



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Jan-June Live Calendar

- 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  
 Jan 13 4th 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 SCHOOL IN SESSION  
 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  
 Technology and Social Media  
 Talk with Fr Magat at 7:30 in  
 Faustina (7 for social time)
- Feb 7 Night to Shine

## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CARROLL

**MONDAY MASS ON JANUARY 13** is required for all students who have 4th period exams that morning, and for students who will be on campus that morning because of carpool needs. Students who have only an 8th period exam that day and will not be on campus during the morning need not attend Mass.

IF AN EXAM must be postponed because of a weather cancellation, that exam or exams will be administered the next day and the remaining exams will each move up one day.

**JUST ONE YES EQUALS JUST ONE DOLLAR:** Thank you, parents and students, for your response to our Just One Yes, Just One Dollar campaign for the Mother of Mercy Clinic. We were able to send over \$400 to help mothers in difficult pregnancies.

**WITH GRATITUDE:** I am grateful to all the Seton families for gifts, goodies, cards, and above all prayers. Your generosity made my Christmas even more special.

**CONGRATULATIONS #1:** To Marcie Van de Voorde, who received the Bl. Chiara Badano Award at the annual volunteer appreciation dinner. She received this award for her leadership in the Youth Ministry at All Saints Parish, and especially for establishing "Deeper," which helps teens and young adults in their prayer life and vocational discernment.

**CONGRATULATIONS #2:** To alum Tim Cook (Seton 2013, Christendom 2017), who was honored at the same dinner, receiving the Ex Corde Award for exemplary service in college campus ministry.

**GROWING IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE:** Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis on the Christmas crèche, conclusion of the letter as we conclude the Christmas season:

The birth of a child arouses joy and wonder, because it sets before the great mystery of life. Seeing the eyes of the young couple shining in front of their newborn son, we understand the feelings of Mary and Joseph who, watching the baby Jesus, perceived the presence of God in their lives.

"For life manifested itself" ( 1 Jn 1: 2): thus the apostle John summarizes the mystery of the Incarnation. The crib makes us see, makes us touch this unique and extraordinary event that has changed the course of history, and from which we also order the numbering of years, before and after the birth of Christ.

God's way of acting almost stunned, because it seems impossible that He gives up his glory to become a man like us. What a surprise to see God taking on our own behaviors: he sleeps, takes milk from his mother, cries and plays like all children! As always, God disconcerts, is unpredictable, continually out of our schemes. Therefore the crib, while showing us God as it entered the world, causes us to think about our life inserted in that of God; he invites us to become his disciples if we want to reach the ultimate meaning of life.

## MASSES AND ROSARIES

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

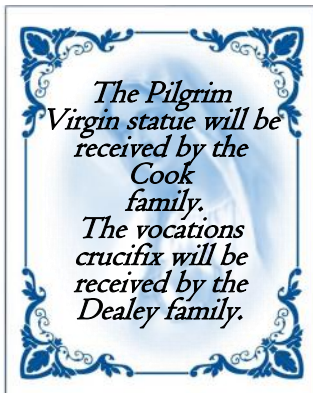
## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please pray for*  
*Sophia Coy*



*Thank You*

Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Maranian for the delicious staff lunch on Monday and Mrs. Godeanu for providing the priest's lunch and dinner for Mrs Carroll and Mr. Westhoff and Fr. Ed for saying our last school Mass for 2019.



9. When the feast of the Epiphany approaches, the three statues of the Magi are placed in the crib. Looking at the star, those wise and rich gentlemen of the East had set out for Bethlehem to know Jesus, and to offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts also have an allegorical meaning: gold honors the royalty of Jesus; incense its deity; myrrh his holy humanity that will know death and burial.

Looking at this scene in the crib we are called to reflect on the responsibility that every Christian has of being an evangelizer. Each of us becomes the bearer of the Beautiful News with those we meet, bearing witness to the joy of having met Jesus and his love with concrete actions of mercy.

The Magi teach that one can start from far away to reach Christ. They are rich men, wise foreigners, thirsty for the infinite, who leave for a long and dangerous journey that takes them to Bethlehem (see Mt 2 : 1-12). A great joy pervades them before the Child King. They do not let themselves be scandalized by the poverty of the environment; they do not hesitate to get on their knees and worship him. Before Him they understand that God, as a rule with sovereign wisdom the course of the stars, thus guides the course of history, lowering the powerful and exalting the humble. And certainly, having returned to their country, they will have recounted this surprising encounter with the Messiah, inaugurating the journey of the Gospel among the people.

10. In front of the manger, the mind willingly goes to when one was a child and impatiently expected time to start building it. These memories lead us to always become aware of the great gift that has been given to us by transmitting our faith; and at the same time they make us feel the duty and the joy of participating in children and grandchildren the same experience. It is not important how the crib is set up, it can always be the same or be modified every year; what matters is that it speaks to our life. Wherever and in any form, the crib tells the love of God, the God who became a child to tell us how close he is to every human being, whatever his condition.

Dear brothers and sisters, the crib is part of the sweet and demanding process of transmission of the faith. Starting from childhood and then in every age of life, it educates us to contemplate Jesus, to feel the love of God for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and we are with Him, all children and brothers thanks to that Child Son of God and of the Virgin Mary. And to feel that happiness is in this. At the school of St. Francis, we open our hearts to this simple grace, we let humble prayer come from wonder: our "thank you" to God who wanted to share everything with us so as to never leave us alone.

Given in Greccio, in the Sanctuary of the Nativity, 1 December 2019, seventh of the pontificate.

