



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH

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“Christ in us moves us to action.”

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C – December 19, 2021**

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## **Rectory Office Hours:**

**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.,**

**(Office Closed: Friday, Saturday & Sunday).**

## **Parish Holy Masses,**

Vigil of Sunday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; & Mass in Spanish – 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays – 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days – As announced in bulletin.

## **Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament**

Weekdays: 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. (Before Mass).

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. – 12 noon (After Mass).

First Friday of the Month: 7:30 a.m. – 12 noon (After Mass).

**Stewardship:** Weekly Collection (12/19/2021) \$2,469.31. 2nd Collection for Retired Religious \$877.60. Immaculate Conception \$565.00. Thank you for supporting the work of your parish.

## **Sacraments:**

The following guidelines apply to those requesting Letters of Recommendation or for those wishing to receive the sacraments:

***For Infant Baptism Preparation Program:*** Both parents are asked to attend the baptismal preparation class prior to the celebration of the sacrament. The ideal time to attend is during the pregnancy. Please call for an appointment.

***Children Baptism - Celebrated First Sunday of every month at 9:00 a.m. (after 8:00 a.m. Mass).***

## ***Marriages***

Wedding arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the desired date. Call Rectory for an appointment.

## ***Sick Calls***

Any time, day or night. Call the Rectory as soon as possible.

## ***Sacrament of Reconciliation (CONFESSION):***

Every **Saturday at 4 p.m.**

Or on request at any other suitable time.

## **Letter of Recommendations**

A prospective godparent or sponsor needs some evidence that he/she is an active, contributing member of the parish and leads a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith. We can only give such testimony to those who are actually parish members.

## **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):**

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic and/or learn more about the faith should contact the parish office.

## **Remembering Us In Your Will**

If you wish to make a good will donation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, please do so that you can claim it as a charitable donation on your annual income tax return. **You may also want to remember your parish and cemetery in your will.** By so doing the Church's prayer will be of benefit to your soul. For legal purposes, our title is **"St Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church Society of Dunkirk, New York."**

## **Registration & Welcoming of New Parishioners:**

Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

## **Young Adults**

Upon reaching their 19th birthday should assume their own identity by registering with the parish.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



### Vigil of Sunday December 19, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent.

**5:00 p.m.:** Irene Tarnowski by David & Suzanne Nicosia

### Sunday, December 19, 2021, Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8:00 a.m.:** Elizabeth Wronski by Ted & Cindy Wronski

**10:00 a.m.:** Esteban Millan (Ann) by Daughter Vilma Millan-Lee

**11:30 a.m.:** Spanish: Parishioners of SEAS

### Monday, December 20, 2021 Late Advent Weekday

**7:00 a.m.:** Matthew Buchanan-Ruiz by Leo & Sandy Bain

### Tuesday, December 21, 2021 St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church (OPT)

**7:00 a.m.:** Larry Pacos by Jeanne Schroeder

### Wednesday, December 22, 2021 Late Advent Weekday

**7:00 a.m.:** Jim Webster by Marti

### Thursday, December 23, 2021 St John of Kanty, Priest (OPT)

**7:00 am:** Gary P Kaus by Frederick Mackowiak

### Friday, December 24, 2021 Late Advent Weekday

**7:00 a.m.:** William Henry Hayes III by Laura Hayes & Family

### Vigil of Saturday, December 25, 2021 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (SOL)

**4:00 p.m.:** Leonard A. Schrantz by Len & Dorothy Schrantz

**9:00 p.m.:** John Britt by Wife Alice

### Saturday, December 25, 2021 The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas) (SOL)

**7:00 a.m.:** Fr Walter Werbicki by Leo & Sandy Bain

**9:00 a.m.:** Richard Harper by Family

### Vigil of Sunday December 26, 2021

**There will be No 5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday Dec 26**

### Sunday, December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Feast)

**8:00 a.m.:** Raymond Schrantz by Angie Leone

**10:00 a.m.:** Guillermo Rivera by Sons & Daughters

**11:30 a.m.-Spanish:** Parishioners of SEAS



### **Masses during the Yuletide**

Christmas Vigil Mass for 12/25: **4pm & 9pm**

Christmas Day Mass: **7am & 9am**

No Vigil Mass for Sun Dec 26.

