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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday: **5:30PM**, (Contemporary Choir)
Sunday: **7:00** (no music), **9:30** (Family Mass, Sept-May)
11:00AM (Solemn Choir), **12:30PM**

DAILY

Monday-Friday, **7:00AM, 9:00AM**
Saturday, **9:00AM**
For **Holy Day** schedule, consult bulletin

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism/Becoming a Catholic

Adults (RCIA): call the rectory for information
Infants: Parent Instructions, 2nd Saturday, 11:00am
Celebrations: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sun., 1:30; 4th Sat, Noon

Reconciliation (Confession)

Sat. 4-5:30PM; **Sun.** 15 minutes before Mass;
Thurs. 9:30AM; **Other times:** upon request.

Marriage

The Sacrament of Matrimony requires specific preparation. Contact a priest at **least 6 months** before the planned ceremony. Archdiocesan marriage instruction is mandatory.

Anointing of the Sick/Holy Communion for the Homebound

Contact a priest for ministry to the sick and aged at home or at a local healthcare facility. Upon request, Holy Communion will be brought to the seriously ill or homebound.

Confirmation

Baptized adults who have never received First Communion and/or Confirmation should contact a priest to complete their Christian Initiation through the R.C.I.A. process.

Holy Orders/Religious Vocations

The clergy are happy to discuss the prospect of a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life.

POPULAR DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday, Chapel, 12:00-3pm, **First Friday,** 7-8pm
First Saturday, Chapel, 9:30-10:30am
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Monday-Friday, 3pm, Chapel

Nana Seton's Corner

Our playgroup for children ages 1 month to 5 years meets on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** from 10:00am-12:00pm in Annex B. Information? Visit our website, www.seton-parish.org.

St. Patrick's Separated and Divorced Group

Yorktown St. Patrick's Group's next meeting is on **Saturday, Dec. 16th** from 9:30am-11:30am in their Parish Center Meeting Room. To register please call or email the Facilitator, **Joyce Schelle, 914-450-8606, jschelle23@aol.com, or the parish Office, 914-962-5050.**

Seton Seniors

Our parish's Senior Club meets every Thursday, from 10am-1pm in the Seton Parish Center. Thursday gatherings consist of an invited speaker with refreshments, followed by bingo, card games, small group classes and fraternity. Our Seton Center's main hall, deck and four class rooms are open to the group. All senior citizens are most welcome. Contact seton@seton-parish.org for more information.

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

The Holy Father asks the people of the world to pray with him for the following during December:

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

First Sunday

December "Birthday Blessing"

Next **Sunday, Dec. 3rd**, at the **9:30am** Family Mass, a birthday blessing and a present will be given to our little ones who celebrate their birthdays in November.

Morning Prayer, Monday-Saturday 8:40am in the Chapel

Novenas, following 9am Mass

Monday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Parish Patroness

Thursday, Miraculous Medal

Rosary, Monday-Saturday, following 9am Mass, Chapel

The 8am Sunday Mass is permanently canceled.
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SEAS Boy Scout Pack 238 Giving Tree

The parish Giving Tree has been set up in the church vestibule **this weekend**. If you would like to participate, please choose an ornament from the tree, purchase a gift (each ornament will have suggestions for a specific child), wrap the gift and attach the ornament to the outside of the package. Seton scouts will be collecting the gifts during all Masses during the weekend of 12/9-12/10. Gifts will be distributed through the Child Welfare Program at Westchester Institute for Human Development and will benefit who are currently in foster care or recently reunited with their biological families or adopted by their foster families, as well as their parents. The children who have received gifts in past years and their families have been so appreciative of the generosity shown by our parish. Please contact **Robin Dever** at 914-819-7668 or rrdever@aol.com with any questions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Next Sunday, **Dec. 3rd**, following the Opening Prayer at the **9:30am** Family Mass, we will invite youngsters, ages 4 to 7, to come to Our Lady Memorial Chapel for a *Children's Liturgy of the Word*. Parents of little ones may accompany them.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We meet **Sunday, Dec. 10th**, from 2-3pm in the Parish Center's St. Peter's Room. Questions? Call **Pam Adamovich, 845-528-4483**.

Rosary Altar Society

We meet for our monthly **11:00am Mass** next Sunday, **Dec. 3rd**. We meet for our monthly meeting on **Monday, Dec. 4th at 9:45** in the Chapel.

