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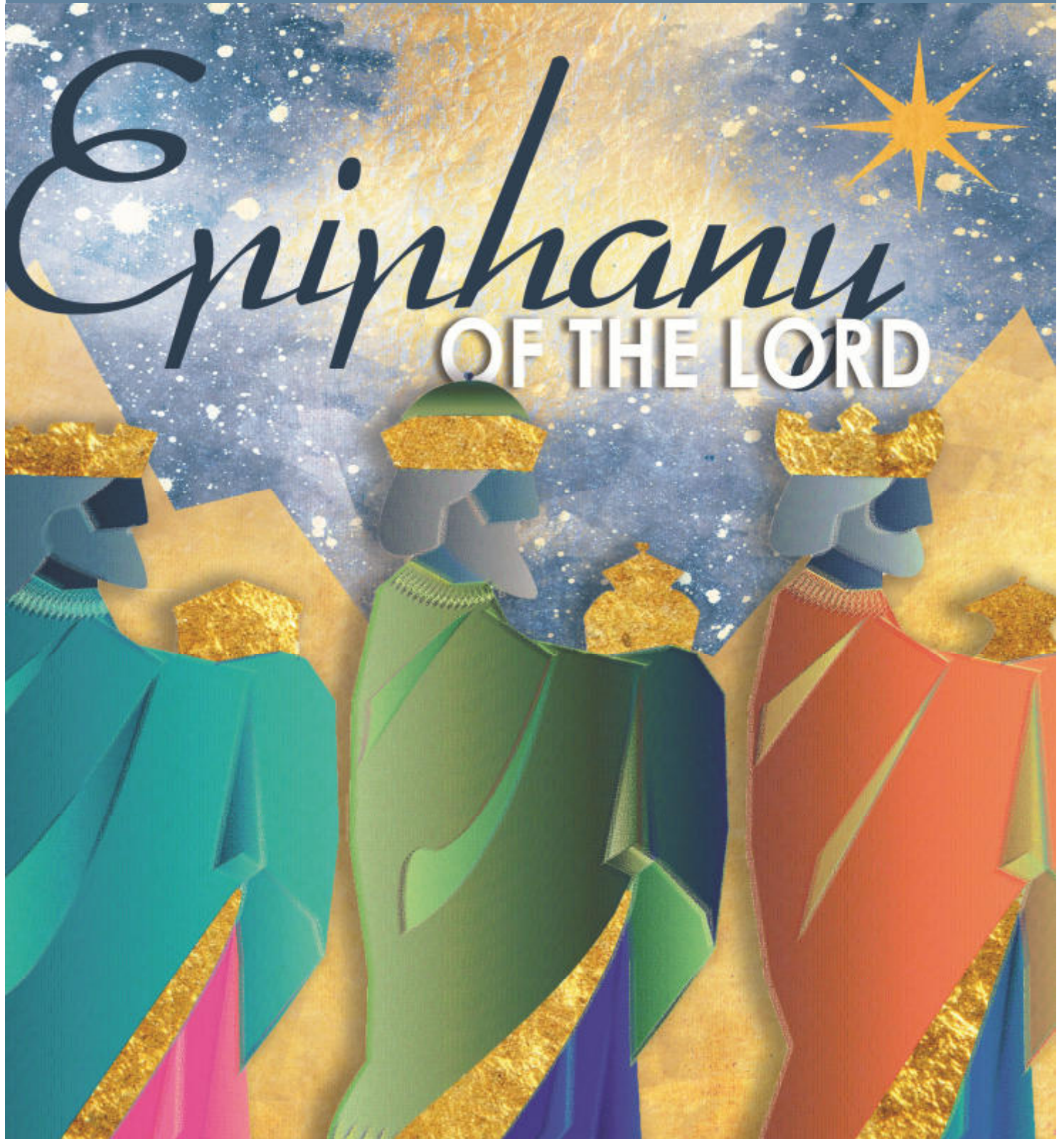
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

4:00PM Saturday
8:00AM, 10:00AM Sunday

Weekday Masses

7:30AM Monday thru Thursday

Holy Days of Obligation

Please consult parish bulletin

Confessions

Saturday 3PM to 3:30PM or by appointment

Sacraments

Please call the office

Cemetery

Please call the office

New Parishioners

If you have just moved to the area, we welcome you to Saint Joseph Parish. If you have any question, please call the office. To register please visit our website: stjosephpeppingnh.com



Monday, January 3RD

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, January 4TH

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, January 5TH

7:30AM Pete DeFlumeri, Requested by Mary DeFlumeri

Thursday, January 6TH

No Daily Mass

Saturday, January 8TH

4:00PM Renee Bernier Requested by Madeline & Joodie

Sunday, January 9TH

8AM Intentions of Vi Richter, Requested by Paul & Karen Mertzic

10:00AM Eugenia Welch, Requested by Don & Barbara Mack

WEDNESDAY MASS

Beginning Wednesday, December 29, 2021 Fr. Matt Mason and Fr. John Carroll will offer daily Mass on Wednesdays at 7:30 am, and will continue through the month of January for now.

Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

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

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Has Something Changed?? Have you moved, or changed your phone number, email address? Do you now use online giving and would rather not receive envelopes anymore? Be sure to call the Parish Office at 679-8805 or email nh337@comcast.net to let us know about the changes in your life so we can update our records! Thanks



BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

We welcome all Parents and expecting Parents to our Baptismal Preparation Class here at St. Joseph Parish.

Classes will be held the third Thursday of every month beginning at 6:30PM. And is a requirement Prior to scheduling a date for your child's baptism.

The class will help answer many of your questions and help prepare you for your child's reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. You will find it very informative and interactive. Please contact Deacon Terry Sullivan at saintjosephdeacon@comcast.net.



*From the Desk of
Deacon Terry
January 2, 2022*

Epiphany of the Lord

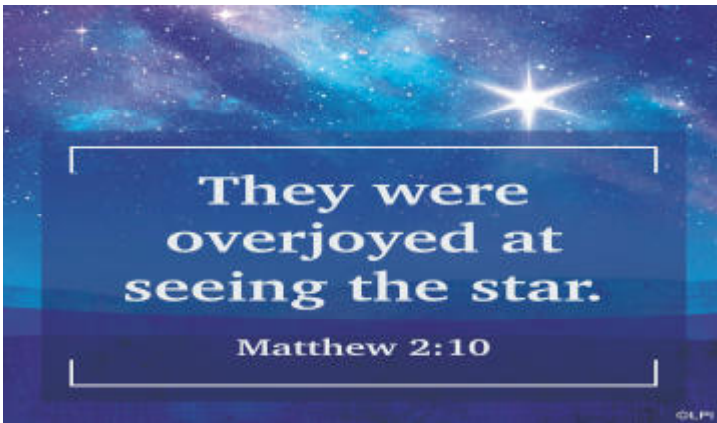
My Brothers and Sisters in Christ: "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem."

This is the first instance of God expanding the Abrahamic covenant beyond the Israelites. For newly two thousand years, the Hebrews have been God's chosen people.

Now, with the arrival of Jesus, the promise of God's kingdom expands to include all of humanity. This is modeled to us when the emissaries from a completely different country arrive to honor him in and claim Jesus as the Lord too.....

Happy 2022 to all of you and may God continue to Bless your Heart!!

Dc. Terry



BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY ROSARY PROGRAM

The NH Knights of Columbus State Council is hosting an online rosary on the 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 7PM on December 23, 2021 and continuing monthly through June 23, 2022. The goal is 5,000 rosaries by Founders Day March 29, 2022. Submission forms and more information is available at www.nhknights.org or you can call email Nelson Thibault 603-679-8459, thibnott@comcast.net



**WEEKLY COLLECTION
December 26, 2022**

Not Available due to early publication



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 United States to be given the title of "saint."

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - 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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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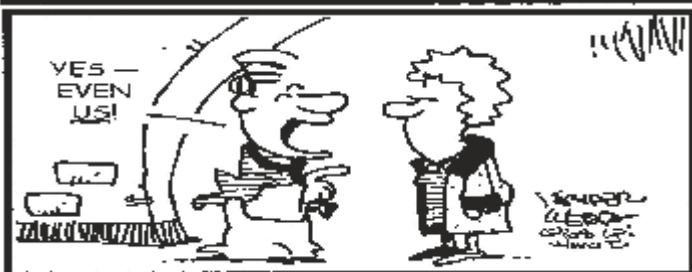
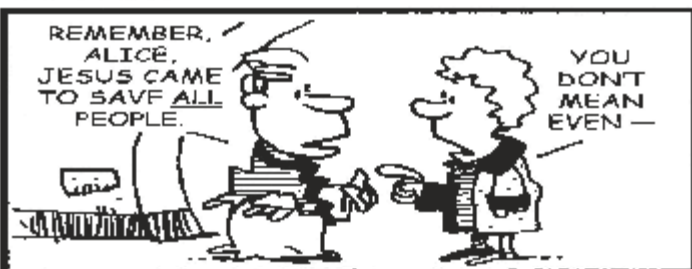


R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

News: We are now offering an ongoing (year round) R.C.I.A. process to accommodate individual situations and needs. Our team also offers adult faith formation for those adults baptized in another faith seeking full communion into the Catholic Church and for those adults already baptized Catholic in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. All inquirers are encouraged to contact the church office so your questions can be answered and we can help get you started on your journey.



EPIPHANY



The Epiphany –January 2, 2022

"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, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocations Office at 603-663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

Epiphany Proclamation 2022

Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts (for the year 2022)



Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
*that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave
of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our
Savior.*

On the second day of March will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the seventeenth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-sixth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the fifth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the nineteenth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the twenty-seventh day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is hon-
or and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

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