



Saint Joseph's Monastery Parish

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We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of St. Joseph's Monastery Parish.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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

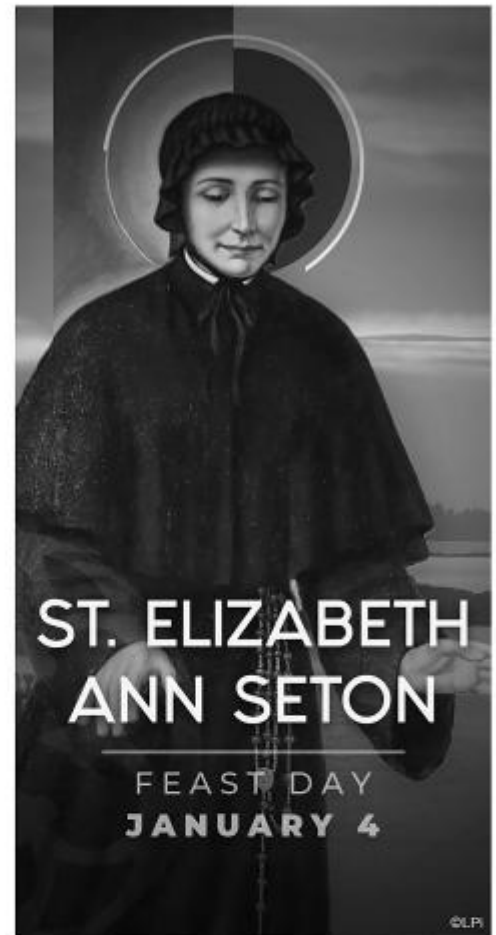
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

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."

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light
has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
(Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
(Ps 72)



SECOND READING

It was not made known to people in
other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by
the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members
of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ
Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
(Mt 2:2)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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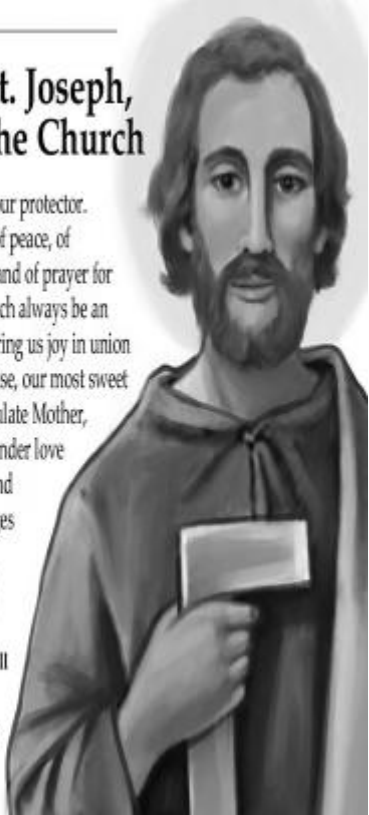
Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church

St. Joseph! Always be our protector.
May your inner spirit of peace, of
silence, of good work, and of prayer for
the cause of Holy Church always be an
inspiration to us and bring us joy in union
with your blessed spouse, our most sweet
and gentle and Immaculate Mother,
and in the strong yet tender love
of Jesus, the glorious and
immortal King of all ages
and peoples.
Amen

—Pope St. John XXIII



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-12) (9:30 a.m.- 10:40 a.m.)
Sunday School9:30 a.m.. - 10:40 a.m.
RCIA 9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
Mrs. Barbara Dawson: 443-844-1068 bid70x7@aol.com
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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Pastor to be notified 6 months in advance of plan date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements are made with the Pastor

PASTOR

Father Michael Murphy



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. &
11:00 a.m. (Family Liturgy)
Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a family member is ill or anticipating surgery, please contact the Pastor to be anointed.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

To assure the safety of our parishioners and our parish office staff our winter related closings will be as follows: There will be **NO** daily mass if Baltimore County Schools are closed or delayed in opening. If Baltimore County Schools are closed, the parish office will also be closed. If Baltimore County Schools are delayed in opening the parish office will open at 10:00 am. Our primary concern is to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

We wish to welcome everyone to become an active member of the St. Joseph's Monastery Parish Family!

Hello! I would like to become a member of St. Joseph's Monastery Parish. Please send me a registration form as soon as possible.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____
(Area Code)

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 Change of Address
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251 South Morley Street
Baltimore, MD 21229

**BULLETIN MASSES For
January 1—9 ,2022**

Saturday, January 1,2022

10:00 a.m. No Intentions

Sunday, January 2,2022

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Joseph Neville (D)

5th Anniversary of Death

Monday, January 3,2022

8:00 a.m. No Intentions

Tuesday, January 4,2022

8:00 a.m. No Intentions

Wednesday, January 5,2022

8:00 a.m. No Intentions

Thursday, January 6,2022

8:00 a.m. No Intentions.

Saturday, January 8,2022

4:00 p.m.. Kenneth James (D)

Sunday, January 9,2022

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Caroline (D) &

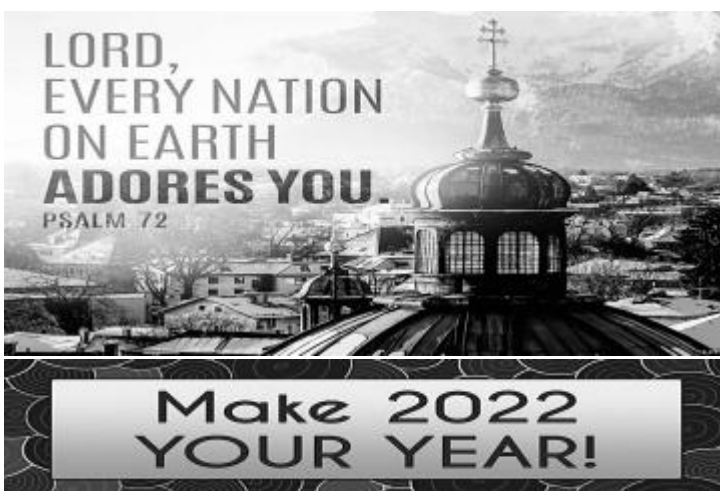
Joseph (D) Lowrey

Bulletin Masses

Please call the Rectory office to have your loved ones and friends remembered or honored in a Bulletin Mass. It is a great way to remember and honor your special dates and occasions.

