

December 31, 2017

St.
Elizabeth
Ann
Seton
Church

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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.

Hope Appeal goal has been met! Thank you for your generous gifts and pledges. Your contributions can be placed in the regular offertory box in the gathering space. Gifts are still welcome, as half of any overage comes back to the parish where we can use these gifts in support of our local ministry to those in need.

Year of the Family! With the start of Advent, the Diocese of Syracuse announced the Year of the Family. During this year, your Church Family is looking to hold up your family. We would like to hear what your needs are and how we can help strengthen and support you. The Diocesan Prayer for Families can be prayed in your homes. Please pick up a prayer card.

LeMoyné College – CYO Scholarship – Each year, Lemoyne College awards eight \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000/year for 4 years) to prospective students living in the Diocese of Syracuse who have demonstrated Christian values through contributions to their school, parish, and community. We have many such leaders at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish. If you are applying to Lemoyne and have assisted in the Religious Education program, participated in Summer Servants, or been a leader on a CYO team, please contact the parish office. Scholarship applications must be completed by January 1st.

January Retreat Reminder As a reminder to students in the Junior High Religious Education and Confirmation programs, a retreat will take the place of your January class. The retreat for 7th, 8th, and First Year Confirmation students will be on Saturday, January 27th at 9am. Fr. Chris Ballard, pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish in Syracuse, will lead the retreat. It will begin with a teaching Mass by Fr. O'Connor. Second Year Confirmation retreats will be held on two dates. Candidates with the last name beginning with A-L will meet on January 21st from 9:30-3:00pm. Candidates with the last name beginning with M-Z will meet on January 22nd from 12:15-5:45pm. All retreats are held here on the campus of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

Confirmation 2 Retreat Collection to benefit Ronald McDonald House Ronald McDonald House provides a “home” for families with hospitalized children in the area. They can enjoy a meal, find support from other families, and get a good night's sleep. Often, families find themselves on the run and need to grab a snack and go. Katie Nice is graciously organizing a collection to support these families. Confirmation students are invited to bring to retreat granola bars, juice boxes, fruit snacks, cup o'soup, or other on-the-go snacks.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is being celebrated this weekend. During the Year of the family, this is a great opportunity to come to Mass together, have a special meal together, and talk about some new year's resolutions. Perhaps this year you can begin to say grace before meals, or maybe you need to start by agreeing to have a meal together amidst all the busyness of life. Maybe your family can 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 the Assumption Church. Be creative in ways that you and your family can support and hold one another in love.

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 just 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.

Mittens and Gloves and so much more from our generous Religious Education program. Students in 2nd grade were asked to bring winter hats and mittens in for the Seton Food Pantry, and grades 1,3-8 donated food items. What a wonderful way to help our area families during our winter months! Thank you all for your warmth and compassion.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The Church and Gathering space are beautifully decorated – thank you to those who worked so hard, and quickly, during a short Fourth Week of Advent. Thank you, as well, to all who filled the air with prayerful song and instrumental music. Our choirs, under the direction of Terry and Cathy, gave great glory to God in celebration of the newborn King. Our Christmas season and celebration continues – allowing us opportunities to give beautiful praise to God and welcome others to "mangia" with us at the altar of the Lord.

Holy Day of Obligation? January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, however we will be celebrating Mass at 10am. Here is a fuller explanation:

In 1991, the US Bishops decreed that, "In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows: January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God), Solemnity of Ascension, August 15, (Solemnity of the Assumption), November 1 (Solemnity of All Saints), 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.

Funeral Mass Altar Server Training is coming up January 13th at 9:30am. This is a great ministry for adults who are available during the day and are willing to serve at Funeral Masses. The Mass of Christian Burial is a beautiful liturgy and many of us have been comforted during our own times of loss by the rhythm of the prayers, uplifting hymns, and rising of incense. Perhaps you can give back to families of the parish by giving your time in the funeral choir or altar serving. Contact the Main Office to sign up for the training or contact Terry Sivers to join the choir.

Than You For Your Support in 2017 – 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!

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. At times we all need prayers and others need prayers too.