Sun Dec 26: **8am, 10am, 11:30am**

New Year's Vigil Mass: **5pm**

No Vigil Mass for Sun. Jan 2

Sun Jan 2: **8am, 10am, 11:30am.**



### Memorials

Alice Rich by Nancy Renckens

Maureen Pagano by Nancy Renckens

Alice Rich by Alexis Ginley

Richard Burgstrom III by Alexis Ginley

Jane Masarik by Ron & Susan Hall

Gretchen VanDenVouver Gaudreau by Chris Sell &

Jessica Kowarko

Gretchen VanDenVouver by The Renckens Family

Gretchen VanDenVouver Gaudreau by The Larivey Family



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Janet Bonasera, Scott Collins, Sue Dietzen, Fr. Tom Wopperer, Vincent Filutze, Joe & Jose Gambarelli, Keith & Kevin, Desiree Jones, Rev John Mack, Frederick Mackowiak Jr., Mike McCarty, Peter Notaro, Jerry Reilly, Joel Rivera, Lenny Schrantz, Jessica Sinclair, Daisy Torres, Jack Van Dervort and Mollie Watkins. Call with a new name or email: to [st.elizannseton@netsync.net](mailto:st.elizannseton@netsync.net)



### Rectory will be closed for Christmas and New Year's

There will be no one in the rectory office on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 31<sup>st</sup> for New Year's.



### Caroling

The Adult Ed/Faith Formation Committee is inviting everyone to come together and go caroling on Wed. December 22, 2021. We will meet at the grape arbor at 3:45 p.m. and then go across the street to the Rural Ministry to sing Christmas Carols from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Mask Mandate

At this time, masks are mandated for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches spaces located in the Diocese of Buffalo regardless of vaccination status.



## Upcoming Events

The Adult Ed/Faith Formation committee and the Hispanic Ministry has been busy preparing for Advent and beyond. The following is a listing of the events being planned including dates for Faith Formation classes and upcoming Faith in the Family sessions:

**Sun Dec 19-Faith Formation classes 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Wed Dec 22-Caroling 3:45pm-5:00pm**  
**Sun. Jan 2-Faith in the Family 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Tues. Jan 4:** St Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day  
**Wed. Jan 5:** SEAS At the Movies at 6:30pm  
**Sun. Jan 9-Three Kings Celebration** after the 11:30am Mass—watch the bulletin for more details  
**Sun Jan 9-Faith Formation Classes 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Sat Jan 15-Social** after 5pm Mass- Cup of soup  
**Thurs Jan 20:** Rosary at 5:30pm  
**Sun Jan 23-Faith Formation classes 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Sun Jan 30-Faith Formation classes 8:30-9:45am**  
**Wed. Feb 2-SEAS** at the Movies at 6:30pm  
**Feb 6-Faith in the Family 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Sun Feb 13-Souper Bowl Sunday Food Collection**—more details in upcoming bulletins  
**Sun Feb 13-Faith Formation classes 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Thurs Feb 17-Rosary** at 5:30pm  
**Sun Feb 27-Faith Formation classes 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Wed Mar 2-SEAS** at the Movies at 6:30pm  
**March 5th**—the Hispanic Ministry is planning a Spanish Food Dinner—watch future bulletins for more details.  
**Sun Mar 6<sup>th</sup>-Faith in the Family 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Sun Mar 13-Faith Formation classes 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Sun Mar 20-Faith Formation classes 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Thurs. Mar 17-Rosary** at 6:30pm  
**Sun Mar 27-Faith Formation classes 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Sun Apr 3-Faith in the Family 8:30am-9:45am**  
**Wed Apr 6-SEAS** at the Movies at 6:30pm  
**Thurs Apr 21-Rosary** at 6:30pm  
**Sun Apr 24-Faith Formation Classes 8:30am-9:45am**



**LET'S GET SOCIAL!**

There will be a social this weekend after the 8am and 10am masses on Sunday.

Cookies, cocoa and coffee will be served.



## HELP WANTED

### Maintenance Help Needed

The Parish is accepting applications for a **part-time maintenance position**, maximum 30 hours per week. Experience in maintenance and repairs, plus janitorial, snow, cleaning, etc. helpful. Employment applications are available on the office door. Applications should be submitted to the parish office as soon as possible.



### Three Kings Day Celebration

On Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> our SEAS Hispanic ministry will be holding their annual Three Kings Celebration after 11:30 am Mass in the NCCS gym. There will be piñatas for the children. Small gifts are given to children 12 and under. Bring a dish to pass. All are welcome! Donations of small gifts for the children is appreciated.



## FAITH FORMATION

Sessions are held at NCCS from 8:30-9:45 am. Our next session is Sunday, December 19, 2021 with all students entering at the 4<sup>th</sup> street gym entrance **ONLY**. Registration is still open. All staff and students are required to wear masks and follow the current Diocese of Buffalo guidelines for COVID. **Please look at the upcoming events listing –all the upcoming Faith Formation and Faith in the Family dates are on there up until the end of April. When room on the list is available, more dates will be added.**

### March for Life/Youth Rally, January 21, 2022

It is with regret that we are informing you that the Diocese of Buffalo has cancelled the trip to the March for Life for the year 2022 in Washington, DC.

The following has been planned by the Diocese of Buffalo:

The Roe v. Wade/Pro-Vita Observance Mass will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral with Bishop Michael W. Fisher presiding. Another Mass with Bishop Fisher will take place on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville. Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially the youth. This will be the local March for Life gathering. Light refreshments will follow Mass.

