



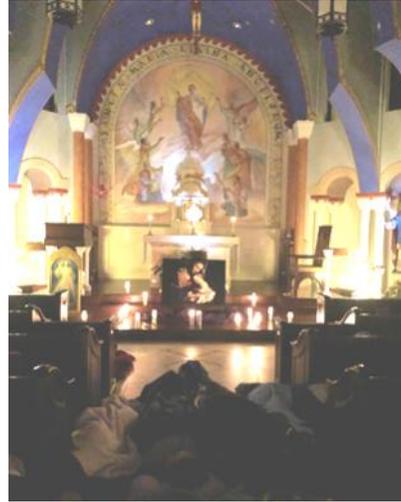
UPCOMING EVENTS

[Aug-Dec Live Calendar](#)

[Jan-June Live Calendar](#)

- Dec 20 Last Full Day of School before Christmas Vacation
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan 4 VEX Competition
- Jan 6 Classes Resume
- Jan 8 1:20 Dismissal
- Jan 9-14 Mid-Term Exams
 - Jan 9 1st Period 9:30-11
2nd Period 1-2:30
 - Jan 10 3rd Period 9:30-11:30
 - Jan 13 4h Period 9:30-11
8h Period 1-2:30
 - Jan 14 7th Period 9:30-11
- Jan 11 Admission Test 10AM
- Jan 18 CF Dance
- Jan 20 Sea Perch Competition
- Jan 22 HS Science Fair 9-12
- Jan 24 NO SCHOOL for March for Life
- Jan 29 JH Science Fair 9-12
- Jan 30 1:20 Dismissal, P/T Conferences
- Feb 7 Night to Shine

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CARROLL



GROWING CLOSER TO JESUS: Seton students in the past two weeks have organized activities to help their fellow students grow closer to Jesus. On December 8-9, Cece Pogue, with faculty assistance from Mrs. Cackett and Mrs. Duran, and help from other students, organized a girls' lock in for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders, which climaxed with midnight Mass and all night adoration. Many thanks to Father Bresnahan, who stayed until 4 AM hearing confessions.

On December 14, a group of girls led by Pamela Medina and Rebekah DeWolf, with faculty assistance

from Miss Pennefather, and help from other students, especially student singers and musicians, conducted a Holy Hour with praise and worship music and adoration.

During these two events, we saw beautiful initiatives by students to bring their schoolmates closer to Jesus.

JUST ONE YES EQUALS JUST ONE DOLLAR: If students did not bring in a dollar today to donate to Mother of Mercy Clinic to help mothers in high-risk pregnancies, they may still do so tomorrow. Thank you for supporting this important cause. Please check out bvmtrustfoundation.org and scroll down to Christmas Update for more information.

WITH GRATITUDE: On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, thank you parents for your generous Christmas gift. Your willingness to give is exceedingly edifying and much appreciated.

AND MORE GRATITUDE: Thank you for your overwhelming response to the request to provide a Merry Christmas for the Joe Gregory family, as he battles ALS and his family suffers with him. Please continue to pray for them.

CONGRATULATIONS #1: To seventh grader Orla Haggerty, winner in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Pentagon Chapter, American History essay contest. Orla's essay was a first person account of the voyage of the Mayflower. Her essay moves on the District Competition.

CONGRATULATIONS #2: To alum Rosemary Olszewski (Seton 2016, Christendom 2020), recipient of the Young Adult Volunteer of the Year award from the Diocese of Arlington, especially for her ministry to the homeless.

FROM ALL THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF SETON:



May your Christmas holy days be filled with the Light of Christ and draw you to a deeper sharing in the infinite love of the Blessed Trinity.

MASSES AND ROSARIES

- Monday Mass*
- All Saints 8:30 AM
Rosary
- Tues-Fri 8:00 AM
in the Chapel

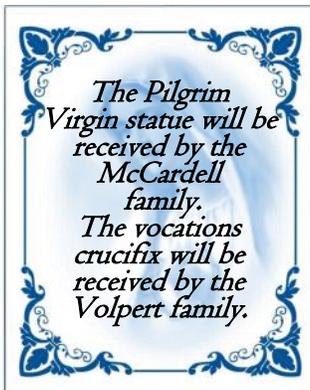
PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Kaitlyn Koehr ('03) who fell and has internal bleeding



Thank You

Mrs. Messier for providing the priest's lunch and dinner for Mrs. Carroll and Mr. Westhoff and Fr. Noah for saying Mass.



