

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015



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

Monday, Dec. 14,	6:30 AM:	Walter Shapielak RIP by Donald and Mary Ann Hand
Tuesday, Dec. 15,	6:30 AM:	Johnny, Susan and Sidney Bajjalieh LIV
Wednesday, Dec. 16,	6:00 PM:	In honor of Penny Vaughn's birthday by Dc. Tim Vaughn
Thursday, Dec. 17,	6:30 AM:	Patrick Vaughn RIP by Dc. Tim and Penny Vaughn
Friday, Dec. 18,	6:30 AM:	
Saturday, Dec. 19,	5:00 PM:	Walter Shapielak RIP by the Oldfield and Harris Families
St. Henry Sunday, Dec. 20,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, Dec. 20,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. Matthew 2:10

Altar Flowers

In honor of our mother, Loretta Blaylock, by her children



NO Eucharistic Adoration Dec. 15, 22, 29 or Jan 5. Adoration will resume Jan. 12, 2016.

Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers! (RCIA)
RCIA takes place every Tuesday evening at 7pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall!
This week's topic: Papal Authority

CONFESSIONS – Two Priests will be available both evenings Tuesday & Wednesday, December 22 & 23—5pm til

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24 - 4:00pm & 8:00pm
Christmas Day: Friday, December 25
St Henry: 8:30am — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 11am

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — St. Henry
ADULT RETREAT
January 29 - 31, 2016
Retreat Master: Fr. Leonard Mary
Cost is \$75.00 per person. Sign up today!



Christmas Flower Envelopes are in the pews if you would like to make a donation to help with decorating our Church this Christmas!

During this Christmas Season, the Ladies Altar Sodality is sponsoring an Angel Tree to provide baby gifts for the Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center. If you would like to participate, please select an angel from the tree located in the Church vestibule and purchase the item noted on the back. Place your unwrapped gift in the boxes beneath the Angel Tree from November 29—January 3.



FATHER DEERING'S SUNDAY HOMILIES are now available on our website:
www.seasgardendale.org



From the Pastor's Desk

We assembled our outdoor Christmas manger scene this week but there's no Baby Jesus in the crib! That's because it's not Christmas yet and we're still waiting for Him to arrive.

Yes, hopefully you're taking time with your family each day to light the candles on your Advent wreath and get ready to celebrate the First Coming of Jesus into our world.

What you're doing is truly counter-cultural! While the world is saying "Go"! All of us are saying "Whoa"! Yeah, Whoa ... slow down! Think of what you're doing and why you're doing it! Much of the shopping and baking and decorating that's going on these days is a fleeting attempt by many people to take part in a generic Holiday Season.

But the real reason for this Season is to give special commemoration to one of the greatest events in the history of the whole world ... God coming to be with His people!

That's what happened in the Manger in Bethlehem 2015 years ago ... the Creator came to be with His Creatures! So profound was that event to the inhabitants of this world that we now mark all time based on Jesus' Birth!

With Time before referred to as "BC" or "Before Christ" ... and Time after referred to as "AD" or "Anno Domini" (which is Latin for ... the Year of the Lord).

So the year 2015 now ending marks 2015 years from the Birthday of Jesus.

Most of the world doesn't know Him ... but we do! And I can't imagine not celebrating Jesus' birthday in His Father's House ... and yet many Protestant Churches will not gather for praise and worship on December 24th/25th!

But we will! And we'll celebrate ... not only on that day ... but for another 16 days after Christmas ... all the way to the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10th.

In the meantime, we're still 12 days away from Christmas ... so let's continue to prepare our hearts for His Birthday and for the day when we'll get to meet Him in Eternity.

The most excellent method of preparation would be for you & your family to go to the Sacrament of Confession, so that your sins will be forgiven and your hearts will be healed.

The Sacrament of Confession will be offered next week on both Tuesday (Dec. 22nd) and Wednesday (Dec. 23rd) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church beginning at 5 PM. Both Fr. Jim Booth and myself will be hearing confessions.

