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earth will adore you.**

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PARISH WEEKLY

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THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 AM
Mon.-Tues. – Wed.- 8:00AM Thurs. - NO MASS
Friday: 9:15AM (SCHOOL MASS)
HOLY DAY MASSES 6:30AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM
Sunday: 10:00 to 10:25 AM
Other times by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of the month. A pre-baptismal workshop is required for parents, who are expected to be active members for at least three months. Please call Deacon Mike to make all arrangements. (610-262-2227)

HOLY MATRIMONY

A minimum preparation time of six months is required for the couple by the Diocese for the proper celebration of the Sacrament. Please call Father Lamb to make all arrangements. (610-262-2227)

WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves to Father Lamb
or Deacon Mike after Mass.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY JANUARY 04

8:00 AM Cecelia Soltis - Dennis Reenock

TUESDAY JANUARY 05

8:00 AM Ronald Dogmanits - M/M Dave Rank

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 06

8:00 AM Madge Garrison - Tony & Kathy Chimarys

THURSDAY JANUARY 07

No Mass

FRIDAY JANUARY 08

9:15AM Eugene Miletics - Family
(SCHOOL MASS)

SATURDAY JANUARY 09

4:00 PM Roger Seremula - William & Jean Wilson

SUNDAY JANUARY 10

8:00AM Joseph Kearns - Family

10:30 AM Deceased of the Marakovits Family

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Dec. 20 - \$11,084.

May God bless your generosity!

CLASSES WITH SR. DONNA

The following classes will be available this week in the Church Social Hall.

Any questions you may email Sister Donna (sdonnascc@gmail.com).

Tuesday classes on the Bible at 7PM.

Thursday evening at 7PM we will have Craft Night.

Hope to see you this week.
Sister Donna

SANCTUARY LAMP

will be lit this week

IN MEMORY OF

JOHN & STEPHANIA HANZL



Pastor's Corner

My dear people,

A big thank you to all of you who sent over goodies to the rectory. I sent a care package down to Msgr. Chaback at the Villa so he could enjoy some homemade cookies.

A big thank you also for all who helped in so many ways to make the church look so beautiful. The social hall was turned into a beautiful church as well. Thanks especially to Bob's Flower shop and the Kiss family for all you did!

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing." You all have "shown" Christ's love in so many ways, both big and small. And of course, there is a special place in heaven for those who sent Reese's peanut butter cups to the rectory! God was really happy with that one (not to mention me!).

God bless you everyone!

Father Lamb

SUNDAY READINGS

January 03, 2021

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 4-9

Monday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, St. John Neumann: 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, Christmas Weekday: 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52

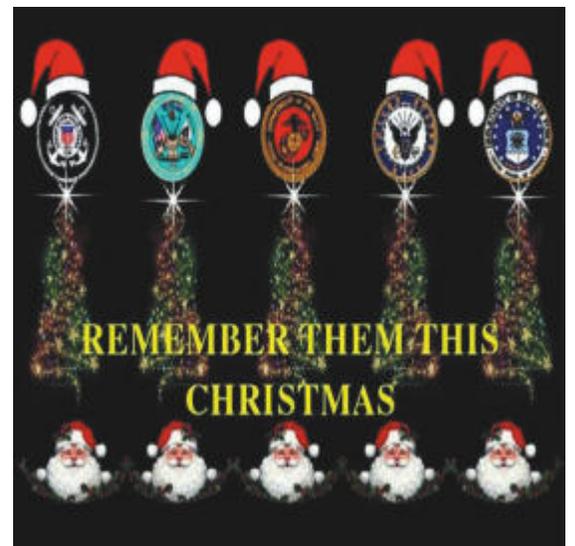
Thursday, Christmas Weekday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 / Lk 4:14-22

Friday, Christmas Weekday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, Christmas Weekday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30



These are the wreaths that were placed in our cemetery to honor our Veterans. We placed one wreath for each branch of the military. We would like to thank Kevin Reichel and our Catholic War Veterans for covering the cost of the wreaths.

