

# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

800 Portion Road, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-1997



1st Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2024

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**  
**800 Portion Road**  
**Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779**

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John Romaine - Trustee  
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Cindi Sanna - Committee Member

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM  
Weekday Monday to Thursday - 9:00 AM  
Holy Day As Announced

**DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary**  
Monday to Thursday after 9:00 AM Mass  
**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
Monday after the 9:00 AM Mass  
**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena**  
Tuesday after the 9:00 AM Mass  
**St. Joseph Novena**  
Wednesday after the 9:00 AM Mass

**SACRAMENTS**

**CONFESSION**

Saturday at 4:00 PM or at other posted times.

**BAPTISM**

Visit our website at [www.steas.org](http://www.steas.org) for information and follow the instructions. It is highly recommended that this be done during the pregnancy.

**MARRIAGE**

Couples must make arrangements for their wedding at least 6 months in advance. \*\*\***Please secure your wedding date at the Church before reserving a reception date\*\*\***

Marriage preparation is required for every couple. Visit our website at [www.steas.org](http://www.steas.org) for information.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Is offered to Parishioners who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please call early in the illness of a loved one to arrange for the Sacrament.

**NEW MEMBERS (RCIA)**

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited into the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Process (RCIA). We also invite baptized persons who wish to receive Eucharist and Confirmation to become part of this process.



The Parish Office is closed Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th at 9:30 AM.



### WEEKLY SACRIFICE FOR THE PARISH

#### THIS YEAR

2/4/2024

Regular Sunday: \$5,647.00

Attendance: 586

#### LAST YEAR

2/5/2023

Regular Sunday: \$5,620.00

Attendance: 370

Please remember to support your parish in these difficult times. We need you now more than ever. Donations can be mailed in or online through our website at [www.steas.org](http://www.steas.org). Thank you & God Bless.

### *Remember A Loved One* Memorial Donations Available for:



Announced Masses  
Bread & Wine - 1 week  
Flowers - 1 week



7 Day Sanctolite Candle - 1 week  
Altar Candles - 1 month  
Charcoal - 1 month

Contact the Parish Office to reserve your memorial.



#### **This Sunday, February 18th**

**9:00 AM** - People of the Parish,  
Anthony Scarfone, Melinda Mandler, David Ortiz,  
For the intentions of Tony Alberico

**11:00 AM** - Michael A. Sharadin

#### **Monday, February 19th**

**9:00 AM** - Cornelius F. Griffin

#### **Tuesday, February 20th**

**9:00 AM** - George Blessington

#### **Wednesday, February 21st**

*Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**9:00 AM** - Eleanor Guzzino

#### **Thursday, February 22nd**

*The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

**9:00 AM** - The intentions of Lana Maggio

#### **Friday, February 23rd**

*Saint Polycarp; Bishop and Martyr*

**9:00 AM** - Millie & Donald Lipp

**6:30 PM** - Confessions

**7:00 PM** - Stations of the Cross

#### **Saturday, February 24th**

**5:00 PM** - Ralph & Ann Cirone

#### **Next Sunday, February 25th**

**9:00 AM** - People of the Parish, Melinda Mandler

**11:00 AM** - Michael A. Sharadin, Mary Diaz

### Tax Receipts Request For 2023 Donations

If you would like a tax receipt to show your 2023 donations, please call the Parish Office at 631-737-4388 to request a tax receipt. A receipt will not be sent unless one is requested. Thank you.

### Fridays of Lent

9:00 AM Mass

6:30 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Congratulations to the following young parishioners that received Honor Roll certificates **for the Second Quarter at St. Anthony's High School.**

*Elizabeth Crispo  
Madyson Gavilanes  
Mayson Gavilanes  
Giovanni Massaro  
Aidan O'Sullivan*

### **16th ANNUAL SUPER DAILY BONANZA DRAWING \$25 Winners**

Sunday, 2/11/24 #11852 Monica McEleney

Monday, 2/12/24 #09685 Justin Perrotta

Tuesday, 2/13/24 #05692 Cathy Wurtz

Wednesday, 2/14/24 #05637 M.J. Ratzsch

Thursday, 2/15/24 #09806 Chris

Friday, 2/16/24 #02369 Thomas & Paula Romano

Saturday, 2/17/24 #08043 Bill & Jo Mongan

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

*Payments are mailed to winners on the following  
Thursday after results are posted in bulletin.*

