

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2010

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - St. Henry Mass Schedule and Intentions



	Monday, December 20,	6:30 PM:	Family and Friends by Tim and Penny Vaughn
	Tuesday, December 21,	6:30 AM:	Souls in Purgatory by Pat Anderson
	Wednesday, December 22,	6:30 AM:	Bernice Deering RIP by the Rizzo Family
	Wednesday, December 22,	7:00 PM:	NO MASS
	Thursday, December 23,	6:30 AM:	Barbara Yonker LIV by Serena Porter
	Friday, December 24,	4:00 PM:	<i>Christmas Vigil</i>
	Friday, December 24	8:00 PM:	<i>Christmas Vigil</i>
St. Henry	Saturday, December 25,	8:30 AM:	<i>Christmas Day</i>
	Saturday, December 25,	11:00 AM:	<i>Christmas Day</i>
St. Henry	Sunday, December 26,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
	Sunday, December 26,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

- No 6:30 AM Mass Friday, December 24
- No 5:00 PM Mass Saturday, December 25

Altar Flowers

The flowers on our altar this week are:
In loving memory of **Ralph Lorino** by Amanda Lorino

RCIA class will not be held on December 21st & 28th due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays. We will resume on **January 4, 2011.**

The Ladies Altar Sodality is once again sponsoring the **Angel Tree**. This year your **baby gifts** will support Her Choice Women's Center. Here's how you can help: select an 'angel' from the tree, return your unwrapped gift and place it under the Angel Tree between The First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 27/28) and the Epiphany (Jan. 2, 2011).



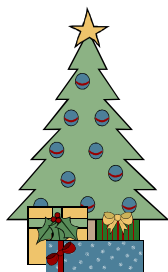
Angel Tree



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 19, 5:00 PM in the Church. Children, K-5 through 6th Grade are invited to participate. Have him/her at the Church by 4 p.m. prior to the program.

Christmas Gift Sale! Consider buying, to give as a gift or for yourself, a **Pictorial Book of the Churches of our Diocese!** This hardcover book is beautifully illustrated and has a personalized front page. **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** and **St. Henry** are featured inside plus photos and information on every Church in the Diocese. This great book is offered at the **reduced price of \$20.00** for the Christmas season, available in the vestibule or at the Church office.



From the Pastor's Desk

Today begins the **4th week of Advent**, but it's not a full week! It actually ends at **4:00 PM on Friday** afternoon when we offer the first of our Christmas Masses. So the time of our Advent preparation is coming to an end and the time of our Christmas celebration is at hand! We'll soon rejoice and give thanks to God for sending us *the Present*

of all presents ... **His Divine Son, Jesus!**

It goes without saying that the Birth Day of Jesus is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. This means that **all Catholics** are bound to attend Holy Mass on Friday - Christmas Eve or on Saturday - Christmas Day.

Christmas is the second highest Solemnity of the year, second only to **Easter**, and gathering at Mass gives us the opportunity to praise and thank God for *His Gift* in the most powerful way possible ... through His Gift, with His Gift and in His Gift ... **Jesus** ... truly present on our Altar!

So, make plans now to attend Christmas Mass at any of our four Masses: 4 PM or 8 PM on Friday evening or 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM on Saturday morning.

The **Saints** tell us that more souls are released from Purgatory on **Christmas Day** than on any other day of the year ... **so special is this day to God the Father**. Therefore, remember to pray for all your dearly departed family members and friends on Christmas Day.

Sunday, December 26th, like the other **51 Sundays** of the year, also carries the obligation to attend. Come at **8:30 or 11!**

This year, **January 1st - New Years Day** - falls on a Saturday, and while it does not carry the obligation to attend Mass, there couldn't be a better way in the world to start the New Year of 2011 off right than to attend Mass on this day - **the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**.

A **New Years Eve Mass** will be offered at **5 PM on Friday** plus two Masses at **8:30 AM** and **11:00 AM** on **Saturday morning**.

Sunday, January 2nd, carries the normal obligation to attend and **Masses** will be offered at **8:30 and 11:00 AM**.

May the happiness that the Shepherds knew on that **First Christmas Day** be with you and yours all throughout the Christmas Season.

