



St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton
share her story

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As we continue our celebration, we are looking to fix up the house in honor of the bicentennial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's birthday to eternity. This is a generational upgrade for our parish family. Our current chairs have lasted thirty years. The carpet, over twenty. Our signage is hard to read at 45 MPH. We are an aging community with greater need for hearing assistance. Improvements in these areas will expand the welcome we offer to our parish home.

Samples of the new chairs and carpet are available to see in the Gathering Space. Make sure to check them out and take a test ride. Many parish committees worked very hard in selecting the beautiful match. The carpet replacement work will begin the last week of June. At which time, we will install an induction loop which provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by personal hearing aids with telecoils, thus avoiding hygiene, volume, and other issues that arise with shared hearing assistance devices. Additionally, once people hear how great our parish is, we want them to find us with ease. A new sign on the corner of Route 31 and Theodolite, in continuity with the exiting style of brick and spot lit signs, will provide a welcome to St. EAS.

The goal is \$250,000 for the project. To reach that, we hope that parish families will be able to sponsor one thousand seats. That is obviously more than the number of chairs we are buying, but they are the biggest expense, so we will use that image in our fundraising efforts to cover all of the important improvements.

You are invited to "sponsor a seat" at \$250 each rather than purchase a chair. This is more than semantics. It keeps our focus on others rather than ourselves. True, by making a gift towards the replacement of the chairs, carpet, sound and sign, you will be able to enjoy a comfortable new seat in church, but more importantly, your donation will allow others to find a seat at the table of the Lord when they walk through the doors of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for years to come.

Some parishioners may not be able to donate \$250. No problem, but please prayerfully consider making some donation as a manifestation of gratitude for the welcome you found in the past and as a gift to those who will walk through our church doors in the future. Some families may want to sponsor multiple seats - what a lovely act of confidence that God will continue to call families to fill our church!

You will find a reply card and envelope included for your gift. A pledge drive requires extra work and overhead cost, so this is a simple donation appeal. You can return your donation and card in the provided envelope by mail or place it in the offertory box at church. Additionally, you can give online. Visit the website for details. Your gift is tax deductible and will be recorded on your year-end contribution statement.

We must continue to share the story of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – both our patron saint and our parish. She is an amazing saint, and we are blessed as a parish to gather in her name and under her care. So, let's use this special year to spruce the place up a bit and share her story.

Peace and Prayers,

Fr. Joseph O'Connor