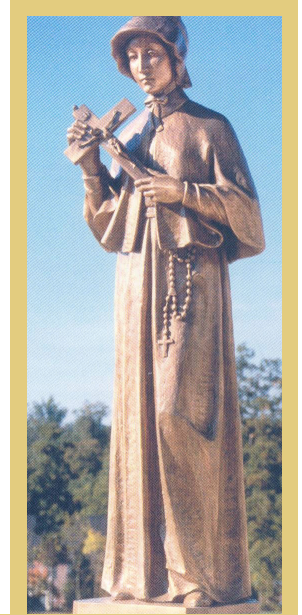


St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Catholic Church

12805 Valleywood Drive, Lake Ridge, Virginia
Founded 1976



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

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November 22, 2009



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Daily Thoughts of Mother Seton:

“Eternity! that voice to be everywhere understood.

Eternity! to love and serve Him only who is to be loved and eternally served and praised in heaven.”



PARISH ACTIVITIES FROM NOVEMBER 22ND -28TH

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
 Director of Youth Ministry
 Mr. Kevin Heider

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.

Sunday, Nov 22nd

9am	3rd Grade RE	L
9am	5th Grade RE	RB
10am	Children's Choir	UH
10:30am	Catechist Prayer	DH
10:30am	Lead Meeting	DH
10:45am	Rite of Acceptance	C
11:30am	2nd Grade RE	L&RB
4:30pm	Middle School RE	L, RB, D&UH
6pm	High School Youth Group	UH
6:30pm	Middle School	RE L, RB, & DH
7pm	Contemplative Prayer	C

Monday, Nov 23rd

9am	Mass	C
9:30am	Silver Foxes	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, Nov 24th

9am	Mass	C
9am	Blue Army Devotion	C
	ALL DAY ADORATION UNTIL 5:45	C
10:15am	Legion of Mary	RB
7pm	Sanctuary Choir	N

Wednesday, Nov 25th

	OFFICES CLOSED AT NOON	
9am	Mass	C
10am	Legion of Mary	RB

Thursday, Nov 26th

	OFFICES CLOSED	
8am	Mass	N
10am	Mass	C

Friday, Nov 27th

	OFFICES CLOSED	
9am	Mass	C
9:30am	Confessions	C

Saturday, Nov 28th

9:30am	K of C Officers & Directors	UH
9am	Mass	C
3:30pm	Confessions	C

N - Main Church	C - Chapel	F - Fellowship Hall
UH - Upstairs Hall	DH - Downstairs Hall	RB - Room B
RC - Room C	S.R. - Storeroom	OPH - Outside Parish Hall
L - Library	MR - Music Room	BR - Brides Room
		NUR - Nursery



Happy Thanksgiving

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2009



FEAST DAYS & READINGS

30 Mon	Feast of Sts. Clement I, Columbian, Blessed Miguel Agustin Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
1 Tues	Feast of St. Andrew Dung and Companions Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
2 Wed	Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
3 Thurs	Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28 <u>Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:</u> Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
4 Fri	Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
5 Sat	Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
6 Sun	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

MASS INTENTIONS



Mon 9:00am	Elizabeth Tessin
Tues 9:00am	+Edward Bogdanski
Wed 9:00am	+Maria Mariano
Thurs 10:00am	For The Parishioners
Fri 9:00am	+Michelle Frost
Sat 9:00am	+Daniel Hannon
6:00pm	+Jean & Jim Smith
Sun 7:30am	For the People of SEAS
9:00am	+Albin & Theresa Amendola
10:45am	+Bill Grattan
12:30pm	+Josephine DiCarlo

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Week of November 15, 2009

Collection	\$19,269.76
Faith Direct Offertory	\$ 4,938.46
Total Sunday Offertory	\$24,208.22
Wounded Warriors	\$ 6,882.55

THANK YOU to all parishioners who support this parish.

Please Pray For ...

The Sick ~ Joyce Byers, Sylvia Hampe, Patricia Martin & Eduardo Soliven

The Deceased ~ Michael Dunlap, Michelle Frost, Daniel Hannon, Sebastiano Lora, Carol Orr, Rose Scanga, Moses Simpelo, Ted Smith, Sr.

