



# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

April 29, 2026 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



## PARISH SCHEDULE

DATE	CALENDAR EVENTS	READINGS
Sunday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass 8:00 pm Tenebrae Service	Mt 21:1-11 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 27:11-54
Monday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, & Confessions 7:00 pm Mass	Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 am Rosary & Confessions 8:30 am Mass 10:00 am Men's Fellowship Meat Sale Pick up until 3 pm	Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Parish Office Closes at Noon</b> 8:00 am Rosary and Confessions 8:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Holy Thursday Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir	Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> 7:00 pm Mass 8:00 pm Adoration until 10 pm	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> 1:00 pm Good Friday Service	Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> 10:00 am Easter Vigil Rehearsal 12:00 pm Food Blessing 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass	
Sunday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> 10:00 am Mass	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

### PARISHIONER ENVELOPE OFFERTORY

March 21 & 22:	\$ 10,982.25
Cash not in envelopes:	\$ 1,307.00
Total offertory given:	\$ 12,289.25
Budgeted weekly offertory:	\$ 11,790.00
Average gift:	\$ 34.75

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Please consider your weekly offertory options, so we can continue to meet our normal expenditures:

1. Online donations
2. Mailing
3. Drop off at Mass



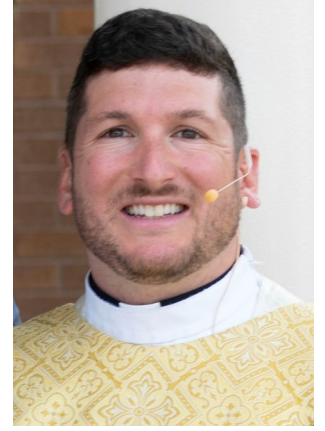
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# *The Transcendental Times*

By: Fr. Dominic

Question: What is Tenebrae?

Tenebrae is a deeply evocative Catholic liturgical observance that takes place during Holy Week, specifically on the evenings of Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, preceding Easter Sunday. The word "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows," which perfectly reflects the solemn and reflective nature of the service. Tenebrae is a tradition steeped in rich symbolism and historical depth, offering worshippers a meditative journey through the final days of Christ's life and his ultimate sacrifice. The origins of Tenebrae trace back to the early centuries of the Church. Initially, it began as a celebration of the Office of Readings for Holy Saturday, which was a part of the Divine Office. The specific elements of Tenebrae can be traced to a long-standing tradition in the Church, dating to the Middle Ages. The service originally consisted of the chanting of psalms, prayers, and the reading of the Passion narrative from the Gospels, which recount the final hours of Jesus Christ's life leading to his crucifixion and burial.



The Tenebrae service is marked by several distinctive features that create a powerful atmosphere of reflection and contemplation:

1. **The Service of Shadows:** Tenebrae begins with the lighting of a large number of candles, often arranged in a triangular or circular shape on a candleholder called a *Tenebrae hearse*. As the service progresses, these candles are gradually extinguished one by one after the reading or singing of each scripture passage, symbolizing the growing darkness surrounding Jesus during the events leading to his crucifixion.
2. **Psalm Readings and Lamentations:** The service features a series of psalms and readings from the Lamentations of Jeremiah, which reflect the sorrow, grief, and mourning surrounding Christ's Passion. These texts serve to highlight the desolation of the moment, as well as the deep anguish of the world as it awaited redemption.
3. **The Reading of the Passion Narrative:** The story of Jesus' arrest, trial, suffering, and crucifixion is read aloud, either from the Gospels or in the form of a chant. These readings often evoke the pain and suffering Jesus experienced, as well as the spiritual darkness that enveloped the earth.
4. **The Extinguishing of the Candles:** As the service moves toward its conclusion, each candle on the Tenebrae hearse is extinguished one by one. This symbolizes the gradual descent of darkness into the world as Christ approaches his death. The final candle, known as the *Christ candle*, is often extinguished last, but it is then restored or hidden, symbolizing Christ's burial or the hope of his resurrection to come.

