SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH
AUGUST 25, 2019 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The rectory may be called at any time for the Sacrament of the Sick and for arrangements to visit the sick or elderly with the Eucharist. Our local hospitals also have a Catholic priest chaplain available.

BAPTISMS: First & Third Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM. Only five (5) baptisms will be permitted on each designated bi-monthly Sunday. Arrangements must be made prior in person by either parent. No baptisms during Lent.

PRE-BAPTISM WORKSHOPS: These workshops are given on the last Tuesday of every month in the Religious Ed building at 7:00 PM. Both parents are encouraged to attend and must pre-register in advance by calling the Parish Center, 641-1480. This workshop is for adults. If necessary, please arrange a babysitter. We strongly suggest you attend the Baptism Workshop before the birth of your child. Certificates of Eligibility for Catholic godparents should be submitted no later than the Friday prior to the Baptism.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Regular use of envelopes provides a stable income to the parish. A record of contributions is kept and will be made available to contributors.

MARRIAGES: Ideally, arrangements should be made with the priest one year prior to the scheduled date. Pre-Cana Sessions should be arranged in plenty of time before the marriage.

PARISH REGISTRATION: All new parishioners are welcome to our parish family. Please register at the parish center. We would appreciate you letting us know when you move into the parish or when you move away from the parish. A letter for a reference cannot be issued to non-registered parishioners.

Your priests will be happy to meet with you anytime; appointments are recommended and appreciated.

Your priests are here to be of service to you in every way—to share your joys and sorrows, laughter and tears. We take seriously the words of Jesus “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life for the ransom of many.” (Matthew 20:28)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
Every Saturday at 4 to 4:30 PM and 6 to 6:30 PM in Church.

STEWARDSHIP: The Church of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is a Stewardship Parish, committed to serving the Lord with our God-given time, talents (abilities) and treasure (financial support). Parishioners are urged to support the Parish through volunteer services and also its programs through the use of regular weekly parish envelopes.

THEME FOR TODAY’S MASS: Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Today we are given fair warning by Jesus that we should strive earnestly to enter the kingdom of God, and not simply assume a place will be reserved for us. So let’s make an effort, as we travel the path of discipleship, to travel lightly, unencumbered by unnecessary attachments to the things of this world.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21
Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God’s glory. God’s messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life’s trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

Jesus warns that the door to God’s kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God’s kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
AUGUST 15, 2019
2019 FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Collection $1,989.00
2018 FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Collection $2,120.00

AUGUST 18, 2019
2019 Collection $9,953.00
2018 Collection $9,793.00

Many thanks for your generosity

2019 House of Charity
Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Your support of the 2019 House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the healing, teaching and redemptive Presence of Jesus Christ throughout Southern New Jersey.

Your gift matters.

“You Did It for Me”
2019 UPDATE

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PARISH GOAL: $124,023.11

STEWARDSHIP STANDARDS

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30

Our standards in society are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “what have you done with the gifts I have given you?” Will Stewardship be your response?
Saturday, August 24
5:00 PM  Jimmy Murphy / Family

Sunday, August 25
8:00 AM  Bensel & Conlon Families
10:00 AM  Collective
  Gloria Schraeder / Daughter, Kathy
  Carmen Rongione, Jr. / Family
  Stephen Trukowski / Terry & Marion Bergeron
  Colonel Walker Rebstock / Hughes Family
  People of the Parish
11:30 AM  Collective
  Harry Nichols / Loving Wife
  Mary Wristbridge / Coffrey Family
  Laura T. McWhorter / Mom & Dad
  Ted Charlett / Cathy Sandberg
  Palma Tropoa / Atlantic County Community Health

Monday, August 26
6:45 AM  Tom McGuinness / Mary

Tuesday, August 27
6:45 AM  Jacqueline Ferguson / Brian & Dianna McInerney

Wednesday, August 28
6:45 AM  People of the Parish

Thursday, August 29
6:45 AM  Special Intentions

Friday, August 30
6:45 AM  Anna L. & Carl V. Erbacher / Arlene Erbacher

Saturday, August 31
5:00 PM  Collective
  Madeleine Spencer / Barry & Donna Leek
  Timothy Flanagan / Arlene Erbacher
  Mary Ann Petta / Son, Mike
  Joseph D. McCarthy / Bobby Kupcha

Sunday, September 1
8:00 AM  Collective
  Assunta Calvano / Family
  Palma Tropoa / Atlantic County Community Health
  Helen Stonnell / Fatzinger Family
10:00 AM  Deceased Members of The Nell, McNeill, Allen & Fisher Families / The Ted Nell Family
11:30 AM  David Silver / Wife, Joann

Sanctuary Candle... The sanctuary candle is burning this week in loving memory of Doris Stefanski requested by the Ward Family.

