January 3, 2021

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is called together by God as a faith sharing community to radiate, celebrate and proclaim Jesus Christ through prayer, word, worship and service as we seek to build up His one body, adapting to the diverse needs of the people in whose midst we live and witness.

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Mon.-Fri. 9am– 3:30pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Church, 99 King St., Northampton
Annunciation Chapel, 85 Beacon St., Florence

SATURDAY	4:00pm	Annunciation Chapel
SUNDAY	8:00am	Annunciation Chapel
	9:30am	Children's Mass Annunciation Chapel
	11:00am	Annunciation Chapel
	12:30pm	*Spanish Mass* Annunciation Chapel
	5:00pm	Annunciation Chapel

DAILY MASS
7:30am Monday-Friday - Annunciation Chapel
12:10pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Annunciation Chapel

HOLY HOUR
Monday - Friday 3:00-4:00pm Annunciation Chapel

HOLY DAY MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S

Vigil:	4:00pm	Annunciation Chapel (Dec. 31st)
	9:00am	Annunciation Chapel (Jan. 1st)

BAPTISM
Please call the parish office. Preparation includes a class for parents and sponsors.

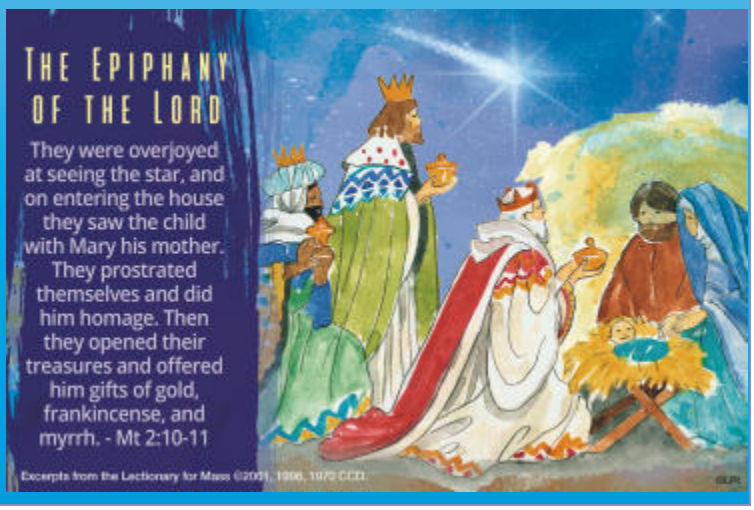
RECONCILIATION
Saturdays at 3:15pm-3:45pm - Annunciation Chapel
(Also by appointment)

SACRAMENTOF THE SICK
Please contact the parish office for those who may need to be anointed.

MATRIMONY
Please make arrangements at least 6 months in advance to provide sufficient time to obtain all necessary documents and to complete preparation.

HOLY ORDERS
If you are exploring a vocation to priesthood, as a deacon, or religious life you are invited to contact one of the priests or the Diocesan Vocations Director at 452-0816.

RCIA
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for adults preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church. It is primarily for those who have never been baptized, Catholics who have never received their First Holy Communion, or for those who belong to another Christian faith and wish to become a Catholic. Baptized Catholics who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation may also attend classes. Call the parish office for more information.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2nd
4:00PM Mass at Chapel + Peter Mollo
by Amelia, Hartleys & Mollos
Sunday, January 3rd EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00AMMass at Chapel + Eileen M Aquadro by her husband
9:30AM Mass at Chapel + in loving memory of
Edward & Julie Morrissey
by Bob Benoit
11:00AMMass at Chapel + John E. Fitzgerald, Jr
by Fitzgerald family & Shirley LaRose
12:30PMMass-Spanish at Chapel + celebrant's intention
5:00PM Mass at Chapel + celebrant's intention
Monday, January 4th
7:30AM Mass at Chapel + Judy Passa by Edd Passa
12:10PMMass at Chapel + Blanche & Leroy Preece by family
Tuesday, January 5th
7:30AM Mass at Chapel + Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Holy Wounds Prayer Group
Wednesday, January 6th
7:30AM Mass at Chapel + Katherine Hebert
by David C Ringey & family
12:10PM Mass at Chapel + George Bixby by family
Thursday, January 7th
7:30AM Mass at Chapel + Shirley Redmond (Month's Mind)
by Charles & Helen Curtin
Friday, January 8th
7:30AM Mass at Chapel + John (Jack) Nolan
by Harry Petrucci & Patte Shaughnessy
12:10PM Mass at Chapel + in Thanksgiving for the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Prayerline team's prayers by Krystyna Pieczara
Saturday, January 9th
4:00PM Mass at Chapel + John & Theresa Dyadon
by Mike & Deb Lambert
Sunday, January 10th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00AMMass at Chapel + celebrant's intention
9:30AM Mass at Chapel + celebrant's intention
11:00AMMass at Chapel + celebrant's intention
12:30PMMass-Spanish at Chapel + celebrant's intention
5:00PM Mass at Chapel + Joseph T. & Elizabeth G. Burke
by their children

