

# St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish



**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Site**  
185 Laird Ave. NE  
Warren, Ohio 44483



**St. James Church Site**  
2532 Burton St SE  
Warren, Ohio 44484

*December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent*

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Pastor:** Fr. Christopher Cicero 330-372-2215  
**Retired Priest:** Rev. John Trimbur  
**Deacons:** Joseph Toth, Robert Simmerly, Edward Kleese  
**Administrative Assistant:** Mary Kay Krisman  
**Director of Religious Education K-8:** Mary Jo Dugan  
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Darla Plant 330-372-2215  
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**Director of Sacred Music:** Thomas DeNicholas  
**Bulletin Editor:** Linda Kello  
**Offertory Co-Ord:** Jean Victor  
**St. Cyril's Sacristan:** Ruth Emerson  
**St. James Sacristan:** Marie Therese Weil

### Pastoral Council Members:

Father Christopher Cicero, Beverly Kook, Chairman, Deacon Joe Toth, Deacon Robert Simmerly, Deacon Ed Kleese, Terri Bishop, Mary Jo Braden, Sal Ciferno, Paul Layshock, Jill Merolla, Kathy Patrone, Cindy Rowland, Diane Schlosser, Mae Stark, Mary Jo Dugan, DRE

### Sacraments:

**Baptism:** Call: Director of Religious Education.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Call pastor at least six months in advance.

**Homebound & Nursing Home Communion:**

Call parish office

**Parish Membership: Welcome!** Call parish office for registration.

### MASS TIMES

<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	Blessed Sacrament
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	St. James
<b>Thursday</b> 6:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	St. Cyril
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 pm	St. Cyril
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	Blessed Sacrament
<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 am	St. James
<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 am	Blessed Sacrament

### ADORATION

<b>Tuesday:</b> 9-10 am	Blessed Sacrament
<b>Wednesday:</b> 5:00 pm	St. Cyril
<b>Friday:</b> 9-10 am	St. Cyril

### HOLYDAY

To be Announced due to Covid-19

### PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

<b>Saturday:</b> 3:15-3:45 pm	St. Cyril
<b>Saturday:</b> 3:15-3:45 pm	at Day Chapel at Blessed Sacrament

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
MON-THURS 9:30 AM-3:00 PM  
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To contact Father Cicero call Blessed Sacrament at 330-372-2215 or email ccicero@warrencatholic.org.  
For afterhours emergency anointing and last rites, please select the emergency extension at Blessed Sacrament.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We completed some changes to the sanctuaries of both churches this week. At St. Cyril and Methodius, brass handrails were installed on the sides of the sanctuary steps and the wood ramp was removed from between the altar and ambo. At St. James, the organ console and piano were returned to the choir room and the Blessed Sacrament was returned to the tabernacle on the high altar at the front and center of the church. I am grateful for the support of the parish council and the cooperation of the parish staff to make these changes possible.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to distribute tickets for the Christmas Masses. Please take a moment to pick up your tickets after Mass in the back of the churches or throughout the week in the parish office. I am excited to celebrate Christmas Masses with you for the first time as your pastor.

As the pandemic escalates, more of our parishioners are staying home for added safety. Several online resources can keep you engaged with our parish. Online giving is now available through our website: [www.seaswarrenohio.org](http://www.seaswarrenohio.org). To start, click on the "myEoffering donate now" button on the lower right hand portion of the home page. You can set up one-time or recurring gifts to various collection categories from your checking or credit card account.

Mass from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Blessed Sacrament is livestreamed on our Facebook pages: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Parish (either Saturday at 4:00 PM or Sunday at 11:00 AM, Wednesday 8:30 AM, and Friday 8:30 AM) and Blessed Sacrament Parish Catholic Community (Sunday 8:30 AM, Tuesday 8:30 AM, and Thursday 6:00 PM). Like the Facebook pages to stay up to date with announcements and inspirational content from the parish. If you are less than tech savvy, contact the parish office to receive the Sunday bulletin in the mail. Mass is televised daily on Spectrum channel 13, EWTN on cable and satellite, and WFMJ on Sunday mornings at 6:00 AM.

*May God bless you! Yours in Christ, Fr. Cicero*



Pray for the souls of our recently departed:

**Virginia Stefano**  
**Julia Clark**  
**Richard "Rick" Miller**  
**Frances Martin**

Our sympathy is extended to family & friends.

