



# Sentinel



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A Weekly Newsletter for Seton Parents & Students

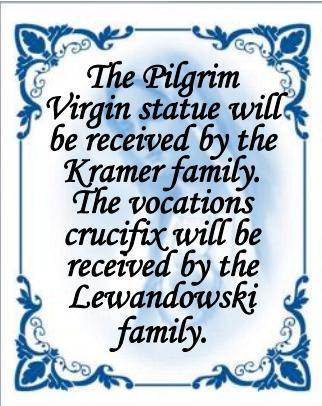
## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Seton Live Calendar](#)

- Nov 13-17 Spirit Week
- Nov 17 Feast of Christ the King Procession Mass at 1:15; School Dismisses at 3:30
- Nov 18 Enthronement Dance 7-10:30
- Nov 20 Military Day 5th/6th Periods
- Nov 22 1:20 Dismissal—Haiti 3 on 3 BB
- Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving Break—No School
- Nov 29 Hamlet 3-9 PM
- Dec 3 1st Sunday of Advent—St Nick's Carnival
- Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception—No School  
Holy Hour w/ Fr Noah 7:30-8:30
- Dec 9 Senior Play 7PM
- Dec 10 2nd Sunday of Advent  
Senior Play 3PM
- Dec 13 Christmas Concert 7PM
- Dec 16 Murder Mystery Dinner 6PM
- Dec 17 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Dec 19 Last full day of 2017 before break
- Dec 20-Jan 2 Christmas Vacation



Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

### MOTHER OF MERCY FREE

**CLINIC:** Here is an e-mail I received from Mike Hadro, who spoke briefly at our PRO meeting: our prayers for the demise and re-purpose of the Amethyst Abortion clinic in Manassas have been answered. In replacing an inherent evil with a good, we have taken a step toward returning our Community to a culture of life, and given Manassas a gift of love that will keep on giving. Now the real work begins to make the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic a reality, BVM Foundation, in partnership with Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington, invites you to attend the Blessing of the Clinic at 3PM on Sunday, November 19th, 2017. Please mark your calendars and join us in celebration. EWTN will be there to record the event. Now that the Free Clinic is a reality, I ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a member of BVM Foundation by visiting our website and making a monthly donation of ANY amount. No amount is too small and recurring gifts are needed to sustain the Clinic's operations. Click [here](#) or <https://bvmtrustfoundation.org/> for more information. I invite all of our Seton families to attend the blessing this Sunday. An invitation with all of the information is included with this Sentinel.



**CHRIST THE KING:** I hope to see many of you at the Mass and Eucharistic Procession in honor of Christ the King, this Friday, beginning at 1:15



**ENTHRONEMENT DANCE:** This is a beautiful occasion, which includes adoration in the chapel from 7PM until 10PM. Thank you to all parents who have signed up for adoration. All of you are invited to stop by at any time to make a visit with Our Lord.

### THREE ON THREE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TO BENE-

**FIT HAITI:** Wednesday before Thanksgiving, beginning as soon as school is out. \$5 to play, \$1 to watch. Anyone and everyone is invited to play and/or watch. It is always great fun to see so many alumni returning for this event.



Senior Class Picture for Spirit Week

Thank  
You

Mrs. McIntyre  
for providing  
the priests  
lunch and din-  
ner for Mrs  
Carroll and Fr.  
Jaffe for saying  
Mass.

**THE POWER OF SILENCE:** Here is the 11th and final installment from Father Morey's faculty retreat: He continues his practical suggestions for living silence.

