



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
The First Native Born Saint of the United States of America

Honoring Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Patroness of the Sea Services

The public, especially men and women in uniform and their families, are welcome to this 3:00 p.m. Mass in the Basilica at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The Seton Shrine and the Daughters of Charity welcome you to this Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services — Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine. Proclaimed as "Patroness of the Sea Services" for Catholic men and women in uniform, Mother Seton was linked to the Navy through her two sons. Pictured to the right, the principal celebrant and homilist for the 2008 Sea Services Mass was The Most Reverend Timothy Paul Broglio, J.C.D., newly appointed Archbishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A. His Excellency was joined by several concelebrants.



Services in 2008.

Sponsored by the generosity of a committee of mainly retired Naval officers and their spouses, and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, the Mass is highlighted by the Presentation of the Colors and the music of the Naval Academy Catholic Midshipmen Choir from Annapolis, as pictured to the left from Sea



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Facts about the Sea Services

The Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services is hosted every year by the Daughters of Charity, and supported by a committee of retired Naval Officers and their spouses, chaired by Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret). The Mass begins at 3:00 p.m. in the Basilica at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 333 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Seton Shrine is also open between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for tours.

- Admiral Watkins has been closely associated with the Seton Shrine and the Daughters of Charity since 1977 when, with then Chief of Navy Chaplains John O'Connor (later John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of NY), he worked to proclaim the newly canonized Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton as "Patroness of the Sea Services" because of her link to the Navy through her two sons. Admiral Watkins also helped to establish the annual day of prayerful observance through the Navy Chaplains Office. In 1994, due to the increasing demands of a small Navy, the event was discontinued; but through the efforts of Admiral Watkins and his dedicated group, it was reinstated in 1998. Today military personnel and their families join together to seek Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's intercession for the safety of all those in the sea services.