### **16th Annual Super Daily Bonanza Drawing began June 1st and will end until May 31, 2024.**

We will draw a winning ticket number daily. The owner of that ticket will win the prize for that day. Then the ticket will be put back into the drum for the next drawing, giving you another opportunity to win.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00= \_\_\_\_\_

5 for \$100.00= \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church,  
800 Portion Rd, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

## **SAVE THE DATE**

MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> – ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>- CATHOLIC HEALTH BUS

MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> – CONCERT BY MEMBERS OF MUSIC MINISTRY

APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> - KOFC SPRING NIGHT AT THE RACES

MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> – CHINESE AUCTION

AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> - KOFC PARISH BBQ

SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> - CAR SHOW

OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - OKTOBERFEST DANCE

NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> - KOFC FALL NIGHT AT THE RACES

DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

(CHECK THE BULLETIN FOR UPDATES)

### **REMINDER**

### **SNOW CLOSINGS FOR MASS**

For snow or severe weather during the week days, we follow the Sachem SD schedule. Tune into News12 or WALK FM Radio. If Sachem SD is closed, there will be no Mass that day. If severe weather happens on the weekend and Mass needs to be cancelled, call the Parish Office at 631-737-4388 and the recording will be updated with any cancellations. Thank you. Or you can sign up with "**REMIND**" for instant notifications by text or email. See website for more information at [www.steas.org](http://www.steas.org).



## ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Many parishioners support St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in the weekly collection and we don't have them listed in our census. We would like to make sure you are given proper credit for your donations. Please fill in the bottom of this page and we will send you a registration card. **\*\*You are not automatically registered if you received a sacrament in the parish i.e. Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony etc.\*\***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* You may also register online at [www.steas.org](http://www.steas.org)



### EASTER

Outreach will be collecting food donations to provide an Easter meal for families in need. Outreach will be collecting the following Easter donations: ham, canned soup, canned pineapple/fruit, instant potatoes, yams, dinner rolls, coffee, tea, cookies, Easter paper napkins/plates, Easter candy and grocery store gift cards. **All Easter donations are due by the weekend of March 16th/17th.** Please drop donations off at the Parish Office during normal business hours.

**FOOD PANTRY** is in need of: coffee, decaf tea, paper towels, toilet paper, dish detergent, laundry detergent, almond milk, cooking oil, olive oil, canned salmon, cookies, diapers size 6, 3, & 4, desitin & grocery store gift cards

**Outreach Volunteers Needed** The Outreach program provides food assistance to those in need. If you can offer some time and are able to volunteer **during the day** Tuesday and/or Thursday from 1:30 PM - 4:30PM, please contact Jeanette by email at: [carmenortiz62@yahoo.com](mailto:carmenortiz62@yahoo.com).

### PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

Meetings are held once a month on Saturdays  
from 9:30 AM—12:30 PM.

Contact Janice by email: [pbministry16@gmail.com](mailto:pbministry16@gmail.com).  
Come join us!

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced knitter or crocheter, all are welcome! We offer instruction for any wishing to learn or brush up on their skills. Different projects are completed monthly for donation to various causes. For further information, contact the above email.

We gladly accept donations of yarn. Thank you for your generosity and support!

FREE Religious Books in the Parish Hall Lobby!



Thank you to Elizabeth & Pat Mauro for donating a bookcase and religious books for parishioners to take home and enjoy.

Come down, take a look and take a book (or two :)

# *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish*

## **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**



## **REMEMBER TO BRING IN THOSE BABY BOTTLES!**

Recently, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
kicked-off their Baby Bottle Campaign  
to benefit the Life Center.

**THIS WEEKEND BRING IN THOSE  
FILLED BABY BOTTLES:**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Life Center consults women and men who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonogram referrals, maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals, medical care referrals, material aid, including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items.