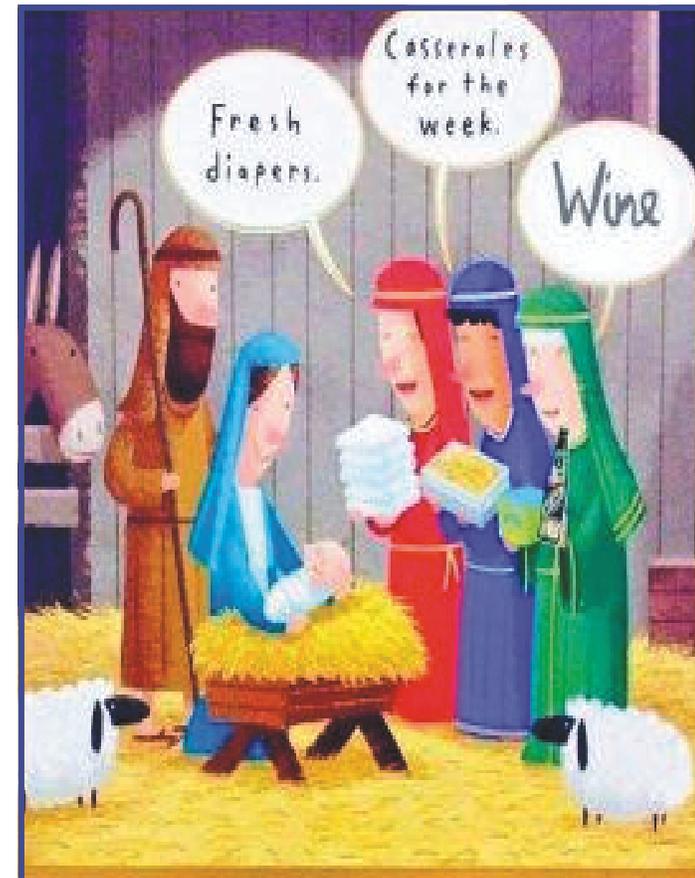


NEW YEAR PRAYER:

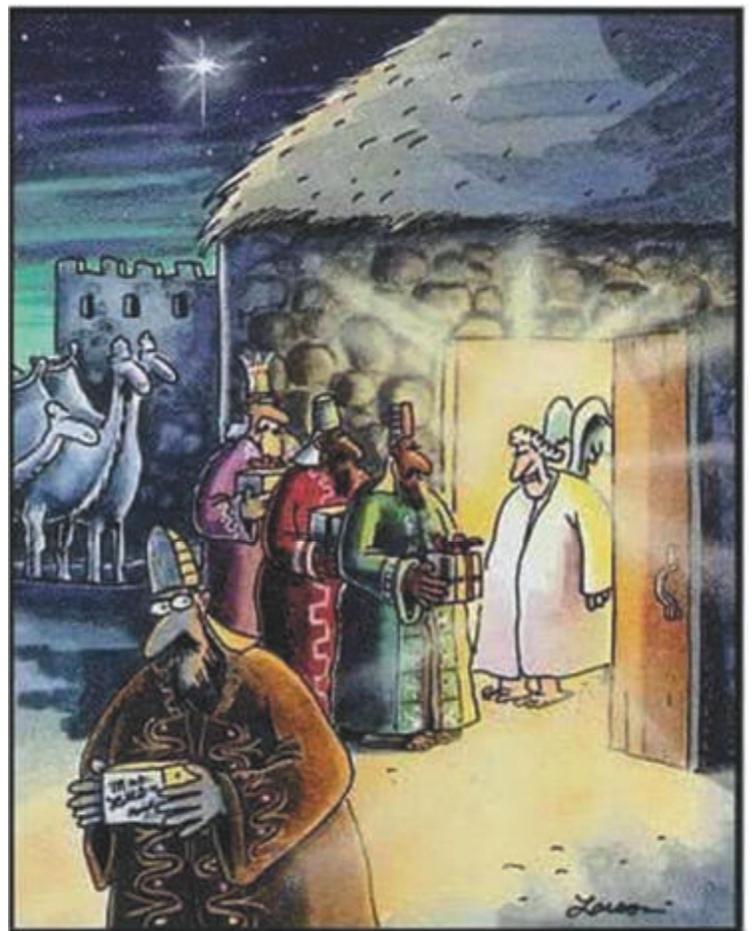
Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!!!**