GROWING IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE: Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis on the Christmas crèche, installment three:

6. In our cribs we usually put so many symbolic statues. First of all, those of beggars and of people who know no other abundance than that of the heart. They too are close to the Child Jesus in their own right, without anyone being able to evict them or remove them from a crib so improvised that the poor around it do not clash at all. The poor, indeed, are the privileged of this mystery and, often, those who are most able to recognize the presence of God in our midst.

The poor and the simple in the crib remember that God becomes man for those who feel the need for his love and ask for his closeness. Jesus, "meek and humble of heart" (Mt.11.29), he was born poor, he led a simple life to teach us to grasp the essential and live of it. From the crib the message clearly emerges that we cannot let ourselves be deceived by wealth and by so many ephemeral proposals of happiness. Herod's palace is in the background, closed, deaf to the announcement of joy. Being born in the crib, God himself begins the only real revolution that gives hope and dignity to the disinherited, to the marginalized: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, with mild power, the call to share with the latter as a path to a more human and fraternal world, where no one is excluded and marginalized.

Often children - but even adults! - they love to add other figurines to the crib that seem to have no connection with the gospel stories. And yet, this imagination intends to express that in this new world inaugurated by Jesus there is room for all that is human and for every creature. From the shepherd to the blacksmith, from the baker to the musicians, from the women who bring the jugs of water to the children who play ...: all this represents the daily sanctity, the joy of doing in an extraordinary way everyday things, when Jesus shares with us his divine life.

7. Little by little the crib leads us to the cave, where we find the statuettes of Mary and Joseph. Maria is a mother who contemplates her child and shows it to those who come to visit him. His statuette makes one think of the great mystery that involved this girl when God knocked on the door of her immaculate heart. At the announcement of the angel who asked her to become the mother of God, Mary replied with full and total obedience. His words: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord: let it be done for me according to your word" (Lc1.38), are for all of us the testimony of how to abandon oneself in faith to the will of God. With that "yes" Mary became the mother of the Son of God without losing, indeed consecrating his virginity thanks to him. We see in her the Mother of God who does not keep her Son only for herself, but asks everyone to obey his word and put it into practice (see Jn 2 : 5).

Next to Mary, in an attitude of protecting the Child and her mother, there is Saint Joseph. It is generally depicted with the stick in hand, and sometimes even while holding a lamp. Saint Joseph plays a very important role in the life of Jesus and Mary. He is the caretaker who never tires of protecting his family. When God warns him of the threat of Herod, he will not hesitate to set out and emigrate to Egypt (see Matthew 2 : 13-15). And once the danger has passed, he will bring the family back to Nazareth, where he will be the first educator of a child and adolescent Jesus. Joseph carried in his heart the great mystery that enveloped Jesus and Mary his bride, and as a just man he always trusted in the will of God and put it into practice.



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayers and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Attention Seton Parents - NEW for the 2020-2021 School Year: Registration will be done through FACTS, our new tuition managements system. All families that have returning students **MUST sign up for FACTS to re-register by Friday, December 20th.** IMPORTANT: Please be sure you select a payment option. Call FACTS, 866-441-4637, with your questions. Click [FACTS](#) to sign up:



A re-registration fee of \$150 for the 1st child and \$130 for subse-

quent children will be due on Jan 31st. This will be billed through FACTS after the Christmas break. Financial Aid forms will be available through FACTS on Feb 1st.



Members of the Sacred Life Club volunteered at the fundraiser Gala on December 7th for Carried to Full Term, a home for women experiencing a crisis during pregnancy.

Good afternoon Maria, I hope you're doing well. Thank you so very much for assisting us with volunteers! The young ladies were a joy to have. Very respectful and courteous. When tasks were completed, they always asked if we needed help with something else. I call them the "Fab 5". We have a few events happening throughout 2020. Would love to reach out to you again to get the ladies back if they are interested and available. Once again, thanks so much!! Best regards, Jacqueline

Thank you

from Gabriel Project for your generous response to the baby item collection! You all have made many women very happy!



