

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 2018

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Thanks to all the many volunteers who helped set up and decorate the church for Christmas, those who helped in a Christmas liturgical ministry, and those who contributed in any other way! Thanks to all those who contributed to our St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Tree project. Many families benefited from your great generosity.

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, a loving mother and father with their child. The example the Holy Family gives us is simple: Jesus should be the center of family life. Centering our life on Jesus will help us enjoy life more, and endure the sorrowful times, changing us and the world for the better. The Holy Family also points to the Blessed Trinity, a communion of love, the life to which we are invited to share in eternity. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us.

As we look ahead, on Tuesday, January 1st, we celebrate the beginning of the New Year! I hope and pray that this will be a good year for you and your loved ones. New Year's Day is also the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, a *holy day of obligation*. Mass times are on Monday, December 31, at 5:00pm and Tuesday, January 1st, at 9:00am and 11:30am. Please come and join us as we start the New Year right by worshipping God, and also honoring Mary, the Mother of God. We also remember that Mary is our spiritual Mother, who constantly cares and intercedes for us.

As we begin the New Year, I ask that all parishioners pray a novena of your choice for our parish school. A novena is a short prayer that is said every day for nine days, for a specific intention. Please pray that our parish school flourish. One prayer for this can be found on the homepage of our website toward the bottom. It is important not only to our parish, but also to our community, that parents choose to send their children to our school. It has a very important mission - to help parents form disciples of Jesus Christ.

This Friday, January 4th, is the feast of our patroness, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We will have a special Mass at 7:00pm. Please join us as we begin our new year honoring our patroness, and asking her to help lead our parish this coming year. We will also have a parish pot luck dinner in the cafeteria on Saturday night after the 5:00 evening Mass to celebrate our parish feast day. Please join us if you can.

On behalf of the parish staff and myself, we would like to thank everyone who sent us Christmas cards and gifts. You are all very kind and generous!!! May all of you and your loved ones have a Holy and Blessed New Year.

Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!  
Fr. Michael Cordier

## MASS SCHEDULE

|        |       |   |
|--------|-------|---|
| Sat 29 | 5:00  | <b>Bob &amp; Rosemary Schmirmer</b> /Greg & Ruth Brothers                             |
| Sun 30 | 8:00  | <b>Dave Renner</b> /Jim & Laurie Winkler  |
|        | 9:30  | <b>For the People of Seton</b>  |
|        | 11:00 | <b>Whit Crane</b> /Pat & Vicki Williams   |
| Mon 31 | 8:00  | <b>George Fels</b> /Fath Family   |
|        | 5:00  | <b>Edwin Burkhardt</b> /Fath Family   |
| Tue 1  |       | <b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>                                      |
|        | 9:00  | <b>George Fels</b> /Joe & Judy Martinelli   |
|        | 11:30 | <b>Robert Eppert and Edward Wilmes</b> /Susanne Eppert                                |
| Wed 2  |       | <b>St. Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church</b> |
|        | 8:00  | <b>Owen Norris</b> /Barcomb Family  |
| Thu 3  |       | <b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b>  |
|        | 8:00  | <b>Edwin Burkhardt</b> /Kern Family   |
| Fri 4  |       | <b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious</b>   |
|        | 7:30  | <i>Mass at St. Andrew</i>   |
|        | 7:00  | <b>Special Intentions</b> /Shirley Fields   |
| Sat 5  |       | <b>St. John Neumann, bishop</b>   |
|        | 8:00  | <b>William T. Carney</b> /Christina Carney  |
|        | 5:00  | <b>Cecelia McIntosh</b> /Family   |
| Sun 6  | 8:00  | <b>For the People of Seton</b>  |
|        | 9:30  | <b>Joseph Johnston</b> /Longwell Family   |
|        | 11:00 | <b>John Moore</b> /Bob & Elly Carlsen   |