Remember, all it takes is your change in a baby bottle and a heartfelt prayer  
to make a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** for all those we serve.  
(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

*May every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a preborn  
baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity to hear the  
gospel of Jesus Christ!*

## Palm Crosses

The Knights of Columbus will be taking PRE-ORDERS for Palm Crosses after all masses, the weekends of February 10-11 and February 17-18. The cost for each cross is \$12.00. Payment accepted is cash or check and must be made in advance. Crosses will be available for pick up after all masses the weekends of March 2-3 and March 9-10.

**Only pre-ordered crosses will be available for pick up. There will be no extras for sale.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Crosses:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Pat O'Reilly @ 631-416-2029.







# *2024 St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance*

Saturday, March 9, 2024

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Dinner Served 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**Corned Beef and Cabbage**

**OR ½ Roasted Chicken**

(Catered by Lakoma Delicatessen)

**Beer-Wine-Soda-BYOB-Dessert-Coffee**



**TICKETS \$ 35.00 PER PERSON**

Music by DJ Rob and

A presentation of Irish Step Dance by the InishFree School of Dance

50/50 Raffle on the night of the dance

Prize Raffle tickets available when/where dance tickets are sold

Tickets will be sold on the weekend after all masses from  
February 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>

OR YOU MAY CONTACT US TO PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE PHONE  
NUMBERS BELOW.



FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CALL

LARRY REILLY AT (631) 835-7987  
MIKE COPPOLA AT (631) 585-0921



Annual Spring Chinese Auction is  
Sunday May 19th, 2024

Donations of New Items or Gift Cards  
needed to fill our raffle baskets!

Drop off at the Parish Office or in the  
Church Lobby.  
(label "Chinese Auction Donation")

Thank you!!





# Faith Formation

## AT SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Jesus longs to be with us. He wants to be in a relationship with us! He wants to reside in our hearts and souls. He does that weekly in the Most Holy Eucharist. But while He is waiting for us to come to Him, He resides truly present in the Tabernacles of our churches around the world.

From the moment we enter the threshold of church, we find ourselves in the very presence of God Himself. This why we offer Him the utmost respect by maintaining an atmosphere of prayerful silence. It is not a time to catch up with our parish family and friends. It's not a time for conversation. Waiting for Mass to begin is an opportunity to pray to God, to offer Him our struggles and joys of the week and to prepare our hearts for Mass.

We should also be genuflecting to our Lord in the tabernacle when we enter and exit our pew. We should also bow or genuflect before receiving the Holy Eucharist. The following 15 minutes after receiving Jesus are the most holy minutes of our week. Jesus is present within us and we should be prayerful and adoring of our Lord for those minutes.

Our Level 2 students, who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, created their own tabernacles where Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is waiting for them and for you!



Yours In Christ,

*Briana Maggio*

Director of Faith Formation




 2024  
February

Saint Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." This is an assignment that our children do each month. Each week, you can learn and pray alongside our students. Choose one of the following Bible verses where Jesus interacts with a person or people, then answer the questions below. Take time to really see how God is speaking to you through this encounter Jesus actually had.

☐ Jesus & possessed man

**Matthew 9:32-34**
☐ Jesus & stranger

**Luke 8:19-21**
☐ Jesus & 12 disciples sent mission

**Mark 6:6-13**
☐ Jesus & people re: Good Shepherd

**John 10:1-21**

**What did Jesus say or do?**

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**How did people respond?**

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**What can I learn from this response?**

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**What was Jesus thinking during this encounter?**

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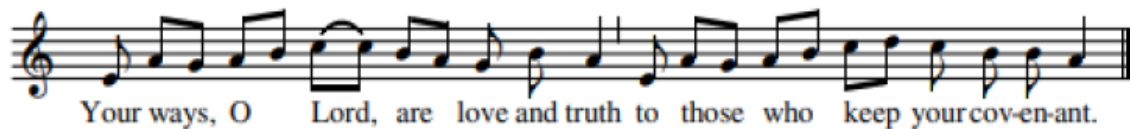
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First Sunday of Lent, Year B, February 18, 2024

Entrance Antiphon:  
When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### Responsorial Psalm



