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St.
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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... *Did Jesus have brothers?* In the bible, we hear of "Jesus' brothers." The word *brother* (in Greek *adelphos*) has a broader meaning than blood brothers. It can mean a biological brother, but it can also mean an extended relative, or even a spiritual brother. Also, these "brothers" are never once called the children of Mary, although Jesus himself is (John 2:1; Acts 1:14). The earliest explanation of the "brothers" of the Lord is found in a document known as the *Protoevangelium of James*, which was written around A.D. 150. It speaks of Mary as a consecrated virgin since her youth, and of St. Joseph as an elderly widower with children who was chosen to be Mary's spouse for the purposes of guarding and protecting her while respecting her vow of virginity. Though this document is not on the level of Sacred Scripture, it was written very early, and it may contain accurate historical traditions. Another important fact comes from the end of Jesus' life. On the cross, he gives his mother to the care of the Apostle John. If he had brothers, they would have taken on this task. Thus the Church today affirms: "Jesus is Mary's only son, but her spiritual motherhood extends to all whom indeed he came to save: "The Son whom she brought forth is he whom God placed as the first-born among many brethren, that is, the faithful in whose generation and formation she co-operates with a mother's love" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 501).

Celebrating Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Next Saturday, January 4th is the Feast Day of St. Elizabeth. To honor her and make a connection to our parish, prayer cards will be available for you. Please plan to take these cards and pray them with your family. St. Elizabeth went through difficult times and kept her faith. Use these cards to pray during tough times and share them with family and friends who are also facing struggles. The intercession of the communion of saints is a source of great strength!

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is being celebrated this weekend. This is a great opportunity to talk about some family resolutions. Perhaps this new year you can begin to say grace before meals, or maybe you need to start by agreeing to have a meal together – no matter how busy things get! As Brendan taught last week, the Blessed Mother can be a true mother to each of us. Try to say the Rosary together as a way of supporting one another. Perhaps there could be a service project you agree to do together – some of our families make sandwiches for Assumption Church. Be creative in ways that you and your family can support and hold one another in love.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Our choirs, under the direction of Terry and Cathy, were glorious throughout Advent and especially on Christmas. The kids were generous in attending all the rehearsals for both choir and the pageant. Many instruments were added in these holy days. All together, they gave great glory to God in celebration of the newborn King. The Church and Gathering space remain beautifully decorated as our Christmas season and celebration continues. Please continue to joyfully sing to the King of Kings and praise him around the altar.

Thank you for your support in 2019 The Seton Food Pantry would like to extend a sincere thank you for the support the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has demonstrated over the past year. Whether it was volunteering your time, monetary donations, food supplies, or store gift-cards, you have been more than generous, and we appreciate it. It is through your support that we are so successful in our endeavors. We wish you all a wonderful New Year!

Holy Day of Obligation Join us on January 1st for 10:00am Mass as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The other days this year are as follows: May 21 (Solemnity of Ascension), December 8 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception), and December 25 (Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ). Whenever January 1, or August 15, or November 1, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated." If you'd like to start your new year celebrating the Motherhood of Mary, join us at 10am.

New Year's Resolutions are upon us. How often have you struggled with plans for a new you in the New Year? The reason we struggle is that our resolutions are too numerous or not specific enough. How can you measure "being healthier" this year? You can't. But you can measure eating five fruits or vegetables each day. Drinking five glasses of water. Working out three days each week for one hour. The other way we run into trouble is to set too many goals. As we fail to reach them, we throw them all away and find ourselves right back in the place we wanted to move on from. It is better to set a single, realistic resolution. A concrete goal is measurable and at the end of the day or week, you can evaluate if you have done what you set out to do. Invite the Holy Spirit to help you with your New Year's resolutions this year. Ask God what he is asking of you and for the strength to keep the commitment.

Pope Francis' World Day of Peace Message All this gives us deeper motivation and a new way to dwell in our common home, to accept our differences, to respect and celebrate the life that we have received and share, and to seek living conditions and models of society that favor the continued flourishing of life and the development of the common good of the entire human family. The ecological conversion for which we are appealing will lead us to a new way of looking at life, as we consider the generosity of the Creator who has given us the earth and called us to share it in joy and moderation. This conversion must be understood in an integral way, as a transformation of how we relate to our sisters and brothers, to other living beings, to creation in all its rich variety and to the Creator who is the origin and source of all life. For Christians, it requires that "the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them."

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... St. Paul's words today can almost stand alone as the mission statement for any family: "Put on, as God's chosen ones...heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another...as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts...and be thankful." (Col 3:12ff). With St. Paul, Mother Seton also reminds us and our families today: "*Keep in the company of Mary and Joseph who are seeking lodging for Him in Bethlehem and offer him your whole heart as a place of rest and welcome.*"

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 29, 2019

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

Reading for January 5, 2020

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS December 28, 2019 through January 5, 2020

Saturday	5:00PM	Edward Ginty Sr by Lee & Ann Butts
Sunday	7:30AM	Johanna Sboro by Pat & Mike Killorin
	9:00AM	Carol Eifler by Corcoran Family
	11:00AM	Catherine Dotterer by Carlene Springall & Family
Monday	9:00AM	Fr John Finnegan by Monday Counters
Tuesday	6:45AM	For The People of The Parish
Wednesday	10:00AM	Gertrude S Granger by Madeline Cahill
Thursday	9:00AM	For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	9:00AM	Donald LaBarge by Dr Thomas & Carol Wolff
Next Saturday	5:00PM	Fr John Finnegan by Ann & Lee Butts
Next Sunday	7:30AM	Anthony Signorelli by Diana Signorelli
	9:00AM	Fr John Finnegan by Ginny Pavlovitz
	11:00AM	Mary Curran by Mary Ann & Rand Klinke

Our Gifts to the Lord

Regular Collection \$16,697
Hope Appeal \$73,225

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 29, 2019 through January 4, 2020

Sunday	5:00PM	CYO Basketball
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	7:00PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball
Thursday	5:45PM	Peanut Butter Club
	6:00PM	CYO Basketball
Friday	6:00PM	CYO Basketball
Saturday	8:00AM	CYO Basketball
	8:00AM	The UPPER ROOM Men's Group
	12:00PM	First Year Confirmation Retreat

Seton Food Pantry Hours

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

The Seton Food Pantry Could Use The Following:

Baking Items, Soup, Canned Tuna/Chicken

Ministry Volunteers for Next Week (January 4/5, 2020)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Hospitality	Altar Servers	Celebrant
5:00PM	*L Clarkson D Cuny B Darmstedter L Ernenwein J/J Fiumano S Griffin M Kelly	N Bellucci S Wilsey		M Grovine N Locke	Fr O'Connor
7:30AM	*J Monsour R Pavone M Rapson F Reid M Tomas	G Lozier	M Wilson MA Tomas		Fr O'Connor
9AM	*S Dietrich P Gersbacher F Jeffery E Klonowski N McDermott J Ostuni R Shirley C Springall	J Hill M Millen	M Cleeton J Deep	S Hayden E Manzanarez	Fr. Mulhauser
11AM	*P Buckley P White B Barr JA Capucilli C Gilchriest P Hoffman M Murray C Poulos	M Berger	J Marks S Getman	T Padalino A Sienel	Fr O'Connor

Pantry Mon Dec 30 – Hay Family 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.