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| Sun 30 | <b>Bingo SMILE</b>                                 | 5:30pm                |
| Mon 31 | <b>Parish Office Closed</b>                        |                       |
|        | <b>New Year's Eve Vigil Mass</b>                   | <b>5:00pm</b>         |
| Tue 1  | <b>New Year's Day Masses</b>                       | <b>9:00am/11:30am</b> |
| Wed 2  | <b>Charismatic Prayer Chapel</b>                   | 10:30am               |
|        | <b>Confessions Church</b>                          | 7:00pm                |
| Thu 3  | <b>Choir Edrich Room</b>                           | 7:00pm                |
| Fri 4  | <b>That Man Is You St. Andrew Adoration Chapel</b> | 6:00am                |
|        |  | 9:00am                |
|        | <i>(no Adoration from 6:00 until 8:00pm)</i>       |                       |
|        | <b>Mother Seton Feast Day Mass</b>                 | 7:00pm                |
| Sat 5  | <b>Seton Pot Luck Cafeteria</b>                    | 6:00pm                |
| Sun 6  | <b>PRP Presch/Gr 1-8 School/Cafeteria</b>          | 9:30am                |
|        | <b>Baptisms Church</b>                             | 12:30pm               |
|        | <b>Bingo Knights of Columbus</b>                   | 5:30pm                |
|        | <b>HS SMILE St. A Church Hall</b>                  | 7:00pm                |

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## Readings next Sunday ~ Year C, 43

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| Isaiah 60:1-6         | Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 |
| Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Matthew 2:1-12                   |

**Please pray for our sick and shut-in friends:** Leah Coe, Muriel Read, Pete Schmidt, Lauren Hoffman Layman, Minpk Bough, Shirley Kupiecki, Pam Jones, Bob & Pat Brookens, Kevin McDarty, Kinley Sexton, Ron and Vicky Leinberger, Sue Lykins, Janet Day, Greg Brothers, Patty Mues, Levi Nause, Linda Smith, Michael Stormshak, Tommy Martino, Riley Lotz, Alice Munninghoff, Lesley Spangler, Dennis Borntreger, Jennie Borton, Tom Hall, Aimee Atkinson, Brittany Koester, Kate Meiners, Martha Lawver, Nancy Hickman, Eric Wicksell, Clem Martin, Evelyn Mueller...and the intentions of **our Parish Prayer Co-op.**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**  
*a holy day of obligation*

Monday, December 31, 2018

**5:00pm Vigil Mass**

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

**9:00am and 11:30am**

**Scripture Study / Marian Moms**

Scripture Study will begin again soon on Thursdays from 8:45-10:15am and 7:00-8:30pm; and Marian Moms on Wednesdays at 10:30. We will continue the study *Symbolon*. *Symbolon* is a wonderful overview of the faith provided through a series of well-done videos, a beautiful study guide and time for our usual discussion and question and answer time. Please let me know if you are interested in attending so that I can have enough guides on hand, Patty Norris, [dre@setonmilford.org](mailto:dre@setonmilford.org) or 575-0119.

**High School SMILE Meeting**

Our next high school meeting is on Sunday, January 6, at St. Andrew in the church basement from 7:00-9:00pm. It is never too late to join us! All high school students are welcome.

**Junior High SMILE Meeting**

The next junior high (7th and 8th) meeting is on Friday, January 11, in the Parish Meeting Room of the school. Come meet some new friends – it's not too late!

**Adoration Needs**

Seton needs an adorer on either the *first Friday* from 11:00pm-12:00am or the *first Saturday* from 3:00-4:00am. If you can help with one of these times, please call the parish office.

**Save the date for VBS 2019**

**ROAR! Life is Wild ~ God is Good**  
**June 17 - 21, 2019**

If you are interested in being a part of VBS, we'd like to hear from you now! Contact: Amy Powderly, [cincyap@gmail.com](mailto:cincyap@gmail.com) or Kathy Bitzer, [religioused@standrew-milford.org](mailto:religioused@standrew-milford.org). You don't have to have a child participating to get involved.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Giving Tree Thanks**

To all the families who provided gifts for our Giving Tree this year – many many thanks! St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 118 families and 325 children this Christmas through your generosity. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a heartfelt thank you!