Our Crib is ready ... so let's make our hearts ready too ... to receive Baby Jesus and feel the warmth of His embrace.

May this be your best Christmas ever!
Love, Father Deering

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Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Mary Bauer	Brad Jantz	Annette Kitchen	Carol Oldfield
Frances Horton	Kelly Jones	Dwayne Leslie	Rose Parks

YOU MAY ADD TO OUR LONG TERM CAREBOOK located on the table at the side entry-way of the Church.

PARISH MEETINGS

FINANCE COUNCIL: Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, 5pm
PARISH COUNCIL: Monday, February 8, 2016, 6pm
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
General Council: Wednesday, January 6, 6:30pm
LADIES SODALITY:
Monday, January 4, 2016, 6pm



Right to Life "God's love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother's womb or the child or the youth or the adult or the older person. In each one God sees His image and likeness. Human life is a manifestation of God and His glory."
~ Pope Benedict XVI



Our Knights of Columbus are asking your help in providing Christmas meals to those less fortunate than ourselves during this holiday season. Donation Forms are in the Vestibule on the shelf for your convenience.

"Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

PLEASE HELP!! We need a few strong men to help Linda and Larry Keeney, after the 11am Mass Sunday, December 20th, to move our Christmas trees and decorations to the altar.



In our Gift Shop there are multiple copies of the Magnificat Year of Mercy Companion. The special cost is \$6.50. This is a one year companion with one page per day.

If you would like to send our Seminarian, Brad Jantz, your well wishes and prayers. His address through the end of the year is:

Mr. Brad Jantz
2857 Pump House Road
B'ham, AL 35243

THIS ADVENT

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the center,
the focus of our lives always, and especially this Advent.



PSR HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



PSR CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST
Sunday, December 13, 9:30—10:30 am
Parents are invited too !!!!
Don't be late! We will eat promptly at 9:30 am



PSR Christmas-New Year Holiday Schedule
No Youth Mass in December, it will resume in January.
No Grammar PSR: December 20, 27 & January 3 resuming Sunday, January 10, 2016
No High School PSR: December 23 & 30 Resuming January, Wednesday, January 6, 2016.
Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe Christmas break!

2016 COLLECTION ENVELOPES are available this weekend! These envelopes must NOT be used until 2016 or someone else will receive credit for your contribution. PLEASE continue to use your 2015 envelopes until the last day of December then throw them out!! If you do not find your envelopes, please contact the Church office.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS C: Captain ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday Dec. 19 5 pm	Shawn Holly	Shawn Holly Lilo Belton Barbara McCray One additional needed	Larry Grimmert C Tom Townes Skip Hall Anthony Bishop ALTAR SERVERS Sam Pritchard Ezra Bishop
Sunday Dec. 20 11 am	Donna Mealer	Jeanne Busby Donna Mealer Deanne King Caroline Gerson Mary Margaret Rohling	Joel Busby C John Rogers Michael Wallace Ken Friedrich ALTAR SERVERS Duncan Hodges Ben Hand
Christmas Eve Thursday Dec 24 4 pm	Jeanne Busby	Jeanne Busby Jim Jernigan Lilo Belton Andy Hollis Laura Hollis	Joel Busby C Jimmy Slovensky Tom Townes Jaimie Hand ALTAR SERVERS Kevin Hand Ben Hand Father will get additional servers.
Christmas Eve Thursday Dec 24 8 pm	Donna Mealer	Dc Tim Vaughn Penny Vaughn Deane King Barbara McCray Donna Mealer	John Rogers C Ken Friedrich Skip Hall One additional needed ALTAR SERVERS Sam Pritchard Father will get additional servers.
Christmas Day Dec 25 11 am	Penny Vaughn	Dc. Tim Vaughn Penny Vaughn Mary Margaret Rohling	Anthony Bishop C Rod Cameron ALTAR SERVERS Ezra Bishop