Daily Scriptural Readings for the Week

Monday
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday
1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday
1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday
1 Thes 3:7-13; Mk 6:17-29

Friday
1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday
1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

Please pray for the sick


Saint Stephen was the first lay caregiver commissioned by the apostles.

Our Parish Stephen Ministry is a group of parishioners willing to listen, encourage and help a fellow parishioner through difficult times in their lives. Please place a confidential call to Joan at (609) 646-6872 or email setonstephenministry@aol.com for more information.

Parish Goal: $885,000.00
Catholic Strong Update

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For more information, please call (609) 646-6872 or email setonstephenministry@aol.com.
Liturgical Ministry Schedule
SATURDAY, SUNDAY
AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

MASS *Eucharistic Ministers Lectors

5:00 PM *Sandy Regenye, Renee Krumaker Bobby Kupcha
Mike Petta, Jerry Savell Kevin Burns
Carol Johnson, Christine Wagner
Matt Wagner

8:00 AM *Mimi Deleener, Ray Ring Michael Barrett
Jena Ring, Jocilyn Rudisill Chris Bell
Ellie Walker, Mary Wilson
Karen Bender

10:00 AM *Ted Nell, Kay Noble Caressa Logue
Cathy O’Brien, Philip Pfaffman Ed Triggs
Flo Pagliuco, Tony Poekert
Mary Alana Roman

11:30 AM *Robyn Goldberg, Bettie Gartz Gail Zona
Pat Gaskill, Diana Ramos Joe Coffineau

*Mass Coordinators are Bolded

Altar Servers
5:00 PM Jorel Maravilla, Zachory Smith
8:00 AM Sean Finan, Chris Finan
10:00 AM Michael Marczyk, Savannah Keaser
11:30 AM James Scalise, Alexander Scalise

Please do not call the Parish Center when in need of a replacement. Please call another Minister.

Parish Religious Education Program
and spread the EXCITEMENT!
SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
SUNDAY thru THURSDAY
9 am - 12 noon
Anytime by appointment

Religious Education will be starting on Sunday, September 15th. Please come to the office and register if you have not done so already.

Social Services
Special Collection for School Supplies
will be held during the month of August. You may drop off supplies to the Parish Center or put them in the Social Action Basket in the Gathering Space of the Church.

Thank you so much.

The Social Action Office is open Monday and Wednesday mornings only from 9:00 to 12:00 noon in the Parish Center (rear entrance). Other days this office is closed. Phone: 641-1480 Extension 7. Leave a message and someone will get back to you. If you know of someone in need, please contact us.

SAC will meet at 3:00 PM on September 3, 2019 in the Viewing Room.

Children’s clothes are always needed.

No winter clothes are needed at this time. We only have limited space for clothes.

Wheel chairs and walkers are available for loan. If you or someone is in need, please contact the Social Action Office, Phone: 641-1480 Extension 7.

Thank you for being so generous! The Social Action Committee is successful because of YOU!

Every act of kindness to others is an act of kindness to Christ.

SEAS Parish Events
SEAS Cyrenean Club ... This week’s winner is Ticket #636 held by Christina Bianchi. The Captain is Theresa Roche. The winning ticket was drawn by Gen Phillips.

Pro-Life Ministry
Spiritual Adoption Program
Developing Baby – “Mommy felt me kick today!”

