ST. MARY CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

JANUARY 3, 2021

Please follow Safe Distancing Mandates

MASS SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY
4:00 PM
6:00 PM (Spanish)

SUNDAY
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:30 AM
6:00 PM (Brazilian) Check Schedule

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ON SATURDAY FROM 3:00-3:30PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
9:00 a.m. Mass for Pro Populo
3:00 to 3:30p.m. **Confession**
4:00 p.m. Mass for Pro Populo
6:00 p.m. Misa en Español

SUNDAY, January 3, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7:30 a.m. Mass for Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Mass for Pro Populo
11:30 a.m. Mass for Pro Populo
6:00 p.m. Missa Brasileira

MONDAY, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
9:00 a.m. Mass for John Flaherty req. by Margo Burke
Michael D. Larkin req. by Gail Larkin
11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Larry Pontillo

TUESDAY, January 5, Saint John Neumann
9:00 a.m. Mass for Aida Silva req. by Joe Alves
Laura Fitzpatrick req. by Barbara Hoffman

WEDNESDAY, January 6, Saint Andre Bessette
9:00 a.m. Mass for Ric Yurczyk req. by Laura Yurczyk
Jack Keough req. by Barbara Cerruto

THURSDAY, January 7, St. Raymond of Penafort
9:00 a.m. Mass for Thelma Baluga req. by Perlita Bamba & David Buonocore
Lucille Kominis req. by Gail Larkin

FRIDAY, January 8, Christmas Weekday
9:00 a.m. Mass for Randy & Jan Jones req. by Maria & Paul Prete
The Kominis Family req. by Paul Kominis

SATURDAY, January 9, Christmas Weekday
9:00 a.m. Mass for Andy Saldamarco req. by The Lupone Family
3:00 to 3:30p.m. **Confession**
4:00 p.m. Mass for William Murray req. by Jeff & Karen Gasparini
Joseph Giordano req. by Gigi Giordano
6:00 p.m. Misa en Español

SUNDAY, January 10, BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
7:30 a.m. Mass for Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. Mass for Pro Populo
11:30 a.m. Mass for Pro Populo
6:00 p.m. Missa Brasileira

If we approach with faith,
we too will see Jesus…;
For the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib.
Here, the Body of the Lord is present wrapped, not in swaddling clothes,
but in the rays of the Holy Spirit.

St. John Chrysostom

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of

ITALINA DIONISI

January 2 - 8, 2021

Req. by Paula & Lou Russo

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions can be made through the online giving option on our website, the baskets located in the church or the office mailbox. Your support is needed and so greatly appreciated.

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Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

AA meetings are held every Tuesday and Friday at 12:00 noon Wednesdays at 7:30am in the Visitation Hall of St. Mary's.

Please observe government mandates of face mask/covering and social distancing.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Feast Day - January 4th

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Story

Mother Seton is one of the keystones of the American Catholic Church. She founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. She opened the first American parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage. All this she did in the span of 46 years while raising her five children.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a true daughter of the American Revolution, born August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage, she was linked to the first families of New York and enjoyed the fruits of high society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer, Scripture and a nightly examination of conscience. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others.

The early deaths of her mother in 1777 and her baby sister in 1778 gave Elizabeth a feel for eternity and the temporariness of the pilgrim life on earth. Far from being brooding and sullen, she faced each new "holocaust," as she put it, with hopeful cheerfulness. At 19, Elizabeth was the belle of New York and married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. They had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At 30, Elizabeth was widowed, penniless, with five small children to support.

While in Italy with her dying husband, Elizabeth witnessed Catholicity in action through family friends. Three basic points led her to become a Catholic: belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother and conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Many of her family and friends rejected her when she became a Catholic in March 1805.

To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, her group followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809. The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity. She suffered great trials of sickness, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (1963) and then canonized (1975). She is buried in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Reflection

Elizabeth Seton had no extraordinary gifts. She was not a mystic or stigmatic. She did not prophesy or speak in tongues. She had two great devotions: abandonment to the will of God and an ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote to a friend, Julia Scott, that she would prefer to exchange the world for a "cave or a desert." "But God has given me a great deal to do, and I have always and hope always to prefer his will to every wish of my own." Her brand of sanctity is open to everyone if we love God and do his will.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is the Patron Saint of Catholic Schools and Loss of Parents.

St. John School Honor Roll – St. Mary's Parishioners – 1st Trimester

Mother Elaine Moorcroft, S.C.M.C., Principal of St. John School, Old Saybrook has announced the names of the following students as honor roll students for the 1st Trimester marking period for the 2020/21 academic year:

St. Mary's parishioners Michael Sansevero received ***High Honors***.

Lia Aniskovich, Grace Kearns received ***Honors***.

CONGRATULATIONS!

NOTICE FROM HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER
WOMEN'S RETREAT

There will be no in-house retreats until the summer.

Retreats will be on ZOOM on Saturdays from 9:00am to 12:30
January 9th, January 30th, March 6th, April 17th and June 5th

The topic is "Together We Rise"
You can choose your level of donation ($65, $95, $125)

Registration can be submitted to
Ted Jasterzbski (860) 760-9705 / tjasterzbski@holyfamilyretreat.org
or
Karen Rossignol (860) 521-0440 / krossignol@holyfamilyretreat.org

You may also call Judy McCusker (860) 304-5754 with questions.

Thank you for your love, kindness and blessings! God bless you, Gail

The Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges 224 pounds of food recently donated to the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries!

Thank you for your continued support!
The Pantry in Clinton

Dear Friends,

Thank you! Thank you for understanding that our world needs balance. People that have very little in life surround us. You have decided to offer up something you have to someone in need. With a generous heart, you have made the world a more balanced and loving place.

St. Vincent de Paul Middletown offers meals at our Soup Kitchen, groceries at our Amazing Grace Food Pantry, permanent supportive housing and community assistance to our neighbors in need. We are grateful for the in-kind gifts that you have so generously shared with us on December 15th.

We pledge to honor the intent of your donation by helping the less privileged in our community through the Soup Kitchen. Your support validates what we do, encourages us and enables us to continue to care for our neighbors in need. Thank you for collaborating with us to **meet needs and offer hope!**

With heartfelt gratitude,
Maryellen Shuckerow, Executive Director
St. Vincent de Paul Middletown

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary,

On behalf of our clients, staff and Board of Directors, please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous donation of gift cards to help struggling families this Christmas.

Our Intensive Case Management program, which assists people with their most basic needs such as emergency food, rental and utility assistance, pregnancy and parenting support, diapers, wipes and baby items, and job readiness support, has become a life line for all those seeking help. During this unprecedented time of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have seen a huge increase in the number of individuals and families reaching out for assistance. Because of your generosity, Catholic Charities will be ready to **Provide Help & Create Hope** for people of all faiths in our community.

Again, thank you for your continued support for Catholic Charities and in helping us make a difference in the lives of so many!

Sincerely,
Susan Connelly
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