

Seton Feast Day, January 30, 2010
35th Anniversary of the Canonization of Elizabeth Seton

“It Was Just “Yesterday”

189 years ago, January 4th, **Elizabeth Ann Seton** entered Eternity at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity at Emmistburg, Maryland.

✓ **46 years ago**, last March, Elizabeth Ann Seton was beatified and **Pope John XXIII** gave Cardinal Spellman the privilege of erecting the “first parish in the world named after Mother Seton.”

46 years ago, last June, the first Mass was celebrated by our founding pastor, **Monsignor Arthur Nugent** in our first church building, St. Georges, the historic La Farge family chapel, in Mohegan Lake.

43 years ago, last November, our parish school was dedicated by **Francis Cardinal Spellman**. Six Sisters of Charity arrived to staff the school; among them was **Sr. Gabriel Miriam, SC**.

✓ **34 years ago**, last September, Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized by **Pope Paul VI** in Rome.

29 years ago, January 4th, **our new church building** was dedicated by **Terence Cardinal Cooke**.

13 years ago, last June, the Marian Shrine was dedicated to **Monsignor Edmund F. Fogarty**, our second pastor, on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee. **John Cardinal O’Connor** celebrated his funeral only two months later.

22 years ago, last May, Seton parishioner **James Teague** was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York.

21 years ago, last May, Seton parishioner, **Thomas Kiley** was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York.

9 years ago, we hosted **Edward Cardinal Egan** and representatives of the parishes in the Vicariate of Northern Westchester and Putnam.

7 years ago last April, **Auxiliary Bishop James McCarthy**, our third pastor, completed Our Lady Memorial Chapel with the dedication of a **life-size Pietá**, an original sculpture, crafted of Carrara marble, over a period of two years by a extraordinarily gifted, young parishioner-artist.

5 years ago, our parish received permission from the Chancery Office to celebrate a **patronal feast** day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan 4th) on the last Sunday of January, thus allowing the whole parish to participate in the celebration of our patroness.

4 years ago Bishop Dennis Sullivan, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York, inserted into our altar a first class **relic of St. Elizabeth Seton**, which was originally given to Naval Chaplain, Rear Admiral, (later Cardinal) O’Connor, in Rome after he successfully had St. Elizabeth Ann Seton named *Patroness of the United States Sea Services*.

Last May, one-time Seton parishioner and choir member, **Stephen Taluja** was ordained a Maryknoll Missionary priest.

Today (January 30, 2010), we have the privilege of hosting our new Ordinary, **Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan**, at the celebration of the Eucharist at what our first pastor called “The “Greatest Parish in the World!”

We are so very proud of what God is doing among us here at Shrub Oak.
Love conceived, built and still sustains us!

The Charity of Christ Compels Us!