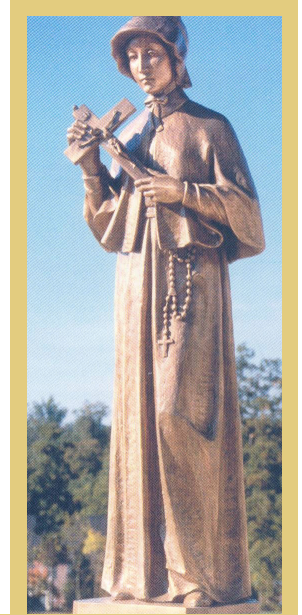


St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Catholic Church

12805 Valleywood Drive, Lake Ridge, Virginia
Founded 1976



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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October 25, 2009



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Daily Thoughts of Mother Seton:

“The happiness of those gone to Mary!-to be face to face with her.”



Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 9:00AM
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00PM
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:45AM, 12:30PM
 Holy Days: Vigil - 7:30PM
 9:00AM, 6:00PM, 7:30PM

Pastoral Staff

Rev. David P. Meng Pastor
 Rev. James R. Searby Parochial Vicar
 Mr. Emil Myskowski Deacon
 Mrs. Marie Pelletier Business Manager
 Mrs. Jackie Ezersky Director of Religious Education
 Mrs. Kathy Lord Director of Religious Education for Middle School & Confirmation
 Mr. Kevin Heider Director of Youth Ministry

General Information

Office Hours: 9:00AM to 4:00PM
RCIA: Adults who wish to become Catholic are invited to inquire about the process. Please call the Rectory.
Pastoral Advisory Council: 7:00PM - second Tuesday of every month.
Nursery Service: 9:00 & 10:45AM Masses.

Telephone Numbers

Parish Offices 703-494-4008
 Parish School, Aquinas School 703-491-4447
 Religious Education Offices 703-494-3966
 Fax 703-494-1995
 Web site www.seas1.org
 Weekend & evening receptionist (703) 494-3966

Sacraments

Penance: Friday after 9AM Mass, Monday at 7PM,
 Saturday, 3:30 or by appointment.
Baptism: Registration in parish and preparation is required.
 Please call Rectory for an appointment.
Marriage: Registration in parish and 6 month preparation is required.
 Please call the Rectory for an appointment.
First Communion: Administered in 2nd grade upon completion of 1st
 grade in a Religious Education Program or Catholic School.
Confirmation: Administered in 8th grade after completing grades 1-7
 in a Religious Education Program or Catholic School.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FROM OCTOBER 25TH - 31ST

Sunday, Oct 25th		
9am	3rd Grade RE	L
9am	5th Grade RE	RB
10am	Choir Warm Up	C
10am	Prayer Team	STATUE AREA
11:30am	2nd Grade RE	L&RB
4:30pm	Middle School	RE L,RB,D&UH
5:30pm	10 Great Dates	C
6pm	Confirmation Parent Enrollment	N
6:30pm	Middle School	RE L,RB,&DH
7pm	Contemplative Prayer	C
Monday, Oct 26th		
9am	Mass	C
10am	Seton Crafters	UH
10:30am	Mom's Group	OFF-SITE
4:30pm	Middle School	RE L,RB,D&UH
6:30pm	Middle School	RE L,RB,&DH
7pm	Boy Scouts	UH
7pm	Confessions	C
7pm	Scripture Class	N
Tuesday, Oct 27th		
9am	Mass	C
9am	Blue Army Devotion	C
ALL DAY ADORATION UNTIL 5:45		C
6:30pm	RCIC	DH,L,&RB
Wednesday, Oct 28th		
9am	Mass	C
10am	Legion of Mary	RB
6pm	Kindergarten RE	L
7pm	Parent Enrichment Penance	UH
7:30pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	UH
7:30pm	RCIA	DH
Thursday, Oct 29th		
9am	Mass	C
9am	Nurses	UH
9:30am	Music Planning	C/S,R
7pm	Sanctuary Choir	N
7pm	Parent Confirmation Meeting	UH
Friday, Oct 30th		
9am	Mass	C
9:30am	Confessions	C
9:30am	Faith Sharing	UH
10:15am	Legion of Mary	RB
7pm	K of C Children's Halloween Party	UH
Saturday, Oct 31st		
9am	Mass	C
8am	Silver Foxes	DH
3:30pm	Confessions	C



WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2009

FEAST DAYS & READINGS

- 26 Mon** Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
- 27 Tues** Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
- 28 Wed** Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude
Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
- 29 Thurs** Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
- 30 Fri** Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
- 31 Sat** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;
Lk 14:1, 7-11 Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146;
- 1 Sun** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon 9:00am** +Rose Scanga
- Tues 9:00am** +William Meeley
- Wed 9:00am** +Adelheid Tousignant
- Thurs 9:00am** +Eleanor Snyder
- Fri 9:00am** +Dale Zingleman
- Sat 9:00am** +Betty Bland
- 6:00pm** +Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sukowski
- Sun 7:30am** +David & Bernie McConnaughey
- 9:00am** +Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
- 10:45am** For the People of SEAS
- 12:30pm** +Feliciano Alegrade

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Week of October 18, 2009

Collection	\$17,716.64
Faith Direct Offertory	\$ 4,938.46
Total Sunday Offertory	\$22,655.10
World Mission	\$ 2,141.80

THANK YOU to all parishioners who support this parish.

Please Pray For...

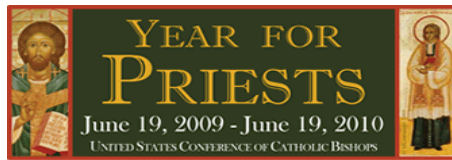
The Sick ~

James McNelis, Patricia Martin, Sharon McPike

The Deceased ~

Andrew Bogusky, Sr. and Walter Katakinski

PARISH NEW



Please pray for the following priests this week, that they might always be faithful to their sacred calling:

- Sunday, October 25th, Rev. Patrick L. Posey, St. James**
- Monday, October 26th, Rev. James M. Poumade, St. John the Beloved**
- Tuesday, October 27th, Rev. Frank J. Ready, St. Agnes**
- Wednesday, October 28th, Rev. Paul M. Richardson, St. Bernadette**
- Thursday, October 29th, Rev. John J. Riley, St. Matthew**
- Friday, October 30th, Rev. Robert J. Rippy, Cathedral of St. Thomas More**
- Saturday, October 31st, Rev. Donald J. Rooney, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**



EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR



You are invited to a Eucharistic Holy Hour sponsored by the Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima today, **October 25th from 3:00-4:00 P.M.** at St. Thomas á Becket Catholic Church, 1421 Wiehle Ave., Reston. At Fatima, Our Lady asked for prayer and sacrifice for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and an increase in vocations; we hope you will join us in prayer.

SETON CRAFTERS ANNUAL BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

The Seton Crafters will hold their Annual Bazaar in the Parish Hall on the weekend of **November 7th and 8th**. Hours will be from **9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Saturday, and from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Sunday.**

Many quality handmade crafts and gift items, including toys and clothing, will be available for sale. Woodwork, stained glass, paintings, jewelry, seasonal decorations and other crafts may be purchased from local and North Carolina vendors. Refreshments and baked goods will be available, as well as raffle tickets to win a full size quilt, stained glass Christmas wreath, handmade purse, rosary, basket of "Cheer" and other items.

The Seton Crafters would appreciate your donations of baked goods. **Please bring your goodies to the Hall between 3 and 5 P.M. on Friday, during bazaar hours on Saturday or before you attend Mass on Sunday.** For information please contact Mary Muha at 703-491-5335. Thank you for your support.

SEAS SILVER FOXES

The SEAS Silver Foxes are sponsoring a chartered bus trip to the Harrington Casino in Delaware on **Monday, November 16th**. The bus leaves SEAS parking lot at **9:30 A.M. and returns at 8:00 P.M.** The cost of the trip is \$28 and includes \$15 free play and a free buffet. For reservations call Rose Marie and Bob Scheller at 703-878-3064.

H1N1 (SWINE) FLU SHOTS AT SEAS

The Parish Nursing Ministry will be sponsoring H1N1 Flu shots by Healthcare Works at SEAS on **Sunday, November 8th from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.** in the Downstairs Hall. The cost will be \$19.

HUMAN CONCERNS

Thank you to everyone who went to CiCi's Pizza this past Monday to support the PWC Drop-In Center!

Opportunities to give of your time, talent, and treasure:

This is the last weekend for the October SEAS ACTS food drive. Please be generous in your food donations.

