



# NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH

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## St Albert Church W Stewartstown

Masses—Friday: 8AM, Sat: 4:30PM  
Sun: 8AM (Columbus Day to Memorial Day)

## St Brendan Church Colebrook

Masses—Thur: 8AM,  
Sun: 10AM

## St Pius X Church Errol

Masses—Sun: 8AM (Chapel open  
Memorial Day to Columbus Day)



Epiphany of the Lord —January 2nd, 2022

### PARISH STAFF

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### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to your tentative date.

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM at St. Albert Church or by appointment.

**WELCOME**

**New Parishioners:** If you attend North American

Martyrs Parish regularly & consider us your parish, please take a moment to register with us by calling the Parish Office as soon as possible.



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**ST. ALBERT**



Sat., Jan. 1st 4:30PM  
**Pauline Rodrigue** Req by Gaston Rodrigue

Sun., Jan. 2nd 8:00AM  
**Patricia Beauregard** Req by Francoise Bohan  
**Zeb Madore** Req by the Family

Fri., Jan. 7th 8:00AM  
**Pauline Rodrigue** Req by Gaston Rodrigue

Sat., Jan. 8th 4:30PM  
**Huguette Mathieu** Req by Real, Rollande, Judy & Joanne Mathieu  
**Huguette Thibeault** Req by Adrien Thibeault & Family

Sun., Jan. 9th 8:00AM  
**Patricia Beauregard** Req by Francoise Bohan  
**Real & Rose Paquette** Req by Suzanne Madore

**ST. BRENDAN**

Sun., Jan. 2nd 10:00AM  
**Gerard L. Robitaille** Req by his Family  
**Annette Wheeler** Req by Rebecca Gray

Thu., Jan. 6th 8:00AM  
**Margaret & Daniel Thornton**  
Req by Richard Holt

Sun., Jan. 9th 10:00AM  
**Jesse Lantin** Req by Patrick Dupuis  
**Albert R. Maurais** Req by the Family

**COOS NURSING HOME**

Wed., Jan. 5th 9:30AM  
**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

<b>Financial Report</b>	<b>12/26/2021</b>
Offertory	\$1245.00
60/40 Fundraiser	27.00
Donations	770.00
Christmas	1871.00

*Thank you for your support of our parish!*

**60/40 WINNER:**

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*Heidi McGuigan* \$10.80

*Please consider participating in our weekly Parish 60/40 Booster Club. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Put a DOLLAR in the envelope, fill out the front with your name & address and drop it in the weekly collection. Weekly winner will be mailed a check for their 40% winnings.*

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**St. Albert Church**

*For the intentions of the parishioners*

**St. Brendan Church**

*For Fernande DeBloise*

Eucharistic Adoration

Monthly, 8:30AM First Friday at St Albert Parish

**Each year, Pope Francis asks for prayers for a specific monthly intention. January's special intention is:**

**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

**Confession :** En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

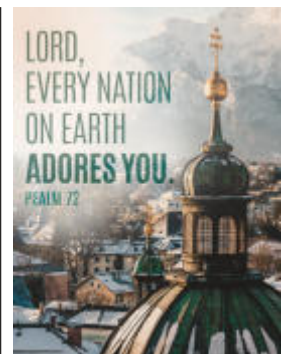


*The Rosary is prayed 1/2 hour before each weekend mass at St. Albert's & St. Brendan's Church. All are welcome to join.*

Quote from our Holy Father, Pope Francis:

"The Catholic Church is not a hotel of saints but a hospital for sinners. In addition he calls the Catholic Church a 'Field Hospital for Sinners'.

**The Annual Membership Club (\$100 yr) - pick up & fill out an envelope in the back of the Church and drop in the collection. Payable as one lump sum or 10 monthly payments of \$10. Drawing in December .**



## WORD OF GOD



### Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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

**M:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

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

**W:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

**Th:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

**F:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

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

**Next Sun:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Link for reading information as well as other pertinent Universal Church resources: <http://usccb.org/bible/readings>.

### Observances for this week:

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

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

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

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

**Th:** St. André Bessette, Religious

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

**Sat:**

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

**First Reading: (Is 60:1)** The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

**Second Reading: (Eph 3:5-6)** It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews *and* Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of “coheirs” and “copartners.” What does this language signal to you?

**Gospel: (Mt 2:2)** The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God’s revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?

### LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION

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.



### January is the month of The Holy Name of Jesus

#### What is in a name? Why is it so important?

Those of us who are parents know how much time we spend thinking and discussing about what name to give our newborn children. It is the same with the church. Recall the Scripture passage about how the animals were named in Genesis. Changing our name is also a way to mark an important moment in our lives. Think of Saul who persecuted the Christians. His name was changed to Paul when he realized that Jesus was the Son of God. And even our popes change their names and take on a new name; Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Francis.

The entrance antiphon for the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus gives us a glimpse into how important Jesus' name is:

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The history of the Holy Name of Jesus goes back to the earliest years of Christianity. How many of you remember the symbol IHS? It is a monogram. It comes from the Greek word for Jesus. This reverence continued into the medieval devotions promoted by St. Anselm of Canterbury.

It was only during the Council of Lyons in 1274 that the Church added the date to our liturgical calendar. There are some writings that call the Holy Name of Jesus a healing ointment for the soul.

So the next time you think of the name of someone, recall the long and important history of Jesus' name and why we hold, with such reverence, Jesus' holy name.



## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Which sacraments can only be received once?

**Answer:** Confirmation, Baptism, and Holy Orders

*OK...It's the Christmas Season still so our gift is another easy one!!!!*



## SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4**

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 U.S. to be given the title of "saint."

**Sharing Your Faith— Question:** What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

**Answer:** This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled. Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

### **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?"

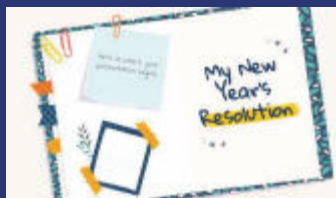
That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

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*

**Catholic Women's Club** For more information about the Catholic Women's Club please call Diane Little (603-237-8062).

Our parish website calendar of events continues to grow! Please bookmark this link so that you can easily look an event up. If you know of an event not listed please contact the Parish Office and share the details and we'll have it added! **[nampnh.org](http://nampnh.org)**



### **Please join us for Lectio Divina**


Every Wed. 6-7pm. We pray, read & discuss the upcoming readings for the next Sunday. Link: [us02web.zoom.us](https://us02web.zoom.us)  
Select—'JOIN A MEETING' - Meeting ID: 865 5109 7328  
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**You will be surprised how Sunday's readings come alive!**

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