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Live simply
that others may
simply live



Parish Mission Statement The Catholic community of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, united in the love of God, comes together to worship the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to provide for the spiritual growth of each member, to minister to one another's needs, to be servants and neighbors to all, to strengthen and share faith, to experience the richness of Jesus Christ. The Catholic community of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, aware of its call to be the good news, accomplishes its mission through worship, education, service and personal example.

May God Bless and keep safe in his care our Service Men and Women whose lives are in danger every day. They heroically serve to defend and maintain freedom around the world as well as at home. Our prayer for them reflects our great admiration and love for them. May God bless them, watch over them, and protect them always.

Prayer for Vocations "Lord of the harvest, **BLESS** young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. **INSPIRE** all of your disciples to mutual love and giving – for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people, **INSTILL** those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. **UNITE** us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen." (Pope Francis)

Anna Asks... *Why is Saint Joseph silent?* Perhaps the silence of Saint Joseph is his most profound witness. Saints are not celebrities, who leverage every detail about their lives as a means to be known and recognized. A saint is someone who in their desire to be like Christ is able and willing to disappear into the mission God gives to them. For some saints, this mission brings with it a great deal of attention. But for most saints, the life of grace involves a much lower profile and a death to self which requires an immersion into the most ordinary of circumstances. These circumstances are accepted by the saint because they know that it is precisely in the experience of what is apparently ordinary that God is accomplishing extraordinary things. Therefore, it is all of us, who right now find ourselves immersed in the mission to be the unnoticed saints of ordinary circumstances, who know that the silence of Saint Joseph speaks louder than any words. (*Today's answer comes from Word on Fire-Engage. To join Engage, text SEAS to 84576.*)

Christmas Masses Christmas Eve: **4:00pm Mass** (children's choir and pageant begins at 3:30)
7:00pm Mass (featuring Teen Choir)
12:00midnight (choir concert begins at 11:30pm)
Christmas Day: **10:00am Mass**

High School and College Singers – We are looking for High School and College Students who would like to join members of the family choir to sing at the 7:00PM Christmas Eve Mass. Traditional carols will be sung. We will rehearse at 6:15PM that evening before Mass. If you have questions see Terry Sivers. High school students not involved in the 4:00PM Mass are also welcome.

The Christmas Trees, The Wreaths, The Stable, and The Nativity Figures are in place this weekend. The gathering area and the worship areas are festively decorated, and the spirit of Christmas is very real. For all Christians, the celebration of the Lord's Nativity is filled with much joy and fond and endearing memories. All of God's people rejoice with the Father, the Spirit, and the numberless hosts of heaven. Jesus' birth changed mankind's destiny and uncertainty gave way to surely think God had a great plan through which all people would be redeemed and saved. We can't even begin to imagine the joy experienced by Mary, Jesus' mother, and Joseph, whom God called to be guardian and protector and provider for his Son. The lowly shepherds were the first to know and to bend their knees in humble adoration. The Wise men traveled great distances, following a special star, and they, too, bent their knees in adoration and presented the newborn Babe with significant and special gifts. Christmas this year incites all of us to prepare our minds and hearts to welcome and to adore the infant Son of a loving Father who, for his own strange reasons, finds it possible truly to love us all.

Over One Thousand Christmas Gifts were distributed to our community this Christmas season. On behalf of the Human Development Committee and all the charities we assisted, Thank You, Thank You. The overwhelming support and generosity that is present at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church cannot be matched. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Human Development Committee.

Mixed Nuts for Christmas It's standard fair at the family Christmas party – the dish of mixed nuts. How do you handle it? Do you pick through for your favorites? As the years go by, have you gotten even more sneaky? Maybe you walk by and grab a couple almonds. Circle back later and fish out the cashews, leaving those Brazil nuts for someone else to suffer through. There's a good chance you have developed a similar strategy for handling your family members. You have a favorite cousin or aunt whom you share a lot in common with. It's easy to talk with them and you circle the room and return to them often during the party. Then there's the in-law or uncle whom you find it difficult to talk with. You politely nod but move on quickly leaving someone else to talk with them. This Christmas, make a commitment to handle the nuts in your family differently. Let someone else enjoy time with your favorite family member and spend a little extra time with someone you don't usually talk to. You may find that you have grown and as happens, tastes change.