Next month (November) the HC Committee will be collecting **long underwear** and **sweatshirts** for the folks at the **PWC Drop-In Center**. Sizes M & L are especially needed for the underwear and XL & plus sizes are needed for the sweatshirts (for layering). With the cold months soon upon us, these clothing items are in great demand. These items may be placed in the **blue** bin located in the church foyer.

As mentioned in *The Seton Newsletter*, this year's Wounded Warrior collection will be used to help fund the building of a home for Marine Sgt. Steven Kiernan (a friend of a SEAS parishioner, present when Steven was injured), wounded in Iraq. The collection will be the weekend **after** Veteran's Day (**November 14/15**).

Mark your calendar for **November 16th & 18th!** SEAS will be assembling Thanksgiving food bags over at St. Vincent de Paul's (over by OLA) from **2-4pm both days**.

The Tag Trees are coming next month! Look to future bulletin announcements for more details.

K - 5 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



1st Penance Parent Meeting

Wednesday, October 28: Parent Enrichment Evening for 1st Penance; 7:00pm in the Upstairs Parish Hall. If you attended the meeting on October 22nd, you do not need to attend this one.

This evening is for parents who have registered their children in our 2nd grade program for 2009-10 (including Family Catechesis and Aquinas 2nd grade parents).

This is mandatory for at least one parent to attend. Any questions or concerns, please call Jackie Ezersky in the RE office at 494-3966; ext. 134.

Monday, November 9:

Family Penance Workshop for all 2nd graders and their families; 5:30-7:00pm in the main church and chapel.

This includes Aquinas, Angelus and Family Catechesis 2nd graders.

K-5 Movie Night!!

Date: Friday, November 20th

Time: 6:00-9:00pm

Place: Upstairs Hall

Cost: \$3.00 per child

Chaperones needed. If you are middle school or older and would like to chaperone, please call the RE Office at ext. 135!



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Tag Tree Program

...Creating a Christmas for Those Who May Not Have One Without our Help

Families and individuals within our parish are needed to "sponsor" a family selected to receive presents in the Tag Tree program. This is how the program works.

1. On the weekend of **November 14/15** we provide each sponsor family/individual with an envelope containing the materials needed to prepare the tags. In some cases, we will have the details on the presents that the family has requested. In some cases, we will ask you to contact the family by phone to determine their desires.
2. The sponsor family/individual makes the tags and hangs them on the tree on the feast of Christ the King (November 21/22) when they attend Mass.
3. The sponsor family/individual picks up the presents for their family on the afternoon of the third Sunday of Advent (December 13).
4. Finally, they deliver the presents to their designated family. It is quite easy to volunteer. Simply send an email to tagtree@seas1.org (preferred method) or call Mike Conk @ 571 221-0894.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

***IMPORTANT CHANGE ***

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION PARENT AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT CEREMONY MEETING:

Choose *either* Sunday, **October 25th** at 6PM in the Nave or **Thursday, October 29th** at 7PM in the Upstairs Hall. There will be a meeting and Enrollment Ceremony. Details have been mailed. Please contact the Middle School office at 703-494-3966 if you have not received a letter. In addition, please consult the bulletin and the SEAS website for further information or changes.

*This meeting is for **ALL 8th grade parishioners who wish to be Confirmed in 2010 regardless of the religious education program in which they are enrolled.**

MIDDLE SCHOOLS NEWS CONTINUED~

EIGHTH GRADE MEETING: Confirmation Preparation meeting will be held on **Sunday November 8th at 3:00pm** in the Parish Hall. The Confirmandi are required to attend and parents are also invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: If you are in grades 9-12 and have not yet been confirmed, there will be a high school confirmation class offered beginning this month. This class is available for those students who have been enrolled in religious education classes but missed being confirmed in their eighth grade year. Please contact Kathy Lord for further information at (703) 494-3966.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~

Youth Group will not be meeting in the Parish Hall on **Sunday October 25th**. We will be returning from our weekend retreat at Sandbridge Beach.

The theme for the Youth Night on **Sunday, November 1** (All Saints Day!) will be "*Only the Good Die Young.*"

Thanks to everyone who attended/helped out with the Youth Rally this past Sunday. We had a blast!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ~

Our next meeting will be take place on **Friday, October 30th**. We will be taking a trip to the Belvedere Plantation for a hayride and bonfire. The cost to attend is \$25. Permission slips can be picked up and dropped off outside the Youth Minister's office. They must be turned in **no later than Tuesday, October 27th**. **We will be meeting at the church and leaving by 5:45 Friday evening. We will return by 10:30 p.m.** Chaperones are needed.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

BISHOP IRETON HIGH SCHOOL



Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA, is hosting an Open House for prospective students on **Sunday, October 25th from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.** Presentation begins at **1:00 P.M.** For more information call 703-751-7606.

PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Please join the Paul VI Catholic High School Community at our annual Fall Open House on **Sunday, November 1st from 1 to 4 P.M.** Explore the excitement and benefits of a Catholic Education. All 7th and 8th Graders are encouraged to attend with their families.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 8th from 2-4 P.M.



Discover John Paul the Great!

Come meet our exceptional faculty, tour our beautiful campus, and learn more about our academics, athletics, extra-curricular activities, faith life, and more! Presentation begins at **2:15 P.M.** in the theater. You'll learn all about JP the Great program, meet the faculty, and tour the state-of-the-art campus. ~Applications are now being accepted at JP the Great Catholic High school for students who will be in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade next school year (2010-2011). To apply online, please visit www.jpthegreat.org. For more information or directions to the school, please visit our website, www.jpthegreat.org or you can call 703-445-0300.

PARISH NEWS CONTINUED~
"CONSTRUCTION SALES" of
SEAS-SS INVENTORY

Effective immediately, the SEAS-SS gift certificates/gift cards are no longer available after weekend Masses due to the construction in the lower hall of the church. As a result, we would like to "close-out" all remaining inventory. A listing of the inventory that is available will be posted in the vestibule. You may e-mail Hector or Theresa, (hdittamo@yahoo.com) or please call 703-491-5585, to work out details of obtaining the gift cards/gift certificates you wish to have from their house. We need your help to purchase the gift certificates/gift cards. We appreciate the support SEAS-SS has received from you over the years since the program began in July 1995.

SEAS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

In honor of Respect Life Month, the SEAS Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a collection of baby items for BIRTHRIGHT, our local crisis pregnancy center. BIRTHRIGHT provides support for pregnant mothers through education, medical help, and financial assistance. The following baby items are needed:

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| Receiving Blankets | Crib Blankets |
| Onesies | Bibs |
| Sleepers | Sweaters |
| Booties | Socks |
| Baby Set/ Outfit | Snowsuits |
| Baby Bath Towels | Mittens |
| Washcloths | Crib Pad |
| Soft Toys | Baby Wipes |
| Baby Toiletries | Diapers |
| Hats | Shoes |

Diapers and baby items should be sized from newborn to nine months. Donations can be dropped off after all Masses downstairs in the Fellowship area. Just look for the bassinet marked BIRTHRIGHT. If you have questions please contact Brenda Accornero (703) 965-5789 or Dave Pace (703) 490-6894.



Catholic Media ~

Would you like to learn more about your Catholic faith but don't have time to read a lot of books? If so, we have an exciting program starting here at SEAS. In the Parish Hall you will see a display offering inspiring and educational Catholic CDs and brochures. These CDS include explanations of our Catholic Faith, accounts of God's incredible mercy in the personal lives of Catholics, and practical information for living your faith.



OFFICE OF VOCATION

"What do you want Me to do for you?" Could your answer be the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

Retirement Fund Helps Senior Religious. "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Our tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

EPS



Education • Parish • Service

What is our primary mission as Catholics and how do we fulfill it? Find out when you enroll in **Evangelization: The Essential Mission of the Church**, a six-week course offered by Education Parish Service (EPS) on **Wednesdays, Oct. 28 – Dec. 9, from 10:30 AM – 1 PM**, at St. Ann Church, 5300 N. 10th St., Arlington. Grounded in key Church documents, the course is an introduction to evangelization and catechesis as the essential mission of the Church, especially in parish life. Marie Kordes, M.A. is the instructor. To register, contact Gregory Byrne at byrneg@trinitydc.edu or 202.884.9031. EPS relies solely on donations. Operating with the blessing of the bishop in each of the dioceses it serves, EPS educates adult Catholics to understand, live and share their faith through courses in Scripture, theology, church history and practical application, as well as spiritual development. For details and information about additional upcoming EPS courses, see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>

DIVINE MERCY GALA

The RSVP deadline for this year's Gala is about two weeks away ... October 31st. If you have already sent in your payment and guest names, thank you. If you have not done so, please feel free to reserve your seats/table now by credit card or check (preferred) and send in your names in the coming weeks. For those who are unable to attend, please consider making a spiritual and a financial contribution to the success of our annual fundraiser. For information go to info@divinemercycare.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

TODAY IS WORLD PRIEST DAY! Worldwide Marriage Encounter thanks all of our priests for their loving service to God's people. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 12-15. Early registration is recommended. For more information call John and Lorie Scali 703-631-5289 or visit <http://wwme-nova.org/> (en español <http://www.seccion16emm.com/>).

