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*My soul magnifies the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!*

Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 7:15am 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm
(Mass in Polish is last Sunday of the month at 8:30am)

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon./Tues./Thurs./Fri. - 8am Wed. - 6pm and Sat. - 9am

Eucharist Adoration after the Friday 8:00am Mass

Live Stream on You Tube:

Daily Mass, Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8:30am

OLV Masses are televised on Channel 191

Thursday & Friday at 3pm
Saturday & Sunday at 2pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 -3:45pm

Before each daily 8am Mass

After the 6pm Mass on Wednesdays

Catholic School Tuition Assistance

Catholic School families wishing parish sponsorship and/or tuition assistance in any Parochial School must be registered, practicing, and supporting members who volunteer at some level. Call the rectory for a copy of our policy.

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8am - 3pm

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Baptism

By Appointment. Contact the Rectory.

Marriages

Contact the rectory at least one year in advance. Please consult the Pastor prior to setting the date.

Ministry to the Sick & Shut-ins

Please contact the rectory if you become unable to attend Mass and wish to receive the Eucharist.

Prayer Line

Please call the rectory at 527-9778. Prayer Intentions are prayed for 2 months. Please call to reinstate if necessary.

LITURGICAL ROLES

| <u>Jan 1- Jan 2</u> | <u>Lector</u> | <u>EMHC</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 4:00pm | B. Ellis | L. Jacque |
| 7:15am | M. Lecko | |
| 8:30am | M. Conroy | B. Campbell |
| 11:00am | A. Bialek | |

| <u>Jan 8- Jan 9</u> | <u>Lector</u> | <u>EMHC</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 4:00pm | M. Bouthilette | D. Aubrey |
| 7:15am | E. Bernier-Feeley | |
| 8:30am | T. Brown | R. Piziak |
| 11:00am | K. Williams | |

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP



Our Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday, **January 5**. The service includes recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, confession, & Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Jonathan Reardon 413-248-7034, or write: vocations@diospringfield.org

Receiving Communion at Mass for parishioners with mobility issues

For all parishioners with mobility issues there will now be reserved seating at the very back pew against the wall and also behind the gift table both left and right. Communion will be brought to you at these locations. Please call the office at 527-9778 should you have any questions or concerns.
Thank you.



Heart of Mary, Throne of Glory
Pray for Us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1 *Mary, Mother of God*

9:00am †Richard P. Connly (3rd Anniv.) – Loving Wife & Family
4:00pm †Rita & †Ed Morrissey | †Mary & †William Halford, Jr.
– Family

Sunday, January 2 *Epiphany (Observed)*

7:15am †Jim Britton – Mac & Carol McClellan
8:30am †Genevieve Bimbane & Grandparents †Mary & †Martin Bemben – Carol & Chuck Growhoski
11:00am †Stanislaus & †Helena Przytulo – Daughter & Family
12:30pm (Latin) *Missa Pro Populo*

Monday, January 3 *Holy Name of Jesus*

8:00am †Eugene & †Frances & †Eugene Burgelewicz, Jr.
– Loving Family

Tuesday, January 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

8:00am †Lucille Parsons (35th Anniv.) – Pat Parsons

Wednesday, January 5 *St. John Neumann*

6:00pm †Leon Lecko – Loving Family

Thursday, January 6 *St. Andre Bessette*

8:00am †Anne Marie Cyran – Mother & Brothers

Friday, January 7 *St. Raymond of Penyafort*

8:00am †Paul Caouette – Loving Wife & Children
12:00pm (Latin) Intentions of the Celebrant

Saturday, January 8

9:00am †Madeline Pack – Rita & John Singler, Jr.
4:00pm †Lucy Katz – Daughter Wanda Koch

Sunday, January 9 *Baptism of the Lord*

7:15am †Sophie Kwiecinski – Family
8:30am †Cecile, †Martel, & †Jeannette Malouin – Nieces
11:00am Homebound & Nursing Home Parishioners
12:30pm (Latin) *Missa Pro Populo*

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Seven-Day Candle at the Statue of Mary

Jan 3- Jan 9: Katherine Gannet (Health & Blessings)
– Mary Courtney

Jan 3- Jan 9: Arlene Cole – Grandchildren Cole, Ana, Gabe

Seven-Day Candle at the Black Madonna

Jan 3 – Jan 9: Keith Stanisiewski – Rita & Family
Jan 3 – Jan 9: Sophie & Peter Tautznik – Children
Jan 3 – Jan 9: Debbie Szumowski – From Dad
Jan 3 – Jan 9: Mary Bak – Family

Seven-Day Grotto Lamp

Jan 3 – Jan 9:

New Candle Just Dropped!!!

