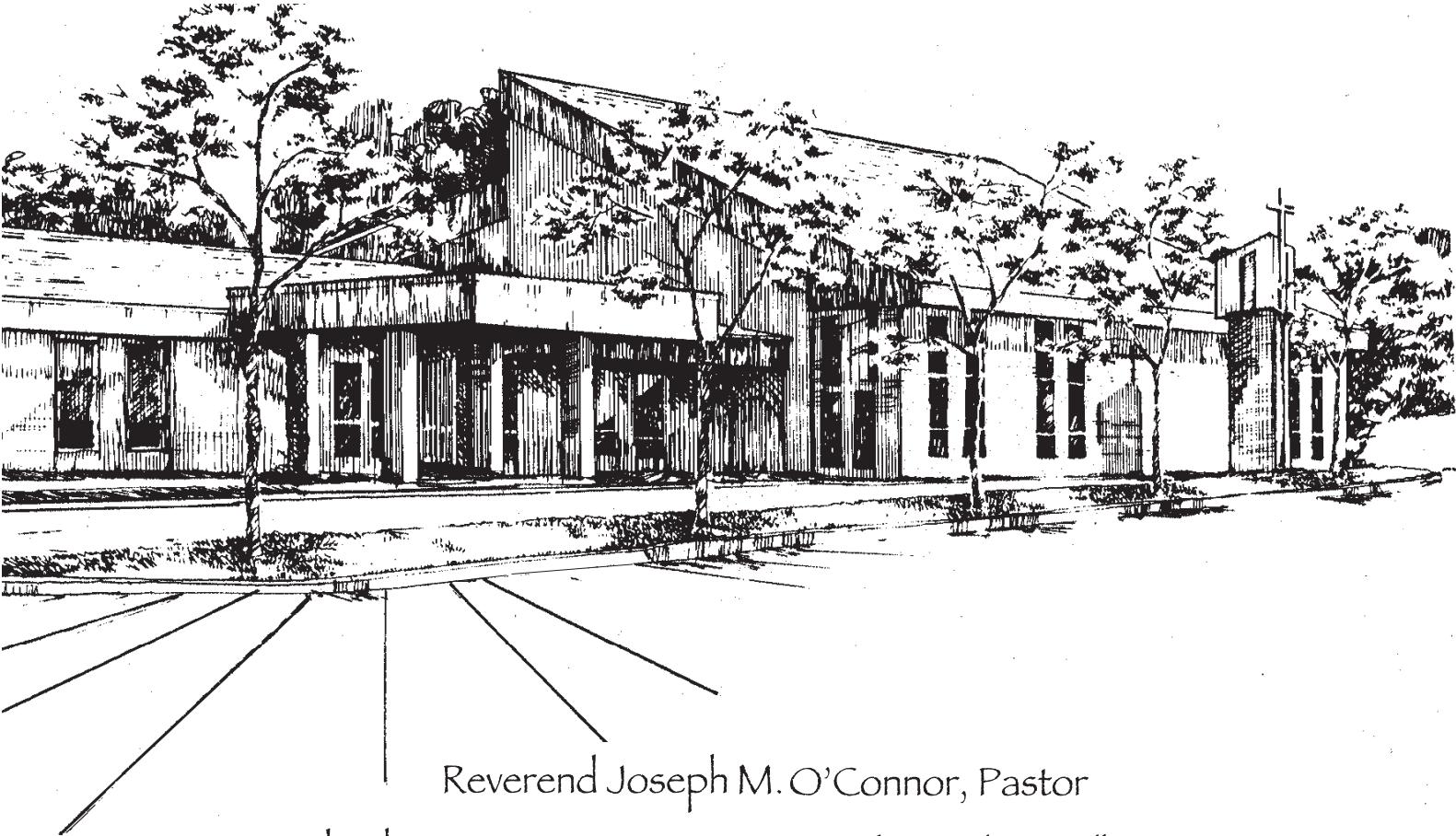


December 17, 2017

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.

Poinsettia Sale The youth of the parish will be selling poinsettias after all masses this weekend, December 16/17. The 6-½ inch plants, decorated with a red bow, are coming to us from Chuck Hafner's Garden Center. They will be on sale for \$10 each. They make excellent gifts or they can be placed in the sanctuary of our Worship Space in memory of a loved one. These gifts make our church a beautiful place for worship on Christmas.

Upcoming Mass Schedule (next weekend will be busy) –

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5:00PM. Sunday Masses at 7:30am and 9:00am. Please note that there is not an 11:00am Mass in order for staff to set up for Christmas Eve Masses.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve masses will be at 4:00PM, 7:00PM, and 12:00Midnight.

Christmas Day Mass will be at 10:00AM.

The Sunday Choir will be presenting a program of Christmas music on Christmas Eve before the Midnight Mass at 11:30PM. Come early that evening and hear some beautiful music by our Choir.

Advent Confessions – We will have a very short Advent this year because Christmas falls on Monday. In order to help you prepare for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord, we are offering numerous opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Light is On for you is a diocese wide campaign to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation available at all parishes at the same time. This is an excellent opportunity to get back to the sacrament if you have been away for a while. It is also a great chance to invite someone back to Confession. The “light will be on” at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Monday, December 18th, from 4:00PM – 7:00PM. This is in addition to the usual schedule of Saturdays at 4:00PM..

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.