PARISH NEWS



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

- Sunday, November 22nd,**
Rev. Thomas P. Vander Woude, Queen of Apostles
- Monday, November 23rd,**
Rev. Joseph DQ. Vu, St. Phillip
- Tuesday, November 24th,**
Rev. Robert J. Wagner, North American College
- Wednesday, November 25th,**
Rev. Kevin B. Walsh, St. Phillip
- Thursday, November 26th,**
Rev. Clarence N. Watkins (Ret.)
- Friday, November 27th,**
Rev. Michael D. Weston, Basilica of the National Shrine
- Saturday, November 28th,**
Rev. Gerald Weymes, St. Timothy



SETON CRAFTERS BAZAAR

The Seton Crafters thank everyone who supported the fall bazaar. We enjoyed visiting with friends, starting our Christmas shopping with the many vendors, and eating baked goods and hot dog lunches. Proceeds from the bazaar support St. Vincent DePaul Society, ACTS Emergency Assistance, ACTS Turning Points, Birthright, and our parish's Human Concerns Committee. *Congratulations to the winners of the raffles: Baby quilt-Anber McMahon; fall basket-Annie Lonetti; picture-Chalote Kafke; rosary-Jo Bouter; sleight of treats-Linda With-erel; stained glass-Joyce Piertz; large quilt-Cheryl Smith-Johnson; purse-Norma Irizarry.*

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

On Thanksgiving Day Mass will be offered at **8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.** Everyone is encouraged to bring a donation of non-perishable food items, which will be given to the ACTS food pantry. As we give thanks to God for his many blessings let us share His bounty with our less fortunate neighbors.

NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

The SEAS PAC is seeking nominations to fill 2 member-at-large positions. The term would begin in January 2010 and last for two years. Any registered member of SEAS is eligible to be nominated. Members-at-large are responsible for maintaining awareness of issues and problems affecting the parish community and for bringing them to the attention of the PAC. Members-at-large represent groups and individuals in our parish who do not have a committee representative on the PAC. Members-at-large also assist with various activities and projects for the PAC during the year.

If you are interested in serving SEAS in this way, please send a letter with your qualifications and what you could contribute to the PAC to Fr. Meng or email Jim Casey, (jcasey04@comcast.net) or drop it off in his mailbox in the basement of the Parish Hall.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY AT SEAS

December 5th after the **6P.M.** Mass, SEAS will be celebrating St. Nicholas Day. The children may leave a shoe (only 1 per person) in the foyer of the hall. While everyone is enjoying donuts and hot dogs, St. Nick just may drop by and fill the shoes of the good girls and boys. Of course, no one will see him because he works best in secret. This event will only be after the **Saturday night Mass.** A regular Donut Sunday will take place on **Sunday, December 6th.**

HUMAN CONCERNS

Thank you to those who came by the Parish Hall last weekend to support the various HC activities. The cards and stockings will be sent off to our military serving overseas. Remember that many Fair Trade items are available locally and you do not need to wait until the next sale at SEAS to purchase them!

Thanks, too, for your support of the collection for the Wounded Warriors. Your generosity is most appreciated.

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

It's **Tag Tree** time! Please support this worthwhile project at SEAS!

The November **blue** bin collection is for the PWC Drop-In Center. **Long underwear** (sizes M & L are especially needed) and **sweatshirts** (XL & plus sizes are needed) are needed for the cold months ahead.

It's not too late to drop off unwanted 2010 calendars for delivery down to the Richmond VA Hospital residents. Just place them in any of the bins located on the bottom shelf of the magazine rack located in the church foyer.

SEAS donates **Boxtops for Education** to our Aquinas Regional School and **Campbells UPCs*** to area public schools. These small items add up to extra cash and products for local schools. Drop off the Bostops and UPC codes in the marked bin located on the bottom shelf of the magazine rack located in the church foyer.

*Campbells requires the UPC code, NOT the front label.

K-5 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The entire Religious Education Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank our Lord for all the children and their families we have been blessed with this year in our program.

Happy Thanksgiving!

There will not be any K-5 grade RE classes from Monday, November 23 through Sunday, November 29.

WANTED

Children, ages 5-10, to act out the Christmas Story before the Children's 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass.

THIS CHRISTMAS STORY REENACTMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4:00PM IN THE CHURCH BEFORE THE 4:30 CHILDREN'S MASS.

If interested, call the K-5 Grade RE Secretary, Theresa Peck at 494-3966; ext. 135.

These children will practice with the choir on **Sunday, Dec. 20, from 4:00-6:00pm.**

Sunday, November 22: K-8 Grade Lead Teacher Meeting; 9:30-10:30am in the downstairs parish hall.

Sunday, November 22: Catechist Prayer & Planning Session for all K-8 grade catechists (including Lead Teachers); 10:30-11:30am in the downstairs parish hall.

Monday, November 30: Family Penance Workshop (make-up) for those 2nd graders who missed the workshop on November 9th; 5:30-7:00pm.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Tag Tree ProgramCreating a Christmas for Those Who May Not Have One Without our Help

Please consider giving a Christmas present to a person who might not otherwise receive one this year.