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his/her mother can feel his/her movement. Before this time he/she was too small for her to feel. Although he/she swam with ease in his/her watery world, he/she needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it – the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby’s mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

40 Days for Life
Campaign Components

One of the strengths of 40 Days for Life is its simplicity. The campaign is made up of three key components:

- Prayer and fasting: inviting people of faith throughout our city and across the country to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion
- Community Outreach: taking a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, church and school outreach, petition drives, and public visibility

For more information: 40daysforlife.com
PARISH NURSING MINISTRY

FITNESS CLASS ... Come to our parish exercise class on Saturday from 9:00 am to 9:40 am in the parish hall. Do as much or as little as you choose.

NURSING MINISTRY MEETINGS are held on the last Friday morning of each month at 10:00 AM.

SEAS MUSIC MINISTRY

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels." ~Thomas Carlyle

The Parish Choir will continue with their summer practice schedule every other Tuesday from 7-8pm.

Wishing a Happy Birthday to Music Minister Ann Triggs.

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COMMUNITY

GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW ... Deacon Joe of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is teaching a course on the Gospel of St. Matthew - The Little Rock Scripture Series. It begins on Monday, September 9th and continues for ten weeks. The sessions will begin at 7:30pm in the St. Luke Room in the OLS Annex and last approximately 90 minutes. This will be an interactive format with a textbook, a workbook and a video presentation. There will be a charge of $30.00 for the materials. Please provide your name and a check for the fee to the OLS Parish Office no later than August 28th. The books should be picked up by September 3rd to prepare for the first class.

SOUTH JERSEY WOMEN’S EMMAUS RETREAT... September 13, 14 & 15. A Weekend of Peace with the Holy Spirit and we pamper you! Contact Diane Venturis (609)335-7599 dlv867@gmail.com https://sjemmuaus.wixsite.com/retreat

SPECIAL MASS FOR NONAGENARIANS (90 yrs. & beyond) and CENTENARIANS (100 yrs. & beyond) ... Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 3 PM. Annunciation Church (St. Joachim Parish), 601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ. Light reception & fellowship to follow. To attend please RSVP by September 6 to Anne Marie Pirillo, 856-583-6121 or Annemarie.pirillo@camdendiocese.org

NIGHT OF PRAYER ... Church of St. Katharine Drexel, 6075 West Jersey Ave., Egg Harbor Twp. 609-645-7313. All are welcome! Thursday, September 19, 2019, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Refreshments and Fellowship to follow.

MEN’S RETREAT ... San Alfonso Retreat House, a Redemptorist Spiritual center on Ocean Avenue in West End, Long Branch. The theme of this year’s retreat is The Road to Holiness. The retreat begins Friday evening, September 27 and ends with lunch Sunday, September 29. The fee is $240 with a $50 non-refundable deposit. All are welcome, and newcomers encouraged. Visit www.sanalfonsoretreats.org, call or email San Alfonso at (732) 222-2731, info@sanalfonsoretreats.org, or call or email John Fraraccio at (732) 272-7572, johcafra@outlook.com.

Knight’s Corner

Knights of Columbus, Villa Marie Council #6342
Are you interested in becoming a member Knights of Columbus? You may join on-line at: https://www.kofc.org/apps/newjoin/
For more information about the Knights of Columbus and all the great work that we do, please go to: www.kofc.org

As people of faith, many of us find ourselves reaching out and caring for others by our prayers, words and actions. Would you like to learn basic skills for distinctively Christian ways to help people?

On Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM the Church of St. Katharine Drexel 6075 West Jersey Ave, Egg Harbor Township will host a workshop to introduce you to Stephen Ministry – a dynamic and proven way to serve those in need of pastoral, spiritual care. The half-day consists of three hands-on sessions and practical resources. The cost is $15/person, $50/4 or more from your congregation. -- Arrival and refreshments starting at 8:00 AM --

Additional information and directions can be found on our website: www.sdk-parish.org To register, call Stephen Ministries at (314) 428-2600 or online: www.stephenministry.org/workshop.

............. We hope to see you at the workshop!

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ATTENTION ARTISTS AND FINE CRAFTERS

Are you interested in setting up a booth at a family friendly and well-established Art and Fine Craft show?

