

Dear Parents,

August, 2016

May the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you! I hope that you and your family have had time to relax and enjoy this beautiful summer, and are now looking forward to the cool crisp days of autumn and the anticipation of a new school year.

The clergy and staff of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish are extremely happy that your child is in our program. We have an exciting year planned, with guest speakers, retreats, and plays scheduled throughout the year.

This year, our first class will begin with a Mass. Please make sure your child knows the name of their catechist on the first day, as they will sit with their class when they enter the church. Parents are more than welcome to stay for the Mass too.

Attached to this letter is the yearly calendar, our dismissal procedure, and if applicable- a save the date calendar (for students in 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th) grade. All of these papers will also be available on the church's website: www.seton-parish.org.

As we have done in the past, we are asking parents to **not** send their children into class with a snack unless they are attending on the weekend. If a child is attending during the week they can have a snack at home before arriving. For students who are attending on Saturday or Sunday, we are asking parents to provide their child with a **nut free snack, enough for only their child**. (This is one time where sharing is not always best.) Thank you for your understanding. Of course they all may bring water bottles.

Once again this year we will teach "Safe Environment" which is required by the Archdiocese of New York. This will take place sometime in February. We will notify you of the date before the lesson is taught to your child. You can find "Opt Out" forms on the church's website.

As always, we thank you for allowing us to partner with you on this special journey.

Sincerely,

Sara Koshofer CRE