Catholic Calendars for the New Year have arrived and they are the gift of Baldwinsville's Falardeau Funeral Home. These calendars are much appreciated by families as they serve well as appointment calendars for the home and reminders of the feast days of great saints who surround us, prayer for us and inspire our daily living. The calendars can be found in the gathering area. We take this opportunity again to express our sincere gratitude to Falardeaus.

Blessing of Bambinelli. Each year during Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for "Bambinelli Sunday." The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child -- the "Bambinelli" -- from their family's Nativity scene. During the noontime Angelus prayer, the pope blesses the children and the figurines they have brought. You can bless your family Nativity scene with these words: God our Father, you so loved humankind that you sent your only Son Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you. We pray that with your blessing, these images of Jesus, who is about to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes. Good Father, give your Blessing to us too, to our parents, to our families and to our friends. Open our hearts, so that we may be able to receive Jesus in joy, always do what He asks and see Him in all those who are in need of love. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, who comes to give the world peace, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

Calling all New & Current SEAS Funeral Servers- There will be a meeting/training for both new and current parish members who serve as Funeral Mass Servers on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 9:30am at the church. This will be a complete training for our newest members and a refresher for current servers to cover updates to the role of serving for funeral masses. All are encouraged to attend. Any questions, contact John Edwards at (315) 453-7264 or the main office.

SEAS Engage! This new digital program will supplement our parish's ongoing efforts to continue forming disciples of Jesus. In a busy world, SEAS Engage, podcasts, videos, and more will be available to you on the go at no cost for your own growth *and* to share with whoever comes to mind. Reignite your faith this Advent season and consider your own personal efforts to spread the Gospel to your loved ones, friends, and coworkers. Sign up on the ENGAGE tab on the parish website or text: SEAS to: 84576.

The Word of God & Mother Seton... After celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Mary earlier this month, and now today the 4th Sunday of Advent, this season has reminded us of God's individual calls to Mary and Joseph. "*Do not be afraid,*" both are told. Imagine the uncertainty, or better, what kind of strength it must have taken for each of them to *trust*. We know the rest of the story, but consider the very human experience they had of not knowing the path that was before them. All they could do was answer the Lord's invitation with an open heart. Mother Seton's own prayer reflects what God must have known to be deep within Mary and Joseph: "Lord, here am I, the creature of Your will, *rejoicing that You will lead...let me be your own.* Amen."

Vocation Reflection: Before Mary was the Blessed Mother, she was a daughter and grand-daughter. Family support and formation is the best preparation for religious vocations. May your family be inspired by the Holy Family to support and encourage God's will in your children and grandchildren. For help supporting vocations visit our website: www.vocations-syracuse.org.

A Prayer Chain is in place at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Serving on the Prayer Chain is a way for good people to serve God and to bring blessings to others who will be grateful for the prayers of Prayer Chain Members. If prayers for self or for others are needed and desired, please call the Parish Office at 652-4300 and your prayer requests will be forwarded to Angie Peterson.

Weekly Scriptures



Readings for December 22, 2019

Isaiah 7:10-14
Roman 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Reading for December 29, 2019