Please Let Us Know if you or a family member is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home. Deacon Bill and Father O'Connor make regular First Friday calls and whenever home Communion is requested.

Vocation Reflection In today's Gospel, Simeon and Anna, after a lifetime of saying "yes" to the Lord, were privileged to meet the Christ Child when Mary and Joseph presented Him in the Temple. One way in which it is possible for us to be like Simeon and Anna is through serving Christ and His Church as a priest or religious. If you are interested in a religious vocation, call 315-470-1468.

Weekly Scriptures



Readings for December 31, 2017

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

Readings for January 7, 2018

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

MASS INTENTIONS December 30, 2017 through January 7, 2018

Saturday	5:00PM	Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. McQuatters Sr, by Family
Sunday	7:30AM	Barbara Grovo by Charles & Mary Lou Feeney
	9:00AM	For the People of the Parish
	11:00AM	Mary Curran by Mary Ann & Rand Klinke
Monday	10:00AM	Howard Smith & Edward O'Brien by Jane Smith & David O'Brien
Tuesday	6:45AM	Our Parishioners in Hospitals
	9:00AM	Arthur Bittel by Your Parish Friends
Wednesday	6:45AM	People of the Parish
	9:00AM	Maurice & Mary Finnegan by Family
Thursday	6:45AM	John Rulgick by Fr. O'Connor
	9:00AM	Madeline Allen by Jennifer Guild
Friday	6:45AM	For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
	9:00AM	Louise Davis by Jim & Sandy Corcoran
Next Saturday	5:00PM	Bridget Roche by Jeanette Lutz
Next Sunday	7:30AM	Roberta M. Bond by Chuck, Mary & Brian Feeney
	9:00AM	Sharon Donaleski by Jean Deep
	11:00AM	Mary Curran by Mary Ann & Rand Klinke

Our Gifts to the Lord

Regular	\$16,977
Christmas	\$16,027
Hope Appeal Assessment	\$62,464
PAID TO DATE	\$69,092
Percent collected to date:	111%

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 January 1, 2018 through January 6, 2018

Tuesday	6:00PM	Sandwich Making for Assumption
	7:00PM	Liturgy & Spiritual Life Committee
Wednesday	6:00PM	CYO Basketball Practice
Thursday	11:00AM	Park Terrace
	7:00PM	Bible Study
Saturday	8:00AM	Men's Prayer Group
	8:00AM	CYO Basketball Practice

The Food Pantry Could Use the Following:
Pasta, Cereal, and Coffee

Seton Food Pantry Hours

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

Ministry Volunteers for Next Week

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Hospitality	Altar Servers	Celebrant
5:00PM	*M Kelly Y Loudis N Maguire J Neer L Nestor D Nieman T Phillips B Rosentel	E Hahn J Neer		K Pobutkiewicz T Fryer	Fr. O'Connor
7:30AM	* S Garraffo S Hovey G Lozier J Monsour R Pavone	B Miller			Fr. Finnegan
9AM	*S Dietrich P Gersbacher S Hourihan F Jeffery E Klonowski N McDermott D O'Brien D O'Neill	K Bono H Gellert		J Springall R Springall	Fr. Mulhauser
11AM	*C Poulos B Spaulding M Spaulding L Toomey K Sweet J Tambroni P Tambroni J Turino	D Priebe C Poulos		M Padalino T Padalino	Fr. O'Connor

Pantry – Monday NONE Tuesday D Huebner F Jeffery D Nice Wednesday C Lynch S Dietrich J Piedmonte

Sandwich Making for Jan 2 – Rickard Family, Rosales Family, Saarie Family

Sandwich Delivery Assumption Church – S Dietrich

First Saturday Cleaning Crew – Nagle, Sedlak

Want to be a Eucharistic Minister? 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

Want to be a Lector? Call Deacon Bill Dotterer at 315- 882-8702 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.

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**. Please call the office to make arrangements. Preparation class follow the 11AM Mass on the 2nd Sunday every month.

Marriage: Please call the office six months ahead to make arrangements.

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

Altar Flowers may be arranged for by calling the parish office or Judy Meluni at 315-474-0613