December 3, 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.

Parish Mission: "HOLDING FAMILY TOGETHER" Save the Dates...December 3,4,5. Fr. O'Connor will be leading an Advent Mission for parishioners and friends of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. He will preach this weekend's masses on December 2nd and 3rd and lead evening reflections Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM. As we begin our preparation for Christmas, we will journey with the Holy Family. What was Mary's prayer life like? How did she teach Jesus to pray? What about her husband, St. Joseph – how did they handle all that life threw at them? What can the Holy Family teach our families about praying together and staying together in the face of hardships? Join us at the parish mission as we celebrate and strengthen family life.

Children's Christmas Eve Choir –Attention students who are singing or playing their instruments for the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass: There are three rehearsals before Christmas Eve. Please make every effort to be present. Rehearsals are: Sunday, Dec 10, 1:00-1:30pm, Saturday, Dec 16, 10:00-11:00am, & Sunday, Dec 17, 1:00-1:30pm. Please meet in church near the piano. Please email with any questions, cchirel18@gmail.com

Christmas Pageant Sign-Up and Rehearsals – We are approaching the holiday time of year and that means that we must begin preparing for our annual Children's Pageant Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00PM. We are looking for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders interested in participating in the Pageant. There will be two 30-minute rehearsals on December 10th and 17th beginning at 12:15PM. Please contact Stephanie Cuny-Farrance at 315-345-4187 to sign-up.

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. In addition to the usual schedule, Saturdays at 4:00PM, Confession will be available on the Wednesday nights of Advent (Dec 6, 13,20) from 6:00PM – 7:00PM. Also, Confession will be available at the Parish Mission on Monday, December 4th. It is our hope that these expanded offerings will allow you to prepare to welcome the Birth of our Savior.

Safe Environment Training Reminder – This is a reminder that any adult (over the age of 18) who is working in Youth Ministry, CYO, Pre-School, Confirmation Teacher or Children's Liturgy of the Word must have current Safe Environment credentials to do so. If anyone has never attended Safe Environment training or has not attended a training within the last five years you must attend training. Initial training with be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on **December 9th at 9:00AM**.

The Immaculata Medallion is a Diocesan award established in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese given annually to honor the extraordinary efforts of lay people in supporting parish life. On December 10th, Bishop Cunningham will bestow this award on Dave and Mary Lou Smith. Their commitment to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish is evident in both the routine and extra efforts they have made over the years. Dave and Mary Lou have served as members of Parish Council, Trustees, Building & Grounds and Finance Committee members, Baptism Assistants, Friday volunteer, Liturgical Ministry and the special commitment this past year in overseeing the HVAC project. With the Bishop, we congratulate Dave and Mary Lou and extend our gratitude for their tireless service to the Lord and to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

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.

Anna Asks... *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.

Anna Asks a follow up question... *Can I receive communion twice in a day?* Church offers rules around the reception of Holy Communion to help the faithful avoid extremes – "missing the grace" by never receiving or of trying to "get more grace" by receiving multiple times per day. The Code of Canon Law states, "A person who has received the Most Holy Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only during the celebration of the Eucharist in which the person participates." If you attend two different Masses in a day, as may happen on December 24th this year, you are welcome to receive communion at both Masses in which you participate.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, is December 8th. This special feast day celebrates Mary as the patroness of Diocese and of the country. Mass will be celebrated at 6:45am, 9:00am, and 7:00pm on Friday, December 8th. Please plan to join us on the Holy Day of Obligation.

Year of the Family! Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, the Diocese of Syracuse will be celebrating 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. This begins with the parish mission this week. Please plan to be there and please let us know what programs would be beneficial to you and your family.

St. EAS Religious Education December Service Projects Reminder: "And the King will answer, 'When you do those things for any of my brothers and sisters in need, you do it to me.'" One of the concepts we discuss is helping less fortunate people in the community, and how when we all work together we can truly make a difference. A flyer went home in November with all the children for the Seton Food Pantry. The Pantry provides food and essential items to those in need in our local community. If you'd like your child to participate, please have them bring in their donation to their class in December. Any questions please contact Mrs. Clary at religioused@stelizabethbville.org we thank you for your cooperation!

