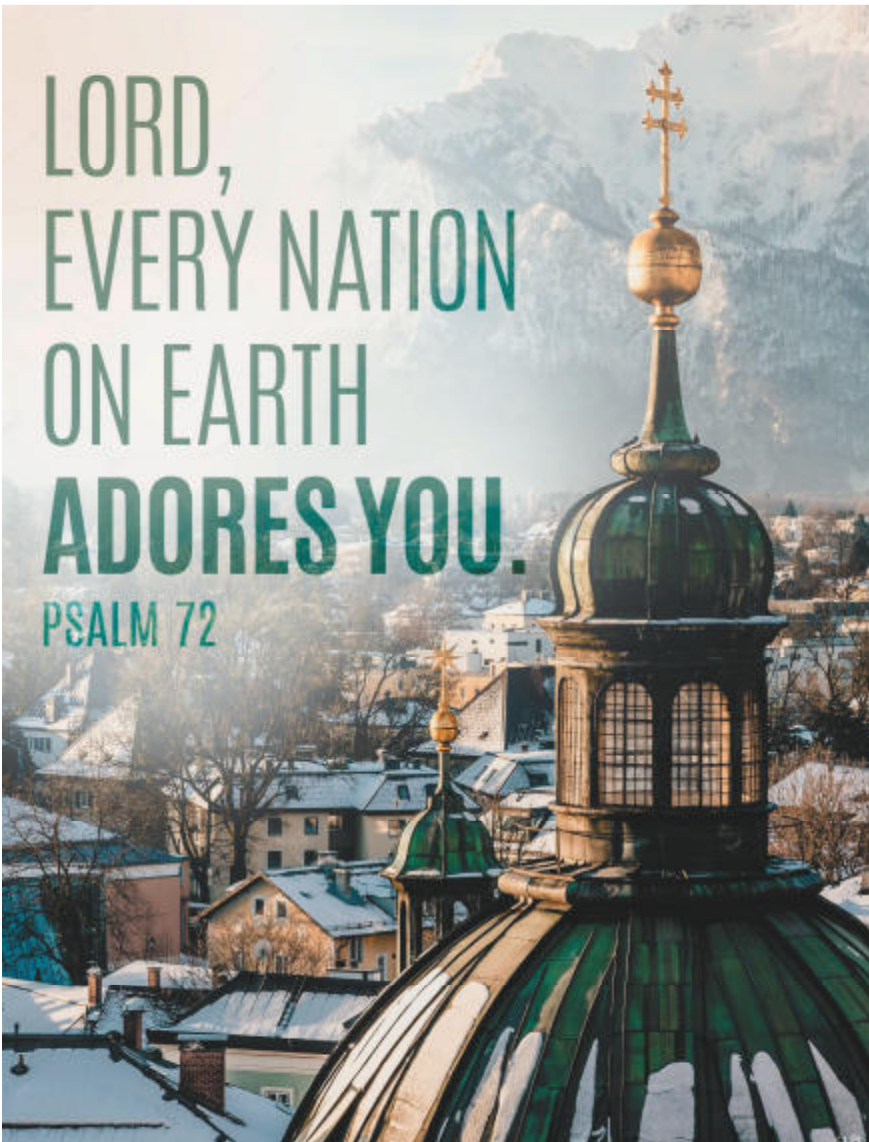




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THE LORD'S DAY: MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 am & 12 pm
Weekdays 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

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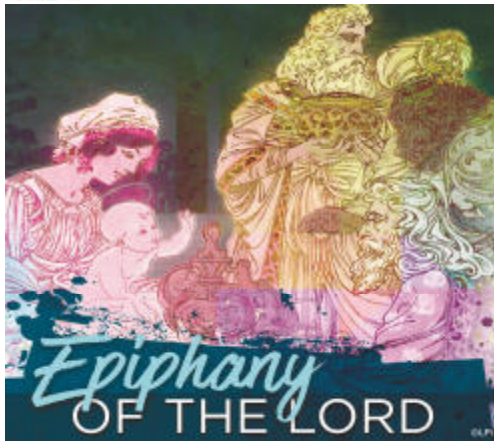
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PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all new members to our parish family. Please register at the parish office. We want to know and serve you. Please become an active part of our parish community. All adults (over age 21) who are working should register in the parish themselves and should use envelopes or website link to eCatholic online giving to support the parish. Tithing is 5% of income; stewardship is your decision in prayer. Please notify the parish office if you are changing your address or phone number so that we may have accurate records! This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters and for scheduling baptisms or weddings.

The deadline for bulletin items is Monday 12 noon of each week, unless it's a holiday, then it is due the Friday before at 12 noon.



