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SATURDAY: 8:30AM, 5:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM, 10:00AM
12:00 NOON, 6:00PM

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 6:30AM, 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS: as announced

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 9:00-10:00AM
also by appointment

ADORATION: Thursday- 9:00AM to 6:30PM

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office
for an appointment

MARRIAGES: Please arrange six months
in advance.

ACTIVITIES

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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Jason John Stamps on January 9, 2022

May God who has begun this great work in you bring it to completion in the Kingdom of Heaven.



2022 MARCH FOR LIFE

The 49th March on Washington, D.C. will be on Friday, January 21, 2022. With more than 61 million aborted deaths in America, march with 100's of thousands of like-minded people from throughout the USA, inform your conscience, and

demonstrate to legislators the evil of Roe vs. Wade at the 49th March for Life on January 21st. Be the voice of the innocents!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Shrub Oak is sponsoring a coach bus (\$30 pp) from their parking lot at 4:30 am- return at 10 pm for the March. For more info, visit their website at seton-parish.org and scroll down to "upcoming Events" and download the registration form (some registration forms are on the table in our Vestibule).

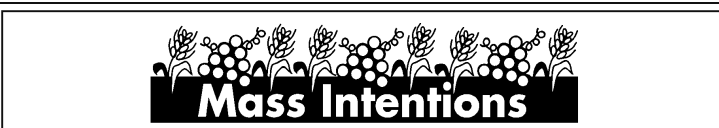
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 6:30 AM Christine DiMartinis
 8:30 AM Edward Cahill/Patrick Carty/Benny Mussuto
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 11:**
 6:30 AM S. I. for Maria Reynolds
 8:30 AM Catherine Collins Bona
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12:**
 6:30 AM John Mark III
 8:30 AM Armando, Nicholas & Michael III Sarcone
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 13:**
 6:30 AM S. I. for all living & deceased Priests
 8:30 AM Pat Restaino
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 14:**
 6:30 AM S. I. for Bozena Romano
 8:30 AM Michael Paganelli/Bill Grogan
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 15:**
 8:30 AM Flavia, Joseph & Peppe Bellatone
 Bridget Mamone
 5:00 PM John & Mary Volker/Edmund Sinnott
 Bernard & Ellen Sparano
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 16:**
 8:00 AM Maria Moreira/Maria Rodriguez
 10:00 AM For all of our Parishioners & Benefactors
 Dream Ioni Shepherd
 12:00 Noon Elvira Goncalves/Ralph Fields
 6:00 PM Stanley Anthony Dunajski & Kathleen Ryan



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of January 10 ~ 16 in Loving Memory of **Dawn Marie Beldotti.**



Last week's Collection (January 1/2)	\$ 6,396
Average Weekly Collection from <i>WeShare</i> Users	\$ 7,378
Last week's Total Weekly Collection	\$ 13,774
Solemnity of Mary collection	\$ 2,823



Your Christmas Offering

OUR COLLECTION FOR THIS YEAR SO FAR IS \$44,962.

We would like to thank our Parishioners and friends who contributed to the Christmas collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If for any reason you were unable to make your Christmas donation last week, you may do so anytime at the Parish Office.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10 THINGS THAT POPE FRANCIS WANTS US TO LEARN FROM THE NATIVITY SCENE

In 2019, Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter on the meaning and importance of the Christmas nativity scene. He signed the document, *Admirabile signum* (“Enchanting image”), on Dec. 1 that year, at the Shrine of the Nativity in Greccio, a hill town in the Italian region of Lazio. The choice of Greccio was significant, because it was there in 1223 that St. Francis of Assisi created history’s first nativity scene. In the apostolic letter, widely regarded as one of the most moving documents of Francis’ pontificate, the pope sets out “to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas.” Here are 10 things that Pope Francis wants us to learn from the nativity scene, drawn from *Admirabile signum*.

1. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel. The depiction of Jesus’ birth is “a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God,” the pope writes. The nativity scene invites everyone who contemplates it “on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman.”

2. The custom is rooted in the Bible. The pope underlines that the nativity scene rises from “the pages of sacred Scripture.” St. Luke’s Gospel says that Mary “gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn” (2:7). The manger is the focus of nativity scenes. Indeed, the Italian word for nativity scene is “presepe,” from the Latin word “praesepeum,” meaning “manger.”

3. The tradition was born in an unassuming Italian town. St. Francis of Assisi stopped in Greccio in November 1223, probably on his way back from Rome after receiving papal approval for the Rule of his religious order. Fifteen days before Christmas, he asked a local man named John to help him “bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem, to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he was laid upon a bed of hay.” On Christmas Day, St. Francis was joined by his friars and people from the surrounding area before a manger full of hay, watched over an ox and a donkey.

4. The first nativity scene was connected to the Eucharist. Describing the scene in Greccio that day, Pope Francis writes: “All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist.” Unlike in nativity scenes today, the pope says, there were no statues. Instead, “the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present.”