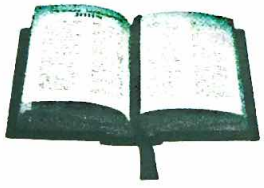
One of the most wonderful times of the Christmas season is to open our hearts to those that are less fortunate. Next weekend, Dec 9/10, our "Giving Trees" will be garnished with tags representing area organizations that could use our hearts this holiday season. We will be sharing our gifts with Unity Acres, Oxford Inn, Prenatal Association, Joseph House, Chadwick Residence, Vera House, PEACE Inc, Humane CNY, Seton Food Pantry, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Tennessee, and the Sisters at Franciscan Villa. Please pick a tag and return the item the weekend of Dec 16/17. Thank you and Merry Christmas to all.

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, Our Blessed Lord invites His disciples and us to "Be watchful" and "alert" for His coming. Is it possible that He could be inviting you to be a companion for God's people to help them watch for His coming as a priest or religious? For information regarding Religious vocations, call the Vocations office at 315-470-1468.

Weekly Scriptures



Readings for December 3, 2017
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b: 2-7
Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Readings for December 10, 2017
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS December 2, 2017 through December 10, 2017

Altar Flowers are in Memory of David Capucilli by Dad & Mom

Saturday	5:00PM	Terry Morrison (B'day) by Felicia Morrison & Family
Sunday	7:30AM	Frieda Lasek by Nancy & Rick Austin
	9:00AM	David Springall (B'day) by Carlene Springall
	11:00AM	David Capucilli 4th Anniv by Mom & Dad
Monday	6:45AM	For Our Parish Mission
	9:00AM	Leland Smith, Jr. by Don & Marilyn Wherley
Tuesday	6:45AM	Our Brother & Sister by The Bedard Family
	9:00AM	Our Friends & Family Serving in the Military
Wednesday	6:45AM	The Children in our Faith Formation Program
	9:00AM	Richard DeCarr by The Mosseau/Coldiron Family
Thursday	6:45AM	For the People of the Parish
	9:00AM	For Our Nation
Friday	6:45AM	For Those Alone this Holiday Season
	9:00AM	Mary Ann Barrett by Don & Marilyn Wherley
	7:00PM	Mary Garbacz by Bernard Darmstedter
Next Saturday	5:00PM	Sister Helene Slavin-Causin by Rosemary & Jack Hennessey
Next Sunday	7:30AM	Bill Adams by Pat & Mike Killorin
	9:00AM	James & Catherine Brett by Paul Pickett Family
	11:00AM	Fred Connell by Barb Connell

Gifts to the Lord

Regular	$9,248
Hope Appeal Assessment	$62,464
Pledge to date	$65,169
Percent collected to date:	104%

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 4, 2017 through December 9, 2017

Monday	7:00PM	Parish Mission
Tuesday	7-9:00PM	Coed Adult Volleyball
	7:00PM	Parish Mission
Tuesday	6:00PM	Sandwich Making for Assumption
	7:00PM	CYO Basketball
	7:00PM	Parish Mission
Thursday	11:00AM	Park Terrace
	7:00PM	Bible Study
Saturday	8:00AM	Men's Prayer Group
	8:00AM	CYO Practice

The Pantry Could Use The Following:
Soup, Canned Mac &Beef
Canned Fruit

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	*N Bellucci M Zalewski L Clarkson R Davis G/S Eastwick L Ernenwein J Fiumano	R Nemecek A Peterson		A Nicita Z Nicita	Fr Mulhauser
7:30AM	*G Lozier R Pavone M Rapson F Reid M Tomas	M Rapson	S Rapson		Fr O'Connor
9AM	*S Hourihan F Jeffery E Klonowsi N McDermott D O'Brien D O'Neill J Ostuni R Shirley	D O'Brien J Ostuni	K/M Nellis	C Erwin N Erwin	Fr O'Connor
11AM	*C Poulos L Toomey K Sweet J Turino P White B Barr G Cleland B Gass	L Contello	B Stamm D Belanger	G Flood M Padalino	Fr Finnegan

Pantry – **Monday** A. Penaloza **Tuesday** P Gersbacher M Zalewski D Nice F Jeffrey **Wed** D Neuman L Vanderpool M Millen A McLaughlin
Sandwich Making for Dec 5 - Micho Family, Miles Family, Musial Family
Sandwich Delivery Assumption Church – Walsh
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