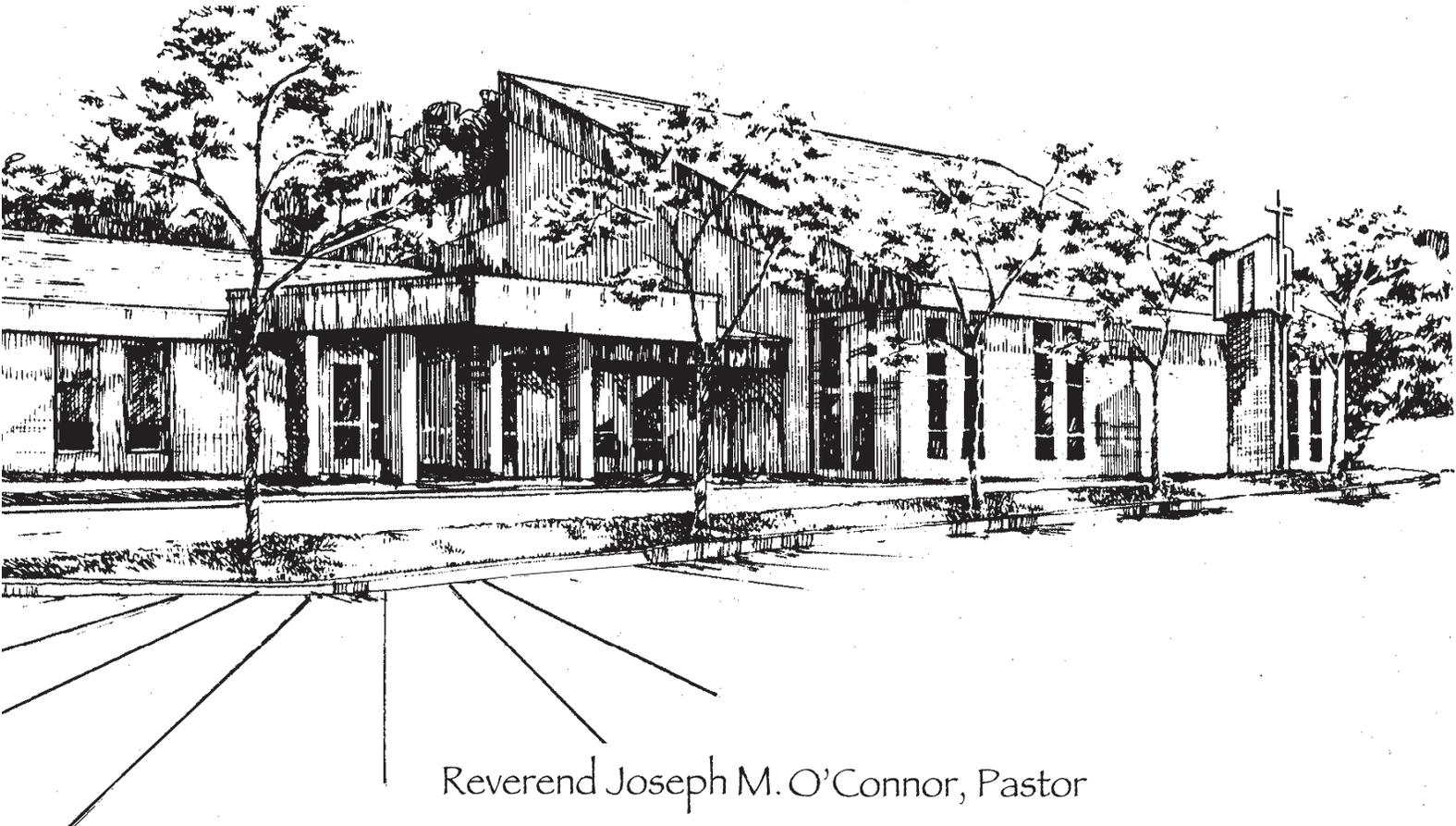


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St.  
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*Live simply  
that others may  
simply live*



**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...Was Jesus born in a stable?** We can't be certain because the Bible does not specifically answer this question. However, we can reason through this, using the Bible, and we can consider where Jesus might have been born. Tradition tells us that Jesus was born in a stable. This is based on Luke's Gospel, “*And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger... And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*” The Greek word for manger is *phatne* - a type of feed trough for animals. Therefore, nativity scenes that depict a baby in a straw-laden feeding trough (note that during that time feed troughs were made of stone, not wood). A manger would indicate that there were animals nearby, as nativity scenes usually depict. There are historical records to suggest that during the first-century animals were also kept in caves. Again, the Bible does not tell what type of building sheltered Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. It only tells that Jesus was laid in a manger, and that may have been in a wooden stable or cave.

**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 Falardeau's.

**Poinsettia Sales:** Get ready for Poinsettia sales this weekend, Dec 19th & 20th. We will be selling Poinsettias in the Gathering area of the church. There is a limited supply so don't wait! We will also be able to accept credit cards.

**What a Wonderful Time of the Year-** Hundreds of 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.

**Thank you for supporting the Spaghetti Supper** Over 300 meals were served last Saturday, and we raised over \$2,000 for youth trips next summer. Thank you to the numerous volunteers who spent the day getting that sauce just right. The Livestream Bingo games were very popular, and it was suggested that they be repeated again during the winter months. Stay tuned for the sequel to that comedy show!