**The "Strepitus" (Great Noise):** At the end of the service, a loud noise is often made, either by slamming a book, banging a door, or striking a wooden object. This noise, called the *Strepitus*, symbolizes the earthquake that occurred at the moment of Jesus' death, as well as the sense of despair and finality in the Passion story. Despite the darkness and sorrow of Tenebrae, the service also carries a profound message of hope. The final extinguishing of the candles and the moment of silence serve as a reminder that Christ's death was not the end, but the beginning of the hope of the resurrection that will be celebrated on Easter Sunday.

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I invite you to join us for Tenebrae. It is a powerful and transformative experience because of the unique combination of scripture, prayer, and symbolism. Through the interplay of light and darkness, powerful readings and psalms and a crescendo that won't be forgotten, Tenebrae will leave you with a new appreciation of Jesus' Passion and Death and a yearning for the Resurrection. It is the perfect way to begin Holy Week! I hope to see you tonight at 8pm.

Email your questions to me at [frdominic@saintliz.org](mailto:frdominic@saintliz.org)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton...pray for us!

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Lent and Easter Schedule

### Friday, March 27

Stations of the Cross.....7:00 pm

### Saturday, March 28

Palm Sunday Mass.....4:00 pm

### Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday Mass.....9:00 am  
11:00 am

Tenebrae Service.....8:00 pm

### Thursday, April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper .....7:00 pm  
followed by procession and Adoration until 10:00 pm

### Friday, April 3

Good Friday Service.....1:00 pm

### Saturday, April 4

Blessing of Food Baskets.....12:00 pm  
Easter Vigil.....8:30 pm  
followed by Social in Shepherd's Hall

### Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday Mass.....10:00 am

**The parish office will close at noon on  
Wednesday, April 1st and remain closed through  
Sunday, April 12th.**

**The office will reopen Monday, April 13th.**

## CSA 2026

As a parish, it is our tradition to begin our annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) during Lent. Last year 44% of our families participated in this important work—we are praying all of our families will participate.

**Thank you for your continued generosity  
2026 Total Pledged \$ 91,300.00  
151 of 688 families**

We have created some incentives for families who haven't participated in our efforts. If you haven't joined in our efforts before and give at least \$200 by April 1, you will be entered in to a drawing for a prize valued at \$200. There will be a second drawing for a prize valued at \$100 on May 1. Thank you, ahead of time, for your prayerful support of this effort.

## Men's Fellowship

## Easter Meat Sale

## PICK UP

**Tuesday, March 31st**

**10 am - 3 pm**



### Meet our OCIA Candidates



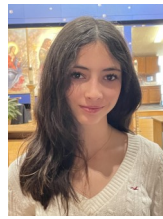
Hello! My name is Brandon Godwin. I'm originally from North Carolina, but moved to Michigan in 2021 to attend business school at the University of Michigan. I ended up meeting my now wife in Ann Arbor

and settled in Troy after graduation to be near her family. I currently work in Finance for a healthcare software company based in Columbus, OH (boo!).

I felt called to join OCIA this year after spending several years attending church with my wife and going through the Catholic marriage preparation process and wedding ceremony together. I've always felt drawn to the traditions and family values that the Church teaches, and as my wife and I grew closer to our faith during our marriage preparation, I knew I wanted to join the Catholic Church more formally. I've really enjoyed learning more about the faith from Fr. Dominic and others throughout the OCIA process, and I'm looking forward to becoming a fully participating member of the Church and continuing to grow my relationship with God.

Communion in second grade. I moved to the United States when I was nine and a half years old, and I am very happy to be back here now, even though we spent last year in Italy again. I enjoy being active and love sports. My hobbies include swimming, playing pickle ball, and tennis. I am very athletic and motivated.

I am really looking forward to my Confirmation because it is very important to me. I am also very grateful to be able to prepare for it here, as the church community and the priest are very welcoming and supportive.



My name is Lia, and I am 14 years old. I was born on December 20, 2011. I was baptized in Italy and received my First Communion in second grade when I was seven years old. We prepared for it for a full year.

