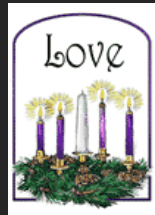


# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015



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


	Monday, Dec. 21,	6:30 AM:	Gary Pruitt RIP by Sandy Volner
	Tuesday, Dec. 22,	6:30 AM:	Wilma Wright RIP by Josh Pruitt
	Wednesday, Dec. 23,	6:30 AM:	Family and Friends by De. Tim and Penny Vaughn
	Thursday, Dec. 24,	4:00 PM:	<i>Christmas Vigil</i> — For the people of the parish
	Thursday, Dec. 24,	8:00 PM:	
St. Henry	Friday, Dec. 25,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
	Friday, Dec. 25,	11:00 AM:	<i>Christmas</i> — John Volner RIP by Sandy Volner
	Saturday, Dec. 26,	5:00 PM:	Johnny, Susan and Sidney Bajjalieh LIV
St. Henry	Sunday, Dec. 27,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
	Sunday, Dec. 27,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you.  
John 15:9

## Altar Flowers

In memory of James W. and Aneita E. Holly  
by Shawn and Teresa Holly

In memory of Amber Smith by Shawn and Teresa Holly

 NO Eucharistic Adoration December 22, 29 or January 5. Adoration will resume Jan. 12, 2016.

Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers! (RCIA) **Holiday Break!** Join us and invite your family and friends to come and learn about our faith as we begin the new year with two wonderful videos:

Common Ground I and II on Tuesday, January 5 & 12, 2016.

CONFESSIONS — Two Priests will be available both evenings **This 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!**



### ANGEL TREE

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**.



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.

### FATHER DEERING'S SUNDAY HOMILIES

are now available on our website:  
[www.seasgardendale.org](http://www.seasgardendale.org)



From the Pastor's Desk

Today begins the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent ... but it's not really a full week ... it's actually just 4 days long ... because it **ends** at **4:00 PM on Thursday** afternoon when we begin to offer the **Vigil Mass** for the great day of **Christmas**.

At that time ... our **Advent preparation** will be replaced by ... our **Christmas celebration!**

That will be the time **to rejoice** and **give thanks** to God for sending us **the Greatest Present of all ... His Son, Jesus**.

And even though **His Birthday ... December 25<sup>th</sup> ...** falls on a Friday, **we Catholics** will gladly gather together in Church **the day before** or **the day of ...** to sing **His Birthday praises!**

So special is **the Birthday of the Savior** that we consider it a **Holy Day of Obligation** meaning that all **Catholics** are **bound to attend Mass** either **Christmas Eve** or **Christmas Day**. Masses will be offered at **4PM** and **8 PM** on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> and at **8:30 AM** (at St. Henry) and **11 AM** on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas** is the **second highest Solemnity** of the year, second only to **Easter**, and so we offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to thank God for His Gift in the most powerful way possible ... **through, with** and **in His Beloved Son, Jesus ...** who will be **truly present** on our Altar at Mass.

So special is this day to **God the Father** that the **Saints** tell us that **more souls are released from Purgatory** on **Christmas Day** than on any other day of the year!

Therefore, remember to pray for all your dearly departed family members and friends at your Christmas Mass ... so if they're not yet in the blessedness of Heaven they soon will be.

And realize that **Christmas Day marks the beginning ... not the end of the Christmas Season!**

So leave your **Christmas Tree up and lit** and your **Christmas music playing throughout the Octave of Christmas**, which is the **8 days** following Christmas Day ... and **even through the Epiphany** on **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, that marks the coming of the three **Wise Men** bearing gifts for Baby Jesus ... and **even through the Baptism of the Lord** on Sunday **January 10<sup>th</sup>**.

And realize that **January 1<sup>st</sup>** is way more than just **New Year's Day ...** it's when we **celebrate Mary - the Mother of God one week after Jesus - the Son of God**.

Like the **Solemnity of Christmas**, the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** is another **Holy Day of Obligation**, meaning **all Catholics** are once again **bound to attend Mass ...** on either **New Year's Eve** or **New Years Day**.

**Mass** will be offered at **5 PM** on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> ... and at **8:30 AM** (at St. Henry) and **11 AM** on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

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  
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**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

## Annual Respect Life Mass and March lead by Bishop Baker Saturday, January 16, 2016

Pray and Unite for Life Mass at Cathedral of St. Paul: 9am  
Birmingham March for Life: 10:45am

Brother Bryan Park—22nd Street South at 10th Avenue, B'ham  
[www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com](http://www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com)—205 705-9158



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**

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE AT PRINCE OF PEACE SPONSORED BY ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Italian American Heritage Society will host its 2nd annual NYE party from 9-12 on Thursday December 31st. Tickets are \$25 which includes music, snacks and a light breakfast. BYOB. Get your tickets ahead of time from any board member.. more information provided on the website...[www.iahsbham.com](http://www.iahsbham.com) or contact Anthony Graffeo at 902-0129.

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**

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## PSR HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**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, January 6 Resuming Wednesday, January 13, 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.

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



## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS C: Captain ALTAR SERVERS
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 <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Kevin Hand Ben Hand <i>Father will get additional servers.</i>
Christmas Eve Thursday Dec 24 8 pm	Donna Mealer	De. Tim Vaughn Penny Vaughn Deane King Barbara McCray Donna Mealer	John Rogers C Ken Friedrich Skip Hall One additional needed <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Sam Pritchard <i>Father will get additional servers.</i>
Christmas Day Dec 25 11 am	Penny Vaughn	De. Tim Vaughn Penny Vaughn Mary Margaret Rohling	Anthony Bishop C Rod Cameron <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Ezra Bishop
Saturday Dec. 26 5 pm	Penny Vaughn	De. Tim Vaughn Penny Vaughn Barbara McCray  One additional needed	Michael Belton C Jimmy Slovensky Skip Hall Tom Townes <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Sam Pritchard
Sunday Dec. 27 11 am	Jim Jernigan	De. Tim Vaughn Jim Jernigan Mike Wallace Jeanne Busby Deanne King	Joel Busby C Ken Friedrich Anthony Bishop One additional needed <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Ezra Bishop Tyler Putnam Kevin Hand