

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
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Dear Parishioners,

In many ways, March 17, 2020, marked a significant change in my life, my ministry to you and my beloved parish. My worst nightmare was realized as I celebrated the Feast of Saint Patrick. That evening I knew that the pandemic would cause us to close the doors to our gathering for sacred Mass. I knew our planned baptisms and weddings would be placed on hold due to the closure. Even funeral Masses were halted, which placed a great strain on families who were grieving the death of a loved one.

At first, I felt that I would be handicapped by this absence of our gathering, but the spirit of the Lord gave us another way to reach out and deal with the fears and doubts that the pandemic cast upon our lives. The creation of Operation Safe Mode (OMS) allowed me to come into your home celebrating sacred Sunday Mass and sharing weekly messages of hope and teachings. We created a new focus on "Staying Safe in the Lord" while realizing we were being forged through this process into a deeper love of Christ and His Church!

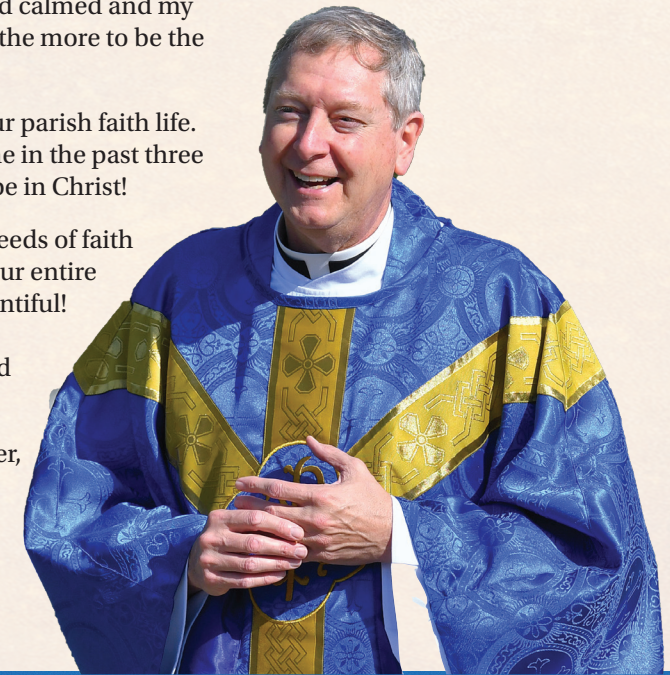
As the pandemic began to slow via the availability of the vaccination, and all seemed to be returning to normal with the Sunday Mass attendance increasing weekly, I was then faced with another great personal challenge. I was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Just when I thought the seas had calmed and my ministry would return to its original form, I would be challenged personally all the more to be the shepherd of such a great flock!

However, I refuse to allow a pandemic, cancer or any other ailment to define our parish faith life. It can only be defined by love! The outpouring of love that has been shown to me in the past three months epitomizes the type of support and love we share in our mission of Hope in Christ!

I wanted to realize that through it all, our parish has continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our entire parish community. The good news in all of this is that the harvest has been bountiful! In fact, the support provided by you for me and all the faithful has been just remarkable. The pandemic or my diagnosis could not dampen our true love and faith in the Lord.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can continue God's work.

Yours in Christ,
Father John



Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Ministry to the Homebound
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Religious Formation Leaders and Youth Ministry Leaders
- Lectors
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Christian Mothers
- Knights of Columbus
- Senior Outreach
- Fundraising Event Volunteers
- Beautification Committee



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community.

In addition to the upgrades to the lighting in the church, our DLA campaign has allowed us to replace the three different colored carpets in the vestibule, Francis Room and back hallway of the church. With the donation of the labor, our only cost was the carpet squares.

Landscaping around the new office building was completed, along with the removal of some very mature pine trees near the bell and wooden cross, which are now very visible.

After saving for several years, we were able to install a new energy-efficient boiler. New flowering pear trees were planted along the fence and near the Parish Center office building.

