My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are truly blessed at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in so many ways. The spirit of welcome that you show each weekend welcomes friends and makes strangers family. The spirit of participation and reverence make our liturgies vibrant and life-giving. The spirit of discipleship helps us reach out to our parishioners and friends in need. The spirit of cooperation allows us to work together for the good of the parish.

The changes that have taken place in our world and society in the past few years have only served to strengthen our resolve to serve and our sense of purpose. We are able to weather change in our church and our diocese because of our spirit.

Our future is bright. With your continued help and support we can face whatever the uncertainty of tomorrow with the same spirit of mission we have always had.

We are beginning a spirit of renewed stewardship in our parish. "We've Got the Spirit and Are On a Mission," is our way to celebrate the uniqueness of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, and ensure it is able to meet the needs of the future. I invite you to invest in this parish. Invest your time, talent, and treasure in the people, campus, and mission that we share.

When the phone or the doorbell rings in the rectory, our staff is ready with a smile and usually, a big "Yes," in answer to what is asked. You and I are aware that so many people have received a "No," at their churches. We want to be the community of Yes! Yes to a baptism, our children, the elderly, the needy, to the sick and everyone. We can do this with your help.

Our Sunday Offertory can help us be a parish of Yes! With this in mind, I invite you to respond with a prayerful commitment to: "We've Got the Spirit and Are On a Mission." Please review our ministry report within this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help our parish say Yes. This is not about the Church needing money. This is about our community needing the Church – you and me. With God's grace and our offerings of prayer, talents, skills, and financial resources, we will share the gospel with those who need to hear it the most.

On February 25th and 26th, we will hold a special Commitment Weekend, inviting all members who are able to make a financial commitment that will allows our Seton family to thrive while meeting our growing needs.

As your Pastor, I thank you for your generosity, prayers, and ongoing commitment.

Humbly Yours in Christ,

Father Ju Fr. Joe

Pastor

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON Parish

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Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and bring it to Mass next weekend or scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out your Commitment Card online.



Fulfilling your New Commitment

Three simple and secure ways to do so:



Sign up for **Online Giving** or update your current online gift amount at www.setonpa.com



Use your **offering envelope** and bring it to Mass each Sunday or mail it to the parish office.

Explore using tax advantaged charitable gifts such as IRA Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at 570-287-6624 We've Got the Spirit and Are On a Mission



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Here, united in God's love, we are a visible sign of the body of Christ and together we do great things. Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, the members of our parish community are journeying on the path of discipleship and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ daily. We value discipleship and evangelization.



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Love Your Parish

As we strive to love one another better, good stewardship plays a key role. Stewardship isn't a code word for financial support. Stewardship is about doing the work of Christ and engaging our many resources to further the ministry and mission of Our Lord. Remembering that everything we have is a gift from our creator.

486 Masses said in our church each year 104 Hours devoted to **Eucharistic Adoration** 360 Visits by Eucharistic Ministers to the **65** homebound Parishioners served in Liturgical Ministry 8 Greeters + Ushers welcomed parishioners

We know the importance of bringing the love of God to our neighbors. Through our many ministries, and our social and service-oriented outreach programs, we put into action the truth stated so eloquently by St. John the Apostle: "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

80 Families received Food Gift Cards

> 52 Families received Holiday Gift Cards

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Christmas Giving Tree: 58 Children, 30 Homebound, 29 Nursing Home Residents

> **65** Volunteers for Food Preparation

Financial Snapshot: 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

Operating Income

Offertory Ministry & Program Income Other Operating Income	\$611,903.00 \$8,781.00 \$113,061.00
Total Operating Income	\$733,745.00
Other Operating Income 16% Ministry & Program Income 1%	Offertory 83%

Operating Expenses

Administration General Operating Expense Ministry & Program Expense Facilities Expense	\$345,698.00 \$182,975.00 \$111,519.00 \$150,106.00
Total Operating Expense	\$790,298.00
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-\$56,553.00
Ministry & Program Expense 14% General Operating Expense 23%	Facilities Expense 19% Administration 44%