MASS INTENTIONS

	5:30	The People of Seton Parish
Sun	Nov 26	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
	7:00	Joan Kears
	9:30	Jessica Marone
	11:00	Hastings & DeMelfi Families
	12:30	Dec'd Mbrs of the 3rd Order Franciscans
Mon	Nov 27	Weekday
	7:00	Gary Cross
	9:00	Robert P. Campo, Jr.
Tue	Nov 28	Weekday
	7:00	Anthony Scarlato
	9:00	Leah Amoruso (Living)
Wed	Nov 29	Weekday
	7:00	Rose & Sal Capobianco
	9:00	Peter Guyett
Thu	Nov 30	St. Andrew, Apostle
	7:00	Theodora Fedorchick
	9:00	Joan Kears
Fri	Dec 1	Weekday
	7:00	Nicola DiMarino
	9:00	Robert P. Campo, Jr.
Sat	Dec 2	Weekday
		• Dario Svenjak
		• Pietro Pennella
		• Phyllis Angelillo
		• Maureen Conklin Strong
		• Filomena Bucciero
		• Anna Marie Cruz
Sun	5:30	Ron D'Alessandro, Jr.
	Dec 3	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	7:00	The People of Seton Parish
	9:30	Jack Leifels & Sadie Piotrowski
	11:00	Dec'd Mbrs Harrington & McGee Families
	12:30	Living & Dec'd Mbrs O'Keefe/Dewart Families

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp, indicating the Real Presence, burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of the McCue & Fleming Families.**

The Sacramental Bread and Wine were donated in memory of **Vito & Joan Albanese.**

Pray with Us!

Join the **Medjugorje Rosary Guild** in praying 3 Mysteries of the Rosary for "fallen-away" Catholics, and the conversion of sinners and unbelievers on the 2nd day of each month at 5:00 **am** in the church. See you **Sat., Dec. 2nd.** Info? Call **Dina 914-734-1122.**

And the winner is . . .

The winner of our November **Booster Club**, whose name was drawn Wednesday is **Louise Giacomini.** She won **\$300.** Congratulations!

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Select DECEMBER Events

Fri, Dec 1	Advent Holy Hour, 7pm
Sat/Sun, Dec 2/3	Christmas Fair
Thu, Dec 7	Night of Prayer for Life 6:30-10:30pm in Church
Fri, Dec 8	Immaculate Conception Holyday of Obligation
Sat, Dec 9	Pre-Baptism Class
Sun, Dec 10	Lessons & Carols, 3pm
Sun, Dec 17	Bambinelli Sunday
Mon, Dec 18	Reconciliation Monday, 2-4 & 6-9pm
2nd Collections: Emergency Maintenance Fund, Religious Retirement Fund, Seton Music Ministry, Christmas Mass Remembrance	

WELCOME TO SETON!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our visitors worshipping with us today. We are happy to have you with us. And, we hope that you are inspired by our parish family at prayer, and that all of our visitors will come worship with us again soon. *May God Bless You and Keep You!*

HNS, KOC/Columbiettes & Ministers of Hospitality Deceased Member Mass

Tomorrow, **Monday, Nov. 27th**, please join us as we honor the memory of the deceased members of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Holy Name Society & Ministers of Hospitality, and Father John LaFarge Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes in a Memorial Mass at **7:00 PM** in the church. All are welcome.

Rel Ed Adopt a Family

Next weekend, our Rel. Ed. Confirmants will be collecting for their Adopt a Family Service Ministry after all the Masses. Each year they provide personal Christmas gifts and grocery gift cards for families in need.

METANOIA Holy Hour

On behalf of the Young Adult ministry in our parish (Credo Young Adults), we invite all parishioners to join us in the church this Tuesday, November 28th-come and experience METANOIA. The word is Greek for "change of heart," and it is what we all anticipate every time we spend time with our Lord in adoration. The evening will begin at **7pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, periods of silence, recitation of the Rosary, and a reflection on the topic "The Healing Power of Confession." The evening will end with Benediction around 8pm.

Mass Cards, etc.