### Christmas Masses at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

will be celebrated December 24th at St. James at 4:00 PM (Fr. Trimburo) and 6:00 PM (Fr. Cicero) and December 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Cyril and Methodius at 8:30 AM (Fr. Cicero). This year, the seating capacity for each Mass will be significantly reduced for social distancing due to the Covid-19 pandemic. To attend Mass in person, all participants will be required to present a parish-issued ticket specific to each Mass

time. Tickets will be distributed after the weekend Masses in the rear of the churches, and in the parish office. Each parishioner household with an active status will be eligible for one ticket per registered member of the household. For example, a household of five registered members can receive up to five tickets and a household of one can receive one. Non-parishioners can get a maximum of two tickets per household. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners planning to attend Mass at Blessed Sacrament can seek non-parishioner tickets from that parish. The tickets will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. We will not reserve tickets over the phone or deliver them through the mail; they must be retrieved in person. We cannot replace lost or destroyed tickets. (The parish office will distribute special tickets one per individual) to those serving in liturgical ministries at the Christmas Masses (readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, choir, altar servers, sacristans).

It pains me to say that those who do not have a ticket will not be admitted to the Church. Those who cannot be present in the churches can participate in the Masses celebrated by Fr. Cicero via Facebook live on our page: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Parish (@seaswarren). May God bless you!

*Yours in Christ, Fr. Cicero*



### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Lottery

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!** The Lottery will be held during the month of January and coincides with the Ohio PICK 3 evening drawing. Tickets are \$10. If your ticket number matches the evening drawing of the OHIO PICK 3, then you win! On the 1st and 31st the prize will be \$500. Every Sunday the prize will be \$100 and every other day will be a \$50 prize.

These lottery tickets are great stocking stuffers, a gift that keeps giving all month long! Every ticket remains active during the month of January, regardless if the ticket was already a winner.

To purchase a ticket call the Parish Office, 330-393-9766 or contact one of our sellers: Ann Churman, Ruth Emerson, Betsy Esposito, Eleanor Fairbanks, Sandi Saluga, Ray Sinchak, George Yuricek, Mary Jo Braden, Charlotte Knock, Ron Zelenak and Sal Ciferno

*~Mass Intentions~**December 5/6 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent*

SAT	4:00 pm	Barbara Bailey Son, Don -Fr. Trimbur
SUN	11:00 am	Venetia Homa Son & Daughter -Fr. Cicero (Livestream)
WED 12/9	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Nita Szallay Daughter Michele Philbin <i>Adoration in Church</i>
FRI 12/11	8:30 am	Dorothy Dutko Daughter Carrie McElrath

*December 12/13 2020 3rd Sunday of Advent*

SAT	4:00 pm	Mass for the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton & Blessed Sacrament Parishes -Fr. Cicero (Livestream)
SUN	11:00 am	Yolanda Sabatini Castilla Family -Fr. Trimbur

**Prayers for the Culture of Life**

Please pray as the federal government prepares to execute Lisa Montgomery December 8th and Brandon Bernard December 10th. May God have mercy on our country, the executioners, the convicts, and their victims.

**Offertory Collection November 29, 2020**

**Regular \$11,376 Retirement for Religious \$1,412**  
Thank you for your continued generosity! We appreciate your continued support by sending in your weekly offertory envelopes.

*Congratulations*

Olivia Saltzman and Jesse Smedi  
Who were married at  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

**Angel Tree**

Our Christmas Angel Gift Giving Trees are up in the back of each church site. Due to the Covid pandemic Catholic Charities has suspended their Angel Tree program this year. So for the 2020 Christmas season St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has partnered with Someplace Safe, a shelter for those coming from domestic violence situations.

We will be providing gifts for 36 children and bathrobes for 14 mothers through this year's giving tree.

Please remember to sign the log sheet if you take one of the Angel tags and return all gifts unwrapped by the weekend of December 12/13th. Thank you.

**Announcements/Meetings****Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass.**

All the Catholic faithful especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation for one year from the end of the Easter season 2020.

**No CCD classes** through December 2020 due to coronavirus.

**Rosary Before Mass:** Fr. Cicero needs volunteers to lead the Rosary at both churches 30 minutes prior to all scheduled Masses- Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please call the parish office to sign up to lead this beautiful devotion to Our Lord through Our Lady.

**Cantor Wanted:** We are looking for volunteers to Cantor at our Masses on the weekends and for the occasional Holyday Mass. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. Please feel free to call Tom DeNicholas, Music Director, at 330-219-3841 or email him at [tdenicholas@warrencatholic.org](mailto:tdenicholas@warrencatholic.org) if you have any questions.