After that, my family and I moved to Michigan in the United States, where we lived for five years and really enjoyed our time. We then moved back to Italy for one year, and this past July, we returned to the U.S. I am now a freshman at Bloomfield High School, and I am very happy to be back here. I like my school and enjoy my classes, especially Spanish, which is similar to Italian.

I speak German, Italian, and English. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends, and also skiing, and ice skating. While I miss some things about Italy, like the food, my family, and friends, I'm grateful to be here and excited for my future.

I am especially looking forward to receiving my Confirmation and continuing my journey in faith here.



My name is Lara Holanda. I'm a senior in high school. I like cooking, watching movies, working out, and spending time with family and friends.

I joined OCIA this year because I wanted to grow in my faith and feel more connected to God.

After receiving the Sacraments, I'm looking forward to continuing to grow more spiritually and feeling more connected during Mass. Most importantly, I want to keep growing closer to God.



Hi everyone, my name is Nicole. I'm a part-time working mom of two daughters, with another baby girl on the way who is due in August. My husband and I have a busy household, and life is pretty full between work, motherhood, and preparing to welcome another baby into our family.

During this season of life, I started feeling a deeper pull toward faith and a desire for something stronger to ground our family. After being a mom for many years now, I've found myself thinking more about the example I want to set for my children and the kind of spiritual foundation I want our family to have.

That desire is what led me to OCIA. I want to grow closer to God, better understand the Catholic Church, and give my children the gift of a faith that they can carry with them throughout their lives. I'm really grateful to be here and to be walking this journey with all of you.



My name is Nala. I was born on March 13, 2010 in Italy, where I was also baptized. I received my First

## Right to Life/Lifespan Annual Baby Shower

LIFESPAN'S 37th Annual Baby Shower, benefitting Gianna House in Eastpointe, is set to happen on the weekend of April 18/19 after Masses. The Baby Shower here at SEAS accepts new baby items and monetary donations. The following items may be donated: Sleepers, onesies, socks, receiving blankets, crib sheets, diapers (size 1-4), baby wipes, wash cloths, towels, pacifiers, bottles, bibs, personal hygiene items for baby and gift cards/cash donations. Gifts can be dropped off in the baby crib in Shepherd's Hall, monetary donations in the parish office.

Blessings!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
 ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH  
**GOLF** *Outing*  
 2026  
 Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> -8am  
 4 Person Scramble 18 Holes + Cart  
 Sanctuary Lake Golf Course  
 1450 East South Blvd., Troy, MI  
**HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!**




## SACRAMENTS

### Weddings:

Please make arrangements at least 6 months in advance.

Contact the Parish Office for more information.

### Baptisms:

Baptisms take place during the 11:00AM Mass on the third Sunday of the month. Online baptismal prep is available through "Belonging – Baptism in the Family of God" (Ascension Press), with a follow up meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:00AM. Call the Parish Office to register for the online prep program (It is advisable to schedule and complete the prep program before the baby is born).

### Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:30 pm; Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; 30 minutes before Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday Daily Masses; confessions can also be scheduled by appointment.

### Deadline for Bulletin Articles:

Friday 4:00 pm (1 week prior)

E-mail [abrewer@saintliz.org](mailto:abrewer@saintliz.org)

### Pulpit Announcements:

E-mail [rhoppe@saintliz.org](mailto:rhoppe@saintliz.org) by Monday 4 pm

## SILENCE BEFORE MASS: A GENTLE REMINDER

A few years ago, Pope Francis called out the common habit of chatting with people before Mass, stressing that this is a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. "When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us," the Pope said.

However, "it is not a moment for chitchat." "It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus," he said, adding that "silence is so important."



# Fellowship Opportunities

## Women's Fellowship

Our Women's Fellowship meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm for a meeting & faith sharing in Shepherd's Hall. Women of the parish engage in social, fundraising, charitable, and Christian Service projects. High School age and up are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Carolyn Plague at [cmplague@gmail.com](mailto:cmplague@gmail.com).