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

MASS INTENTIONS December 21, 2019 through December 29, 2019

Saturday	5:00PM	Ida G Anceg by Fran Bates
Sunday	7:30AM	Jean Ramin by Sheila Hovey
	9:00AM	Tim Nagle by Jim McCarthy
	11:00AM	Eduard Hilado by Reiter & Hilado Family
Monday	9:00AM	Amy Bartholf, 6 th Aniv by Her Family
Tuesday	4:00PM	John Pavlovitz by Ginny & Children
	7:00PM	David Siedlicke & Albert & Norma Burkett, Jr by Marge Siedlicke
	12:00AM	Sharon Donaleski by The Donaleski Family
Wednesday	10:00AM	Mary Finnegan by Family
Thursday	9:00AM	Cathy Dotterer by Dotterer Family
Friday	6:45AM	Robert Gass by His Family
	9:00AM	Mary Dombrowski by Kevin, Mary Alice & Amanda Winn
Next Saturday	5:00PM	Edward Ginty, Sr by Lee & Ann Butts
Next Sunday	7:30AM	Johanna Sboro by Pat & Mike Killorin
	9:00AM	Carol Eifler by Corcoran Family
	11:00AM	Catherine Dotterer by Carlene Springall & Family

OUR GIFTS to the LORD

Regular Collection:	\$ 16,219
Hope Appeal Assessment	\$61,873
Pledged to Date	\$72,995
% Pledged to Date	118%

Electronic Offerings – If you maintain your checking account online with your bank, you might consider having your bank automatically mail your contribution to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. One would only need to put his or her envelope number in the memo line.

Events of the Week December 23, 2019 through December 28, 2019

Sunday	10:00AM	Grade 8 Faith Formation
	12 Noon	Grade 1-6 Faith Formation (M-Z)
	5:00PM	CYO Basketball
	6:00PM	With Mary, Expecting Jesus with Brendan Foley
Monday	5:00PM	CYO Basketball Practice
	7:00PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball
Thursday	6:00PM	CYO Basketball
Friday	6:00PM	CYO Basketball
Saturday	8:00AM	CYO Basketball
	8:00AM	The UPPER ROOM Men's Group

Seton Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00AM-11:00AM
 First Tues of the Month 6:00PM-8:00PM

The Seton Food Pantry Could Use The Following:

Mac & Cheese, Cereal Bars, Toiletry Items

Ministry Volunteers for Next Week (December 28/29, 2019)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Hospitality	Altar Servers	Celebrant
5:00PM	*W Pollicemi J Pollicemi D/ML Smith B Vasiloff M Zalewski M Ballard N Bellucci	A Peterson R Nemecek		A Nicita Z Nicita	Fr O'Connor
7:30AM	*F Reid M Tomas D Arena J Brown H Carvalho	C Foriero	S Hovey P Piedmonte J Piedmonte		Fr O'Connor
9AM	*C Foriero D Foriero S Garraffo S Hovey G Lozier	C Bosco A Hanretty	G Ostuni S Buswell	L Hayden R Hayden	Fr. O'Connor
11AM	*J Quilter C Poulos M Spaulding K Sweet J/P Tambroni C/J Walsh	C Poulos J Spado	B/T Servatius D Belanger	C Spado S Harrington	Fr Mulhauser

Pantry Mon Dec 23 – B Johnson Tues – CLOSED Wed – CLOSED

Sandwich Making – NO SANDWICH MAKING

Sandwich Delivery Assumption Church - NO SANDWICH DELIVERY

Want to be a Eucharistic Minister or Lector? Call Deacon Bill Dotterer at 315-882-8702 for individual training.

Want to be an Altar Server? Call Deacon Bill Dotterer, at 315-882-8702 for individual training.

Want to be a Hospitality Volunteer? Call the parish office at 315-652-4300 for individual training

Parish Membership: It is important to belong to a parish and we invite all who enjoy worshipping with us to register formally as members of the parish family. This is especially important for First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration forms may be found on the table outside the parish office or register online at www.stelizabethville.org.

Baptisms take place at the **5:00 Mass** on the **1st Saturday** of the month, the **9:00 Mass** on the **2nd Sunday** and the **11:00 Mass** on the **3rd Sunday**. Call the office to make arrangements. Preparation class follow the 11AM Mass on the 2nd Sunday every month.

Adults interested in being Confirmed or becoming Catholic through RCIA, contact Deacon Bill at 315-882-8702.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard regularly at 4:00PM on Saturdays and at other times by appt.