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Wednesday	St. John Neumann
Thursday	St. Andre Bessette
Friday	St. Raymond of Penyafort
Saturday	Saturday week of the Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

5:00 pm Samuel & Irene Della Penna

5:00 pm Rosemarie Gaffney

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 am Mary Kuria Kose

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine

12:00 pm Catherine Fisher

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 am Roger Dela Cruz

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 am Keith Brady

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 am Giok Gan Ong

9:00 am Tiong Giok Ong

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 am Healing Mass Libby Fusco

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 am Donal Finucane

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 am Deceased members of the Pomponio & Gerwitz Family

5:00 pm Kay Farrelly

5:00 pm Deceased members of the Farrelly Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 am Filomena & Arduino Paniccia

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine

12:00 pm Brillante and Hurley Families



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Michael Murphy

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Barbara O'Brien



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“Bless the LORD,
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being, bless his
holy name!”

Psalms 103:1

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PRAYER LIST



Christopher Troy, Albert & Diane Marino, Jose Padilla, Carol Guarascio, Marilyn Dumas, Marie Zanicchi, Marcia Camacho, Paul Hurley, Erika and Darrel, Mary Poli, Susan Gerardo, Christopher Costa, Mark Tominac, Sharyn Miller, Michael Varley, Libby Fusco, Tina Gandolfo, Tess Callow, Diane Schneider, Mary Ann Plaia, & all those who have passed away, or are still suffering from Covid-19.

TO ADD NAMES & INTENTIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE.



LIGHTER SIDE

Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

One for Every Room

One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five."

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."

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

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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A Special Thanks to our 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Graders

Recently the first through fourth grade students in religious education spent time coloring "Veterans Pages" for our Vets here in Rockland County.

Apparently this artwork was a big hit, as the Director at the Veterans Service Agency wrote back:

On behalf of the Rockland County Veterans Service Office, we would like to recognize and sincerely thank you for the beautiful cards you made for our local veterans.

We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness, and the veterans will enjoy your kindness. Your efforts reflect highly on your organization and the dedication you have shown to the veteran community of Rockland County.

A special thanks also goes out to all of our first through fourth grade catechists, and Mrs. Maryanne Modafferri, who coordinated the effort. Well done!

GOSPEL MEDITATION, JANUARY 2 2022

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

@LPi



Travelling to DC for the March for Life? Start the day at the National Prayer Service! We will honor Texas for its Heartbeat Law and Mississippi, whose pro-life law led to the Supreme Court case that would reverse *Roe vs. Wade*! Please join Bishop Joseph Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, the National Pro-Life Religious Council, and Faith and Liberty at the 27th annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers, the morning of the March, Friday, January 21, 2022 at DAR Constitutional Hall, Washington D.C, from 8.30-10.30 am. It will be a time of prayer, praise, music and inspiring speakers and will be the premier prayer event marking the tragic commemoration of *Roe vs Wade*. Daniella D'Souza Gill will be the emcee for the event. Admission is free. For more information on this and other events surrounding the March, go to www.NationalPrayerService.com



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm (usually). There is a required Baptism class for the parents to attend prior to the baptism. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Diocesan regulations require a marriage preparation program for all couples. Ask for a parish policy brochure at the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

The parish religious education program, grades 1-8, help bring about God's kingdom by proclaiming & teaching God's word, celebrating the sacraments, & placing value on service to all people. Call the office for more details.

DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal: All are welcome to attend following the Mon. 9am Mass. Rosary: Recited each morning after the 9 am Mass. Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 7:30 pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm. Anytime upon request.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

Communal Anointing announced in the bulletin.

SCHEDULE FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK

CELEBRANT	EME	LECTOR
Saturday, January 8 5.00 pm Msgr. LaMorte	Fr. Bill John Bruno Deacon Jim	Rob Christie
Sunday, January 9 9:00 am Msgr. LaMorte	Fr. Bill Deacon Joe will select Deacon Sam	Jerry Scanlan
Sunday, January 9 10:30 am Fr. Bill	Joanne Pfaff Laurie Parness Deacon Joe	Richard Pfaff
Sunday, January 9 12:00 pm Fr. Bill	Agnes Sobieraj Liz Vitacco Deacon Joe	Eileen Ryan

One Day Retreat for Women

A one day retreat for Women will be held at the Marian Shrine Retreat Center Bldg., Stony Point, NY on January 8th , 2022 from 9am-5pm. Our theme for the day is Destress and Recharge

Cost for the day is \$50.00 this includes a hospitality upon arrival and a hot lunch , for more information please contact Ann Cename @ 845.947-2200 ext. 313,

or Register on line before December 30th, 2021 (space is limited) at <https://marianshrineretreats.regfox.com/women>

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