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021
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 [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/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/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
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Parish Support

December 5th & 6th

Parish collection envelopes	**$ 10,143.00**
Loose money	**$ 204.00**
Total	**$ 10,345.00**

December 12th & 13th

Parish collection envelopes	**$ 9,744.25**
Loose money	**$ 316.00**
Total	**$ 10,060.25**

December 19th & 20th

Parish collection envelopes	**$ 5,948.00**
Loose money	**$ 299.56**
Total	**$ 6,247.56**

December 26th & 27th

Collection totals were not available at time of publishing

Thank you for your continued & generous support.

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Feast of the Epiphany reminds us that God loves the human race and bestows upon us the grace of eternal salvation. But God's grace is an invitation that needs our response. Our prayer is that people of every nation on earth will come to adore God who loves the world so much that he gives to us His Only Son Jesus. The Star of Bethlehem shines on the Three Kings as a sign that people of every nation, not just the chosen people of Israel, are invited to walk in the light of God's love; that the peace of Christ and the Kingdom of God might come to be a reality in our world for all time. What a healing our world needs especially as we have made it through 2020 and begin a New Year!

One lady wrote to me about her Covid-19 experience in 2020. She caught Covid-19 at work and came home and infected her husband. Her husband almost died three times in the hospital on a ventilator. Now, they both are "Covid-free", thank God. She wrote, "I do not normally stay up on New Year's Eve to watch the ball come down in Time Square to ring in the New Year, but this year I just might do it, not so much to ring in the New Year, but to make sure that 2020 leaves and I can shut the door on it."

The door to eternity is always open top us. Jesus Christ is that door. One of the greatest Christmas images is that "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light". The scripture continues, "On those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." This light is Jesus Christ, the light of the world. And yet, Jesus tells us that we are the light of the world. He teaches us to let our light shine so that others can see our light and come to know God, our Father as the source of light, and come to believe that God is with us. St. Paul tells us that we are called to shine like bright stars in the dark world. We are to proffer to the world the Word of Life.

Jesus' mission to the world was to rescue the world from darkness, sin and death. This past year we have had a heavy dose of the taste of sin. All we need to do is read the signs of the times. What a ball of confusion! George Floyd, knee on the neck, I can't breathe, Covid-19, Fake News, divided presidential election, abortion legalized right up to the full nine months of human growth in a mother's womb, physician assisted suicide, masked as death with dignity, and the wearing of masks. The virus of sin has gone world-wide. But it has always been that way.

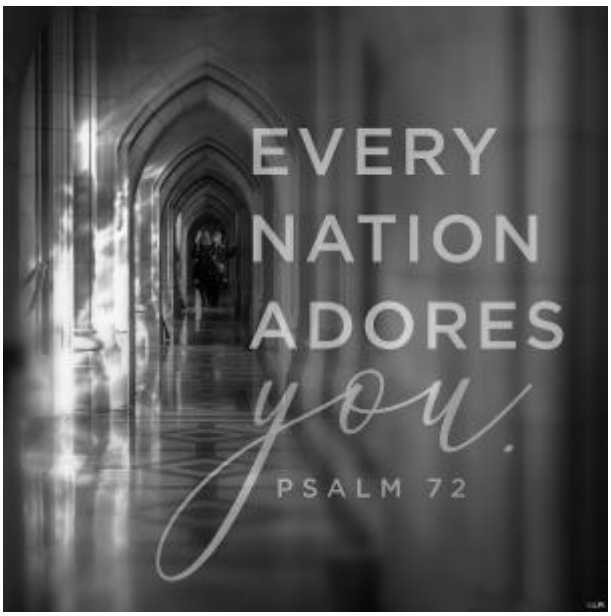
We continue to pray that the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Church will continue to spread and serve as the vaccine for evil in the world, in the hearts of human beings. The Epiphany readings are tremendously hopeful. The Lord shines on us and through us. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."