2021



After the Three Wise Men left,
the Three Wisest Women arrived.



Unbeknownst to most theologians, there was
a fourth wiseman, who was turned away
for bringing a fruitcake.

Reaching Far and Wide

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In Vincent Malo's painting, *The Adoration of the Magi*, a mysterious scene barely comes to light before us. Are we inside or outside of a Roman portico? What is going on in the background? The central scene clearly shows the Child Jesus perched in the Virgin's arms and surrounded by swaddling clothes. A glow emanates from the Child that enlightens the three Wise Men processing toward Jesus. Their whole caravan chaotically crowds around and strains to see the king they have come to worship.

A dalmatian wanders behind while a camel appears in the backlighting with a knowing smirk. The Ethiopian sage sympathetically stares out from the center of the painting and seemingly asks us if we understand the significance of their travels. The arrival of these astronomers from the East sends a very important message for all of us at Mass today. Jesus is the light of the whole world, and all peoples—no matter how far or how lost—are invited by his attractive and saving light. This light came to the Chosen People and will be fully consumed in Jerusalem as Isaiah prophesies. Yet he will proclaim that all peoples are invited to be members of the same family and coheirs to the treasures of God's love and mercy. Faith in him and acceptance of his gospel truth is all he asks. So, no matter how far you or anyone you know seems from Jesus and his truth, he loves them and wants them around his table to experience his love. +

***Jesus is the light of the whole world, and to all peoples—
no matter how far away or how lost.***

- Do you trust that Jesus wants to and can reach any soul, no matter how far away?
- Will you renew your prayer and gentle testimony to invite those who are still searching?

PRAYER

Lord, your light gives us strength and shows us the way to God. Remove my blindness that I may see the light of goodness, peace, and love within myself and others.

—From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

A Word from Pope Francis

As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship.... For worship involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Worship means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves.

—Epiphany Homily, January 6, 2020

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was the first native born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Born two years before the American Revolution, Elizabeth grew up in the upper class of New York society. She was a prolific reader, and read everything from the Bible to contemporary novels. In spite of her high society background, Elizabeth's early life was quiet, simple, and often lonely. As she grew a little older, the Bible was to become her continual instruction, support and comfort -and she would continue to love the Scriptures for the rest of her life.

In 1794, Elizabeth married the wealthy young William Seton, with whom she was deeply in love. The first years of their marriage were happy and prosperous. Elizabeth wrote in her diary at first autumn, "My own home at twenty-the world-that and heaven too-quite impossible." This time of Elizabeth's life was to be a brief moment of earthly happiness before the many deaths and partings she was to suffer. Within four years, William's father died, leaving the young couple in charge of William's seven half brothers and sisters, as well as the family's importing business.

Events moved quickly from there with devastating effect. Both William's business and health failed. He was finally forced to file a petition of bankruptcy and, in a final attempt to save William's health, the Setons sailed for Italy, where William had business friends. Unfortunately, William died of tuberculosis while in Italy. Elizabeth's one consolation was that he had recently awakened to the things of God.

The many enforced separations from dear ones by death and distance served to draw Elizabeth's heart to God and eternity. The accepting and embracing of God's will - "The Will," as she called it - would be a keynote in her spiritual life.

Elizabeth's deep concern for the spiritual welfare of her family and friends eventually led her into the Catholic Church.

