	5:30pm	Bingo ~ Hall
	6:00pm	Men's Choir ~ Church
Sat, Aug 8	8:00am	Bingo Clean Up ~ Hall
Sun, Aug 9	12:00pm	English Baptism(s) ~ Church
	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 (Krissey) Barlam; Ronald & Nicole Walters;**

For those in need of healing: **Greg Carpenter; Charles Hengel; Mary Polk; Frank Castore; Beverly McCool; Dom DiBella; Annette Guiberson; Peggy Louie; Joan Burlew; Isabel & Kate Durnan; Marcus Lang; Cindy Delasser; Deacon José Sanchez; Dee Ellis.**

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.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling Shopping Passes for **BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** event on Wednesday October 21st. The Passes are \$5 each, and will enable you to get 25% off most purchases. The Passes can be used in person and online. You can purchase them in the Parish Office during regular office hours or from a SVDP member. All proceeds will be used to help our Neighbors In Need.



SAVE THE DATE ~ The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a Fall Soup Night on Tuesday October 13th. Soup will be served from 5pm to 6pm. Please bring your own bowl and spoon. All proceeds will benefit our Neighbors In Need.



MEN OF FAITH ~ Wow! August already. It seems like last month were doing Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Now, we have back to school and football season staring us in the face. In our first reading, 1 Kings 19 picks up Elijah's flight with Jezebel on his trail he takes refuge in a cave. God calls him out and shows him His might. The second, from Romans 8, has Paul overwrought and accused of being indifferent towards Israel's salvation. Tune in next Saturday, August 8, 10:00 am, room 102 in the Formation Center. You may even find out what a theophany is.



THE FIFTY PLUS GROUP is sponsoring a Special Dinner-Dance Event on Friday, August 21, 2026 in the Parish Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christiana Road, Bear DE 19701. Please try to arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 PM as we set up the food for our meal. This will be one of our "POT-LUCK" dinners. **There is no cost for 2026 paid members or first-time newcomers to attend this meeting. We only ask everyone to bring a food item to share with others.**

If your last name begins with the letters

please bring a

A through H,

a Side Dish

I through M

a Dessert Item

N through Z,

a Main Dish

The food you bring to the "POTLUCK" dinner should be enough to provide at least 4 or more portions. FIFTY PLUS will provide coffee, tea, and water or you may bring your own favorite beverage. If you decide that you want to become a Member of FIFTY-PLUS, the dues for 2026 are \$25.

After Dinner, we will have a 50/50 raffle and then we will be entertained by the **Clay Rock Creek band**. They will provide **Live Music** for your dancing and listening pleasure.

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 for this special event, just bring some food to share with others. Meet old friends and discover some new ones, eat, relax, dance, and have fun.

CATHOLIC MEN OF DELMARVA

**MEN FROM THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON
YOU ARE INVITED TO**

**THE CATHOLIC MEN OF DELMARVA'S
INAUGURAL CONFERENCE,**

Saturday, October 3, 2026,

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

Saint Mark's High School, Wilmington, Delaware.

Conference Theme: Authentic Masculinity.

**Day includes music ministry; confessions; vendors;
morning refreshments, lunch, and fellowship with men
from throughout the Diocese.**

**Inspirational speakers include Father Larry Swink,
Matthew Leonard, Gary Zimak, Father James Gebhart,
Father John Solomon, and Deacon Philip Belt.**

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

THE RETURN OF THE TWELVE AND THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a **deserted** place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their **towns**. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his **heart** was **moved** with pity for them, and he **cured** their sick. When it was **evening**, the disciples **approached** him and said, "This is a deserted place, and it is already late; **dismiss** the crowds so that they can go to the **villages** and buy food for themselves." [Jesus] said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he **ordered** the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to **heaven**, he said the **blessing**, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over twelve **wicker** baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting **women** and children.

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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Seton's "Dining for Dollars" Join us at
Simply Italian



**Trattoria
Di Napoli**

1222 Pulaski Highway, Bear DE 19701

Date: *Wed., August 12, 2026*

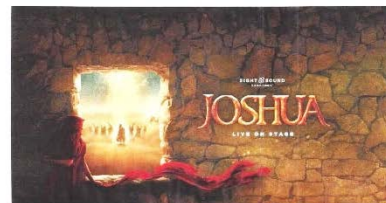
Time: Take out: *12:00pm-9:00pm*
Dine in: *3:00pm-9:00pm*

Present this coupon to your server
at time of order and
Trattoria di Napoli
will donate 15% of
your check to
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.




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JOIN THE
CROCHET
MINISTRY AS
THEY TRAVEL
TO SEE



AT THE SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE
LANCASTER, PA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

SHOW TIME: 11:00AM

BUS DEPARTS PROMPTLY AT 8:30AM *Please report
to the Seton Rear Parking Lot by 8:20 am*

COST: \$160.00/PER PERSON

Please contact Bill Mariano for tickets

Phone: 302-229-1926 or

Email: blm810@verizon.net

*Bill requires a cell phone number and email
address to contact ticket purchasers in case
of any changes that may occur.*

INCLUDES: *Bus Fare, Ticket to Show, and a
smorgasbord lunch at HERSHEY FARM RESTAURANT in
Strasburg, PA (next door to Sight & Sound Theater)
bus snacks and all Tips and Taxes.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . . UPCOMING PARISH FUNDRAISERS!

Save the Date!

DENIM & Diamonds

Gala Fundraiser

Saturday, November 14, 2026;
6:00-10:00pm.
Seton Parish Hall

Join us for a night of food, dancing and fun,
"WHERE THE RODEO MEETS THE RED
CARPET"

Watch the weekly bulletin for more information




**Brandywine
Pops Orchestra
Annual Christmas
Concert**

(with an added Parish Christmas
celebration TBD)

**Wednesday,
Dec 19, 2026**

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