1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep  
your covenant.**

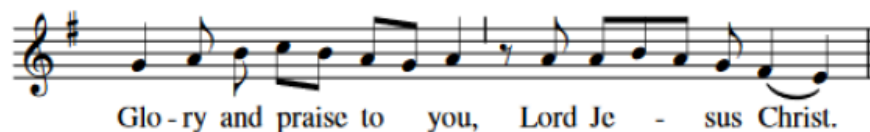
2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep  
your covenant.**

3. Good and upright is the LORD,  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and he teaches the humble his way.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep  
your covenant.**

### Glory and Praise to You

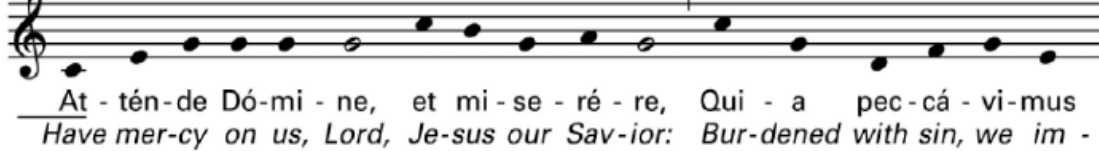


One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

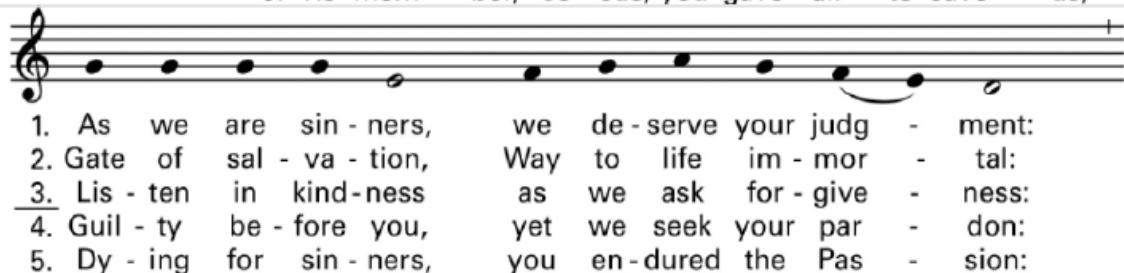
## Offertory Hymn

## Attende Domine

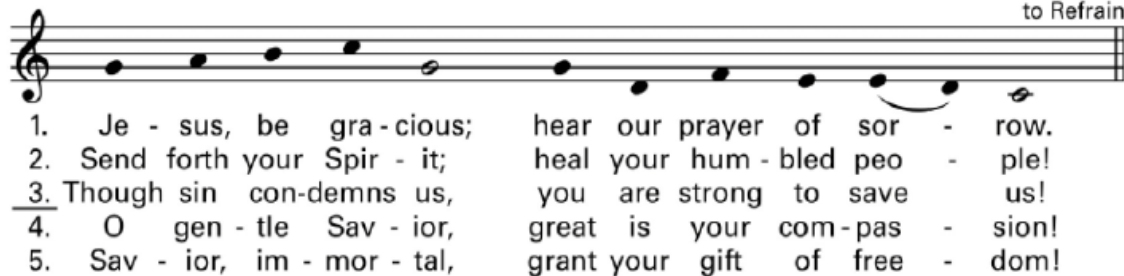
## Refrain



## Verses



## to Refrain



## Communion Antiphon:

**The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will trust.**

Communion Hymn-*Anima Christi*

Soul of my Savior, sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest;  
Blood of my Savior, bathe me in Thy tide,  
Wash me with water flowing from Thy side.

So I shall never, never part from thee.  
Guard and defend me from the foe malign;  
In life's last moments make me only thine;  
Call me and bid me come to thee on high,  
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Strength and protection, may thy Passion be;  
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
Deep in they wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,



## Ave Regina Caelorum- Marian Recessional Hymn for Lent

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A -ve Re-gína cœlórum, \* Ave Dómina Ange-lórum :  
 Sálvē rādix, sálvē pórtā, Ex qua mundo lux est órta :  
 Gáude Vírgo glo-ri- ósa. Su-per ómnes spe-ci- ósa : Vá-le,  
 o valde decó-ra, Et pro nó-bis Chrístum exó-ra.