Then we invite you to take advantage of both of these excellent artistic opportunities.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019
Art in the Park: Outdoors Art, Crafts & Music and
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019
Holiday Art Mart: Indoor Art & Fine Craft Show

Questions? Contact Janet at 609-287-6449 or Email at janetbodoff@gmail.com

Any item for sale MUST be handmade by the person selling the art or craft or you will be asked to leave the show.
SEAS PARISH MINISTRIES & STAFF

ABSECON MANOR
Staff/Eucharistic Ministers ......................... 641-1480

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Addie & Frank Blee .................................. 641-0272

ALTAR SERVERS
Lea Maravilla ........................................... 334-5646

BAPTISM
Staff ...................................................... 641-1480

BUILDINGS
Ray Ring .................................................. 652-0609

BULLETIN EDITOR
Joanne Messick ........................................ 641-1480

CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Diane Keenan, DRE .................................... 641-7043

COMFORT MINISTRY
Kathie Walls ............................................. 646-6125

COMMUNION CALLS (Homebound/Shut-Ins)
Priest, Deacons & Eucharistic Ministers .......... 641-1480

COMMUNITY EVENTS/PUBLICITY
Carol Johnson .......................................... 641-2573

DIVINE MERCY FRATERNITY
Kathy Agosto, OFS ..................................... 805-7503

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
Office Staff ............................................. 641-1480

EVANGELIZATION
Frank Blee (Dr.) ........................................ 641-0272

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ASSUMPTION
Bob Luke .................................................. 652-7992
Ralph DeSimone ........................................ 404-0677

SETON
Mark Robbins ........................................... 338-3660
John M. DeRitis, Sr. .................................. 641-4580

COLOR CORP (4th Degree)
Robert J. Luke ........................................ 652-7992

LECTORS
Gail Zona ............................................... 641-1986

LITURGY
Addie Blee ............................................... 641-0272

MUSIC MINISTRY
Judy Transe, Director .................................. 748-1583

PARISH COUNCIL
Ray Ring, President ................................... 652-0609
Greg Seher, Vice President ......................... 703-2197

PARISH NURSE/HEALTH MINISTRY
Fran Adamo .............................................. 748-5037

PARISH SECRETARY
Marge Quigley .......................................... 641-1480

PRAYER REQUESTS
Laura Eger ............................................... 652-2872

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Bernie Garbowski ..................................... 442-2274

SOCIAL ACTION
Jim & Kathy Reveille (Ext. 7) ....................... 641-1480

STEPHEN MINISTRY
Joan Parker .............................................. 646-6872

SUITE INSPIRATION
Matt Custer ............................................. 641-7244

USHERS
John M. DeRitis, Sr. .................................. 641-4580

VOCATIONS
Deacon Bill and Connie Peters ...................... 652-0766

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019

“Jesus passed through many towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, ‘Lord, will only a few people be saved?’ He answered them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough... He will say, I do not know where you are from...’”

Because of the generosity of our God in coming, redeeming and saving us, we tend to become lazy and indifferent, forgetting that Jesus entrusts a task to us. St. Paul tells us ‘He wants all people to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth.’ But His wish is also that we STRIVE, make a concerted effort, to gain the gift of salvation.

Through our life of prayer we stay in communication with our God. Through our service to one another with the works of mercy we grow in our love of our neighbor. Through our active participation in the life of the church and community, we make the gospel known.

Among the challenges of our day is legislation denying the right to life, mercy killing, closing the door to immigrants and refugees. The horrible laws are passed by Catholic legislators who seem to miss the point of the gospel.

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Alzheimer’s Association
Seminar by the Shore
Dementia Conference
September 12 & 13

Atlantic City Convention Center

Seminar by the Shore is designed for family members, caregivers and professionals who support people who are living with Alzheimer’s disease, and other forms of dementia.

Special Features include:
- Nationally known speakers
- Workshops on a variety of topics for both caregivers and professionals including: Finding Hope and Humor in Caregiving, Caregiver Depression & Grief, Paying for Long Term Care, Legal Issues, Effective Communications, Early Diagnostic Tools, and more.
- Respite care will be available on the 13th (advanced registration required)
- Continuing education credits for professionals – see brochure for details.
- Virtual Dementia Tour, Art Show, Free Parking and much more.

For registration or more information visit:
https://alz.org/delval/events/seminar-by-the-shore or call our 24/7 Helpline: 800-272-3900

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples: Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive!

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! The next weekend dates are Oct 25-27 and Dec 13-15, 2019. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org.
Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.