Bid the sons of Israel bring thee oil to feed at all times the lamps before the veil. Aaron shall set them there to burn before the Lord from evening to morning; they shall be set there always in the Lord's presence, on the lamp-stand that is of pure gold.
– Leviticus 24: 2-4

PARISH NOTES



Parish Support Due to early transmission we are not able to publish collection totals this week.

AUDIO UPGRADE UPDATE

Thanks to all who have donated to update our audio system. We have already raised \$11,575 which is nearly fifty percent of our total goal. There's still time to donate and every little bit helps!

USED CHRISTMAS TREES WANTED

Looking to get rid of your Christmas tree? Following Epiphany, our Knights of Columbus Council will once again be offering free curbside pickup of Christmas trees. Call Bill at 413-539-3209 if interested.

FROM THE CEMETERY

Thanks to everyone who removed flowers from grave sites. Any remaining summer & autumn flowers & pots will be discarded by our grounds staff.

Tower of Ivory Podcast



Listen to Fr. Frank Furman teach parishioners about different matters concerning faith, philosophy, morals, and everything in between. anchor.fm/fr-frankfurman, or search for "Tower of Ivory" on iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, and other podcast providers.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner
Lynn Harry



Angel's Attic Hours:

Thursdays 4pm - 7pm

Saturdays 9am - 1pm

email:



Angel's Attic will be closed Saturday, January 1. Will reopen Thursday, January 6 regular hours. Thank you to all for a very profitable 2021.

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**Donations Accepted
During Open Hours**

Coffee Shop

Stop by the coffee shop after the 7:15 and 8:30 AM Masses and get to know your fellow parishioners! We hope to remain open through May of 2022. All are welcome to enjoy donuts, coffee, tea or juice for just \$1 each. Since the church hall is very big, safe distancing can be practiced.



Workers Schedule:

- Jan 2 Closed for New Years!
- Jan 9 Knight of Columbus
- Jan 16 Mission Committee

On St. John's Day (December 27th) remember: one of the things St John wanted us to know about him: He could run faster than St Peter. cf. John 20: 3-4.

Collect for Epiphany: O God, You Who by the guidance of a star this day revealed Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that we who know You now by faith, may come to behold You in glory. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost. God for ever and ever. Amen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. SETON



Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was the first native born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

Born two years before the American Revolution, Elizabeth grew up in the upper class of New York society. She was a prolific reader, and read everything from the Bible to contemporary novels.

In 1794, Elizabeth married the wealthy young William Seton, with whom she was deeply in love. The first years of their marriage were happy and prosperous. Elizabeth wrote in her diary at first autumn, "My own home at twenty-the world-that and heaven too-quite impossible." Unfortunately, William died of tuberculosis while in Italy. Elizabeth's one consolation was that he had recently awakened to the things of God.

Elizabeth's deep concern for the spiritual welfare of her family and friends eventually led her into the Catholic Church.

Having lost her mother at an early age, Elizabeth felt great comfort in the idea that the Blessed Virgin was truly her mother. She asked the Blessed Virgin to guide her to the True Faith and officially joined the Catholic Church in 1805.