# Come Caroling!!!!

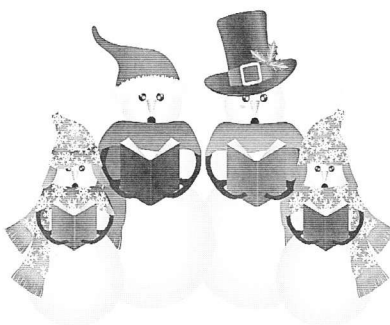


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# Advent & Christmas



*My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

The beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas are opportunities for us to reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the Word made flesh and dwelling among us, but we also anticipate in hope that Jesus Christ will come again in glory. As we maneuver between the first and second comings of Christ, we are reminded that the Church and her members must continually renew themselves. All of us need renewal, and true renewal is rooted in the Incarnation.

As the Road to Renewal in the Diocese of Buffalo progresses, the seasons we celebrate are an opportunity for us to focus on the nature of a family. Just as our Savior was born of the Virgin Mary, and became part of a family with St. Joseph, each of us are also part of a family. Our families take on many differing characteristics and are all unique, but each is called to be the center of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus as the center of the Holy Family was not exempt from the struggles of the world. Each member of the Holy Family had a role to play in salvation history. St. Joseph learned to trust, the Blessed Mother chose to say yes to God's plan, and Jesus had to be born into a family to save us.



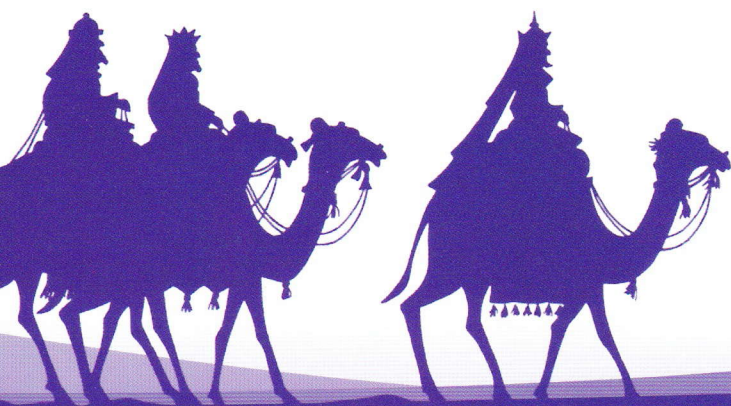
Recently I shared that our parishes will be brought together into Families of Parishes. Each of our parishes will have a role to play in the new family structure as well. There will be new opportunities as well as new challenges that we will have to face together, but that is what family does. We journey together in faith with Jesus at the center.

My prayer is that our Renewal and the Families of Parishes model will introduce people to Jesus and save souls. This is the mission of the Church, the mission of our Families of Parishes and the goal we all strive for as we await the second coming of our Savior.

Sincerely in Christ,

*+ Michael W Fisher*

Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher  
Bishop of Buffalo





# Pilot Families of Parishes have been identified!

## **Pilot Family #1** *(Family #9)*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bowmansville  
St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster  
Our Lady of Pompeii, Lancaster  
St. Philip the Apostle, Cheektowaga  
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Depew  
St. Martha, Depew

## **Pilot Family #2** *(Family #10)*

St. John the Baptist, Lockport  
All Saints, Lockport  
Immaculate Conception, Ransomville  
St. Brendan on the Lake, Newfane

## **Pilot Family #3** *(Family #14)*

St. Michael, Warsaw  
St. Mary Immaculate, Pavilion  
St. Isidore, Perry/Silver Springs

## **Pilot Family #4** *(Family #20)*

Assumption, Buffalo  
Holy Spirit, Buffalo  
St. Margaret, Buffalo  
St. Mark, Buffalo  
St. Rose of Lima, Buffalo  
All Saints, Buffalo

## **Pilot Family #5** *(Family #25)*

Holy Name of Mary, Ellicottville  
St. Philomena, Franklinville  
Our Lady of Peace, Salamanca

## **Pilot Family #6** *(Family #31)*

St. Martin of Tours, Buffalo  
St. Teresa, Buffalo  
St. Thomas Aquinas, Buffalo  
Our Lady of Charity, Buffalo

## Timeline for 2022

### January 2022

Activation of Pilot Families. As we begin with pilots, implementation teams will be working with pilot families to begin collaboration. The pilot period for parishes is 6 months between moving from the activation phase into the final inauguration phase.

*Priest study day with Pastors from London, Ontario who have gone through Families of Parishes process.*

### April 2022

Pastors of Pilot Families are announced.

### July 2022

The Pilot Families of Parishes are inaugurated and begin functioning as a family.

## Did you know?

We are projecting 99 priests will be available to serve in 2030. Of those 99 priests, 66 will be under the age of 70. We currently have 161 parishes and 132 active Diocesan Priests. We are going to 36 Families of Parishes.

***Please pray for Vocations!***