**Confessions ~ January 2nd**

Confessions will be offered this week on Wednesday, January 2nd, at Seton from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

**Come Christians, Join and Sing!**

This hymn welcomes all Christians to sing their faith. We are in the middle of winter, but the choirs are blooming! The Children's Choir sings monthly at the 11:00am Mass. If you want to sing with the adult choir, you may sing at any Mass you prefer – or more! Both choirs are growing and we welcome anyone who enjoys singing the music of the Church. How about this for a New Year's resolution? All voices welcome – Make a Joyful Noise!

*Marilyn McClain*

**Athenaeum of Ohio**

**Spring Semester Begins Soon!**

Visit [Athenaeum.edu](http://Athenaeum.edu) to learn about the spring semester classes for lay students (beginning in January). Classes take place on weeknight evenings or Saturday mornings. This term classes are offered in New Testament Scriptures; Catechesis; Using Scripture in Parish Ministry; Ecclesiology; Domestic Church; RCIA and Sacramental Preparation; Contemporary Issues in Moral Theology and a few others. Classes are offered at both the non-degree certificate level and the master's level. Graduate level classes take place at the main campus in Mt. Washington. The certificate classes take place at the Mt. Washington Campus and also at the Good Shepherd Parish in Montgomery. For more details, contact: 231-1200, [byoder@athenaeum.edu](mailto:byoder@athenaeum.edu) or [smcgurgan@athenaeum.edu](mailto:smcgurgan@athenaeum.edu).

**A Weekend of Discovery...**

A Lifetime of Love!! You're invited to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends are: January 25-27 at St. Michael the Archangel, Sharonville, OH and February 15-17 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH, this weekend is an in-parish weekend. Couples will leave each evening, and return each morning, no lodging is provided. The content and format of the weekend is the same. For more info or to register, contact Andy and Jeanne Folfas at: 937-866-5196, 800-343-5621, [jeannemarie42@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannemarie42@hotmail.com), [www.esharing.org](http://www.esharing.org).

**Mother Seton's Feast Day Celebrations**

Make plans now to join us for Mass on Friday, January 4th, at 7:00pm and then on Saturday, January 5th, when we will have our annual Seton Potluck. The dinner begins immediately after Mass at 6:00pm in the cafeteria of the school. The Knights of Columbus and Men and Ladies of Seton will provide drinks, meat, salad and rolls, we ask that you bring a side dish (potatoes or veggie) to share.

**Calling All Parish Families!**

You're invited to learn more about our National Blue Ribbon School at this year's **SASEAS Open House Sunday, January 27**. Both campuses will be open for tours and classroom visits from **12:00 to 1:30pm**. We love our "Passionately Catholic & Academically Excellent" school and hope to share it with you at our Open House. Alumni, we always enjoy seeing you, so please know that you are welcome to stop by as well!

**High School Retreat**

High School students mark your calendars! Our annual retreat will take place March 29-31. More information will be available soon.

**Part Time Position Opening**

SASEAS Catholic School has an immediate need for a qualified, enthusiastic, and faith-filled educator for 8th grade reading and language arts. This part-time position will teach four periods per day, Monday-Friday, at our St. Andrew Campus. The position starts January 7 and ends May 31. Interested candidates should contact Nick Grieco at [griecon@saseas.org](mailto:griecon@saseas.org).

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

**December 23, 2018**

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| Sunday Collection                | \$18,369     |
| EFT Average Weekly Contributions | <u>2,913</u> |
| Weekly Donation Total            | \$21,282     |
| Offertory Weekly Budget          | \$16,000     |
| Offertory Weekly Budget surplus  | \$5,282      |
| Christmas Donations              | \$16,860     |
| Capital Improvement              | \$595        |

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1 John 3:1* During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.