It is easy to participate:

1. Take a tag from one of the trees inside the church
2. Purchase the present indicated on the tag
3. Securely attach the colored tag (to include the white instructions sheet that describes the gift) to the present (Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners, we normally collect almost 1,000 presents. We need the tags back to ensure the right person gets the gift.)
4. Return the gift at the start of the Mass that you attend on either the weekend of **November 28/29 or December 5/6 or December 12/13.**

Thanks for your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Conk at tagtree@seas1.org or 571 221 0894.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Preparation Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13th from 3:00PM-4:30PM in the downstairs of the Parish Hall. Parents and sponsors are invited and encouraged to attend. **STUDENTS SHOULD READ AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS CH. 3 & 4 OF THEIR CONFIRMATION BOOK PRIOR TO THIS MEETING**

Your child's **Baptismal Certificate** and completed **Sacrament Card** are now due. Also, a reminder that fees are due on November 24th or you may call Kathy Lord at 703-494-3966 Ext. 132 to make other arrangements.

7th GRADE UPCOMING ACTIVITY

Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Tour - 2:00PM-4:00PM: Please come into the Middle School Religious Education office to sign up and fill out a permission slip. For more information contact Kathy Lord at 703-494-3966. All other middle school grade level students are also invited. **Drivers and chaperones are needed!**

ADVENT PROJECT

All middle school religious education class students have received information regarding the upcoming Advent Service Project. We have received 60 names from the Prince William Senior Center. All family catechesis students and parishioners are encouraged to contribute to this effort to bring cheer to the infirm and lonely in our county.

Sunday, November 22: K-8 Grade Lead Teacher Meeting 9:30AM-10:00AM in the downstairs parish hall.

Sunday, November 22: Catechist Prayer & Planning Session for all K-8 grade catechists (including Lead Teachers); 10:30AM-11:30AM in the downstairs parish hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: A reminder that there will be no classes on Sunday November 29 due to the Thanksgiving break. Classes will be held on Monday, November 30th as usual.

SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY: Volunteer for K-5 Movie Night on Friday, November 20th from 6-9! Please call Theresa Peck at 703-494-3966 for more information and to sign up.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~

The theme for tonight's Youth Night is "It's A Wonderful Pancake!"

There will no Youth Night the 29th. Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ~

Our next Junior CYM meeting will take place this Friday (December 4th). Please check your emails for further information.





My Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is here already, but how glad we should be that it is. It is amazing how good God is to us and how thankful we should be. They say that gratitude is the perfect cure for anger and resentment. If we count our blessings rather than our grudges how rich we find ourselves to truly be. We have been blessed so abundantly, you and I, both in the nation we find ourselves to graced to live in and in the Faith that is our comfort, strength and benediction. We have been given the courage to address the Almighty God as "Our Father" and to receive the gift of His Son in a holy communion. I'd say that in this we have been given the necessary strength to press on through life to Life. This Thursday we will celebrate **Mass at 8a.m. and at 10a.m.** We will be receiving gifts of food for the relief of the poor and hungry of Prince William County at Mass. I would like to thank you in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness, for to remember the poor is to remember Christ.

The great Season of Advent, and the start of our New Year, begins next Sunday. To prepare well for the Birth of our Savior we will be expanding our regular confession schedule, which will be included in next week's bulletin. Our series, Encountering Christ in Scripture, which, I am pleased to see, is being well received, will not meet this **Monday night (11/23)**, but will resume **Monday, November 30 at 7p.m.** with a consideration of the Infancy Narratives. If you would like to see the past classes we have them on our web-site seas1.org under the media heading.

Finally, the work on the basement is moving very well and very quickly. The wall framing is already up and the transformation is very remarkable. It is exciting to see the progress and it will be terrific when all is complete. I pray that the Good God will fill you with a spirit of gratitude and enfold you in the rich embrace of His tremendous love God bless and keep you all. *Father Meng*

PARISH NEWS CONTINUED~

SEAS HEALING TEAM

The SEAS Healing Team will be available following the **9am Mass next Sunday** for anyone seeking personal intercessory prayer from physical, emotional, spiritual or relational healing. This is an excellent opportunity for a few moments of quiet and personal prayer support with people who are well trained and compassionate. The new location for the healing team is between the two statues in the back of the church.

SEAS CERTIFICATE

Due to the construction project, SEAS Certificate Holiday Sale will be handled differently this year. Orders may be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked **SEAS-SS HOLIDAY ORDER**. Orders may also be mailed to Hector Dittamo, 2605 Deepford Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192. If you need an order form, extras are located in the back of the church. All orders must be received by **December 6th**. There will be a pick up of orders before and after all Masses **December 5/6**. If anyone cannot pick up their order during these weekends, please contact Hector Dittamo (703-491-5585) or Marie Lubash (703-494-9934) to make other arrangements.