VICTIM ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

The Victim Assistance Ministry is a program of outreach to victims/survivors of childhood sexual abuse by clergy, religious or lay employees of the Catholic Church, as well as those abused through incest, by acquaintances, or through violent attack. We encourage both victims/survivors and the entire Catholic community to join us at a Mass to pray for healing for those who have been sexually abused. The Mass will be held on **October 26th at 7:30 P.M.** at Sacred Heart Church, 12975 Purcell Road in Manassas. Bishop Paul S. Loverde will preside. For more information about the Mass and other services offered through the Victim Assistance Ministry, please visit our website www.arlingtondiocese.org. You may also contact the Victim Assistance Coordinators, Pat Mudd at 703-841-2530 or Kathryn Kramer at 703-841-2759. All calls are confidential.

LAY FRATERNITIES OF ST. DOMINIC

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic will meet on **October 31, 2009** at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, 12975 Purcell Rd., Manassas, VA. 20112 in classroom # 5 from **2pm - 4pm**. We will meet earlier for Bible Study/Sharing from **12:30pm to 1:45pm**. Snacks will be served at **1:45pm - 2:00pm**. All (ages 18 & above) are welcome to attend either session or both. If you have any questions or concerns please call Mary Catabui at 703-670-7591.



A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY ~

Saturday, November 7th - Check-In: 8:00 A.M. - Seminar: 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., St. James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. Registration is \$30 which includes seminar materials only. Please make checks payable to St. James Catholic Church and mail to St. James. Contact Frances Duerst at 703-532-8815. *Nursery is not provided.*

PRO-LIFE

The twentieth century often tried to do without that cornerstone, and attempted to build the city of man without reference to Him. It ended by actually building that city *against* man! Christians know that it is not possible to reject or ignore God without *demeaning man*. Allow me, dear young people, to consign this hope of mine to you: *you must be those "builders"!* You are the men and women of tomorrow. The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with him in the building of the *civilization of love*.

~Pope John Paul II



St Elizabeth Seton Tag Tree

What is Tag Tree? An organized program to provide Christmas presents to families in our area who are not able to purchase Christmas presents for their family.

How does it work? On the feast of Christ the King, there will be two Christmas trees in the foyer of the church. The trees will contain tags identifying a present that a family has requested. Parishioners take the tags from the trees, purchase the present, wrap the present, and return the present to the church on the following Sunday with the tag firmly attached.

Who can participate? All parishioners are encouraged to take a tag(s) from the tree and participate in the program.

“Benefits” Of course, the families that receive the presents are greatly appreciative. In addition, parishioners who purchase presents receive everlasting benefits that are “out of this world”. In addition, you get to participate in the mission of the church to help those among us who are not as fortunate.

Behind the scenes, how does it all work? Families within our parish volunteer to “sponsor” a family selected to receive presents. The time commitment is minimal and it is an excellent program to help focus your family on the meaning of Christmas. This is how the program works. It is as easy as one, two, three, and four.

- ~ First, each sponsor family is provided with all the materials needed to prepare the tags. In some cases, we will have the details on the presents that the family has requested. In some cases, we will ask you to contact the family by phone to determine their desires.
- ~ Second, the sponsor family makes the tags and hangs them on the tree the feast of Christ the King when they attend Mass.
- ~ Third, the sponsor family picks up the presents for their family on the afternoon of the third Sunday of Advent.
- Finally, they deliver the presents to their designated family.

How can we become a sponsor family? We are sure glad that you asked. It is quite easy. Simply send an email to Mike Conk at tagtree@seas1.org (preferred method) or call him at 703 927 - 5205. We really do need sponsor families. If you could find the time to help, this is a great way to focus on the true meaning of Christmas – giving to others as our Heavenly Father gave us the gift of his Son.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Friday, October 30th from 7-9 P.M. in the church hall.

Games, refreshments and prizes for the best costumes - age groups 9 and under and 10-15. Bring your friends. We'll have a ghoulish good time!

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

