

Devoting Support^{to our} **FAITH** Community

STAYING CONNECTED

God's work continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Annual Report 2020

Staying Connected During COVID-19

I have been keeping the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in my prayers during this pandemic. I can't even imagine the difficulties you must be facing; balancing family, job, school and everything else that has been made more complicated by COVID-19. During this stress-filled time, I want you to know that our parish continues to care for the spiritual and material needs of our faith community.

Once our church building was closed in March, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish began to stream Masses, devotions and informational updates to our parishioners via our website and through our social media and YouTube channel, Operation Safe Mode. Operation Safe Mode has presented more than 100 episodes that included Sacred Sunday Mass, updates and alerts, as well as entertainment and educational opportunities. We have also posted daily reflections on social media, so that everyone could remain focused on the daily readings and the challenge of the Catholic Faith in the face of COVID-19. We also reached out via the Seton Chronicles electronic newsletter.

We created a Ministry of Hospitality and also did the monthly hard mailings to our households with special "remembrances" in each mailing. We also, once our church building opened, created volunteer cleaning crews to sanitize the church and restrooms after each use.



Rev. John A. Moineau
Pastor

Ways You Can Give



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
200 Leger Rd.
North Huntingdon, PA 15642



8:30 AM-4 PM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:30 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday, Friday



osvhub.com/stelizabeth-ann-seton-church/funds

Sadly, as you can imagine, the virus has greatly impacted every form of stewardship. If you are willing to give of your time and talent to help those in need, please look for our ministry listings and contact us to volunteer. Even though we cannot gather as we normally would, this may be an especially good time to consider a ministry in our parish so that when we do begin to gather, you will have an idea of how you want to serve our community of faith.

Additionally, as you might imagine, your continued financial support during this difficult time will help our parish to maintain and to continue God's work. And so, with great sensitivity to whatever your circumstances might be, I humbly ask, if you are able, that you consider an increase in your weekly or monthly offertory. You can make that commitment online or by sending those donations directly to the parish via U.S. Mail or by visiting our website for online offertory.

COVID-19 and its Impact on our Faith Community

Our parish offertory remained strong primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners, but was greatly assisted by online giving and a record-breaking Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

Our parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. We did cancel many of our spring and summer events.



Outreach Ministry

I do want to call your attention to our new Outreach Ministry. This service group has taken on various projects to assist the parish and community. Its purpose is to define needs that are relevant to us and develop ways to assist parishioners. This ministry has contacted all parishioners over 65 years of age, supplied lunch snacks and programming for children and raised thousands of dollars for the gift card program.



Parish Statistics



Registered Households

2018: 1210
2019: 1205
2020: 1161

Single Member Households

552



Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
Offertory	\$ 497,130	\$ 511,718	\$ 497,831
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	10,799	9,088	9,782
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	107,094	64,975	32,858
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	27,445	23,801	31,164
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	70,256	871,818	237,469
Special Collections	34,800	33,947	34,816
Total Income	\$ 747,523	\$ 1,515,347	\$ 843,921
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 141,022	\$ 113,239	\$ 128,506
Church	48,294	54,962	38,019
Rectory	4,666	1,045	5,445
Education and Ministry	148,388	96,888	61,989
General Expenses	238,230	170,532	171,635
Special Collections	34,495	33,354	35,258
Extraordinary Expenses	89,788	919,932	434,950
Total Expenditures	704,883	1,389,952	875,802
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 42,640	\$ 125,395	\$ (31,881)

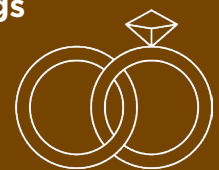


Baptisms

2018: 12
2019: 12
2020: 8

Weddings

2018: 2
2019: 4
2020: 2



Funerals

2018: 31
2019: 23
2020: 32

Capital Improvements

Your contributions to our parish help to maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. In the three years that I have been the pastor we have made a significant amount of capital improvements to our campus. In that time we have sold our old office building and built a new parish office and parish center on the campus near our church. The church, itself, received a facelift as well. The exterior trim board around the church's façade, and all of the light poles, were painted. The lights, themselves, were upgraded to a more efficient LED system, providing energy savings and better illumination. The roof on the church was replaced, as well as the ceiling tile in the vestibule, which was badly stained from water damage. The sanctuary and baptismal areas were also refinished and the interior walls were painted to brighten up the walls that were never painted since the opening of the building.

New lights were also added to the sanctuary to illuminate the altar, presiders chair and the tabernacle. The social hall was also upgraded with dividers for formation classroom privacy.



Ministries at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish encourages its parishioners to participate in our liturgical, social or music ministries. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Altar Server

Altar servers assist the priest in preparing for Mass.

Music Ministry

Choirs and cantors provide musical support of full and active participation in the liturgy.

Money Counters

These individuals assist in counting collections.

Ministry to the Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion take Communion to the sick and homebound, who are encouraged to receive the sacrament, even if they cannot attend Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Parishioners assist the priest in distributing the Eucharist at Mass.

Religious Formation Leaders and Youth Ministry Leaders

These individuals assist in forming the next generation of Christ's Disciples.

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Word of God during Mass or other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.

Greeters

Greeters welcome Parishioners to our faith community.

Ushers

The ushers take up the offertory and distribute bulletins after Mass. They also assist as needed with emergencies and other concerns.

Ministry of Care

These volunteers provide pastoral care to the sick and homebound of the parish. The ministers take the Eucharist to the sick where they are at home, a personal care home or a nursing home.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are looking for volunteers to help lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word, which is held during each of the weekend Masses. The commitment is minimal and all materials are provided.

Christian Mothers

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is a women's group dedicated to the Sorrowful Virgin, that nurtures and fosters the values that spring from Catholic social teaching. Through service and activities, these values are brought to life by dedicated women of all ages.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights are a fraternal Catholic men's organization of nearly ninety men working to help the local parishes, the Diocese and the Church at large through its many projects. The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization that does outstanding work in the areas of charitable outreach of service and of financial support.