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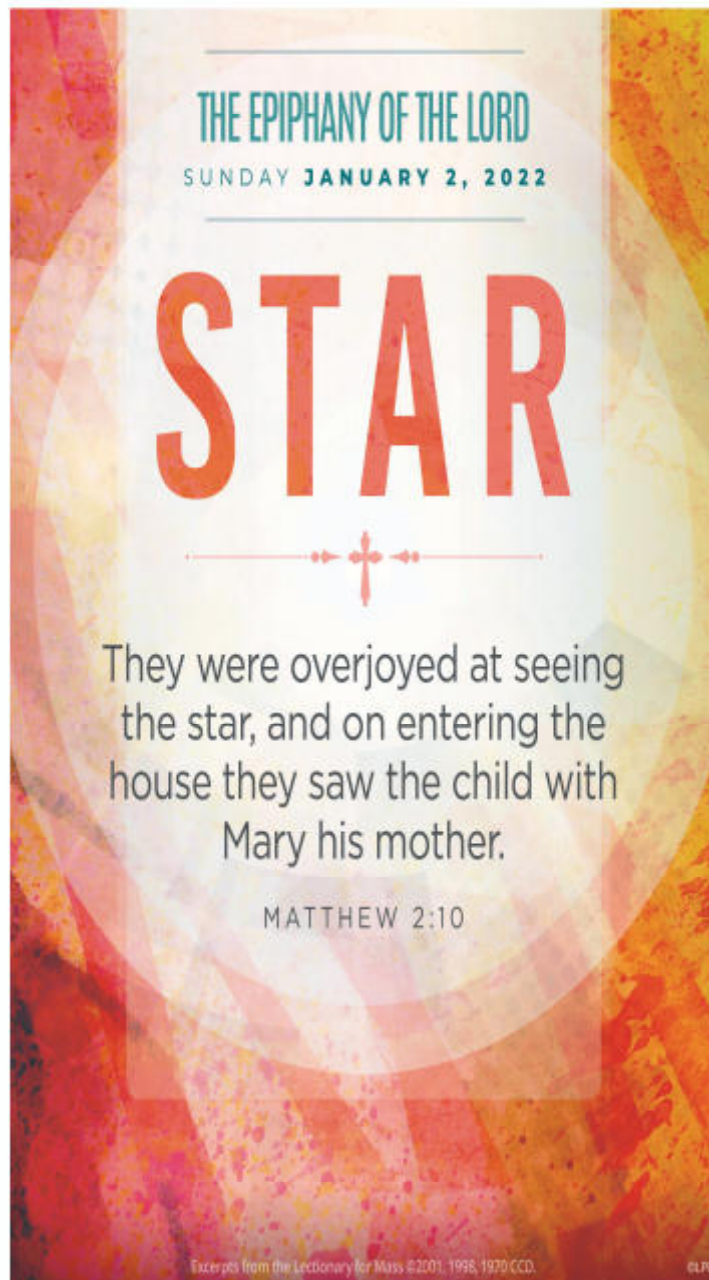
MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS - upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Dee Daly
Administrative Assistant

FINANCE COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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SAINT ALPHONSUS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Jon Keith (483.6489) work
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ONLINE GIVING <https://osvhub.com/st-alphonsus-liguori-parish/funds>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

2 SUN The EPIPHANY of the LORD

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

✠ 9:00 AM **The Queen Family** by the Estate

3 Mon The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

✠ 9:00 AM **All Souls**

4 Tue St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

✠ 9:00 AM **Peter Senatore** (birthday) by Monica Senatore

5 Wed St John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

6 Thu St André Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

7 Fri St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

8 Sat 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

9 SUN The BAPTISM of the LORD Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14;
3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

✠ 9:00 AM **The Queen Family** by the Estate

Church Offertory

12/26 Offertory will appear in a future bulletin

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 1,500.00
Sunday 12/19 Offertory	\$ 1,016.00
Online giving	\$ 50.00
Offertory Total	\$ 1,066.00
Flowers	\$ -
Fuel	\$ -

Thanks for making up your envelopes.

Sunday January 2nd Collection— Building & Maintenance

Crafters — The next meeting is on January 14th @ 10:00 am in the Rectory. If you have any questions or interested in joining the group, please call: Elaine Ryan @ 558-9142.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —LPI

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER a loved one, Mass cards are available for anyone who would like a Mass offered on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday. Other occasions when we have Masses offered for others are birthday, anniversary, pre-surgery, or recovering from an illness/surgery. Please contact the rectory 483-2301(email: stalphonus@vermontcatholic.org) or stop by on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton—January 4th



Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774–1821) was a convert to Roman Catholicism and foundress of the Sisters of Charity, the first sisterhood native to the United States. She is also the first person born in the United States to be canonized a saint. She is also the founder of the first Catholic schools in the United States.

Saint Elizabeth is the patron saint of Catholic schools, widows, and seafarers.

Saint John Neumann—January 5th

John Nepomucene Neumann CSsR was a Catholic priest from Bohemia. He immigrated to the United States in 1836, where he was ordained, joined the Redemptorists order, and became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852.



Neumann was declared venerable by Pope Benedict XV in 1921. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council on October 13, 1963, and was canonized by that same pope on June 19, 1977.

Saint John is the patron saint of educators/teachers.

Saint Andre Bessette—January 5th



Brother André expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph. In his little room near the door, he spent much of the night on his knees. On his windowsill, facing Mount Royal, was a small statue of Saint Joseph, to whom he had been devoted since childhood.

When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. Many people began to experience physical healings after praying with Brother André, and his reputation as a healer began to spread. So many people flocked to see him that the Congregation allowed him to see sick people at a trolley station across the street. Through it all, Brother André remained humble, often seeming confused that people would lavish such praise on him. He knew that the real source of these miraculous cures was St. Joseph's intercession.

On October 17, 2010, St. André Bessette became first saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross when he was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI. On this day, the Church recognized that God chose a very simple man for a remarkable life of service to the Church. He had previously been beatified by Blessed John Paul II on May 23, 1982.

Saint Andre is the patron saint of family caregivers.

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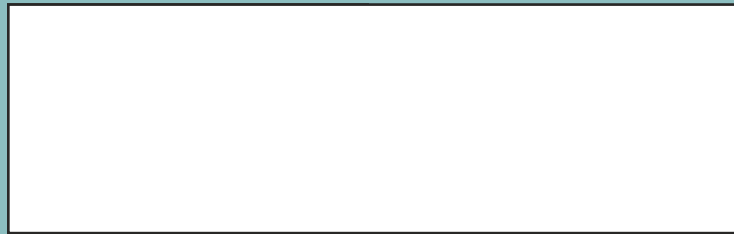
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