Our Garden



Registered Households
2021: 1,193
2020: 1,161
2019: 1,205

Single Member Households

578



Baptisms
2021: 10
2020: 9
2019: 12

Weddings

2021: 1
2020: 2
2019: 4



Funerals
2021: 10
2020: 32
2019: 23



Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily through your weekly contributions and further assisted by online giving and our record-breaking Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

Our parish, particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. The past two years, Fish Fry Fridays (FFF) were canceled, and Christian Mothers' card parties and other gatherings were impossible to resume with social distance restrictions. These events have been a revenue source that aided many projects, outreach programs and parish expenses.

Traditionally, each fall we talk about "Taking the Next Step" toward tithing. Tithing is the 10% of our income that we offer back to God as "First Fruits" instead of an offering of convenience or of our surplus. Giving first to God always reminds us that his generosity is a gift and that gift must provide the seed for the garden of faith. We would hope that you will consider an increase of your weekly contributions again this year based on the graph below. Taking the next step is a small increase but becomes effective when it is joined with each family of the parish. Our new online giving site, osvhub.com/stelizabeth-ann-seton-church/funds, helps greatly in the consistent gift-giving method for our modern lifestyles! I thank you in advance for your willingness to help us grow the faith in the future by your financial generosity and prayers!!

TAKING THE NEXT STEP!

As you begin your discernment process, please consider the following steps: 1) your current offering; 2) consulting the sacrificial giving guide below; 3) moving a percentage or dollar amount forward; and 4) promising yourself to maintain this new level.

Current Household Income				Weekly Gift to the Parish (Rounded to the nearest \$)								
Hourly	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	1%	1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%	3.5%	4%	4.5%	5%
\$4.80	\$190	\$835	10,000	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
7.20	290	1,250	15,000	3.00	4.00	6.00	7.00	9.00	10.00	12.00	13.00	14.00
9.60	385	1,665	20,000	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	13.00	15.00	17.00	19.00
12.00	480	2,085	25,000	5.00	7.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	17.00	19.00	22.00	24.00
14.50	575	2,500	30,000	6.00	9.00	12.00	14.00	17.00	20.00	23.00	26.00	29.00
16.75	675	2,915	35,000	7.00	10.00	13.00	17.00	20.00	24.00	27.00	30.00	34.00
19.25	770	3,335	40,000	8.00	12.00	15.00	19.00	23.00	27.00	31.00	35.00	38.00
24.00	960	4,165	50,000	10.00	14.00	19.00	24.00	29.00	34.00	38.00	43.00	48.00
29.00	1,155	5,000	60,000	12.00	17.00	23.00	29.00	35.00	40.00	46.00	52.00	58.00
33.50	1,345	5,835	70,000	13.00	20.00	27.00	34.00	40.00	47.00	54.00	61.00	67.00
38.50	1,540	6,665	80,000	15.00	23.00	31.00	38.00	46.00	54.00	62.00	69.00	77.00
43.50	1,730	7,500	90,000	17.00	26.00	35.00	43.00	52.00	61.00	69.00	78.00	87.00
48.00	1,925	8,335	100,000	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	58.00	67.00	77.00	87.00	96.00
57.70	2,308	10,000	120,000	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	69.00	81.00	92.00	104.00	115.00
72.10	2,885	12,500	150,000	29.00	43.00	58.00	72.00	87.00	101.00	115.00	130.00	144.00

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 486,854	\$ 497,831	\$ 511,718
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	12,432	9,782	9,088
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	18,514	32,858	64,975
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	38,315	31,164	23,01
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	72,266	237,469	871,818
Special Collections	26,477	34,816	33,947
Total Income	\$ 654,858	\$ 843,920	\$ 1,515,347
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 132,547	\$ 128,506	\$ 113,239
Church	35,130	38,019	54,962
Rectory	3,000	5,445	1,045
Education and Ministry	70,373	61,989	96,888
General Expenses	161,972	171,635	170,532
Special Collections	26,477	32,258	33,354
Extraordinary Expenses	250,943	434,950	919,932
Total Expenditures	680,442	875,802	1,389,952
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (25,584)	\$ (31,882)	\$ 125,395

Ways You Can Give



BY MAIL:

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IN PERSON:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00AM - 1:00PM



ONLINE:

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