

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

September 2021 – August 2022

Congratulations Seton! We have not only survived the pandemic, but we have achieved 71% back of pre-covid 2019 Sunday Mass attendance. And not only that, we are experiencing a post-Covid bump, with a fresh enthusiasm and pastoral fervor. New outreach programs and faith formation initiatives have been drawing much attention. Nana Seton's Corner (play group), pre-K, K, and additional special needs classes have enhanced our Religious Education Program under the excellent direction of Donna Sangi-Vallario and her wonderful staff and generous volunteers. The addition of a new choir and cantors to our Sacred Music Ministry, under the expert direction of Jennifer Lavoie, has us all singing the praises of God every Sunday, especially at the 9:30am Family Mass.

Father Kareem Smith brought a new enthusiasm and energy to Seton just when we needed it most. His transfer to the Bronx as an administrator of a parish was certainly an affirmation of his manifold gifts and talents, which we were so fortunate to enjoy, if but for a brief time. Father Jean-Pierre Seon was sent to us as a replacement, and is a great addition to our Seton clergy. We also happily welcomed our newly ordained Deacon John Tremblay.

The new Seton Parish Center is being put to good use, as is the case with all of our buildings. On any particular day you will find toddlers and senior citizens, and all people in-between, on our campus.

All of this is possible due to those Seton parishioners who have faithfully maintained, and even increased, their weekly offertory during this trying, yet exciting time. Especially noteworthy are those parishioners who signed up for *WeShare* electronic giving. Your continued generous stewardship has enabled us to keep up with increasingly busy day-to-day operations.

Our Parish Trustees, Finance Council, and Parish Council continue to provide great leadership as we move ahead. We thank our Parish Staff, our Finance Council Chairman, James Forbes, and our Parish Accountant, Carmela Costa of Elite Accounting Services, for their assistance in assembling this report.

SOME SEAS STATS September 2021 – August 2022 (except where noted)

Registered Families, Couples & Singles: 3,617 / receiving envelopes: 2,289 / *WeShare*: 171 / new parishioners: 130

Religious Education Program enrollment as of November 2022: 822

Baptisms: 47 / First Communions: 100 / Confirmations: 125 / Marriages: 12 / Funerals: 162

Altar Servers: 26 / Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 44 / Lectors: 28 / Ushers: 22

Average Mass attendance as of October 2022: Saturday Afternoon / Sunday Masses: 1,977;

Weekday Mass: 125

Renew+ Rebuild Goal: \$1,845,000.00 / Pledged: \$1,675,023.00 from 431 gifts / \$1,518,728.03 paid to date (Seton has received \$1,035,632.99 to date).

2022 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal Goal: \$112,000.00 / Pledged as of 10/28/22: \$100,150.00 from 341 gifts.