In Italy, Elizabeth captivated everyone by her kindness, patience, good sense, wit, and courtesy. During this time Elizabeth became interested in the Catholic Faith and, over a period of months, her Italian friends guided her in Catholic instruction.

Elizabeth's desire for the Bread of Life was to be a strong force leading her to the Catholic Church. Having lost her mother at an early age, Elizabeth felt great comfort in the idea that the Blessed Virgin was truly her mother. She asked the Blessed Virgin to guide her to the True Faith and officially joined the Catholic Church in 1805.

At the suggestion of the president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore, Maryland, Elizabeth started a school in that city. The school had originally been secular but once news of her entrance to Catholicism spread, several girls were removed from her school. It was then Seton, and two other young women who helped her in her work, began plans for a Sisterhood. They established the first free Catholic school in America. When the young community adopted their rule, they made provisions for Elizabeth to continue raising her children.

On March 25, 1809, Elizabeth Seton pronounced her vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, binding for one year. From that time on she was called Mother Seton. Although Mother Seton became afflicted with tuberculosis, she continued to guide her children. The Rule of the Sisterhood was formally ratified in 1812. It was based upon the Rule St. Vincent de Paul had written for his Daughters of Charity in France. By 1818, in addition to their first school, the sisters had established two orphanages and another school. Today, six groups of sisters can trace their origins to Mother Seton's initial foundation.

For the last three years of her life, Elizabeth felt that God was getting ready to call her, and this gave her great joy. Mother Seton died in 1821 at the age of 46, only sixteen years after becoming a Catholic. She was beatified by Pope John XXIII on March 17, 1963 and was canonized on September 14, 1975 by Pope Paul VI.

Resolutions of Faith

By Kathleen M. Basi

It's a new year. What will you do to live your faith in 2021?

New Year's seems tailor-made for changing for the better. Sometimes it's weight loss or exercise; at other times, we look to our spiritual life, vowing to set aside daily prayer time or regularly go to reconciliation. But goals are fleeting; as motivation falters, good intentions fall by the wayside. Some people have become so jaded they don't even bother anymore.

Resolutions require us to abandon old patterns and institute new ones—to turn our backs on our former ways and seek renewal. If that sounds like spiritual exercise, that's because it is. Actions become habits for a reason. To undo them requires on going sacrifice, and for that we need God's help. But it seems so trivial to call in God to help us lose weight. Diet and exercise have nothing to do with faith, right?

Not so fast. The central truth behind St. John Paul II's theology of the body is that as beings with both a body and a soul, our divine purpose is to reflect God's love for the world in the way we use our bodies. In our work, in the way we treat our bodies, even in our most intimate relationships, we are called to love as God loves—fully and sacrificially. Otherwise, we're not really living our faith. We're just playing pretend.

To go to daily Mass is good; to take what we learn there and do something with it is better. To read Scripture every morning is good; to allow the word to burrow down and needle our souls until we have to get up and act on it is better. Even a diet can be a spiritual exercise, if it's undertaken out of respect for the gift of the body we've been given.

None of us can change for the better on the strength of our own will. We need God walking hand in hand with us, holding us accountable and reminding us why it matters. When we're used to turning to God again and again throughout the day—even for something as trivial as a diet—it bleeds into other areas of our life too. The sacred fuses with the secular, and we truly become beings who (as the *Baltimore Catechism* said) show God's goodness by knowing, loving, and serving him in this world. It's a new year. What will you do to live your faith? +

To read Scripture every morning is good; to allow the word to burrow down and needle our souls until we have to get up and act on it is better.

A wonderful prayer in Saint Elizabeth's name is:

Lord God, you blessed Elizabeth Seton with gifts of grace as wife and mother, educator and foundress, so that she might spend her life in service to your people. Through her example and prayers may we learn to express our love for you in love for our fellow men and women. We ask this through Christ our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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