**2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal:** If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider how you can participate: PRAY, DONATE, VOLUNTEER. During this season of Thanksgiving,

**St. Vincent DePaul** wants to help parishioners with food and utility assistance. All info provided will be kept in the **strictest confidence**. Call 330-369-5153

**Prayer Cards** are available at the back of the church that contain the names and pictures of our seminarians 2020-2021

**Blue Advent Books** are available at the back of the church.

**Pirohy and Kolachi** sales this month have been cancelled.

**The Youth Ministry** will be making meals for the community **Sunday December 6th from 1-3pm** at St. Cyril's Hall. If you are helping and have not notified Dan LaPolla you may contact him at [dlapolla@warrencatholic.org](mailto:dlapolla@warrencatholic.org)

**Oplatky** will be available after each mass in the back of the churches or you may pick up at the parish office. The cost is \$2.00

**St. Vincent DePaul Conference Volunteers:** **St. James Site** servers will have a meeting Tuesday December 8th at St. James Hall.

**The Crochet Group** will meet this Wednesday December 9 at the parish office from 10 am to noon.

**300 Raffle & Dinner**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!** The 300 Raffle and Dinner will be held at Leo's Restaurant on Saturday, August 14, 2021. The cost of the tickets are \$60. The 300 Raffle is a Reverse Raffle that includes \$4075 in prize money, including \$50 drawings each month from January through August. The grand prize of \$1500 will be held the evening of the raffle dinner.

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**The Second Sunday of Advent**

The point of the readings today is to be prepared for God’s coming into the world. In the first reading Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord. Our responsorial psalm tells us the Lord’s Salvation is near. And in the second reading Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted. So be prepared!

In the gospel, Mark portrays John the Baptist preaching and baptizing in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. The gospel today is from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus’ birth. He begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. Today we reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, as he prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us

Mark’s description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John’s continuity with the Jewish tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books. He describes John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey similar to the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark’s gospel is clear, that John the Baptist’s role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

In the gospel we hear John the Baptist baptized with water, but that the one who will come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John’s baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. John the Baptist is presented as a model for us during Advent. We too, are called to prepare a way for the Lord. We are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. *God Bless You, Deacon Joe*

**Announcement from Youth Ministry**  
**Advent Greetings to you all!**

Hello Families! During these busy and chaotic times of shopping and decorating our homes for Christmas, it seems we can get quite wearied. Children and teens are busied with schoolwork and screen time from computers, tv’s, and phones. The constant playing of Christmas songs on our radios and in stores and the high expectations regarding Christmas to be the best, keeps us distracted from the season we really in, ADVENT. **Advent is a preparational season for the awaiting of Jesus Christ in his Second coming and the celebration of His Incarnation.** The Church understands the needs and demands that are put on people at this time, so the Church, **offers help by asking us for silence, focus, and recollection on the revelation that God the Father loved all of humanity so much that His Son became man to reveal to us who God is, and that He wants to be in a unhindered relationship with us. Incredible!**

So, to keep us heathy and holy, I humbly and charitably offer an activity that you all can start to do during this Advent season.

1. **Gather the family in any room and take a few moments to allow each family member to share their day. Then follow into a period of silence, 3-5 minutes. This way you can let go of the day’s work and focus better on the upcoming prayer.**
2. **Light your advent wreath with the proper candle for the week, as it reminds us how close we are to Christmas, that Christ is Our Light and his presence when two or more are gathered together in prayer. (if you don’t have one consider buying one or at least lighting some plain candles).**
3. **Initiate prayer with the sign of the cross and sing an advent hymn (not everyone likes to sing but consider giving it a try, knowing the Father loves to hear your words).**
4. **If you have an advent prayer book go through it as you normally would. If you don’t have one, instead each member of the family can read one of the passages from the daily readings, including the responsorial psalm, 2 to 3 times.**
5. **Share any of your thoughts about the readings and offer an Our Father in thanksgiving for that family time and for any petitions that you may have.** Please consider sheltering from the business and chaos of life by trying out this activity of silence, listening and responding to God’s word. May the Peace of Christ be with you all! *God Bless..Daniel LaPolla*

**Saint Vincent DePaul Trumbull County**

The Dining Hall has been serving nearly 350 people each day during our curbside carryout meal service. We are now the only organization that provides a hot, home-cooked meal for Trumbull County residents in need.



We are in need of desserts. If you are able to bake brownies, pies, or some other sweet treat it would be appreciated. Contact Darlene Jones at 234-223-2936



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