

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Shrub Oak, NY

First Parish in the World Named in Honor of the First American-Born Saint + Founded 1963

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

September 2017 – August 2018

In July we said farewell to Father Novio after his first three years of priesthood spent here at Seton. Father was instrumental in building up our Youth Ministry. He (and his singing!) will be sorely missed. His classmate, Father Ries, is our new Parochial Vicar, and brings his own gifts for youth work to the Seton Family. He is a great addition to our ministry team.

Parish Trustees, Niel Baccale and Maureen Connolly completed their terms of office. We are thankful for their good work. Charles Deierlein and Geralyn Fanelli take on this important responsibility as our new trustees. We are truly blessed with superb lay leadership on all levels of ministry.

Our administrative center is running smoothly. Parish Secretary Mary Ellen Modico continues to manage the craziness of our front office with both an acute professionalism and much needed pastoral sensitivity. Our Parish Staff Assistant, Rosemarie Briganti, has retired to give more time to the family business, while our own Teresa McCue-Fleming has taken on more office responsibilities as a result. Webmaster Noreen Donnellan continues to improve our webpage and James Scolaro, our Parish Manager, is busy overseeing numerous capital projects.

Our *Renew+Rebuild* Archdiocesan Capital Campaign continues. Completed projects to date include: church sound system upgrades, installation of AC in the auditorium/gym, creation of the *Sister Gabriel Miriam Early Childhood Learning Center* in the school, conversion of the school annex into multi-use meeting space, installation of new outer protective windows for the church, and refurbishment/repair of the church's stained glass windows. As to the Parish Center project, we are awaiting Archdiocesan approval to sign a contract and move ahead.

A special note of thanks to all Seton parishioners who have faithfully maintained their weekly offertory commitment in light of *Renew+Rebuild*. As a result of your stewardship, we have been able to continue with needed repairs and updates.

Our Parish Trustees, Finance Council and Parish Council continue to provide great leadership as we plan for the future. We thank our Parish Staff, our Finance Council Chairman, James Forbes, and our Parish Accountant, Carmela Costa of Elite Accounting Services, for their assistance in assembling this report.

SOME SEAS STATS 2017-2018 (except where mentioned)

Registered Families: 4,307 / receiving envelopes: 2,158 / on *WeShare*: 100 / New Parishioners: 187

Baptisms: 63 / First Communions: 187 / Confirmations: 187 / Marriages: 7 / Funerals: 114

Altar Servers: 68 / Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 68 / Lectors: 26 / Ushers: 48

Enrollments: Religious Education Program: 1,279 / Seton Regional School: 183

Average Mass attendance as of Oct. 2017: Saturday Evening / Sunday: 2,407; Weekday: 140

(as of Oct. 2018: Saturday Evening / Sunday: 2,837; Weekday: 110)

Holy Day Mass attendance: Christmas 2017: 4,695 / Easter 2018: 4,965 / (Christmas 2018: 4,704)

2018 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal Goal: \$119,000.00 / Pledged as of 12/18: \$88,145.00

Renew+Rebuild Capital Campaign Goal: \$1,845,000.00 (\$114,500.00 to 2017 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal / 74% of the remainder to parish) / Pledged as of 12/18: \$1,748,483.00 / Seton received so far: \$864,881.00 / Expenditure so far for projects: \$236,249.18