FRANCIS



## GREGORY FAMILY CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

*Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, He is the spirit of the Christ Child found in every giving heart, every loving heart. He is found especially in the Seton Community which responded so lovingly and generously to the appeal for "Christmas for the Gregory Family" and for our son Joseph. So much love, so much generosity, it is impossible to express thanks adequately. To think that the appeal, done at the last minute right before Christmas, was OVERSUBSCRIBED!!!*

*And among the many gifts were the spiritual bouquets, many written in tiny, young hands which Joe has posted beside his desk. Inspiring!*

*So this thanks goes out to Karen Fioramonti, the founder of the feast, and to all who came forward, namely the Pugh Family, Ramirez-Ramos Family, Karcher Family, Dawn Ceol, Baldwin Family, Christiane Russo, Curley Family, Sarah Roccograndi, McIntyre Family, Pogue Family, Meagan Grimberg, Tricia Kellogg, Gomez Family, Sadie Krappweis, Waldron Family, Kathy Wood, Angie Gasser, Amy Godeaux, Eliz. Croson, Maria Cackett, Rogers Family, Sprinkle Family, Mary Hambleton, Kathy Vestermark Barbara Remington, Lindsay Fifield, Avila Family, Knight Family and the Spicer Family. And thanks to all those whose names were not included on the website, who participated without any recognition. Are we surprised, not really, but inspired and so grateful.*

*May God Bless you all and may he continue to reward your generosity with His everlasting mercy and love.*

*Bob and Peggy Gregory*



A big thank you to all the students and teachers who donated \$1 to the Just One Yes campaign to benefit The Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic. You raised \$442—enough to help one Mom in need get full testing for her unborn baby! Lots of us doing a little makes a big difference in the lives of those in our community who need help. You can help our neighbors in need by donating something small every month—just go to [BVMTrustFoundation.org](http://BVMTrustFoundation.org) to sign up!

**PRO POINT OPPORTUNITY** Are you still looking for ways to help the Seton community and earn your PRO points? A few slots in the meal ministry are still open for volunteer cooks! Go online to [TakeThemAMeal.com](http://TakeThemAMeal.com) and enter "Seton Friday" or "Seton Monday", password "lunch" to sign up for available dates.



**Spring Musical Reminder** Mandatory parent and cast member meeting for Fiddler on the Roof at 9 AM on Sat, Jan 18th in Corpus Christi. Parents stay until 10 AM and students stay until noon. Any cast member who will miss this meeting needs to fill out the form online [here](#). Parents who need to miss the meeting should send an email to [setonmusical@gmail.com](mailto:setonmusical@gmail.com). Please go to [setonmusical.com](http://setonmusical.com) for all Musical information.

**Seton Spirit Ad Campaign** Official kick-off date is **Monday, January 13, 2020**. Need ideas for businesses to visit? Email Deirdre Penefather at [ideas4ads@setonschool.net](mailto: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](mailto:adcampaign@setonschool.net).

**Cover Art Contest** The 2020 Art Cover Contest entries are due on Jan 23rd. See Mrs. Tsukalas.

All Students (7th - 12th Grade) interested in playing baseball in spring 2020 are encouraged to attend a baseball "Winter" meeting. Information about coaches, winter workouts, spring schedule and baseball activities will be shared. Meeting will be held: Thursday, January 16, 2020 2:50PM in Laboure Room All students interested in learning about Seton Baseball are welcome (not required to have played baseball last spring)!!



### MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE

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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.

### SENIORS BABY PICTURES PAST DUE!

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR BABY PICTURES TO MRS. POGUE ASAP.** Email [jillpogue@aol.com](mailto:jillpogue@aol.com) (jpg format ONLY if sending electronically).

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIORS**

The Newman Society announced its Essay Scholarship Contest for high school seniors. The winner will receive \$5,000 towards the cost of attending one of the colleges or universities recommended in The Newman Guide for the fall of 2020. Deadline date to apply is Feb. 17. Students can learn more at this link: <https://newmansoc.org/EssayContest>.

## Are Your Teens Addicted to Technology?



Join Fr. Jerome Magat, PSS for:

### **Tools of the DIGITAL AGE**

Fr. Magat will discuss modern digital technology, its impacts, and discerning proper use for parents and families.

*When: Thursday, January 30th*

*Who: Attendance is for adults and high school students and older*

*Time: 7:30, refreshments at 7:00pm*

*Where: Faustina*



Fr. Magat served as parochial vicar to Fr. Vander Woude and was a teacher of homiletics to seminarians. Currently, he is a doctoral candidate in moral theology at the Accademia Alfonsiana (Lateran University) in Rome and lectures each summer in the Diocese of Arlington on theology, art, architecture, and cultural and social trends impacting Catholics.



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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SETON COMMUNITY

### **Mardi Gras 2020**

The Renaissance Montessori School presents its 2020 Mardi Gras on **Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Sweeny Barn in Manassas, Virginia at 7:30 PM**. Tickets are still available. Raffle tickets are also available to three really awesome items (two houses by the water and amazing hockey tickets). Click [here](#) for more information and to buy tickets.

All Saints will be hosting the **Night to Shine 2020, Friday, February 7, 2020 5:15-9pm** (time is dependent on role). Night to Shine is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation and is a Prom night experience for the special needs community. We are thrilled to be able to host this amazing event again and we do need A LOT of volunteers, but last year you all filled those slots very quickly! All slots are on a first come, first serve basis; be sure to register to volunteer soon! Click [here](#) to register. Please see Mary Jo Smith if you have any questions.