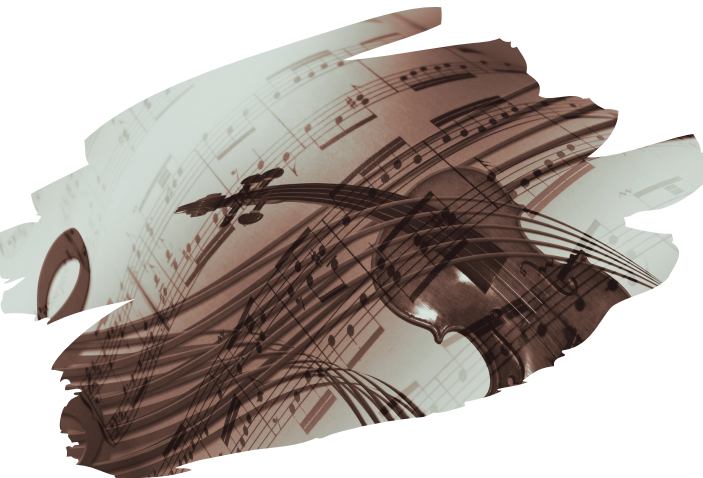


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“The primary role of music in the Liturgy  
is to help the members of the gathered  
assembly to join themselves with the  
action of Christ and to give voice to the  
gift of faith.”

- *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine  
Worship, No. 125.*

*Acclaim our God with joy, all the earth!  
Serve Our God with gladness! Enter into  
God's presence with a joyful song!  
—Ps. 100: 1-2*

## **SOME THOUGHTS FROM OUR MUSICIANS...**

*"I sing because it is emotionally  
appealing."*

*"I sing because it stirs my heart to create  
unity in God's people."*

*"Singing in the choir is my opportunity  
to express my love, gratefulness, and  
excitement in the Lord."*

*"Your choir mates become a second  
family to you."*

*"Church music connects us as a  
community ... music is the most joyful of  
the ministries."*

*"Music has always ministered to me, and  
it's a natural way for me to express my  
love of God."*

*"Music is my favorite form of prayer."*



# **MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**2023**



**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON**  
*Catholic Church*



### **Cantors**

*for youth and adults*

This is a leadership role. Cantors lead the sung prayer of the assembly, and sing the verses of the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation, as well as other special acclamations. Cantors should have basic music skills or a commitment to learn, and basic understanding of ministry. Formation required and provided.

**Rehearsals:** attendance at the rehearsals for assigned week or liturgy, plus other formation as scheduled.

**Serves:** Sunday 8:15am, 11:00am, or 5:00pm Masses, 1-2 times per month.

### **11:00am Choir and 5:00pm Schola**

*for youth and adults*

The musical leadership at our weekend Masses is provided by a number of talented and dedicated musicians who support and enhance the communal sung prayer by the addition of singing in parts as well as special instrumentation. Basic music skills or a commitment to learn are essential.

**Rehearsals:** 75–90 minutes on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and 60 minutes prior to the liturgy; special and combined group rehearsals are scheduled seasonally or as needed.

**Serves:** Sunday 11:00am, or 5:00pm Masses; musicians combine for special liturgies.

### **Instrumentalists and Accompanists**

*for skilled youth and adults*

Looking for a way to put those music lessons to use? Our liturgical music is enhanced by the added instrumentation of piano, organ, guitar, bass, flute, violin, oboe, percussion, and others. Find out how you can add yours to the blend! Audition/interview required.

**Rehearsals:** With a weekend music group before liturgy; other times as scheduled.

**Serves:** at weekend and special liturgies.

### **Music Ministry Special Assistants**

Open to anyone interested; no special ability or experience required. Assist with set-up, sorting, filing and organizing music and equipment. Flexible times.

## "The one who sings prays twice."

*~ attributed to St. Augustine*

**Be a part of our dynamic music  
ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Parish:**

**Celebrate Sunday liturgy with full,  
conscious and active participation.**

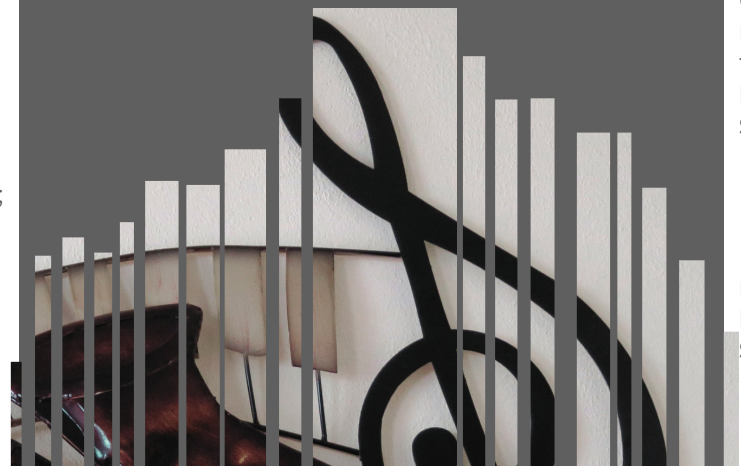
**Explore the diverse musical styles of  
the universal church—traditional  
hymnody to contemporary...chant to  
gospel...vernacular to multicultural.**

**Grow in your relationship with God and  
your faith community.**

**Gather with old friends,  
and make new ones, too!**

**There are a variety of opportunities  
available.**

**Discern your gifts!**



### **Annual Advent—Christmas Program**

*for youth and adults*

Participation encouraged and open to singers and instrumentalists both from within our regular music ministry, as well as others who enjoy the songs of the season. This may be in the format of Lessons and Carols, concert or other seasonal approach.

**Rehearsals:** most Wednesdays, 6:30pm, starting early fall.

**Serves:** program date in early December TBD.

### **Contemporary Ensemble**

*for gifted musicians*

This group adds an upbeat feel to the music with the addition of guitars, percussion, piano and other instruments as available. Coordinated by Suzan Atkins.

**Rehearsals:** 60 minutes prior to the weekend liturgy; special and combined group rehearsals are scheduled seasonally or as needed.

**Serves:** Saturday 4:00pm; musicians combine for special liturgies.

### **Seasonal Singers for Special Liturgies**

*for youth and adults*

Participation encouraged and open to singers who are unable to commit to weekly participation, but enjoy ministering for special occasions such as Christmas, Holy Week, or special liturgies.

**Rehearsals:** arranged on an as needed basis.

**Serves:** special liturgical events in the church year.

### **Hand Chime Choir**

*for interested youth and adults*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is fortunate to have a five octave set of hand chimes, just waiting for interested ringers. No experience is required apart from a desire to “ring” a joyful noise unto the Lord!

**Rehearsals:** TBD once there is enough interest.

**Serves:** special liturgies or events throughout the year.

### **Resurrection Choir**

*for any musicians available*

Provide a comforting presence through the gift of music.

**Rehearsals:** 60 minutes prior to a funeral liturgy

**Serves:** on an as-requested basis.