

May 2nd, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish

Richmond, IN



5TH SUNDAY  
*of Easter*

"I am the rose of Sharon,  
and the lily of the valleys."

Song of Songs 2:1



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## ST. ANDREW

235 S. 5th Street  
Sunday Worship:  
10:00 am - English

## ST. MARY

720 North "A" Street  
Sunday Worship:  
Saturday - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 1:30 pm (Spanish)

## HOLY FAMILY

815 W. Main Street  
Sunday Worship:  
Sunday 8:00 am



**Pastor: Rev. Fr. Sengole T. Gnanaraj**

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**Deacon: Rev. Mr. Jim Miller**

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Journeying together as missionary disciples, committed to bring everyone to Christ in His Holy Church

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## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, 5/1	SM	5:00 pm	Roger Yesh
Sunday, 5/2	HF	8:00 am	For the people of S.E.A.S.
Sunday, 5/2	SA	10:00 am	Debbie Gary
Sunday, 5/2	SM	1:30 pm	Debbie Isley
Monday, 5/3	SM	Noon	Private
Tuesday, 5/4	SA	8:15 am	Herb Lahmann
Wednesday, 5/5	SM	8:15 am	Maureen Fields
Thursday, 5/6	HF	8:15 am	Ernie Frady
Friday, 5/7	HF	7:00 pm	Georgianna Gibson
Saturday, 5/8	SM	5:00 pm	Knights of St. Johns
Sunday, 5/9	HF	8:00 am	Tonya Maurer
Sunday, 5/9	SA	10:00 am	For the people of S.E.A.S.
Sunday, 5/9	SM	1:30 pm	David Burns

## This Week's Liturgy: May 3 — May 8

MON	3	St. Philp & James, Apostles Private
TUE	4	Easter Week [5], SA
WED	5	Easter Week [5], SM
THU	6	Easter Week [5], HF
FRI	7	Easter Week [5], HF
SAT	8	Easter Week [5], SM

## Stewardship Report: April 25, 2021

Sunday/Holy Day	April 25	12,383.00
Online Giving	April 12-16	6,303.01
Spanish	April 25	194.00
Total		18,686.01
Budget Weekly		20,193.00
Catholic Home Missions	April 25	466.50
Parish Need	April 25	35.00

## 360 Raffle Winners

### CONGRATULATIONS

1st Place - Joseph Lahmann

2nd Place - Fr. John Hall

3rd Place - Vince Punzo

4th Place - Luke Reimsnyder

## UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Fall 2020

Parish Goal	\$83,884
Amount Pledged	\$58,291
% of Goal	69%
Total \$'s Received	\$47,167
Parish Households	779
# of Pledges	211
Parish Participation	27%





Dear Parish family,

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your commitment card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized commitment card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by: mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter, or bringing it to Mass next Sunday, or you may visit our parish website and complete an electronic commitment card.

Electronic giving is a preferred, easy, safe and secure way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions. We appreciate all parishioners using this means to support our parish.

Many of you have opted for online giving and we will soon be sending links via email for those who intended for online giving. As I said, I will be praying for your intentions that you wrote on the back of the card. As I am reading your prayer intentions, I feel so blessed to be part of your life and I appreciate your trust in my prayers. We all need to pray for one another - for healing, for restoration and for peace. Many of our brothers and sisters are going through tough times necessitated by health issues and loss of their loved ones. The pandemic is still swaying its deadly blow in many parts of the world. India, my home country is going through an unprecedented health crisis due to lack of oxygen supply to Covid patients. In your charity, please lift up in your prayers all those who suffer.

Also, Please take note of the markers in the pews to allow safe distance. We ask that you be seated on spots not marked by the safe distance markers. In addition Encourage your children to consider serving at the altar. Altar training resources are found in our parish website under Liturgy.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Sengole Gnanaraj



Calling all parishioners who are licensed contractors, plumbers and electricians! Your volunteer help is needed to bring the recently purchased vacant laundromat into a new refreshed vital building where St. Vincent DePaul members will hold cooking, sewing and craft workshops along with our furniture ministry and the Lives Forever program to those who are less fortunate. One of the missions of this building is to house under one roof the many functions St. Vincent DePaul offers. If you would like to volunteer your talent to help renovate this building, please email [Karen Ruhl @ ruhlette@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ruhl@stvincentdepaul.org) \*St. Vincent DePaul will pay for materials you will encounter.