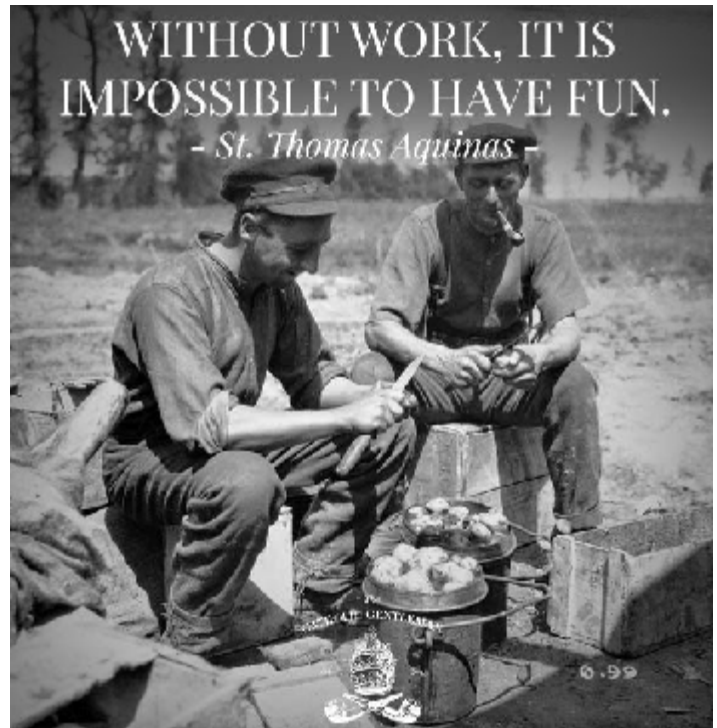
At the suggestion of the president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore, Maryland, Elizabeth started a school in that city. The school had originally been secular but once news of her entrance to Catholicism spread, several girls were removed from her school. It was then Seton, and two other young women who helped her in her work, began plans for a Sisterhood. They established the first free Catholic school in America. When the young community adopted their rule, they made provisions for Elizabeth to continue raising her children.

On March 25, 1809, Elizabeth Seton pronounced her vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, binding for one year. From that time she was called Mother Seton.

Seton's favorite prayer was the 23rd Psalm and she developed a deep devotion to the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and the Virgin Mary.

For the last three years of her life, Elizabeth felt that God was getting ready to call her, and this gave her great joy. Mother Seton died in 1821 at the age of 46, only sixteen years after becoming a Catholic. She was beatified by Pope John XXIII on March 17, 1963 and was canonized on September 14, 1975 by Pope Paul VI.

Her feast day is January 4.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sun: Isaiah 60:1-6 | *from* Ephesians 3 | Matthew 2:1-12

Mon: 1 John 3:22-4:6 | *from* Matthew 4

Tue: 1 John 4:7-10 | Mark 6:34-44

Wed: 1 John 4:11-18 | Mark 6:45-52

Thu: 1 John 4:19-5:4 | Luke 4:14-22

Fri: 1 John 5:5-13 | Luke 5:12-16

Sat: 1 John 5:14-21 | John 3:22-30

Sun(1/8): *from* Isaiah 40/*from* Titus 2 & 3/*from* Luke 3

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

"God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts." Do you feel the Spirit of Jesus prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, or in the consecrated life?

Call Fr. Jonathan Reardon 413-248-7034, or write: vocations@diospringfield.org



FROM FR. RYAN 'LOVE OF THINGS INVISIBLE'

Dear Friends,

Continued well-wishing to you and your families as the Christmas season unfolds!

You'll recall that we are observing a Year of the Eucharist in our diocese. With that in mind, I thought I'd take a few lines to share some things about our Eucharistic practices during the sacred liturgy.

During the distribution of Holy Communion, you may have noticed that the servers will sometimes accompany the priest or minister with a little bronze disc on the end of a handle. This is called a *paten*. It is held beneath the chin or hands of the communicant as he or she receives the sacred Host, and its purpose you can easily guess: the paten is there as a precaution in case the sacred host is dropped. The paten also catches small particles of the host that inevitably go astray.

You've also noticed that the chalice is covered with a *veil* at the beginning and end of Holy Mass. The ciborium in the tabernacle are also covered with a veil. In fact, veils are to be met with rather frequently in our traditional liturgical observances. Brides wear veils on their wedding days, and women will often wear veils or head-coverings when entering church. But the point of the veil is the same: it covers items and persons of special holiness. Entirely reasonable, then, that the chalice should be veiled during Mass.—For the same Blood that flowed from our Lord during His Passion is the same Blood contained in our chalices at Holy Mass.

Additionally, you may have noticed a little square item that is placed on top of the chalice before and after Mass. This is a *burse*; and looks like a little folder or envelope. Inside the burse is kept the *corporal*, which is the square piece of linen on which the chalice and Host rest during the Mass. Because the purpose of this linen is to catch particles of the sacred Host, it is placed inside the burse for protection.

Why are these things important? The answer comes from the Preface of Christmas: "as we recognize in Him God made visible, we may be caught up through Him in love of things invisible." Our outward observances point to love of God. By undertaking these seemingly small liturgical practices, we show our love and devotion to the Sacraments—the Sacraments in which God himself comes to visit us. Little wonder, then, that we take such loving pains in our worship!

God love you,

Fr. Ryan



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