**Next meeting: Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm**



## Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Fellowship meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am for a meeting and faith sharing in Shepherd's Hall. Men's Fellowship is involved in assisting the poor and homeless and supporting the men of the parish. If you would like to join, contact Gary Ward at [gward6446@wowway.com](mailto:gward6446@wowway.com).

**Next meeting: Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 am**



## Widows' /Widowers' Group

Our Widows' and Widowers' Group meets every 3rd Saturday of the month in Shepherd's Hall or another agreed upon location. It is a great opportunity for our widowed parishioners to socialize and pray together. For more information, contact Ruth Hoppe at [rhoppe@saintliz.org](mailto:rhoppe@saintliz.org) or 248-342-4726.

**Next meeting: Saturday, April 18 at 10 am**



## Marian Motherhood: Getting to the Heart of Mary

A monthly gathering for moms of all ages and stages to grow in faith, fellowship, and spiritual support—rooted in Mary's example of love, humility, and strength. We meet on the 4th Saturday of the month (September-May, excluding December) at 9:00 am in Shepherd's Hall. Coffee and light refreshments are provided. Please note: This is a moms-only group. Nursing infants may attend as needed. To learn more, contact Aubrey at [alquiza.aubrey@gmail.com](mailto:alquiza.aubrey@gmail.com)

**Next meeting: Saturday, April 25 at 9:00 am**



## Craft and Chat

Welcome Crafters. Let your crafts shine in on Thursday's from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Shepherd's Hall. We are making this a simple gathering for anyone who would like to bring their knitting/crochet/hand sewing/embroidery/art, anything that does not require an electric outlet. All are welcome, if you have any questions, please call Grace Vettraino at 248-224-7690.



### SEAS Senior Fellowship Kicked Off on March 17, 2026

The luck of the Irish was in Shepherd's Hall on March 17<sup>th</sup> - close to 40 people came together for two hours of fellowship, fun, laughter and treats.

Deacon Greg provided the blessing followed by games, songs, and a beautiful rendition of the Irish Jig. Everyone was welcomed including one person who showed up unexpectedly – Fr. Guido Sarducci.



Thank you to all who joined us for the gathering!

Watch for announcements about our next gathering!



To Whom It May Concern:

The Macomb County Sheriff's Honor Guard is a volunteer unit comprised of 18 sworn officers from within our agency. Its mission is to honor Law Enforcement Officers who have given their lives in the line of duty and to enhance the professional image of the Macomb County Sheriff's Office and the County of Macomb. The first priority of our unit is to honor and pay respect to fallen officers and their families.

Our members attend funerals and memorials of Law Enforcement Officers who have lost their lives protecting and serving their communities. We also travel at our own expense each May to Washington D.C. for National Police Week to participate in the National Law Enforcement Memorial Service and events.

Events include escorting the surviving family members of fallen officers into the memorial for the yearly candlelight vigil, guarding the memorial wreath, and greeting the survivors at the airport as they arrive at Washington D.C.

This year, we plan on continuing to honor fallen officers by participating in wreath laying ceremonies in remembrance of the day they gave their lives serving their communities.

Our financial support comes solely from Honor Guard Members and donations. We will be hosting our **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on May 6th, 2026 at Pennas Banquet Hall on Van Dyke, south of 17 Mile Road in Sterling Heights.** We would greatly appreciate any donation that we might receive from you.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding our request. Feel free to contact Deputy Nicholas Macioce at [Nicholas.Macioce@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Macioce@macombcountymi.gov) with any questions. If you would like to donate a gift certificate, money, or door/raffle prize, please give us a call and we will gladly pick it up. If you would like to attend our fundraiser, please email or call and we will be happy to deliver your tickets.

