

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Choir General Information

WELCOME!

We are people of all ages and backgrounds – with little or much knowledge of music – who love to sing, pray, work and play together. Through the commitment of our time and talents, this ministry allows us to support the prayer and song of our faith community.

As a community, we gather for worship to express, renew and deepen our faith. Music has the ability to express our feelings in ways that words alone cannot. Music Ministry provides an important service to the community which assembles for worship.

MASS:

Choir sings every Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass from September through May or early June. In addition, the choir sings at the late Christmas Eve service (A.K.A. Midnight Mass, which is normally held prior to midnight), and at the Holy Thursday service prior to Easter Sunday. Please refer to the SEAS Choir Calendar for other events or details specific to the choir season.

REHEARSALS AND ATTENDANCE:

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sundays: 30 minutes prior to Mass (please refer to the calendar for any changes)

Each singer's record of attendance is the determining factor in the quality of the work we produce as a group. If you will not be able to attend a rehearsal or a Sunday Mass, please email or call the director, or write a note in the notebook which is set out for this purpose at rehearsal. This will be helpful in planning our rehearsal music and making the best decisions for music during our liturgies.

For frequent absences, one should consider taking a leave of absence from the choir until the situation allows for regular attendance at rehearsals. The upkeep of the music library is quite a task. This will eliminate a great deal of unnecessary filing and will keep the morale of the choir high.

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each week when you come to rehearsal, you will find new music in a manila folder with your number on it. Please take the contents of the folder and place it in your binder alphabetically. The manila folder is always to be left in the file cart.

Replacing missing music is a great expense. Hymnals and music are your responsibility. (You will be charged for missing music.)

Writing diction, phrasing and dynamic markings in your score makes for expressive singing and saves rehearsal time. Please mark your music with pencil only – do not use colored markers to highlight your music.

Please bring a pencil and all of your music to rehearsal **each Thursday**: Breaking Bread book (BB); Choral Praise hymnal (CP); a black binder with sheet music/octavos.

NOTE: Please do not wear perfume or cologne to rehearsals or Mass since some people are allergic to scents or have asthmatic tendencies.

We look forward to making music with you and giving glory to God!

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