JANUARY For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



PRAYER LIST : Please remember those who are sick, in a nursing or convalescent home, the homebound and their families and caregivers by including them in our Parish Prayer Chain. Please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 to add them to our list. If anyone needs visitation, please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 with the names of anyone in the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility or who is homebound.

Richard (Cancer) Nadine (Cancer). Tom M.(Special Intentions) Dick K. (Cancer) Peggy, Bob & Andy Moan (Special Intentions) Mara, Fadi, Yousif, Mara & Sally, Hanan ,Shawn , Alton (Special Intentions) . Cecilia W. (Special Intention) Barbara's Neighbor (Cancer) Larry J. (Good Health) Dareen McGloin (Good Health), Joseph Meyer (Good Health) & Family ,Karen Bowen (Fall & Surgery), Herman Williams (Fall) Peggy Day (Fall) Mike G. (Stroke) & Strength for the Family, Marian Erdman (Fall) Chris (Good Health) Pat B. (Good Health) Eugene M. (Covid recovery) Louis (Avon) Owens (Good Health) Mary Dooley (Liver Condition) ,Chuck McNery (Cancer) Daniel Thomas (Cancer) , Tom Cornell (Cancer) Pat Bunke & Family (Cancer), Elaine M. (Cancer) , Joe Garbo (Good Health) Michael J. Iampieri (Special Intentions) John Jackson (Special Intentions Recovery from an Accident) Bill Thornberg (Kidney Cancer) , Elaine (Good Health), Betty Ann (Stroke), Bernard (Good Health) Christine (Good Health) Julie (Good Health) Ted (Good Health) Cayden & Parents (Good Health) Mary Margaret Richards (Cancer), Maria (Good Health) ,Emma and Kathy (Special Intention), Kay (Fall & Good Health) ,Richard Melson (For Peace & Healing) Ann Cleaver & Sons (Special Intention) Gloria Ratliff (Surgery & Treatment) Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim R. and keep Jim's family in your prayers, Lyla (Good Health) Ernie (Surgery and Recovery) Dennis Dooley (Cancer)Trish K. (Good Health) Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jesse and keep Jesse's Family in your prayers., Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carl and keep Carl's Family in your prayers, Mary Jean (Good Health) , Laura (Good Health)



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

PARISH UPDATE

If you have had any changes to your name, address, email or marital status, please call or email the Rectory or fill out an updated registration form. Registration is very important to the Parish. Thank you!

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new You bring hope alive in our hearts And cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this New Year For all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us A mighty flame So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.



Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, You have said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you." Grant, we beg of You, to us who ask it, the gift of Your most divine love, that we may ever love You with our whole heart, in word and deed, and never cease praising You.



December 11 & 12, 2021

Mass Attendance 255

Envelopes	\$	4,957.00
Loose	\$	677.00
Online Giving	\$	1,677.00
2nd Collection/Energy	\$	1,927.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	100.00
Total Offertory	\$	7,661.00

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Saint André Bessette's Story

Brother André expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph. Sickness and weakness dogged André from birth. He was the eighth of 12 children born to a French Canadian couple near Montreal. Adopted at 12, when both parents had died, he became a farmhand. Various trades followed: shoemaker, baker, blacksmith—all failures. He was a factory worker in the United States during the boom times of the Civil War. At 25, André applied for entrance into the Congregation of Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget, he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he said. 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 asked about it he said, "Some day, Saint Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!" When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel. Word of healing powers began to spread. When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year. For many years the Holy Cross authorities had tried to buy land on Mount Royal. Brother André and others climbed the steep hill and planted medals of Saint Joseph. Suddenly, the owners yielded. André collected \$200 to build a small chapel and began receiving visitors there—smiling through long hours of listening, applying Saint Joseph's oil. Some were cured, some not. The pile of crutches, canes and braces grew. The chapel also grew. By 1931, there were gleaming walls, but money ran out. "Put a statue of Saint Joseph in the middle. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it." The magnificent Oratory on Mount Royal took 50 years to build. The sickly boy who could not hold a job died at 92. He is buried at the Oratory. He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. At his canonization in October 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Saint Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure of heart."

Are you looking for a way to grow in holiness?

Have you been asking the Lord for a way to transform your life and grow closer to

Join us for a 6 week retreat in preparation for a Marian Consecration

in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC: "33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY." Gain new insights into Marian Consecration, learn how key saints lived it out, and how you can live it out as well.

Retreat begins Wednesday, January 5th, and ends Wednesday, February 9th

Consecration on Friday, February 11th - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The group will meet via Zoom for six Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Participants will need two books: "33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat" and "The Retreat Companion 33 Days to Morning Glory." You can order these books by calling 1-800-462-7426 and ask for the "Participant Packet" or visit www.shopmercy.org/33-days-to-morning-glory-group-retreat.html.

In this retreat, participants will learn the secrets of drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary by praying with four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. John Paul II. According to the saints, Mary is the easiest and surest way to the fire of love that burns in the Heart of Jesus. In our hectic day and times, both St. John Paul II and St. Teresa knew the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with the Blessed Mother, Mary.

If you are looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Mother, Mary, and grow in holiness, join us for a 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat!

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