## A Family Prayer on Christmas

Dear Father of love, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Son, the Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word, that we may bring your life to the waiting world. With Mary and Joseph, make our family a holy family and keep us united even when we are separated from one another. Bring health and healing to those who are ill and comfort to those who are alone. We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Christmas Masses** Registration for Masses is now open online. At this time, we are able to plan for 200 people in the Worship Space. Registration will close when that limit is reached. Visit the parish website to sign up.

**Christmas Eve:**     **4:00pm** (no pageant, but there will be music beginning at 3:30)  
                              **7:00pm**  
                              **12:00midnight** (music begins at 11:30pm)  
**Christmas Day:**    **10:00am**

- Notes: - **SIGN-UP FOR THE 4:00 MASS IN THE MAIN CHURCH HAS REACHED CAPACITY**  
The 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass will be livestreamed in the gym. Communion will be distributed there.
- You can still register for a seat in the Gym for the 4:00pm Mass.
  - All other Christmas Masses will be in the Church with overflow available in the gym only if the Church fills.
  - All Christmas Masses will be on Facebook Live so that you can join us online from home.

**Hope Appeal 2020...** Did you notice the additional lights last week at the Seton Center? We are nearing our goal and the eaves are almost fully lit. As you wrap up your annual giving, be sure to extend your support to the local charities that Hope Appeal dollars support. You can donate easily and safely online: [www.syracusediocese.org/foundation/hopeappeal/](http://www.syracusediocese.org/foundation/hopeappeal/) Your donations bring light to darkness!

**Our Daily bREAD-** - As we light the final candle on our Advent, wreath, the Angel's candle, let us reflect on its significance of the angels singing "Peace on Earth, good will towards men." Come find Christ's peace through the many books our Parish has to offer. Give the gift of prayer, an at-home retreat, or knowledge of our faith. Let us celebrate and share the love for which Jesus came to Earth.

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**The Word of God & Mother Seton...** "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God!" (Lk 1:30). A Fourth Sunday of Advent greeting from Mother Seton: "Like our Blessed Mother, we will possess Jesus our creator, and make Him our own who was born for me, died for me, and now stays on earth to be with me as my Father, my Brother, my companion and friend. To be near me in the Holy Eucharist and in the blessed Host. As near upon the altar and in the tabernacle as He was to the shepherds in Bethlehem, and as certain to come to my heart as He came to the manger, to the arms of His Virgin Mother."

**Vocation Perspective...** "Do not be afraid" if the Lord is calling you to discern the priesthood or religious life. Follow Mary's example and respond with humble trust. Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468, or write:[vocations@syrдио.org](mailto:vocations@syrдио.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 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### Readings for December 25, 2020

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Hebrews 1:1-6  
John 1:1-18

### Readings for December 27, 2020

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
Hebrews 11:8,,11-12,17-19  
Luke 2:22-40

**MASS INTENTIONS December 19, 2020 through December 27, 2020**

Saturday	5:00 PM	Smith & Vetter Families by Mary Lou & Dave Smith
Sunday	7:30 AM	Hank Zaborowski by John & Judy Piedmonte
	9:00 AM	Robert Solazzo by Stephen & Lisa Abbe
	11:00 AM	Richard Conner by Mary Rose Schnur
Monday	9:00 AM	Teresa Reynolds by Elizabeth Oczkowski
Tuesday	6:45 AM	For The People of The Parish
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Amy Bartholf, 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv by Her Family
Thursday	4:00 PM	Cathy Dotterer by Her Family
	7:00 PM	Albert & Norma Burkett, Jr & David Siedlicke by Marguerite Siedlicke
	Midnight	Fr Finnegan & Mary Finnegan by Bob & Mary Smith
Friday	9:00 AM	Ted Kaminski by Silvana & Dana Loucks
Next Saturday	5:00 PM	Sharon Hastings by Michele & Dale Cuny
Next Sunday	7:30 AM	Nancy Reeves by The Corcoran Family
	9:00 AM	Jim O'Connell by The Peter Carney Family
	11:00 AM	Beth Gilchrist by Patrick & Colleen Gilchrist

*Be assured that Fr. O'Connor will continue to say Mass each day for the scheduled intentions. While you may not be able to attend in person, your loved ones are being prayed for at Mass.*

**Confessions will be heard on Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> from 4pm-7pm**

**Sandwich Making** Dec 22 – Colligan Family, Coyne Family, Craig Family

**Sandwich Delivery Assumption Church** Dec 23 - K Wentzel

**First Saturday Cleaning** – None

**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.stelizabethbville.org](http://www.stelizabethbville.org).

**Baptisms** Currently Baptisms are being done on an individual basis by Fr O'Connor and Deacon Bill. Please call the office at 315-652-4300 to make arrangements.

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

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:00 PM or contact the parish office to make an appointment

**Our Gifts to the Lord**

Regular Collection	\$11,197
Hope Appeal Goal	\$61,936
Paid/Pledged to Date	\$54,242
% Paid to Date	88%

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Electronic Offerings** – If you have online billing with your bank, you can request the bank to mail a paper check to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at no cost to you or the parish. This can be set up on a recurring or one-time basis. We ask that you note your envelope number on the check either as the account number or in the memo line. Often this can be set up online through the “Bill Pay” section of your bank account website.

**Seton Food Pantry Hours**

Tuesday & Wednesday 9am – 11am

*no evening hours at this time*

**items needed:**

**Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Kids Snack Items**

**CLOSED DEC 22-30 FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

*Novena Prayer for an end to the Coronavirus Pandemic*

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need, we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician.

Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.