

# St. Mary's Church, Cranston

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**Weekday Mass**

Tuesday-Friday  
8:00am  
(Lower Church)

**Saturday Evening:**

4:00pm

**Sunday Morning**

8:00am, 9:30am &  
11:00am

## *The Epiphany of the Lord*



*The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.  
Matthew 2:1-12*

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**Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are scheduled for the First Sunday of the month. Please call the rectory office to schedule an appointment. Families must be registered in the Parish.

**Confessions**

Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm

**Weddings**

Parishioners may contact the Rectory Office at least 1 year before.

*We are a parish family journeying together in our faith in Jesus Christ, trusting in his love for us, and growing in kindness and charity toward one another.*

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc 8, 10 12a/Mt 4:12 17, 23 25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7 10/Ps 72:1 2, 3 4, 7 8/Mk 6:34 44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11 18/Ps 72:1 2, 10, 12 13/Mk 6:45 52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5 13/Ps 147:12 13, 14 15, 19 20/Lk 5:12 16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1 4, 6 7/Ps 29:1 2, 3 4, 3, 9 10 [11b]/Acts 10:34 38/Lk 3:15  
16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30  
[1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

**Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

**Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop

**Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious

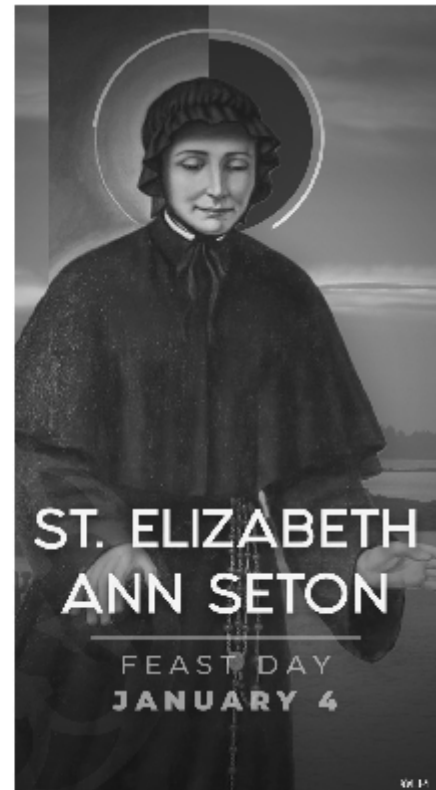
**Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

**Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 - January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint."

January 2, 2022

**MASS INTENTIONS**

We remember in prayer this week....

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00am Casimiro (Jerry) & Anna Notarianni  
9:30am Joseph Marisi  
Daniel Comella, Sr.  
11:00am Steven Sabitoni – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Thomas D’Attilio

**January 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Maria Ruggiero  
Carmela & Domenico Cenami

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Rose Caron  
Josette Raimondi

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Emanuel Natalizia – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Mass of the People  
9:30am St. Mary’s Parish & School Families

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**

4:00pm The Deceased Members of  
The Cornell & Santurri Families

**SANCTUARY CANDLES 1/3 – 1/9**

*The Upper Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of:*

**Vincent R. Toti**

By: Gloria & Ken DiLeone and Village of Friends

*Both Lower Sanctuary Candles will burn in memory of:*

**Vincent R. Toti**

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**WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT**

The collection for the weekend of  
December 18<sup>th</sup> & December 19<sup>h</sup> was \$6,553.00.

The collection for the weekend of  
December 25<sup>th</sup> & December 26<sup>h</sup> was \$10,463.00.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**ADORATION**

Adoration with Benediction every Friday from 8:30am-9:15am. Please note that confessions will also remain at this time.

**HOLY NAME**

The next Holy Name meeting for January 5<sup>th</sup>. (Wednesday) at 7:00pm in the Parish Center is **postponed** until further notice.

**MASS RESERVATIONS**

Mass reservations for loved ones will continue to be accepted by mail or drop off only. All intention requests may be dropped in the Mass Ticket Box or mailed to the rectory office (1525 Cranston Street, 02920).

Please remember each mass needs its own form and the donation and the form are both required at the time of booking. For your convenience Mass forms are available on the parish website:

[www.saintmarycranston.org](http://www.saintmarycranston.org)

or in the upper and lower church if you attend Mass. At your request we will also mail intention forms or leave them in the Mass Intention box for pickup. Please keep in mind at this time we will not book or reserve any Masses over the phone or in the office. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**2021 CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS**

All parishioner contribution letters for tax purposes will be mailed by the end of January 2022.



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### SCHOOL

This week the flag will fly in honor of  
**Charles DiSegna and Anthony Ciano**

By: Paul, Theresa and Charlie

Please call me (944-4107) or email me at [llepore@stmaryschoolri.org](mailto:llepore@stmaryschoolri.org) to request the flag to be flown in someone's honor or memory.

### THANK YOU - To All Who Use Online Giving!

Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. For your convenience we are now accepting Visa, Mastercard and Discover Card. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option. This is a perfect tool for anyone who shops online! By using Online Giving you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency.

Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Please notice that our offering envelopes now have a check box which indicates "I've given online," which you can use to present during offertory at Mass. Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the Internet. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at [www.saintmarycranston.org](http://www.saintmarycranston.org) and select Online Giving.

### NOTICE TO ALL PARISHONERS

In the event of inclement weather and other unusual circumstances, going forward when there is a school closing in the Cranston School system and St. Mary's School is closed there will be no 8:00am morning Mass. Those who have booked intentions will be able to have their intentions added to the following day. Also, if the closing of school falls on a Monday there will be no Team counting. Counting will be on Tuesday.

### NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

**Welcome to St. Mary's parish!** We extend to you a warm invitation to join our parish community. We are a parish family journeying together in our faith in Jesus Christ, trusting in his love for us, and growing in kindness and charity toward one another. For your convenience, registration forms can be found at the entrance of the Church on the left or on the parish website [www.saintmarycranston.org](http://www.saintmarycranston.org). We encourage new parishioners to introduce themselves to the parish Priests or Deacons so that we can meet and welcome you to our parish family. **To be eligible to be a Godparent for Baptism/Confirmation or to request a date for a Wedding you must be a registered member of the Parish and actively practicing your faith.**

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

If you have booked a weekend Mass in memory of a loved one and would like to participate in the Offertory procession and bring up the gifts, please let one of the ushers know at least ten minutes prior to Mass.

### CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the second collection will be for The Catholic University of America! Your gift will make great things possible by providing direct financial aid to *more than 4,000* students from dioceses across the country.

### LATIN AMERICA

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



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