On **Friday, Dec. 1st at 9:30am**, the following will be available in the rectory: **1) Mass Intentions for June 2024;** **2) "Memorial Offerings for the Bread and Wine," "Tabernacle Lamp" and/or Chapel "Eternal Flame" for January 2024.**

Advent Holy Hour

Join us for this inspirational service as we all prepare for Christmas!
Advent Eucharistic Holy Hour, Fri., Dec. 1st, 7-8pm

Next Weekend Second Collection: Seton

Dec. 2nd/3rd: Christmas Mass Remembrance

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

Envelopes are available in your packets and at the doors of the church. Please include the names (feel free to add additional names on the back) of loved ones living or deceased. Drop the envelopes in the collection basket or at the Rectory Office. These envelopes will be placed on the Altar of Sacrifice in the church on Christmas Eve and remain there for the Octave of Christmas. All the Parish Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be offered for those enrolled (with the exception of Midnight Mass which is traditionally Pro Populo, i.e. offered for all Seton Parishioners). *What a wonderful Christmas gift, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!*

Support our Online Tag Sale

Our Online Tag Sale continues on eBay. If you have any jewelry you would like to donate (*real or costume*) please bring it to the rectory. **We cannot accept any other items at this time.** You can see our online tag sale on our website at <https://seton-parish.org/our-on-line-tag-sale>. Any questions, contact **Noreen** at **914-962-4419** or noreendonnellan@yahoo.com.

National Night of Prayer

Thursday, December 7th, 6:30-10:30pm

Respect Life will be hosting the National Night of Prayer following the 5:30pm Vigil Mass in the church for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Thursday, December 7th from 6:30 - 10:30pm for the defense of all human life. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the rosary, and prayers for life throughout the evening ending with Benediction. Please join us!

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you." ccc2270

Seton's Men's Ministry

All men are welcome to join us any Saturday morning in the Parish Center's St. Joseph's Hall from 7:30 to 8:30am for fellowship, prayer, and to discuss that Sunday's Gospel reading. Contact seton@seton-parish.org for more information.

MEN'S BASKETBALL AT SETON

Open gym the **First Tuesday of the Month** from 7-9pm. Next night is this Tuesday, Dec. 5th. For men 18+ who are registered members of Seton Parish. Interested? Contact **John Evola** at jevola@gmail.com or **917.439.2761**.

Yorktown Funeral Home Tree Lighting

On **Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 5:00pm**, join Yorktown Funeral Home for their Annual Tree Lighting to honor the memory of those who have gone before us. They ask you to bring an ornament to adorn the tree as a symbol of your loved one's memory.

Eucharistic Adoration

On **First Saturday, Dec. 2nd**, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9:00am Mass until 10:30am, in the Chapel.

Sponsor Letters

Anyone who is a current and active parishioner of our parish may call the rectory regarding sponsor letters Monday through Friday, from 9am-5pm.

Lessons and Carols

At St. Patrick's, Yorktown

All are welcome on **Friday, Dec. 1st at 7:30pm** at St. Patrick's Main Church for Lessons and Carols followed by light refreshments. Let the Advent Season begin!

Speak to us about Getting Married in Church

If you were married in a civil ceremony, we invite you to consider making vows in church. **The priests and deacons are ready to work with you.** We invite all couples to visit FORMED.ORG and watch **BELOVED** – from the producers of the renowned **SYMBOLON** series – which explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind "I Do." Beautifully filmed and featuring acclaimed marriage experts, **BELOVED SPEAKS TO THE VERY HEART OF EVERY HUSBAND AND WIFE, BRINGING SACRAMENTAL TRUTH AND GOD-INFUSED LOVE INTO THE EVERYDAY CHALLENGES OF MARRIED LIFE.** **Beloved: Mystery & Meaning of Marriage** includes six inspiring and informative videos you can view as a couple at home. To sign onto **FORMED**, check this bulletin for information about this **FREE CATHOLIC WEB SERVICE.**

ANNULMENTS

Pope Francis overhauled the process of obtaining the Church Declaration of the Nullity of a Marriage that took place in a Catholic Church: -the NY Archdiocese can now handle the procedure, no matter where in the world the Marriage took place; -the process is reduced to one step rather than a second review that was formerly required; -the application form to begin the process may be downloaded from the internet! If you were married in the Catholic Church and, regrettably, the Marriage has broken up, you are invited to speak with one of our priests or deacons.