Merry Christmas! Father Deering

Please pray for our Parish Family in Nursing Homes or Homebound.

Rose Parks Alvin Dempsey Doris Piteo
Helen McCarty Albert Billets Stephen Edwards
Ann Driscoll Annie Benefield

Our Long Term Care Book is located on the table at the side entry-way of the Church.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: A list of our loved ones serving in the Military is posted on the bulletin board.

PARISH MEETINGS

PARISH COUNCIL
January 24, 2011, 6:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- General Council, Wed., Jan 5, 7:30pm
- Officers and Directors: Wed, Jan. 19, 7:30 pm
All Members are welcome.
- Msgr. George W. Keyes Assembly #2849, Wed, Jan. 19, 8:15 p.m.

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:
Monday, January 3, 6:30 pm

PRO LIFE MEETING There will be no meeting the months of December 2010 or January 2011.

PSR HOLIDAY BREAKS

No Grammar School PSR on Sunday: Dec 19, 26, & Jan 2

No High School PSR on Wednesday, Dec 22 and 29

Please Help with Food Baskets!

The North Jefferson Charity Golf Tournament (*formally the Charity Run*) continues to accept food basket and corporate donations (tax deductible). The forms are available in the vestibule or call Ken Friedrich, **631-8768**.

A song with a message?

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith, a memory aid, when to be caught with anything in *writing* indicating adherence to the Catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned but often put to death. The songs gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

SEAS KIDS need your HELP!
PLEASE BRING ALUMINUM CANS !!



Bring your cans every week in plastic trash bags and leave them over the wall, between the two storage buildings, at the back of our Parish Hall. The money earned from recycling will go to educate our kids in Catholic Schools and our own PSR. Thank You!

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS (Captain = C)
Fri Dec 24 4 PM <i>Christmas Vigil</i>	Justin Brasher	Jim Jernigan Michael Wallace Roy Brewer Andy Hollis Laura Hollis <i>3 Ministers Needed</i>	Robin Cox C Roger Ford Donald Hand Frank Oldfield
Sat Dec 24 8 PM <i>Christmas Vigil</i>	Ken Friedrich	Ken Friedrich Lilo Belton Shawn Holly Tim Vaughn Penny Vaughn Jeanne Busby Cindy Walker Donna Mealer	Anthony Bishop C Joel Busby Michael Belton <i>2 Ushers Needed</i>
Sat Dec 25 11 AM <i>Christmas</i> (No Saturday 5 PM Mass)	Vicky Gill	Vicky Gill Jim Jernigan Roy Brewer Mary Margaret Rohling	Frank Rohling C Allen Belrose <i>2 Ushers Needed</i>
Sun Dec 26 11 AM	Jim Jernigan	Jim Jernigan Donna Mealer Shawn Holly Caroline Gerson Jeanne Busby Vicky Gill Mary Margaret Rohling Margaret Wiley	Joel Busby C Michael Wallace Ken Friedrich Roger Ford
Fri Dec 31 5:00 PM <i>Holy Day Vigil</i>	Roy Brewer	Roy Brewer Shawn Holly Caroline Gerson Jeanne Busby Vicky Gill Ken Friedrich Laura Hollis Andy Hollis	Joel Busby C Robin Cox Donald Hand Anthony Bishop
Sat Jan 1 11 AM <i>Holy Day</i> (No Saturday 5 PM Mass)	Donna Mealer	Donna Mealer Vicky Gill Mary Margaret Rohling Jim Handerhan <i>4 Ministers Needed</i>	Frank Rohling C Allen Belrose <i>2 Ushers Needed</i>
Sun. Jan 2 11 AM	Shawn Holly	Shawn Holly Caroline Gerson Michael Wallace Ken Friedrich Mary Margaret Rohling Donna Mealer <i>2 Ministers Needed</i>	Rod Cameron C Frank Rohling Michael Wallace <i>1 Usher Needed</i>

Our Church Office is Closed:

Thursday, Dec. 23 and Friday, Christmas Eve Dec 24,
Thursday and Friday, Dec. 30 and 31 for the Holidays!