



Welcome to our Parish!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter what your current personal history, age, income, background, gender, gender identity or orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter what your own self-image or holiness or virtue - You belong to Christ and belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We welcome you. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of life with you!

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Eucharist

Monday—Friday 8:00am
Saturday vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am &
5:30pm

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 3:00pm. Weekends and Evenings by appointment

**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT
THE BEATITUDES**



He began to teach them,
poor in spirit, for theirs is

saying: "Blessed are the
the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:2-3

Special Intentions

This week's intentions for the Sanctuary Candles are:

~In Memory of **Raymond A. Podskoch** offered by Marlene & Ray Knaub

~In Memory of **Lou Michaels** offered by Michaels Family

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

~In Memory of **Catherine & Frank Mucha** offered by Family

Today's Music

4:00pm, 8:30am, 11:00am		5:30pm		
Gathering	138 S	Let us Sing	317 B	All Are Welcome
Preparation	75 S	The kingdom of God	138 B	Be Not Afraid
Communion	139 S	Rejoice, Be Glad	353 B	One Love Released
Sending	122 S	The Thirsty Cry	501 B	All That Is Hidden



"Blessed

*are you when they insult you
and persecute you and utter every kind
of evil against you falsely because of me.*

*Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be
great in heaven."*

Matthew 5:11-12a

Intentions for the Coming Week

		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Monday, January 30	8:00am	Irene Dragon	Family
Tuesday, January 31	8:00am	Edward, Veronica, & Edward Jr. Novroski	M/M John Ptashinski & Family
Wednesday, February 1	8:00am	Bill Quinn	Wife & Family
Thursday, February 2	8:00am	Elda Pisaneschi	Gene & Lori Raymond & Daughters
Friday, February 3	8:00am	Mary Szczucki	Marge Palmer
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday, February 4	4:00pm	John Schmitt	Susann Evans
Sunday, February 5	8:30am	William Holena Jr.	Wife, Tamara & Daughters
	11:00am	Joseph George Vojtko	Gene & Susan Behme
	5:30pm	Clara Sincavage	Jim & Dottie Powers

Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers.

He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.

DIED 316
FEAST DAY — FEBRUARY 3



Our Parish Staff

Rev. Joseph J Pisaneschi x105
Pastor

Rev. Anthony Urban
Assisting Celebrant

Deacon John Bankus
Deacon John (Jack) Zeigler
Permanent Deacons

Lori Raymond x100
Pastoral Associate/Director of
Religious Education

Sister Mary Beth Makuch, SS.C.M.
Pastoral Outreach Ministry

Music Ministry
Marge Semanek
Director of Liturgical Music

Joseph Sabol
Accompanist

Scott Coates
Accompanist/5:30 p.m. Sunday

Pat Quinn
Office Assistant

Sacristans and Maintenance
Chris Calore
Director of Maintenance

John Sartin
Trudy Brown
Pat Quinn
Betsy Evanoski
Phil Bosha

Weekly Adoration

Join us Thursday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for Eucharistic Adoration in the church, closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome for some time of quiet prayer and reflection.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We Celebrate Confession Saturdays from 3:25pm—3:45pm before the 4:00pm Vigil Mass. You may request confession at any time by calling and making an appointment in the office.

Choir Practice

Join our Senior Choir! We are getting set for Lent and Easter and would love to welcome new voices! Practices on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the choir loft. Join us!

Children's Choir Mondays 5:15 pm in the church. All are Welcome!
5:30pm Sunday Choir welcomes students and young adults to sing with us. See Mr. Coates for more information after mass on Sunday.

Religious Education

Children in Grades 1-8

Saturday classes: 9:00am-10:15am Monday classes: 6:00pm-7:15pm

January classes: Monday: 30th

February classes:

Saturday: 4,11,25 (no classes on Sat., Feb. 18, Presidents' Weekend)

Monday: 6, 13, 27 (no classes on Mon., Feb. 20, Presidents' Weekend)

Confirmation Students: Please hand in paperwork by March 6th.

1st Holy Communion parents: Please hand in forms as soon as possible

St. Blaise/Throat Blessing

This Friday, February 3rd is the Memorial of St. Blaise. Individual Throat Blessings will be offered after the 8:00am Mass on Friday. A General Blessing of the Throats will be offered on the weekend of February 4th & 5th at the end of weekend Eucharist.

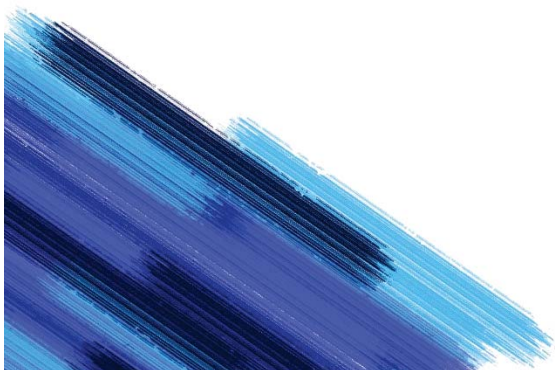
Candlemas/Blessed Candles

Thursday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple or Candlemas. Candles will be blessed at this mass and will be available for you to take home after the mass. A display will be in the sanctuary for a donation of \$ 5.00 each while supplies last.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our HNS will meet next Sunday, February 5th, after the 8:30am mass in our church hall. New members are welcome.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, PRAY FOR US!





THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light of the nations” and the “glory of Israel.” (CCC, no. 529)



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A popular proverb says that religion is caught, not taught. Both children and adults learn more about faith by seeing others practice it than by reading a catechism. Most of us can recall devout parents, an active community of faith, and the good example of sisters and priests. These were the people who shaped our life of faith, who taught us what it meant to be a member of a church community. They gave their time, talent and treasure to build churches, schools, halls and programs that made the parish a reality. And we are the ones who benefit.

Never underestimate the power of good example. Being kind and generous, praying before meals, regularly attending Mass, frequenting the sacraments, having an interest in the Bible, and displaying religious symbols in your home say a lot about your faith. Living in the Presence of God is more convincing than a thousand lectures—or sermons. When we practice what we believe, the preaching comes in a subtle form that teaches more than words can say. We become the instruments of grace and faith.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

HOLY REDEEMER ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The administration of Holy Redeemer High School is pleased to announce the 2023 Academic Scholarship recipients who merited top, exemplary, & high scores on the HR Entrance & Scholarship exam. Students will receive these academic scholarships for each of their 4 years at Holy Redeemer High School. Congratulations to our parishioner, **ROBERT STANCHAK**, Wyoming Area Catholic, who merited the **Top Score** of the 3 placement scores!!!! Great job, Robert! Robbie also plays acoustic guitar at our 5:30pm Sunday mass.

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3rd ANNUAL SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

We would like to announce that we are joining many other Catholic parishes across the United States that are taking part in the Spiritual Adoption Program.

The Social Concerns Committee urges you all--students and adults--to join our first Spiritual Adoption Program, nine months of prayer leading up to our annual baby shower (which benefits our local Pro-Life Center). This simple, powerful program costs you only a minute of your time every day, but can save the lives of the innocent unborn.

PRAY for one particular, though unknown, baby to be spared from abortion.

CHOOSE A NAME for this child, and write it on the bottom of this form. Tear it off and place it in the basket by the statue of the Blessed Mother near the elevator. Sign your name if you wish, or don't if you so desire. **NO ONE WILL CALL YOU.** You may adopt more than one baby if you wish.

The **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION** prayer (below) is for you to keep. Take it home and pray for the safety of this child every day in the quiet of your own time.

Throughout your lifetime on Earth, this child will be known only to God, but we believe that in the world to come, you will meet with him or her eternally in Heaven and what a joyful meeting that will be!

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that
I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.
*"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the Infant leapt in her womb."
(Luke 1:41)*

~~~~~tear here~~~~~

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PLEDGE

I promise to spiritually adopt an unknown baby in danger of abortion  
by praying 9 months for the life of this child:

Name of your adopted child: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

(Please place in basket by the Blessed Mother statue near the Confessional)



## Rectory, Set, Cook



Father Joe is at it again! This year he's taught by his sister, Donna Coccodrilli, to make the Pisaneschi Family Ravioli secret recipe with WNEP-TV and our own Jon Meyer. All to help feed the hungry and to benefit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Log on to watch and learn the recipe --- you are sure to get a smile or two at the antics and mishaps! Vote for our kitchen crew --- early and often (you can vote as many times as you wish) Last year our parish was in the top 10 of the diocese!

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## We've Got the Spirit and We're On A Mission!

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming "We've Got the Spirit and We're on a Mission" Program at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on February 25 & 26. If you have any questions regarding the "We've Got the Spirit and We're On a Mission," Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Congratulations! We went over the top again this year!

Thanks to all who made this possible.

DAA 2022 Goal: \$44,000.00 Total Raised: \$49,893.05  
Over: \$5,893.05

### Collection Report

**For the weekend of January 14/15, 2023**

Regular: \$8185.54

Dues: \$1398.00

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**Diocesan: Care & Educ. of Priests: \$75.00**

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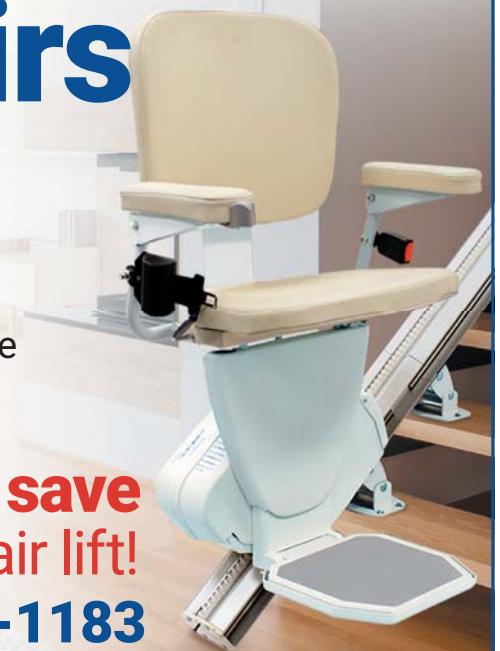
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