Reminder of Anna's very good question last week...Do I have to go to Mass twice on Christmas Eve? This year, December 24th will be a crowded day. We will celebrate back-to-back days where we are obliged as Catholics to attend Mass. Each Sunday is a day of obligation and the Feast of Christmas is as well, so we do have to go to Mass twice for these different celebrations. The “Weekend Masses” for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be the usual 5pm vigil on Saturday, 7:30am and 9:00am on Sunday (note: there is no 11:00am Mass). The fourth candle on the Advent wreath will barely have time to burn before we decorate for Christmas. The vigil Masses for Christmas will be at 4:00pm, 7:00pm, and Midnight. Christmas morning Mass will be at 10:00am. To answer the question, we do have to attend one Mass for each of the celebrations.

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.

This is a Reminder to the Die Hard Disciples. We will be providing the music for the 7:00:PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Please report at 6:00PM that evening to go over the music. Any alumni Die Hards' that are home from college are also welcome to join us. If you have any questions please see Terry Sivers.

Anna Asks: Why does the bible have different stories about the birth of Jesus? The *Little Blue Books* which are being used by many parishioners this Advent has a great explanation (check it out in the reflection written for December 10th). What is interesting is how each of the four Gospels begins differently. The shortest Gospel, Mark, gets right down to business and begins with Jesus as an adult. John begins with the cosmic "In the beginning..." as a way of placing Jesus at the dawn of all creation. Luke and Matthew tell us of the birth of Jesus, but even they tell the story differently. Multiple witnesses to the same event will always recount different details. When that event is being shared with a specific audience, certain details will be emphasized as they are important to the audience. The Gospel of Matthew has a structure similar to the Old Testament and was written to a Jewish-Christian audience. He emphasizes the role of Joseph in welcoming Jesus as a "new Moses" who will lead his people to freedom from slavery to sin. Luke travelled with St. Paul throughout the Mediterranean and wanted to reach a largely Gentile audience. He focuses on the role of Mary and the visits by shepherds and magi – hinting at the larger audience that would recognize Jesus as savior. Christmas pageants often blend the stories together, but there is value in reading each one separately and appreciating the author's intended message. Give yourself a break in the days before Christmas and sit with one of these Gospel accounts of the Nativity. Maybe read it together as a family and discuss what stood out to each of you.

Blessing of Bambinelli. Each year on the Third Sunday of 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

LeMoyne 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.

"Giving Trees" – Thank you to all who have returned their gifts for the giving trees. If you have not done so, please return all items by 12:00PM on Sunday, 12/17/17.

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 first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, we hear that the Messiah would be one anointed by God's Spirit and sent to bring the news of God to those in need. Are you feeling the Lord calling you to consider the possibility of being similarly sent forth as a priest or religious? If you feel this call, call the Vocations office at 315-470-1468.

Weekly Scriptures



Readings for December 17, 2017

Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11
Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Readings for December 24, 2017

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

MASS INTENTIONS December 16, 2017 through December 24, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM	Frank Aranti by The Chancery Staff
Sunday	7:30AM	Daniel P. Moynihan by Jean Mofsen & Vincent Moynihan
	9:00AM	Karen Simonds by John Edwards
Monday	11:00AM	Fred & Marie Pickett by Paul Pickett Family
	6:45AM	The Children in our Faith Formation Program
Tuesday	9:00AM	Robert Vetter by The Smith Family
	6:45AM	For the People of the Parish
Wednesday	9:00AM	Richard DeCarr by Mosseau-Coldiron Family
	6:45AM	For Our Nation
Thursday	9:00AM	James & Michael Brett by Paul Pickett Family
	6:45AM	Our Friends & Family Serving in the Military
Friday	9:00AM	The Deceased Burkhardt Family by The Burkhardt Family
	6:45AM	For Those Alone this Holiday Season
Next Saturday	9:00AM	Donald Wherley,Sr. by Don & Marilyn Wherley
Next Sunday	5:00PM	Amy Bartholf, 4 th Anniv by Her Family
	7:30AM	For the People of the Parish
	9:00AM	Carol Ann Miller by Jean Deep
	4:00PM	Gordin Turner by Frank & Mary Miller
	7:00PM	Sokolowski-Leworthy Family by Children & Grandchildren
	12 Midnight	Mary Finnegan by Father John

Gifts to the Lord

Regular	\$11,399
Hope Appeal Assessment	\$62,464
Pledge to date	\$68,866
Percent collected to date:	110%

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 18, 2017 through December 23, 2017

Monday	4-7:00PM	"The Light is On"
	7-9:00PM	Coed Adult Volleyball
Tuesday	6:00PM	Sandwich Making for Assumption
	7:00PM	CYO Basketball
	7:00PM	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:00PM	Baptismal Preparation Meeting
Thursday	11:00AM	Park Terrace
	7:00PM	Bible Study
Saturday	8:00AM	Men's Prayer Group
	8:00AM	CYO Practice

The Food Pantry Could Use the Following:
Cereal, Canned Veggies,Canned Beans

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	*T Phillips B Rosentel D/ML Smith M Smith S Wilsey B Darmstedter N Bellucci	L Clarkson G Eastwick		M Grovine A Nicita	Fr Mulhauser
7:30AM	*S Hovey G Lozier R Pavone M Rapson F Reid	C Foriero	S Hovey P Piedmonte		Fr O'Connor
9AM	*P Gersbacher S Hourihan F Jeffery E Klonowski N McDermott D O'Brien D O'Neill J Ostuni	R Shirley G Stelter	M Cleeton J Deep	S Hayden E Manzanarez	Fr Finnegan
11AM	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	

Pantry – Monday K Musial Tuesday J Procopio C Vandervoort P Felser C McTiernan Wed T Zona B Lucas K Sweet

Sandwich Making for Dec 19 - Pascale Family, Pavlovitz Family, Phillips Family

Sandwich Delivery Assumption Church – K Wentzel

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