PRO-LIFE

RESPECT



LIFE

Every little boy and girl is a unique and irreplaceable creature designed by the God of love, his personal gift that comes to us bearing his image and likeness. While biological parents assist in God's creative act, God contributes the child's eternal soul-his or her intellect, consciousness, will, and the capacities to reason and love, to hope and aspire.

~Flyer, Respect Life Program

ARBOR COMMITTEE

The SEAS Arbor Committee is in immediate need of a new Chairperson to help coordinate and organize the work sessions that are conducted monthly to beautify the parish grounds. We have an amazing well-established team on the Arbor Committee who are hardworking, dedicated, and very knowledgeable. We are looking for a team leader to coordinate and schedule the work sessions. We plant the containers, mulch the property, trim shrubs as necessary and always aim to beautify our Church grounds.

The outgoing Chairperson is very willing to stay and assist the new Committee Chair. We have a shed, all necessary tools, and a fun and able team, in search of our new Mr. or Mrs. GreenJeans. The Arbor Committee offers a great chance for fellowship, outdoor exercise, and the opportunity to make a visible contribution to St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

If you would like more information or are interested in leading our Green Team please contact Kelley Dragonette at 703-493-9708 or inquire at the Rectory, 703-494-4008.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This is an open invitation to all practicing Catholic gentleman, age 18 or older to become a member of SEAS Knights of Columbus Council 8183. **This weekend, after all Masses**, there will be a Knights of Columbus information table over in the upper Parish Hall. If you are interested in becoming a member of the finest Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization in the world, please stop by the information table over in the parish hall. A Knights of Columbus representative will be available to answer all your questions. In addition, if you are new to the Parish, already a Knight and want to transfer your membership to SEAS, please stop by the information table for assistance with your transfer. If you have questions about the Knights of Columbus, contact Phil Kennedy at (703) 490-5822 or pkenn95798@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

The Arlington Division of the World apostolate of Fatima will sponsor a Eucharistic Holy Hour **today, November 22nd from 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.** at St. Thomas à Becket Catholic Church, 1421 Wiehle Ave., Reston. We hope you will join us in prayer.

2009 TAX LAW TAX-FREE IRA GIFT

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make a gift tax-free from your IRA to our parish or the diocese thru **12/31/09**. While this gift will not result in a tax deduction, the amount will be excluded from our taxable income for 2009. Other benefits and restrictions apply - for more information, please call (703) 841-3896 or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.planyourlegacy.org/ira.php.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Young women from 18-30 years old are welcome to a "Come and See" vocational discernment weekend with the Daughters of St. Paul in Alexandria, VA from **December 18th-20th, 2009**. For more information please call Sr. Margaret Michael at 617-435-1879 or you can email vocations@paulinmedia.com or Sr. Christine Virginia at 703-549-1323 or email srchrisfsp@gmail.com



OFFICE OF VOCATION

"My kingdom is not from the world." Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Write Father Brian Bashista at b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org or call Father at 703-841-2514.



*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Advent & Christmas Schedule*

Advent Schedule

Weekday Mass ~ 9:00 A.M.

*Confessions ~ See Next Week's Bulletin
for Days & Times*

Immaculate Conception

*December 8th ~ Vigil at 7:30 P.M.
Feast Day at 9:00 A.M., 6:00 P.M.,
& 7:30 P.M.*

Christmas Mass Schedule

*December 24th ~ Children's Nativity at 4:00 P.M.
Children's Mass at 4:30 P.M.
Mass with Posada at 7:30 P.M.
Carols at 11:30 P.M.
Mass at Midnight*

*December 25th ~ Christmas Day at 9:00 A.M.
& 11:00 A.M.*

New Year Schedule

*December 31st ~ Vigil Mass at 7:30 P.M.
January 1st ~ 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.*

Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens & Rite of Welcoming Candidates for Full Initiation into the Catholic Church

Today at the 10:45 AM Mass we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming. Since September, a group of adults has been gathering each week to learn about our Catholic faith. For the first time they gather publicly and declare their intentions to continue their spiritual journeys in the Catholic tradition. Those who are unbaptized and desire membership in the Church become known as catechumens. Those already baptized and desiring full communion with the Church become known as candidates. As representatives of the Church, we accept and welcome them into our faith community. We promise to support them with our love and prayers as they continue toward initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please remember them in the coming months as they journey toward deeper union with Christ.