3) Read *The Power of Silence* by Cardinal Robert Sarah. It's dense, but excellent and thorough. Why has Cardinal Sarah become a master of the interior life? For two reasons: a) he's suffered a lot in his life; and b) even today, his favorite moments are when he's kneeling in the darkness of his room or a chapel, pouring out his heart to the Lord. In his own words: "I know that all the great moments of my day are found in the incomparable hours that I spend on my knees in darkness before the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am so to speak, swallowed up in God and surrounded on all sides by his presence. I would like to belong now to God alone and to plunge into the purity of his love. And yet, I can tell how poor I am, how far from the loving the Lord as he loved me to the point of giving himself up for me". But there are many other points covered in *The Power of Silence*; the cardinal talks about God's so-called 'silence' in the face of great evil in the world, and to our prayers, which may seem to go unanswered. The book raises the question: How can God be silent in light of Auschwitz, natural disasters, or even personal suffering? Once again we have to go to the cross. Did the Father respond immediately to His Son's cry from the cross? No, there was only silence. "The person who prays knows that God hears him in the same way that he understood the last words of Christ on the Cross. Mankind speaks, and God responds by his silence". Jesus may initially respond with silence, so as to elicit deeper faith and perseverance in us. So although God may not directly intervene right away, it doesn't mean that He's unmoved by human suffering. Today, God "suffers" in us when his children suffer, when His image and likeness suffers. So even to set up the false dichotomy of a "God vs. us worldview" is to misunderstand the real state of affairs. God is intimately concerned about human flourishing. Besides, as the good cardinal writes, "External manifestations are not always the best evidence of closeness. Our closest friends are sometimes far from us, which does not prevent them from loving us dearly". Sometimes God lifts us to the top of the cross in order to see things from his perspective. Contemplating the cross helps us to carry on in the midst of human suffering, whether that suffering is global or very personal. In his book, Cardinal Sarah addresses many of the things that prevent us from encountering the God, who is silent.



## Seton School Annual Military Appreciation Day and Open House

Where: John Paul II Center (Seton Gym)

When: **Mon, Nov 20 from 12:00-1:30** (during 5th & 6th period)

- Representatives from the Military Academies and the Armed Services will be at Seton for students and parents interested in finding out more about the requirements and opportunities for a Military Career.
- This is a great way to learn about ROTC Scholarships, the Service Academies, summer leadership programs, and other opportunities to serve in our Armed Forces on active duty or in the National Guard/ Reserve. Please participate and ask questions and especially thank them for their service! See the [flyer!](#)



Buy a 2018 Chick-Fil-A Calendar with a Calendar card which gets you a free item every month. Calendars are \$9 and you can buy them in the main office. They make great Christmas gifts!

The East to West webstore is open once again until Friday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> with delivery to school before Christmas break. Orders online, click here: [East to West Link](#) Choose Seton & use access code: **seton18**

The **SETON SPIRIT AD CAMPAIGN** page on the Seton website has been updated and you can download all the forms and info for this years Ad Campaign. Take advantage of the holidays to sell ads to friends and family. Official kick-off will be on Jan 8, 2018 but you can start selling NOW!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SETON COMMUNITY



**EXCITING EVENT—GET INVOLVED!** All Saints Church is hosting a **Night to Shine**, Sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, on **February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Night to Shine is an unforgettable Prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs. Please help us spread the word to the community, not only to potential guests, but also to the many that will be needed as volunteers. To learn more, search Tim Tebow Foundation Night to Shine. To volunteer and learn more about how you can get involved, email [nighthoshine.all saints@gmail.com](mailto:nighthoshine.all saints@gmail.com). You may also ask Pete Westhoff or Mary Jo Smith. Donate your old Prom dresses to offer to our guests!

Holy Trinity has won numerous awards at the **Diocesan One-Act Play Competition** (including Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Ensemble and Best Show) and this year will be better than ever! "The Complete History of the Old Testament in 20 Minutes" is a hilarious journey through 1000 years of biblical history. This ensemble-style show has lots of opportunities for great, fun characters and stage moments. If you're an experienced actor or this is your first time on stage, come out to our auditions on **December 19 at 2:30 PM** in the Youth Room at Holy Trinity Parish. Wear comfortable clothes, bring water and something to take notes. For more information, contact Director Matt Moore at [m@ttmoore.com](mailto:m@ttmoore.com).