### Ordination Anniversary

Congratulations to **Rev. Fr. John Luerman** who will be celebrating his 65th Anniversary of his priesthood on May 3, 2021. We are so grateful to the Lord for Fr. John's presence and ministry with us at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



### Newly Baptized

Congratulations to **Norah Elizabeth South** who was baptized by Fr. Sengole Gnanaraj on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at St. Mary Church Parents are Gerald & Elizabeth South



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Questions about Youth Ministry or Confirmation?

Contact Krista Falcone at  
[kfalcone@setoncatholics.org](mailto:kfalcone@setoncatholics.org).



Please pray for our high school youth as they prepare to embark on a summer focused on getting to know Jesus and loving Him more intimately.

Mission Trip:



# JUNE 20-26

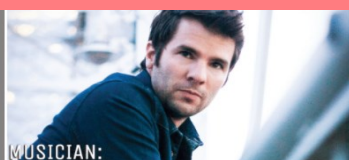


“Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are.” (JPII)



CHAPLAIN:

FR. GERVAN MENEZES



MUSICIAN:

PJ ANDERSON & BAND



MANAGER:

RACHEL ANDERSON



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

DOM QUAGLIA

## FAITH FORMATION

Questions about the Sacraments? Contact Kyle King at 765-541-8420 or email him at [kking@setoncatholics.org](mailto:kking@setoncatholics.org)



He's the Lily of the Valley,  
the Bright and Morning Star,  
He's the fairest of ten  
thousand to my soul.

As the Lily of the Valley springs up in landscapes and woodlands around Indiana, it is good to reflect on our Savior's connection to this wonderful flower particularly during the Easter season.

“The lily-of-the-valley has been connected to the Savior for a variety of reasons, mostly owing to the flower's whiteness, signifying Christ's purity from sin, its sweetness, signifying the sweetness of Christ's ministry to humanity, and its fecundity, signifying the fruitfulness of Christ and His apostles' preaching. This flower is also connected to... the Second Coming, which is both the end of the world and the reestablishment of the earthly paradise, just as the lily-of-the-valley, blooming in spring, heralds the birth of spring and death of winter.” -Troy Worden

## FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Thursday, May 13th (6 pm) at St. Mary

## FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Sunday, May 16th (1:30 pm) at  
St. Andrew



“In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Risen Jesus is always faithful to hear our confessions and sorrows, offer forgiveness, and lead us to the EVERLASTING JOY OF EASTER.”



## HIGH SCHOOL

Each grade at SCHS led our student body in a prayer service during the season of Lent leading up to Easter. Lent is a time that we as a Church and School seek to grow closer to God through prayer, reading scripture, charitable giving, fasting, and overcoming sin.

- Led **Holy Rosary**—7th grade
- Led **Divine Mercy Chaplet**—8th grade
- Led **Way of the Cross**—9th grade
- Led **Funeral of Jesus Reflection**—10th grade
- Led **Multi-media Stations of the Cross**—11th grade
- Led **Tenebrae Candlelight service**—12th grade

## ELEMENTARY

At both elementary buildings our students participated in the Way of the Cross weekly using booklets most appropriate to each age group and grade level so they could gain a firm understanding.

On Holy Thursday, the sixth grade led the final Way of the Cross for grades 3-6. The class had spent time prior considering what Jesus might say to His followers at each station. Then during their presentation of the Stations, after the reading for each station, they included a “personal message” from Jesus that was recited. Their deeper reflection, along with candles and Ms. Brochin singing “Were You There” at each station provided the students with a beautiful close to the school’s Holy Week in preparation of Easter.

## What exactly is Lent, and why is it 40 days?

The word Lent means spring in older English and so this season can be a “springtime for the soul.”

“Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and charitable giving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It’s a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection at Easter” (USCCB).

“Jesus prepared for his Passion by entering a special period of fasting and prayer for 40 days alone in the wilderness. There he did spiritual battle by enduring temptation and bodily hunger. The Church (his Bride) prepares for the annual remembrance of his Passion, death, and resurrection by fasting for 40 days prior just like he did.

Everything Jesus did during his earthly life teaches us what we should do and how we should act as Christians. In this time of prayer and self-denial Jesus was teaching us about spiritual discipline, which will help us turn away from sin, purify our souls, and bring us closer to God. This is what will give us the inner strength us to carry our own crosses as we follow him. And it is only through the cross that we can participate in the resurrection and the joy of Easter” (Catholic Company Magazine).



Fr. Sengole leads the High School in adoring Christ in through Benediction shortly after the 7th & 8th graders led the school in prayer through the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.



The 10th grade class leads the school in a ‘Funeral of Jesus’ which was a reflection the meaning of Jesus’ death, and resurrection.



The 9th grade class leads praying the Way of the Cross.



The 6th grade class leads praying the Way of the Cross.



# CREATING A CATHOLIC LEGACY

## 10 Things the Faithful Can Consider

### 1. Prepare a Will

*Young adults and elders alike!* Only 50% of those who pass away have one. Having an updated will allows you to freely and intentionally gift your assets to who/what matters most and to assign a guardian to any minor children.

### 2. Make it an 'Epilogue'

Prayerfully consider how your will 'tells your story'. How do your words and generosity speak to what made you 'you' in your life? How does your will testify to your loved ones what you value?

### 3. Return the Favor

Consider leaving a gift, even a modest one, in your will (*known as a 'bequest'*) for a charitable organization which impacted your life, such as your local parish, school or Church ministry. Less than 3% of all wills settled contain a charitable provision - most likely due to people not being aware of the possibilities!

### 4. Gift Outside the Box

Consider the variety of gifts you could potentially give to a charity, including stocks, mutual funds, bonds, CD's, real estate, a charitable gift annuity or trust. Such gifts can also provide tax savings and minimize or bypass capital gains tax. You could give to your parish, school or favorite Church ministry either now or through your estate.

### 5. Try Rolling Over

Charitable IRA Rollover (*now known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution*) is a great option for those 72 and above who are required to take an annual distribution from their IRA. It is not included in gross income, goes to the charity (such as a parish, school or Church ministry) tax-free, and can satisfy the requirement.

### 6. Imagine the Church as a 'Child'

Name your favorite charity (such as a parish, school or Church ministry) as the 2nd, 3rd or 4th 'child' beneficiary in your estate or as a beneficiary/holder of an existing life insurance or retirement policy.

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### 7. Join a Never-Ending Story

Direct one of the previous gift ideas toward your favorite parish, school or Church ministry's endowment at the Archdiocese's Catholic Community Foundation and allow it to perpetually give and grow! Or, while not subtracting from your weekly Sunday offering, add to the endowment as part of your monthly/yearly tithe.

### 8. Write a Never-Ending Story

Create and name an endowment with the Archdiocese's Catholic Community Foundation (minimum of \$5,000) that perpetually contributes to what you are passionate about, such as your parish, school or favorite Catholic ministry.

### 9. All in the Family

Consider coming together as a family or extended family in a 'team effort' to source an endowment or donor advised fund towards a collective passion, such as a Church ministry, parish or school. Part of the family's ongoing charism can be generously contributing to and growing it.

### 10. Challenge Your Soul to Grow

Believe it or not, on average, Catholics tithe about 1.1% of their annual income (Christians in general, 2.2%). We have much room to grow in detaching our soul from its anxious preoccupation of possessions - possessions which were God's gift to us to steward for good, anyways. You can start small - increase 1% a year until your heart feels the peace, joy and humility that comes through giving of your first fruits to Christ and His Church. (Traditionally, this was 10%, but any gradual improvement is good for the soul!)

*If any of these ideas interest you or you would like to learn more, we are here to serve you! Feel free to contact us via phone, email, or a visit.*