The gifts of the three Kings tell us who we are as children of God who are called to prove ourselves innocent and straightforward, children of God beyond reproach in the midst of a twisted and depraved generation. The gold signifies that we are like Christ the King. We are God's royal people. The frankincense tells us that we share by our Baptism in the divine nature that Jesus shared with us when he humbled himself to share in our humanity. The myrrh speaks to us of the cross of redemptive suffering that we are called to take up every day following in the footsteps of Jesus. It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured.

Christmas is not just a day. It is a matter of a whole lifetime of faith that never ends. Eternal life is the goal of Christmas. Heaven and earth are wedded together in the marriage of the divine and human. God is always faithful to us, from beginning to end. Let us resolve to be more faithful to God and to reflect his light and love more readily and more authentically in all we do. New Year Blessings! God bless you. Fr. Reilly.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Our Lady is calling all her children to gather into Cenacles of prayer. Please join us January 6, 2021. Cenacles will meet every Wednesday after the 12:10PM Mass. Flyers will be passed out soon with more info.



Pray for our Military: We pray that God will protect and watch over those we love and care for as they bravely serve our country. By the intercession of the patron Saints of soldiers, St. George and St. Joan of Arc; may they all return home safely.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

CLUB 500

If you want to become a member, you can win at least $50 every month your number is pulled.

To join please contact Susan Royea at 527-2636 for more information.

The Club 500 helps support our parish. Thank you to all of our current members!

SEAS 2010 to 2020
THANK YOU to 10 year anniversary committee

In trying to celebrate our 10 years of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, we thank God that we had our Anniversary Mass & reception in Jan. of 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic the rest of the events we had planned for the rest of the year had to be cancelled. At this time I would like to acknowledge the anniversary committee (in alphabetical order) for all their work and donations to make our celebration a success. Theresa Bimbane, Karen Bobala, Pat Foley, Barbara Kaczenski, Mary Rogers & Patte Shaughnessy. God Bless all our parishioners to stay well. We pray that 2021 will bring us back to being able to gather together in a healthy atmosphere. God Bless You & STAY WELL!
Thank you Susan Royea.

We Need You!
The Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers

Regularly Scheduled - Saturdays 9-1
You would be asked which Saturdays you could work. Could be scheduled one time a month or more if you would like to work more than one shift. Responsibilities can include cashier, bagger, floater. Really need more regularly scheduled volunteers.

Training is provided. Call Patte Shaughnessy 584-6068 or Barbara Kaczenski 586-1498, Co-Managers.

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

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Weekly quote from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:
"God who is our All has many ways of consoling His little atoms."

A collection is being taken up today for the **College of Our Lady of the Elms** — the Catholic college in the Springfield Diocese. The Sisters of St. Joseph founded **Elms College** in 1928 to educate the children of immigrants in the faith that was their heritage, and prepare them to fulfill the promises of the American Dream. Today, Elms continues to fulfill that mission by empowering its students to effect positive change in the community and world by combining a liberal arts education with professional studies while drawing upon the traditions instilled by the Sisters of St. Joseph. This collection will be applied to the Founder's Fund for Excellence, which supports student scholarships. For information about scholarships or to apply, please visit the **Elms College** website, www.elms.edu/apply, or call at 413-265-2213.

Prayerline Requests

Do you have an intention you would like help with in the form of prayer? Call or text Mary Lou LaBarge at 413-531-4644 or marry_lou@yahoo.com or Claudia Natale at 586-0358. Our team will pray for your intention each day for 2 full months and afterward if you would like those prayers continued, let us know. Rom 12:12 says: Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.

Observances for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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Thrift Shop

open Saturday 9:00-1:00

87 Beacon St., Florence

Merry Christmas to one and all.
Thanks for supporting our Thrift Shop in 2020

We have a large assortment of puzzles, children's toys, jewelry, furniture, lamps, antiques, collectibles, dishes, household items and yes, so much more!

Masks required - distancing of 6' and safety precautions in place.

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Thrift Shop managers: Patte Shaughnessy 584-6068
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