5. The original nativity scene inspired a vision. The pope recalls that one of the witnesses to the first nativity scene saw “a marvelous vision.” Thomas of Celano, the first biographer of St. Francis, wrote that “one of those present saw the Baby Jesus himself lying in the manger.”
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6. The nativity scene is a means of evangelization. The pope says that by creating the nativity scene, St. Francis “carried out a great work of evangelization” that continues to touch hearts to this day. The saint had discovered “a simple yet authentic means of portraying the beauty of our faith” that was accessible to all.

7. The manger is a sign of God’s love. Pope Francis writes that nativity scenes resonate so deeply because they show God’s tender love. They proclaim that “the Creator of the universe lowered himself to take up our littleness.” They engage the senses and imagination, helping people “to ‘feel’ and ‘touch’ the poverty that God’s Son took upon himself in the Incarnation.”

8. The nativity scene contains a call to service. The pope says that the Christmas crib contains an implicit message. “It summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty, and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the cross,” he writes. “It asks us to meet him and serve him by showing mercy to those of our brothers and sisters in greatest need.”

9. Even a nativity scene’s landscapes are meaningful. The pope notes that depictions of the Nativity often include “the ruins of ancient houses or buildings.” He writes: “More than anything, the ruins are the visible sign of fallen humanity, of everything that inevitably falls into ruin, decays, and disappoints. This scenic setting tells us that Jesus is newness in the midst of an aging world, that he has come to heal and rebuild, to restore the world and our lives to their original splendor.”

10. Nativity scenes nourish devotion to Mary and Joseph. The pope observes that the Virgin Mary is shown as “a mother who contemplates her child and shows him to every visitor.” In her, “we see the Mother of God who does not keep her Son only to herself, but invites everyone to obey his word and to put it into practice.” St. Joseph stands at Mary’s side, protecting her and the Christ Child. The nativity scene reminds us that Joseph “entrusted himself always to God’s will, and put it into practice,” encouraging us to do the same.

IN HOC ANNO DOMINI

This editorial was written in *The Wall Street Journal* in 1949 by the late Vermont Royster and has been published annually since.

When Saul of Tarsus set out on his journey to Damascus the whole of the known world lay in bondage. There was one state, and it was Rome. There was one master for it all, and he was Tiberius Caesar. Everywhere there was civil order, for the arm of the Roman law was long. Everywhere there was stability, in government and in society, for the centurions saw that it was so. But everywhere there was something else, too. There was oppression—for those who were not the friends of Tiberius Caesar. There was the tax gatherer to take the grain from the fields and the flax from the spindle to feed the legions or to fill the hungry treasury from which divine Caesar gave largess to the people. There was the impressor to find recruits for the circuses. There were executioners to quiet those whom the Emperor proscribed. What was a man for but to serve Caesar? There was the persecution of men who dared think differently, who heard strange voices or read strange manuscripts. There was enslavement of men whose tribes came not from Rome, disdain for those who did not have the familiar visage. And most of all, there was everywhere a contempt for human life. What, to the strong, was one man more or less in a crowded world? Then, of a sudden, there was a light in the world, and a man from Galilee saying, Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s and unto God the things that are God’s. And the voice from Galilee, which would defy Caesar, offered a new Kingdom in which each man could walk upright and bow to none but his God. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. And he sent this gospel of the Kingdom of Man into the uttermost ends of the earth. So the light came into the world and the men who lived in darkness were afraid, and they tried to lower a curtain so that man would still believe salvation lay with the leaders. But it came to pass for a while in divers places that the truth did set man free, although the men of darkness were offended and they tried to put out the light. The voice said, Haste ye. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you, for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. Along the road to Damascus the light shone brightly. But afterward Paul of Tarsus, too, was sore afraid. He feared that other Caesars, other prophets, might one day persuade men that man was nothing save a servant unto them, that men might yield up their birthright from God for pottage and walk no more in freedom. Then might it come to pass that darkness would settle again over the lands and there would be a burning of books and men would think only of what they should eat and what they should wear, and would give heed only to new Caesars and to false prophets. Then might it come to pass that men would not look upward to see even a winter’s star in the East, and once more, there would be no light at all in the darkness. And so Paul, the apostle of the Son of Man, spoke to his brethren, the Galatians, the words he would have us remember afterward in each of the years of his Lord: Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.



Seniors

There will be NO regular meetings for the Golden Eagles until further notice. An email was recently sent to all members to VOTE on trip and lecture ideas for 2022. Please respond to make your vote heard! Alternatively, you can drop off your vote at the Parish Office. The BOOK CLUB will continue to meet monthly with social distancing and masks. The next meeting for the Book Club is Wednesday, January 19, at 11am in the Parish Hall to discuss *The Widows* by Jess Montgomery. Questions or comments? We can be reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.



St. Augustine School in Ossining is now registering students for the 2022-2023 school year for grades Pre-K3 through grade 8. Virtual open houses will be held on January 20, February 17, and March 24 at 7PM. To register for a virtual open house, visit us at <https://staugustineschool.org/> or email lstangle@staugustineschool.org. All zoom links will be sent the day of the event.

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- Chairman of the Scripture department and professor of New Testament at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, 1972-1984

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