Christmas Flower Memorial

Parishioners are invited to make donations for our church greens, plants and flowers that will honor our Lord, Mary and the Saints and decorate our church during the Christmas season and into Ordinary Time after Epiphany until Lent (or as long as the white poinsettias last). Envelopes are included in your mailing packet. Please include the names of deceased loved ones (feel free to add other names on the back). Drop the envelopes in the collection basket or at the Rectory Office. These envelopes will be placed by the Tabernacle (close to the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament) until Lent.

Midnight Run

We will have an organization meeting this, **Tuesday, November 28th, at 7:00pm** in the Parish Center's St. George's Room to prepare for the Dec. 15th Run. Anyone interested in helping or learning more about the Run is welcome. Those who can't go on the Run can help in other ways. Thank you for all that you do for the homeless. Questions: **Eileen Kulp 914-391-5418.**

Be In-FORMED

We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives parishioners and members of the community free 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic online programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Study Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 2: *Divine Revelation*; Session 4, *The Story of Salvation*; or Session 5, *Who is Jesus?* Watch: *Keys of the Kingdom*. Listen to: *Say Yes to Christ*; *Who Do You Say That I Am?*; *The History of Salvation*; *This Changes Everything: Jesus the Bridegroom*; or *Jesus Is*. To learn more about St. Catherine Laboure, listen to: Truth to Inspire: *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal*. The 30th is the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle. Watch: *St. Andrew: After the Upper Room*, *Daily Reflections*, or *Lectio Evangelization, Session 2: Clothed with Power*.

Young Adult Outreach

www.catholicnyc.com

Bereavement Support Group

Seton's Bereavement Group meets Mondays from **11am-1:00pm** in the Seton Parish Center's St. Joseph's Hall. Interested? For info, call **Mary Campo, 845-528-0775**. **Come and experience God's consoling love!** ALSO, St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown has a Saturday Bereavement Group that meets from 10-11:30am in the lower level of the Stone Church. For more information contact Jean, 914-245-6488 or Patricia, 914-245-5808.



Urgently needed! Banker style boxes with lids. Boxes can be dropped off on the porch to 16 Boniello Drive, Mahopac, 34 Gleinida Ave., Carmel at the UFT side door, or call or text 845-729-4239 to arrange pick-up. **General donations** can be made to help defray shipping cost and operating expenses via Venmo (Patricia Rathschmidt@UFT-2007), when prompted to enter last 4 digits of Patricia's phone number, select "Pay Without Confirming," or go to the UFT website to donate online: www.unitedforthetroops.org.

Seton's Generosity

THANK YOU to everyone who made donations to this year's Thanksgiving Drive for the Community Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone's generosity, Seton was able to send a few carloads of food to the pantry, as well as \$1429 that was collected by the members of our Holy Name and Men's Ministry groups after the Masses.

Looking for that right person?

www.catholicingles.com

Christmas at the Food Pantry

At all of the Masses on the weekend of **Dec. 9-10**, we will be collecting non-perishable food to be delivered to the Community Food Pantry at St. Mary's in time for their Dec. 16th Christmas distribution. All parishioners are encouraged to contribute to this effort as a way to help those families in the area who are in need. NOTE: Please double check all expiration dates!

Advent & Christmas Concert

On Saturday, Dec. 2 or Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4pm, join St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, for an Advent & Christmas Concert. Tickets are available at 2023SJSConcert.eventbrite.com. For more information, call 914-968-6200, ext. 8201.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

As is our custom, a person's name will appear for four weeks, after which it will be removed unless we hear from the family.

Arthur Anderson, Joan & Jim Arena, Tony Bertuna, Jeffrey Betts, Christian Brimon, Sr., Robert John Carolan, Kayla Chute, Josephine Conklin, Priscilla Delehanty, Mario DellaValle, Edward DiCaprio, John DiPierro, Thelma Doebbler, Vincent Dolce, Albert Durante, Gordon Ellsworth, Catherine Ferraiola, Madison Frost, Joseph Garrazone, Marie Gillespie, Seth Hamann, Janet Hastings, Tommy Hayes, Jim Holden, James Howard, Patti Jean Jacke, Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. Keenan, Helen Kilfeather, Vincent Kinane, Eileen Kostecke, Diane Lang, Thomas Larkin, Katherine H. Main, Tanya Mann, Peter Marzullo, Paul Mazza, Angela Melograne, Lorraine Monastra, Peter & Mary Montegari, Diana Morgan, Audrey Morris, Michael Murphy, Joan Fontana Nastasi, William O'Reilly, Daniela Pace-Deleon, Donna Pezzullo, Richard Pezzullo, Alfreda Pikula, Florence Pirrotta, Joe Pompilio, Rina Pompilio, Lt. Victor Prato, Diane M. Quinn, Christine Rock, Bea Schiavo, James Sheehy, Thomas Sillery, Marguerite Thiemann, Antonia Velez Ruiz, Aiden Wallace, Donna Walsh, Kevin Walters

DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Parishioners who "passed from this life to the next" during the week of November 25th in previous years: **Mario Pigantaro, Mary Opusgenski, Pasqualine Gallo, Philip Donovan, Mary Carroll, Theresa Negri, Johannah (Anne) Christ, Andrew Calamari, Mary Lou Ripari, Philip Morris, George M. Stuchart, Joseph Celentano, Eileen Ryan, Joseph G. Barabas, Nicholas Thomas Quinones, Ann Bambach, Frances Cronin, Alexander Rodman, Suzan Bardonek, Richard J. Castleggrande, Bambina Miller, Francesco Scala, Richard Hennesberry, Msgr. Arthur F. Nugent, George W. Lock, Rose Adessa, Giovanni B. Finno, Joseph Salvati, Sr., Albina Lupinacci, Helen Kelly, Sarah Ann Anderson, Elvira M. Locuratolo, Fortuna Rose Goodey, Anthony G. Guardino, Virginia Cannella, Katherine Keenan, Claude Sawden, John C. Hauser, Jr., Mary Clapp, Mary Peppard, Ellen Chanowsky, Joseph Canora, Kathleen Masi, Manuel Dutra, Mary Susino, Vito Albanese, John J. Cassidy, Mary Roche, Inez Antoinette, Zachary T. Brophy, Mary Farrell, John Stephens, Mary Dillon, Jaclyn Ayala, Alfred Della Sala, Hertha Tartaglia, Thomas Fahy, Anthony Corrado, James Robarts, Patricia Lissner, Edythe E. Byrne, Mary B. Grady, Frank A. Daniels, Joseph D'Moch, Anne Cronin, Karl Robstad, Catherine Palmeri, James Feely, Mary Kehayas, Nancy Serocki, James F. Coffey, Thomas Hayes, Teresa Mondello, Alexander Homancsek, Harry Habeck, Frank Russo, Dominick Berardi, Mary Ellen Coombs, Joan Riesenkonig, Thomas DeSimone, Frances Mary Saxe, Donald Carlin, Edward Serocki, Rosemarie E. Cox, Mary McNamara, Philip J. Sasso, Catherine C. Hannagan**

BULLETIN SPOTLIGHT

This week, Seton Parish highlights **Sigma-Tremblay Heating & Air Conditioning** and **State Farm/Rich Mohan** whose advertisements at the rear of our bulletin, along with nearly 100 other local businesses, make possible the printing of this parish bulletin by the John Patrick Publishing Company, 52 weeks a year. **When the need arises, please patronize our advertisers.**

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Since today is the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe, the last Sunday of the Church's calendar year, it follows that the new calendar year starts the week after.

This Sunday, we recall that Christ is the ruler of the hearts of all people. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the Creator of all things and creation is truly sustained by God's love. Not everyone realizes this truth but it will become clear when Christ returns again in glory at the end of time.

The Church wastes no time to begin the new year because there is never a time when we can forget God's love for us as revealed throughout history. With the First Sunday of Advent (this year on December 3rd), Christians recall how God's people awaited the Messiah for many centuries and the Messiah arrived with the birth of Christ. (The word Christ means Messiah.)

I pray that we may all long for Christ and welcome Him, not only at Christmas but always into our hearts.

Advent is a wonderful time to set our minds and hearts once again on the presence of Jesus in our lives.

Here at Seton, there will be *Lessons and Carols* on Sunday December 10th at 3pm in the Church. All of the Seton choirs and an instrumental ensemble will help us to pray and prepare for Christmas in a beautiful way. A reception will follow in the auditorium. Of course, all are welcome.

In addition, there will be *Lessons and Carols* at St. Patrick's, Yorktown Heights on Friday December 1st at 7:30pm in the Main Church, followed by refreshments. Both events offer a great opportunity to take time to prepare our minds and hearts to celebrate the miracle of Christmas.

The sacraments and our prayers are the best way to prepare, and singing is praying twice.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.