Translation:

*Hail, Queen of heaven, hail Lady of the angels.  
 Hail root and gate from which the Light of the world was born.  
 Rejoice glorious Virgin, fairest of all.  
 Fare thee well, most beautiful, and pray for us to Christ.*

*Ave Regina Caelorum* is traditionally recited as a recessional prayer  
 beginning after the Feast of Candlemas on February 2 until Wednesday of Holy Week.



# COFFEE with JESUS

## Lenten Series via Zoom

### Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

**February 23, March 8 and March 22**

Online Lenten Reflections  
on Scripture Readings,  
with the special emphasis  
on the Last Words of Jesus.

Join this great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind,  
spirit and heart in preparation for Easter.



To register,  
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850  
or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the  
ZOOM information prior to each session  
of this Lenten series.

Our council was honored to host the 2024 Chaplain night for The Suffolk County conference of the Knights of Columbus. Usually, attendance at a Suffolk County conference meeting is 55-60 guests. This event had just over 100 guests! As hosts, we were responsible to provide the repast and fortunately all guests were fed. More importantly, our council was well represented as there were 13 Knights attending and assisting. The meeting was a bit different than normal as there were NY State representatives handing out awards for C&B sales to many councils. There was also a \$10,000.00 C&B winner in attendance! In addition to the C&B recognitions, there were several announcements regarding upcoming events from various councils and NY state. I am very proud of our council for the effort to make this truly a successful night for all in attendance. Thank you to those who assisted.

Eugene Cordi, Grand Knight, council 17159.

*The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Men's organization in the world! Some of the things we support include the church, Catholic Education, hold food drives to feed the poor, run clothing drives for those less fortunate, just to name a few! Membership is open to any man who is a practicing Catholic and over the age of 18! You can join online by going to [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) and enter in council 17159 when submitting the application. You can also reach us directly at [kofc17159@gmail.com](mailto:kofc17159@gmail.com) or call/text us at 631-406-9374.*









# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, February 18**

**8:45AM-2:45PM**

**800 Portion Rd., Lake Ronkonkoma**



*Fellowship Hall*



Appointments are preferred but walk ins are still welcome! To sign up scan the QR code, or call 1-800-933-2566, or visit [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)

Any further questions for medical eligibility please call 1-800-688-0900. If you are having trouble making an appointment call Jennifer 516-310-2382

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Visit [nybc.org/coronavirus](http://nybc.org/coronavirus) for COVID-19 safety protocols.



**New York  
Blood Center**



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### Bereavement Support Groups

Four bereavement groups are being offered this spring. These groups are for the newly bereaved and include those who have lost a spouse, parent, sibling, child or partner. Interested individuals should contact the name listed below and a registration form will be mailed to you. There is a one-time \$25 fee to cover the book and materials used in the group.

St. Joseph RC Church (Ronkonkoma) Contact Michele Nappi at 631-588-8456

Tuesdays Mornings, April 9 - June 4th at 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM or Tuesdays Afternoons, April 9—June 4th at 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM

Holy Cross (Nesconset) Contact Kelley Mowat at 631-786-7821

Wednesdays, April 3—May 8th at 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

St. Joseph the Worker (Patchogue) Contact Luciano Sabatini at 631-823-0552

Thursdays, April 4—May 30th at 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

If you have any questions, contact Luciano Sabatini via email at lousab@aol.com or at 631-823-0552.

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***BUY A BRICK TO PAVE THE WAY TO  
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON'S FUTURE***

*Now is the time to support our church with a donation that will last a lifetime!*

**CELEBRATE ~ PARTICIPATE ~ AND START A TRADITION ~ ANNIVERSARY ~  
BIRTHDAYS ~ IN HONOR OF ~ GRADUATION ~ IN MEMORY OF...**

## ENGRAVING INFORMATION

4X9 BRICKS \$150 EACH  
3 LINES PER BRICK  
14 CHARACTERS PER LINE  
(SPACES INCLUDED)

9X9 BRICK \$300 EACH  
4 LINES PER BRICK  
14 CHARACTERS PER LINE  
(SPACES INCLUDED)

9X13 BRICK \$500 EACH  
4 LINES PER BRICK  
20 CHARACTERS PER LINE  
(SPACES INCLUDED)

NUMBER OF BRICKS 4X9      \$150X\_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL DUE \$\_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF BRICKS 9X9      \$300X\_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL DUE \$\_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF BRICKS 9X13      \$500X\_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL DUE \$\_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Please be sure your engraving information is spelled correctly. If you are sponsoring more than one brick, please use a separate form. Subject matter reviewed and approved accordingly.)