We are 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax deductible. A W-9 can be provided to you if needed.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Macioce  
Macomb County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard

**Macomb County Sheriff's Office**  
**HONOR GUARD**  
*22nd Anniversary*  
*Fundraiser*

*"In Valor there is Hope"*

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026  
TIME: 5:00PM - 8:30PM

LOCATION: PENNA'S OF STERLING  
38400 VAN DYKE  
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48312

TICKETS: Tickets available pre-sale or at the door  
Adults \$15  
Children & Seniors \$10  
Sgt. Howell : 586-307-9364

**PASTA DINNER, RAFFLES, 50/50, DOOR PRIZES**

# Mass Intentions

## Monday, March 30, 2026

7:00 pm For the Souls in Purgatory (req. by Natali Asic)  
Jeanette Hendrykowski (req. by the Maciejewski Family)

## Tuesday, March 31, 2026

8:30 am Special Intention (req. by M. Zylka)  
Norbert Maciejewski (req. by the Maciejewski Family)

## Wednesday, April 1, 2026

8:30 am Ilias Yalda (req. by Sylvana Babajan)  
Josephin Alhelo (req. by Sylvana Babajan)  
Ramsin Benjamin (req. by Sylvana Babajan)

## Thursday, April 2, 2026

7:00 pm Priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit

## Friday, April 3, 2026

**No Mass - Good Friday**

## Saturday, April 4, 2026

8:30 pm OCIA Elect

## Sunday, April 5, 2026

10:00 am Margaret Stocking (req. by family)  
Juanita Crimmins (req. by daughter)  
Special Intention (req. by M. Zylka)  
Ann Macur (req. by Ginny Czerwinski)



This is a gentle reminder that if you would like to have an intention said for a specific date, please call the office ahead of time. Our Mass intentions fill up very quickly and we are allowed only two per Mass. It is best to schedule special intentions months in advance of the date. Thank you for understanding.

**If you wish to have a Mass intention said for a loved one, please call the Parish Office at 248-879-1310**

## Prayer List

### Please continue to pray for the sick and suffering.

Laura Arkils, Dick Beltramini, Robin Beltramini, Dorothy Blake, Scott Breeding, Bridget Chebowski, Melanie Chronowski, Josh Hamilton, Jane Hime, Phoebe Hulse, Luke Juricic, Darnell Kelsey, Shirley Kesteloot, Patricia Kramer, Dorothy Lawson, Agnes Mecoli, Dana Miller, Fr. Norm Nawrocki, Nancy Olsen, Tom Olsen, Marie Pietila, Rita Sherwood, Caleb Upton, Annette Vedder, Therese Warger, Cathy Webb, Fr. Steve Wertenan.

*Please call the parish office or email secretary@saintliz.org if you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list.*

### *Please pray for those serving in our armed services:*

**Lorenzo Garcia**, United States Marine Corps  
**Matthew J. Panella**, United States Navy  
**Joseph T. Berry**, United States Navy  
**Lt. Anna Hanson**, United States Navy  
**Evan Paul Holland**, United States Marine Corps  
**John M. Barnett**, United States Marine Corps  
**Evan Shawver**, United States Army Reserves

**Matthew Falardeau**, United States Marine Corps  
**Erin Freedom Hawtin**, United States Army  
**Edward Alsip**, United States Marine Corps  
**Sarah Alsip**, United States Marine Corps  
**David Miller, Jr.**, United States Army  
**Jeffrey Schuele**, United States Marine Corps  
**Justin Schade**, United States Marine Corps  
**Trevor Ulewicz**, United States Army

*Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of mankind and Author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of our armed forces. Amen.*

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mission Statement

*Proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. He was born, lived, died, and rose to save us from our sins.*

*We will make His good news known through worship, education, and service.*



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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday

10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Closed on Friday

Saturday—2:30—5:30 pm

Sunday—8:00 am—12:30 pm

Mass Online on our YouTube Channel: Saint LizAnn

at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6UJXb7NfhMogdTGmGVcbfA>

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### Mass Schedule:

*Sunday Masses*

Saturday 4:00 pm;

Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

*Weekday Masses*

Monday evenings 7:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 8:30 am

Friday 12:00 pm (Labor Day  
to Memorial Day)

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:30 pm or during the week  
by appointment.

Mondays, 6:00—7:00 pm

30 minutes before Tuesday, Wednesday, &  
Friday Daily Masses