Musical Info Thanks to all for trying out! It was a real treat to listen to all of you!!! The cast list will be posted soon. Mark your calendars for January 18th mandatory parent/cast meeting 9:00 - 10:00 for parents; 9 - noon for cast! Please go to setonmusical.com for all Musical information.

Seton Spirit Ad Campaign Take advantage of the Christmas break and get started selling ads for the Spirit Ad Campaign! Need ideas for businesses to visit? Email Deidre Pennefather at ideas4ads@setonschool.net. Need another idea? Have your child send a letter to family, friends and businesses. No traveling or interaction needed! A sample letter can be found on the Seton website under Support and then Ad Campaign. Don't forget all Seton families are required to participate and raise \$375. Visit the Seton website for forms and additional information. Questions? Email adcampaign@setonschool.net.

Cover Art Contest The 2020 Art Cover Contest has begun! Entry forms can be picked up in the Computer Lab during 5th and 6th periods. Deadline to pick up forms is Dec 20th and deadline for all entries is Jan 23rd. See Mrs. Tsukalas for details.

MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE

Jan 9 1st Period 9:30-11 AND 2nd Period 1-2:30
 Jan 10 3rd Period 9:30-11
 Jan 13 4th Period 9:30-11 AND 8th Period 1-2:30
 Jan 14 7th Period 9:30-11

On the days that students have two exams, students need to pack a lunch. 7th/8th/9th graders will have lunch from 11-12 and then proceed to their test location for an hour study hall. 10th/11th/12th graders will remain in their morning exam room for study hall and then have lunch from 12-1. If students have only one exam on Jan. 9 or 13, parents should make every effort to have them on campus only during that exam. If they need to be on campus when they do not have an exam, they will be in a quiet study hall.



ATTENTION SETON FAMILIES OF 6TH GRADERS!

FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE for the last admissions test on Sat, Jan 11 is on Mon, Jan 6, at 3 p.m. No applications will be received after that time for the 2020-21 academic year. Click [here](#) for an admissions packet. Questions? Contact, Julie Mantooth at setonadmissions@setonschool.net.

SENIORS DON'T FORGET

TRANSCRIPTS that are needed for the Dec/Jan deadlines are due Dec 20 before we leave for the break. See Mrs. McIntyre or email tmcintyre@setonschool.net. **BABY PICTURES** due **Dec 20**. Email jillpogue@aol.com (jpg format ONLY if sending electronically). **SENIOR QUOTE** due **Dec 20**. Use the book in Mrs. Carroll's room on the religious table. **SENIOR PORTRAITS** (if not using the Lifetouch photo) due **April 20**.

Class of 2020



ATTENTION SETON FAMILIES - INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

We are not following PWCS for weather related closures. Notification of weather related closings will be sent via text message and email, and will be on the website. Please consult one of these methods to know if Seton will be closed or delayed because of weather. If you are NOT receiving text messages and would like to, please call the front office to make sure we have the cell number on our list, **you also need to text "YES" to 67587 to "OPT-IN" for the text messages**. The attached [flyer](#) has the directions. In any case, if you are unsure of whether or not we have school, please check your email or the website which will always be updated by 5:30 AM that day.



ATTENTION SETON BOYS: The Basilica needs altar servers for their Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30. Call or text Mrs. Remington if you are interested. 793.650.8820



Thank you to all the families that donated time, money, and baked goods to this year's Seton Teacher's Christmas Baskets. We were able to give every teacher a lovely platter of baked goods, a beautiful Christmas ornament, and a generous cash gift. A special thank you to The Things I Love in Old Town Manassas for donating all of the Christmas ornaments and gorgeous gifts for the Seton support staff members! Merry Christmas!

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Needed: Mommy's helper, in Manassas. We especially need the help one Saturday per month when my husband drills with the reserves. But I'm open to creating something a little more consistent too, and possibly a babysitting opportunity for our 2- and 4-year old. They may contact me by email kidautumn@gmail.com or by phone number: 785-845-7191.