LINE 1

LINE 2

LINE 3

LINE 4

**METHOD OF PAYMENT CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH  
(TAX DEDUCTIBLE) OR CREDIT CARD**

ACCOUNT TYPE:      ☐ VISA              ☐ MASTER CARD              ☐ AMEX              ☐ DISCOVER

CARDHOLDER NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NUMBER\_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE\_\_\_\_\_ SECURITY CODE\_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTACT INFORMATION:** NAME \_\_\_\_\_

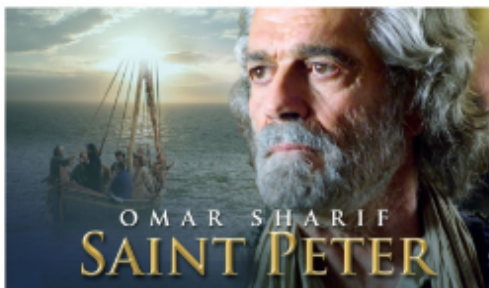
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# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 18, 2024



## Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



## The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



## Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.



## Focus on Religious Freedom

*"Religious Socialism, Christian Socialism, are contradictory terms; no one can be at the same time a good Catholic (Christian) and a true Socialist." - Pope Pius XI (1922-1939)*

### Warnings from Nine Popes about Socialism and Its Threat to Religious Freedom: Part 1

The word "socialism" and "socialist" are often used in discussions today, but "few people in the modern Western world understand what socialism is" ... or the "traditional Marxist view of socialism." Socialism is not only about caring for the poor and eradicating poverty as many people mistakenly believe. "From **Pope Pius IX** (1846-1878) to **Pope Benedict XVI** (2005-2013), the popes have consistently condemned socialism" as "destructive" and "wicked."

"Socialism, like Communism, advances the view of the state as the supreme authority and inevitably persecutes religion.... Even when the persecution is not blatant or heavy-handed, the belief that the state is higher than the Church leads to innumerable forms of persecution. For example, God is not rightly acknowledged in the public forum, prayer is silenced, morality based on God's laws is ridiculed, taxes are used as coercion, and worship can be prohibited for what the government deems as just cause."

Socialism advances class warfare and the deadly sin of envy. **Pope Leo XIII** (1878-1903) said, "The great mistake is the notion that class is naturally hostile to class and that the wealthy and the working man are intended by nature to live in mutual conflict. So irrational and so false is this view that the direct contrary is the truth ... Each needs the other: capital cannot do without labor, nor labor without capital. Mutual agreement results in the beauty of good order, while perpetual conflict necessarily produces confusion and savage barbarity."

"Too often Christians attracted by Socialism tend to idealize it ... They refuse to recognize the limitations of the historical social movements... **Pope Paul VI** (1963-1978)

Read more: <http://tinyurl.com/3kabitew> <http://tinyurl.com/2jdz7496> <http://tinyurl.com/9f5pt5an>

*"We make this pronouncement: Whether considered as a doctrine, or an historical fact, or a movement, Socialism, if it remains truly Socialism, ... cannot be reconciled with the teachings of the Catholic Church because its concept of society itself is utterly foreign to Christian truth." - Pope Pius XI (1922-1939)*



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Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)

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Class 2, March 25	Tobacco additives
Class 3, April 8	Pam Laffin video presentation
Class 4, April 15	The physical, psychological & habitual
Class 5, April 22	Creating support systems
Class 6, April 29	Relapse prevention
Class 7, May 13	Reunion class

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or to register, please call  
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Program website including list of new classes:  
[www.suffolkcountyny.gov/health](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/health)

## Living Healthy Workshop Series



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